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Aqua to Manage Newly Completed Aqua Palms

HONOLULU, Hawaii, January 7, 2005 – Aqua Hotels has assumed management of the 260-room Aqua Palms at Waikiki Hotel. The hotel reopens January 15 following a year of extensive renovations. It is located directly across from the Hilton Hawaiian Village.

According to Aqua’s General Manager Joseph Yamaoka, “The hotel has undergone a total renovation right down to the marble in the bathrooms”. Aqua Palms comes online at a time of hotel room shortages in Waikiki, according to Yamaoka, and will be the “newest hotel offering in Waikiki” pegged to the mid to upscale market segment. It is Aqua’s sixth hotel and is expected to provide employment for up to 100 persons.

Renovations include a “hip and chic” feel to guest rooms, adding small kitchens and upgraded bathrooms. Along with faux-sand wallpaper used in guest rooms for a unique tropical feel, there will be the addition of free high-speed inter-net service, DVDs, and pillow-top beds.

Rates begin from \$165 and up to \$450 for suites.

Aqua Palms was previously managed by Aston. Aqua is a resort management firm owned by Hawaii hotelier Mike Paulin.