



## **Aqua Waikiki Wave Revealed**

### **Hotel becomes the flagship Aqua Boutique property**

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WAIKIKI BEACH, Hawaii – Andre Tatibouet, owner of the Aqua Waikiki Wave Hotel, and Mike Paulin, owner and CEO of Aqua Hotels & Resorts, announced today that the over \$7 million dollar transformation of the Aqua Waikiki Wave is complete.

According to Tatibouet, “This hotel is praised by visitors from around the globe for its extraordinary location and Hawaiian hospitality. The new Aqua Waikiki Wave Hotel is undoubtedly the best upscale, full-service boutique hotel in Waikiki today. In addition, we are pleased to have been selected as a member of Sterling Hotels and Resorts, an international collection of independent and contemporary hotels catering to the discerning business and leisure traveler.”

Located at 2299 Kuhio Avenue, less than a block to the beach in the center of Waikiki, the Aqua Waikiki Wave Hotel has 247 exceedingly spacious guest rooms, all with ocean, mountain or Waikiki views, including 78 family, junior and honeymoon suites. From today’s fashion world, the designers chose chocolate black, bittersweet coral, and gleaming white marble for the rooms, which each feature a pair of queen-sized beds, unique in the hotel industry today.

Amenities throughout the hotel rooms include new ultra plush mattress, high royal headboard, custom marble top vanity, desk, ultra thin, flat-screened TV, DVD, free WIFI, and, in the AquaKIT, a microwave, coffeemaker and refrigerator. There is a sitting area, private lanai and central air-conditioning (individually controlled). King-sized beds are also available.

The new Lobby Entrance is all white marble with massive artwork featuring the Waikiki icon, Duke Kahanamoku, actually riding a true “Waikiki Wave” painted in the

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1920's by famed artist Charles W. Bartlett, whose artwork adorns all of the guest rooms and the lobby itself. Installation of two contemporary waterfalls framing the main walkway completes the new lobby.

A complimentary continental breakfast will be served daily in the lobby which also has a Business Center, Travel Desk, and, shortly, a Fitness Center and the AquaSPA, with full spa amenities, to be completed in early 2007.

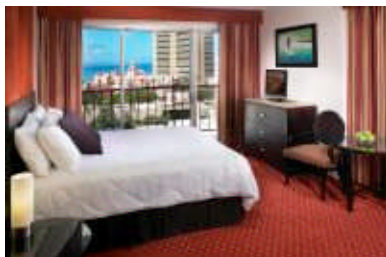
Adjacent to the lobby are two themed restaurants. The Big Kahuna, with food and sports entertainment for all ages in a hip, tiki-tropical setting is authentic, fun Waikiki for breakfast, lunch, dinner & snacks with finger food at the bar. The China Garden Restaurant transports guests to Asia, where they can explore Cantonese cuisine in a beautiful, traditional Chinese setting.

Situated in the heart of Waikiki, with beautiful ocean views across the open space and treescape of the famed International Market Place, the Aqua Waikiki Wave, overlooks the Royal Hawaiian Hotel at the center of the Beach at Waikiki, where guests will find surf rentals, surf lessons, catamaran rides and the best of beach going. Golf, tennis and hiking are nearby, and the hotel is moments from the world's finest shopping as well as every sort of restaurant from beach casual to fine dining.

"I'm very excited to see Aqua Waikiki Wave Hotel join the Aqua Aloha Surf, Aqua Bamboo & Spa and Aqua Palms & Spa in the Aqua Boutique segment," remarked Paulin. "It has become Aqua's flagship property."

A "Get Acquainted" special is available until November 20, 2006. During this period, a Superior Wave room is available for \$106 per night and an AlohaSuite Partial Ocean Wave room is offered at \$174 per night, plus taxes.

The rates in 2007 will range from \$200 for a Superior Wave room to \$310 for an AlohaSuite Partial Ocean Wave room.



High-rez DIGITAL IMAGES of the ocean view room, view from a room and room with a pair of queen beds are available upon request.

About Aqua Hotels & Resorts

Aqua was founded in 2001 by Hawaii hotelier Mike Paulin to manage and operate hotels and hotel-condominiums in Hawaii. In 2005, the company introduced Aqua Boutique Hotels, a select group of properties responding to the sense of style and attitude of today's sophisticated traveler. Aqua Boutique Hotels feature lifestyle amenities comprising the seven pillars of the Aqua brand – AquaSPA, AquaFIT, AquaFRESH, AquaKIT, AquaCONNECT, AquaSTART and AquaPROMISE.

In 2006, Aqua Lite, representing the company's value product, was added. Aqua's chain-wide inventory of nine properties is located exclusively in Waikiki.

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