The Fairmount is steeped in history, with a place in the Guinness Book of World Records and a surprising link to the Battle of the Alamo.

The classically designed three-story structure opened in 1906, flourishing through six decades as a hotel, boarding house and retail space for street-level businesses. Hard times in the 1970s left The Fairmount vacant for over a decade.

Targeted for demolition in 1984, a coalition led by the San Antonio Conservation Society convinced local financial backers and city leaders to move The Fairmount from Bowie Street to South Alamo, across from HemisFair Park.

The Fairmount traveled six blocks in six days, ending its remarkable journey on April 4, 1985. Costing millions, this engineering feat made headlines worldwide, earning The Fairmount a spot in the record book as the heaviest building ever moved on wheels and continues to hold the record!

Before its arrival, construction workers unearthed a weapons cache dug into the earth by members of Gen. Santa Anna’s Mexican Army during the siege of The Alamo. Some of those items are on display in the hotel’s lobby today.

The Fairmount re-opened in 1986 with an acclaimed restaurant and bar that put San Antonio on the map as a previously undiscovered hotbed for gourmet cuisine and we are pleased to be working once again with Dan Ward and his fabulous team at Luca Ristorante Enoteca. The hotel became a favorite of visiting celebrities, tourists and dignitaries.

Today, The Fairmount has been revitalized yet again. Owner Robert D. Tips purchased the hotel in 2004, ordering a lavish, complete refurbishment of every suite and space. With that work completed, The Fairmount has re-emerged as the premier boutique property in the Southwest.

“Congratulations to The Fairmount Hotel and staff for not only meeting but exceeding our expectations for the last three consecutive years 2006, 2007, 2008.”

Boutique Hotel Association

Of North America
A stay at The Fairmount is like discovering a treasure chest full of individually designed jewels. Every suite is unique, with its own inviting and luxurious personality.

Marvel at 24-karat gold pieces embedded in the floor of the Gold Suite. Admire the fine details in each room... the paint, European trim, hand-picked antiques and original artwork. Dream away with your 100% Egyptian cotton sheets and towels that complement your stay.

Here, dreams come true. Have your fairy tale wedding in our intimate outdoor courtyard, featuring a floor of polished multicolored granite, hand cut by local artisans. Enjoy the spectacular view of HemisFair Park, site of the 1968 World’s Fair, during a romantic private dinner on a balcony or the rooftop immaculately served by Luca Ristorante Enoteca.

Our transportation service includes a limousine, helicopter and a private jet that can whisk you away for a day trip across the country. The only limit is your imagination.

The century-old landmark hotel in the heart of San Antonio is just minutes from the airport and steps from many downtown attractions including:

- San Antonio River Walk
- Convention Center
- Hemisfair Park
- La Villita Historic District
- King William Historic District
- Tower of the Americas
- The Alamo
- Rivercenter Mall

Private banquet and meeting space is available. Business Center, WiFi network and state-of-the-art fitness center are among the many amenities.

While you are here, be sure to say hello to Luke Tips the Labrador, the hotel’s official canine concierge, who has been featured in local and international media, including CNN. Luke Tips lives here 24 hours a day, and is available for a walk in the park... “The Central Park” of San Antonio located right in front of The Fairmount Hotel!