

KTGY Names Lalaine Tanaka as Principal to Lead Firm's Hospitality Division

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Some of Tanaka's award-winning hotel and resort projects include: Hilton Grand Vacations Club Resort, a 2,717-room high-rise resort and spa in Las Vegas, NV; Hilton Kohala Suites Resort, a 120-villa fractional resort and 10,000-square-foot clubhouse in Waikoloa Beach, HI; Marriott's Newport Coast Villas, 700-villa fractional resort in Newport Beach, CA; Marriott's Shadow Ridge Resort, a 1,000-villa fractional resort and golf clubhouse in Palm Desert, CA; and Starwood's Westin Hotel and Conference, 211-room hotel and 43,000-square-foot conference center in McKinney, TX.

Her mixed-use, retail, entertainment, office and residential clients include Brookfield Homes, CIM, Dillin Corporation, General Growth, Hopkins Real Estate Group, O&S Holdings and Vestar Development Co.

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"With over two decades of comprehensive hospitality, commercial, mixed-use, and resort planning, design and management experience, Lalaine Tanaka will provide oversight of hospitality, commercial/mixed-use, and resort planning projects throughout the United States as well as direct project leadership of major programs and projects," said KTG Y's CEO Tricia Esser. "Her considerable experience with complex architectural projects with an emphasis on hospitality projects, quality of design and sensitivity to schedules and budgets, will add to KTG Y's outstanding capabilities and services. This is an exciting addition for KTG Y and our clients."

"I'm very excited to be part of this award-winning design firm," says Tanaka. "KTG Y has an outstanding reputation, the very top people in our industry and a management philosophy that rewards excellence and creativity. KTG Y's approach of providing architecture design and planning

services result in compelling projects that create added value.”

Tanaka is a licensed architect in California and is a member of the Orange County Chapter of American Institute of Architects (AIA), Urban Land Institute (ULI), the American Resort Development Association (ARDA), and International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC). She received her Bachelor of Architecture degree from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo.

KTGY GROUP, INC., Architecture and Planning, was created in 1991, with project viability and client satisfaction as abiding priorities, while providing complete planning and architectural design services for residential communities, retail developments, hospitality and related specialty projects. In a complex and changing world, the firm consistently delivers innovative solutions that reflect clear understanding of development, marketing and financial performance. KTGY takes particular pride in its highly motivated and principal led studio teams, who deliver superior services, thus strengthening clients’ long-term growth and earnings objectives. Serving clients throughout the United States, the firm has locations in Irvine, Santa Monica, Oakland and Denver. For more information, contact Sayeh Rad at (949) 851-2133 or visit www.ktgy.com.

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