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HOTEL MONACO CHICAGO NAMED A 2008 *BEST IN STAY* HOTEL BY ORBITZ CUSTOMERS

CHICAGO (Aug. 27, 2008) – Hotel Monaco Chicago was chosen as a 2008 Orbitz *Best In Stay* Hotel for leisure travelers in Chicago. The Orbitz *Best In Stay* Awards recognize more than 100 top-rated hotels based on guest reviews.

Orbitz *Best In Stay* Award winners were selected based on the overall numeric score they received from Orbitz travelers who have booked and stayed at the hotel. Reviewers are asked to rate a variety of hotel attributes on a scale of 1 to 5, including amenities, maintenance, hotel staff, room comfort, location and value. The "overall score" is an average of all reviewer scores submitted.

Making Orbitz *Best In Stay* Awards even more relevant for travelers, awards are given in four categories based on the type of traveler who submitted reviews – families, couples, leisure vacationers and business travelers.

“With more than 160,000 hotel reviews, Orbitz offers travelers the relevant information they need to find the hotel that is right for them,” said Tom Russell, Group Vice President of Brand Marketing for Orbitz Worldwide. “With our *Best In Stay* awards, we are harnessing this guest feedback to recognize and celebrate the hotels that provide the best customer experience, according to the travelers who have stayed there.”

For the entire list of the 2008 Orbitz *Best In Stay* Award winners, visit www.awards.orbitz.com.

About Orbitz

Orbitz (www.orbitz.com) is a leading online travel company that enables travelers to search for and purchase a broad array of travel products, including airline tickets, hotel rooms, rental cars, cruises and vacation packages. Since launching its website www.orbitz.com to the general public in June 2001, Orbitz has become one of the largest online travel sites in the world based on gross travel bookings. On Orbitz, consumers can search more than 80,000 suppliers worldwide including airlines, hotels and car rental companies. Orbitz is a brand that is owned and operated by Orbitz Worldwide (NYSE: OWW).

About Hotel Monaco

The Hotel Monaco, 225 N. Wabash Ave., is a AAA Four Diamond Property overlooking the Chicago River and located just steps from the North Michigan Avenue and State Street shopping districts. Originally built in 1912, the Hotel Monaco's eclectic French-Deco inspired design envelopes visitors in high energy, high design and high style. Call 312.960.8500 or visit www.monaco-chicago.com.

ABOUT KIMPTON

San Francisco-based Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants is the first and leading collection of boutique hotels, throughout the United States and Canada. Founded in 1981 by Bill Kimpton, every Kimpton hotel features personalized guest services, comforting in-room amenities, specialty rooms and suites, and provides a range of exciting culinary experiences through affiliated top-rated destination chef-driven restaurants. Kimpton takes pride in its commitment to social responsibility and leads the hospitality industry in ecological practices through its innovative EarthCare programs. Privately held, Kimpton received the highest ranking in customer satisfaction scores by the Market Metrix Hospitality Index for the entire year of 2007, exceeding all other hotel companies, including those in both the luxury and upscale segment. Among the company's newest properties are the Hotel Monaco Alexandria and Jackson 20 restaurant in Virginia, which opened in January 2008, and the Hotel Palomar Los Angeles in Westwood and the adjacent BLVD 16 restaurant. Additional projects are underway in Florida, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Baltimore, Chicago and Virginia. For more information, please visit www.KimptonHotels.com or call 1-800-KIMPTON.

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