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## Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants Officially Announces Plans to Expand Footprint in Palm Springs with Four-star Hotel and Roof-top Bar in the Center of a Revitalized Downtown

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The City of Palm Springs is currently undergoing a historic transformation – and today the well known San Francisco-based boutique hotel and restaurant brand Kimpton formally announced it will join the party by expanding its footprint in the Southern California market with the management of a new four-star hotel in the heart of downtown Palm Springs.

Slated for a 2015 opening, the new construction, luxury hotel will feature 190 rooms and a lively rooftop bar and pool – the first of its kind in Palm Springs. Located in the epicenter of the city's newly revitalized downtown on North Palm Canyon Drive, the hotel will also feature a chef-driven, destination restaurant and more than 24,000 square feet of event and meeting space as well as picturesque views of Mt. San Jacinto.

“Kimpton has established a strong following in the Southern California market with the success of our properties in Los Angeles, Santa Barbara and San Diego, which makes Palm Springs a natural choice for extending the brand,” said Kimpton CEO Mike Depatie. “It’s exciting for us to be part of the City’s downtown revitalization as the first new construction property in the area since the late 1980s. We’re confident that we’ll bring something unique to the city as it continues to evolve as a tourist and group travel destination.”

Kimpton was selected for the management contract by hotel developer and property owner, Wessman Development. Kimpton currently operates 58 hotels, 67 restaurants, bars and lounges in 24 cities throughout the country.

“The City of Palm Springs is undergoing a tremendous renaissance and we are thrilled that Kimpton Hotels has partnered with Wessman Development to bring a four-star hotel and rooftop bar to the heart of downtown,” said Mayor Steve Pougnet. “I want to thank the Kimpton management for their significant investment in the Palm Springs destination -- and for recognizing that when it comes to year-round sunshine, relaxation and rejuvenation Palm Springs truly is the premiere resort destination in Southern California.”

For more information about the Kimpton brand, visit [www.KimptonHotels.com](http://www.KimptonHotels.com).

