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New Ultra-Cool Kimpton Hotel Anchoring Downtown Revitalization Project to Break Ground Oct. 16, 2014

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It's official! A sleek new 154-room Kimpton Hotel and Restaurant anchoring the City's transformational Downtown Revitalization Project will break ground **Thursday, Oct. 16** during a much anticipated ceremony in downtown Palm Springs, Mayor Steve Pougnet announced today.

The groundbreaking for the Kimpton will take place at **10:30 a.m. at Block C1** on the corner of Tahquitz Canyon and Palm Canyon drives and will feature remarks from Mayor Pougnet, Kimpton COO Mike DeFrino and developer John Wessman.

"Palm Springs is the perfect destination for the Kimpton and we embrace the City's vibrant history, artistic vibe and beautiful landscape," said Kimpton COO Mike DeFrino. "We're excited about opening a new boutique hotel in the revitalized downtown area that will offer locals and visitors a luxurious experience with 154 rooms, a lively rooftop bar and pool, destination restaurant and world-class meeting space."

Kimpton Hotels and Restaurants is one of the leading operators of boutique hotels and dining destinations in the United States. With over 60 properties in 30 cities coast to coast, the brand is well known in the hospitality industry for their expertise in new building projects and mixed-use transformations. In addition, the Kimpton brand excels when it comes to customizing their hotels – from design to menu – to reflect the local flavor of the destination.

"The Kimpton brand perfectly complements our City's ultra-cool vibe and love of design and there is no doubt they will be just the first of many other major brands looking to take part in the historic renaissance currently underway in our City," said Pougnet. "Oct. 16, 2014 will be an important day in the history of the iconic Palm Springs destination as we get ready for a downtown renewal that will transform our community for years to come."

The new Kimpton Hotel is expected to open sometime in early 2016. For more information about the brand, visit www.KimptonHotels.com.

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