

Lendy Ma, Susan Weander and Deanne Takara promoted to manage Aqua Hotels in Waikiki

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WAIKIKI BEACH, Hawaii – Aqua Hotels & Resorts, a full-service hotel management company with 13 unique hotels in Hawaii announced the promotion of three outstanding employees.

“We’re very fortunate to have these qualified and experienced women heading up their respective hotels,” said Guy Underkoffler, Aqua’s Sr. Vice President. “Each is a strong team leader and inspires their staff to exceed expectations.”

Lendy Ma was promoted to General Manager of the 78-room Aqua Waikiki Beachside Hotel and oversees the financial performance, operational integrity and staffing of the property.

Ma has been with Aqua since 2004 where she has held the position of hotel manager for Aqua Palms & Spa and Continental Surf Hotel. Immediately prior to joining Aqua, Ma was assistant Food and Beverage Controller for Sheraton Hotels & Resorts.

A native of Hong Kong, Ma moved to Hawaii to further her education in hospitality. While successfully pursuing her studies, she gained valuable experience working at Crown Court Management, Hilton Hawaiian Village and Aston Hotels & Resorts.

Ma received her BBA in Travel Industry Management with honors from the University of Hawaii and her MBA from Hawaii Pacific University.



Susan Weander was recently promoted to General Manager of The Equus, a 67-room Aqua Boutique Hotel and the 103-room Waikiki Marina Hotel. In addition to her new responsibilities, she continues to oversee Revenue Management, Sales and Marketing for both properties.

Most recently, Weander was Assistant Director of Sales for Renaissance Ilikai Waikiki. She has also held director-level positions with Sawgrass Marriott, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL; Renaissance Las Vegas; The Westin Bonaventure, Los Angeles and Colony Hotels & Resorts, HI.



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Weander served as President of SKAL International Hawaii 2008/09 and is a recent graduate of the Cornell University Professional Development Program – Hotel Marketing.

Deanne Takara is Hotel Manager for the 247-room Aqua Waikiki Wave hotel where she oversees the daily operations of the hotel and facilitates coordination between departments on projects. She works with General Manager Lynette Eastman to ensure overall customer satisfaction and maximum daily occupancy.



Takara has been with Aqua since 2006 and was most recently Assistant General Manager. Immediately prior to joining the company, she was Front Office Manager for Aston Coral Reef. She has also held positions with Renaissance Ilikai Hotel, Aston Waikiki Beachside and Honolulu Airport Hotel.

High-resolution images available upon request.

About Aqua Hotels & Resorts

Aqua Hotels & Resorts is a full-service hotel management company founded in 2001 by Hawaii hotelier Mike Paulin. In 2005, the Aqua Boutique Collection was launched focusing on service, style and value for today's savvy travelers. In 2006, the Aqua Lite Line was introduced to represent the company's transitional and best-rate product. Aqua's chain-wide inventory of 13 unique properties is located in Waikiki and Wailea, Maui where both the Boutique and Lite brands are recognized as service and price leaders for Hawaii lodging.

In 2007 and 2008, Aqua Hotels & Resorts was ranked the #8 'Fastest 50' growing Hawaii Company by Pacific Business News. Also in 2008, Aqua became Hawaii's first employee-owned hotel company when Paulin executed an Employee Stock Ownership Plan.

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