

# Hilton Garden Inn Waikiki Beach opens for business

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Hilton Garden Inn Waikiki Beach, the brand's second property in Hawaii, and with 623 rooms the largest of 700 Hilton Garden Inns worldwide, opened for business on Monday.

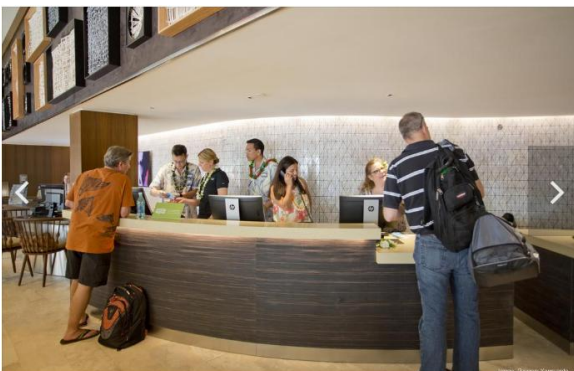
Hilton Garden Inn is [Hilton Worldwide](#) Holdings Inc.'s (NYSE: HLT) upscale global brand of hotels. The first one to open in the state was the Hilton Garden Inn Kauai at Wailua Bay.



John Greenleaf, senior vice president, global head of Hilton Garden Inn, speaks at the opening and blessing of the Hilton Garden Inn Waikiki Beach.



Kahu Kordell Kekoa blesses a room at the Hilton Garden Inn Waikiki Beach.



The first guests check in at the Hilton Garden Inn Waikiki Beach.



The lobby of the Hilton Garden Inn Waikiki Beach, which opened Monday.

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“From the modern guest rooms to the grand, open-air lobby space, the Hilton Garden Inn Waikiki Beach has been completely re-envisioned,” [John Taffin](#), the hotel's general manager, said in a statement.

Last year, the Ohana Waikiki West hotel was closed for [a \\$115 million redevelopment](#) by its new owner — a partnership that includes Honolulu’s BlackSand Capital, Boston-based [Rockpoint Group](#) and California-based Evolution Hospitality.

The hotel was rebranded Hilton Garden Inn Waikiki Beach with renovations that include a complete overhaul of public spaces and guest rooms. The room count fell from 659 to 623.

“Opening our second Hilton Garden Inn-branded hotel in Hawaii, the first in the capital of Hawaii, is a major feat for the brand, which is expanding at a rapid pace,” said [John Greenleaf](#), senior vice president and global head of Hilton Garden Inn.

There are 11 Hilton Worldwide hotels open or in various stages of development in Hawaii, he said.

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