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Aqua Palms Opens As Waikiki's Newest Hotel; The 260 unit Condotel Formerly the Waikiki Parkside Hotel

September 1, 2005 - HONOLULU, Hawaii - After a blessing and soft opening in August, the 260-room Aqua Palms officially opens for business today, nearly a year after Aqua Hotels & Resorts took over management of the property (from Aston Hotels).

"The property has undergone extensive renovations and is the 'newest' hotel in Waikiki," said Mike Paulin, Aqua's president and CEO. "The entire building was gutted - including the walls, and reconstructed in a stylish, retro-Hawaiian motif. Aqua Palms will be a strong competitor with its 'Seven Pillars of the Aqua Brand' in place, together with Waikiki's improved infrastructure."

"The lengthy delay in getting the property ready for its opening was due, in large part, to the comprehensive work that was done in all areas, availability of parts and timing, but the wait has been rewarded with a beautiful property," said Robin Harlow, Aqua Palms general manager.

"We've had a number of our travel partners in for a preview and they've been pleased and excited with the transformation and have started booking rooms for their customers."



The Aqua Palms is located at 1850 Ala Moana Boulevard, across the street from the Hilton Hawaiian Village. The property consists of tastefully-appointed spacious studios and one-bedroom suites with silk and sand wallpaper, vibrant artwork and, the trademark aqua (color) touches - in this case, the aqua headboards. Room amenities include private lanai, central air-conditioning, FREE high-speed internet access, a Waikiki kitchenette (microwave oven and refrigerator) or full kitchen, coffee maker, in-room safe, tub with shower combination, flat-screen color TV with DVD player, clock radio, telephone with data port and more.

This property is an Aqua condotel in its truest sense, offering the conveniences of a modern condominium along with the services of a first-class hotel with its 24-hour front desk, bell service, housekeeping staff, activities desk and swimming pool.

Aqua Palms has a relaxed but elegant vibe that is perfect for business travelers due, in large part, to the modern conveniences along with the continental breakfast, daily paper, close proximity to the convention center and direct egress from Waikiki. It's also ideal for young families and upscale singles and couples.

All 'Seven Pillars of the Aqua Brand' are represented at the property.

- AquaSPA - offering three private treatments rooms and a variety of massage therapies, body scrubs and facials. This will be the second AquaSpa in Waikiki and available as of October 1.
- AquaFIT - the Fitness Center features a treadmill, StairMaster and Universal Fitness machine and is located on the second floor, next to the pool.
- AquaFRESH - newly renovated guest rooms.
- AquaKIT - microwave, refrigerator, coffee maker or full kitchen.
- AquaCONNECT - FREE Hi-Speed Internet Access.
- AquaSTART - healthy continental breakfast, daily.
- AquaPROMISE - hotline to Mike Paulin, 24x7.

About Aqua Hotels & Resorts

Aqua was founded in 2000 by Hawaii hotelier Mike Paulin to manage and operate hotels and hotel-condominiums in Hawaii. Waikiki properties feature branded amenities, adding value and improving the quality of the overall guest experience.

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