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The Raphael Hotel honored in *Travel + Leisure* magazine's 15th Annual World's Best Awards Readers' Poll

The Raphael is one of the world's best hotels according *Travel+Leisure* magazine. The famed international travel magazine made the announcement in its August World's Best Awards issue. Rankings are based on reader surveys and follow-up by a team of reporters. The 2010 results, including the Top 100 Hotels Overall, Top 50 Resorts and Hotels in the Continental U.S. and Canada, Top 10 Cities Overall, and Top 10 Domestic Airlines, among other lists, are featured on www.travelandleisure.com/worldsbest now and in *Travel + Leisure's* August issue, available on newsstands July 23.

The Raphael, Kansas City's original boutique hotel, checked in at #34 among top 50 hotels and resorts in the Continental United States and Canada for the category of Large City Hotels with 100 rooms or more. It scored an 88.8 ranking with readers. The Raphael is the only Kansas City hotel to make the list and one of only two hotels named in the nine-state region.

"We are extremely gratified to have been awarded by an international magazine of *Travel+Leisure's* stature, especially since it is so difficult for independently owned and operated hotels to gain recognized in a chain-dominated global industry," said Carol Chandler, The Raphael's general manager. "It is a great tribute to our staff and also testament of the owner's commitment to a long-term vision of The Raphael as a world-class boutique hotel." The hotel completed a multi-year total renovation in December, 2009 at a cost greater than that of the property's original construction cost compared in today's dollars.

The Raphael is a member of National Trust Historic Hotels of America, Boutique Resorts & Hotels International and Condé Nast Johansens, the international luxury hotel guide publisher. The nine-story property is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Raphael is owned and operated by Lighthouse Properties, a privately held company based in Salina, Kansas.

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