



A KIMPTON HOTEL

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**HOTEL MONACO BALTIMORE DESIGN STATEMENT**  
***Historic Surroundings and Bold Décor Whisk Visitors to Another Time at  
Hotel Monaco Baltimore***

**BALTIMORE, MD – April 2009** – When it opens its doors this Summer, Kimpton’s Hotel Monaco Baltimore will become the city’s first boutique hotel to blend the grand history of its location with bold and whimsical décor. Located in the heart of the city’s bustling mid-town business district, the Hotel Monaco Baltimore, a member of the San Francisco-based Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants family, is housed in the former Baltimore & Ohio Railroad headquarters at the corner of Baltimore and Charles Streets.

Built in 1906 as a symbol of what was then the city’s most important business, the grand Beaux-Arts-style building features a majestic entrance with marble floors, a dramatic marble staircase and Tiffany stained-glass windows. All of the exquisite and detailed historic architectural elements from the early 1900s have been carefully restored and are complemented by contemporary décor, world-class amenities and a stylish look and feel.

Dallas-based Wilson Associates fashioned the hotel’s interior to be reminiscent of the B&O Railroad’s historic past while infusing it with bold colors and modern designs, allowing guests to experience the whimsical contrast between old and new.

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Incorporating the themes of “world traveler” and “grand adventure,” the hotel’s lobby area features a lounge-like, inviting feel with edgy but comfortable furniture such as a high-back couch and exotic wood coffee tables. The color scheme includes shades of lime green and fuchsia mixed with muted blacks and charcoals, offset by striking gold stripes on the walls. Soft window treatments such as sheers and tie-backs are the perfect complement to natural lighting, which play a big role in the lobby’s ambiance. Contemporary artwork is sparsely placed throughout the lobby to infuse the space with color and interest.

Continuing with the “world traveler” theme, the hotel’s 202 guest rooms feature subtle railroading elements in a classic color scheme of navy, blues and reds. Striking headboards with built-in sconces are the focal point of each room along with a stunning, red lacquer desk. Bedside tables that resemble streamer trunks, antique-style mirrors with scalloped edges and drawer knobs with a screen print of the B&O railroad map punctuate the room with a sense of old-world railroad history. Each luxurious guest bathroom features mosaic tiles and hand-crafted mirrors with tortoise shell scalloped edges designed to depict 1920’s glamour.

#### **ABOUT HOTEL MONACO BALTIMORE**

Located in the heart of the bustling Baltimore business district, Kimpton’s Hotel Monaco Baltimore artfully blends historic architectural elements with a bold, sophisticated and contemporary style. Originally the site of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Headquarters, this distinctive hotel features 202 luxurious rooms and suites with upscale amenities that create the perfect oasis for leisure and business travelers alike. This elegant boutique hotel will open in Summer 2009 and is located at 2 North Charles Street, just a short walk from the picturesque Inner Harbor and Baltimore Convention Center. For hotel reservations, call 443-692-6170 or visit [www.monaco-baltimore.com](http://www.monaco-baltimore.com).

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