

OC Hotels Booked for the Summer

Local Properties Report 70% Employment Jump

By EMILY SANTIAGO-MOLINA

Tourism is back, and Orange County hotels are reaping the rewards.

“Most hotels in Orange County have seen a big increase in business post-COVID, and are enjoying record revenues, especially along the coast,” Alan Reay, president of Irvine-based consultancy and brokerage Atlas Hospitality Group, told the Business Journal.

The 52 properties on the Business Journal’s list of the largest hotels in the county reported an average weekend rate of \$349, up 20% from a year ago.

Employees are returning along with that demand.

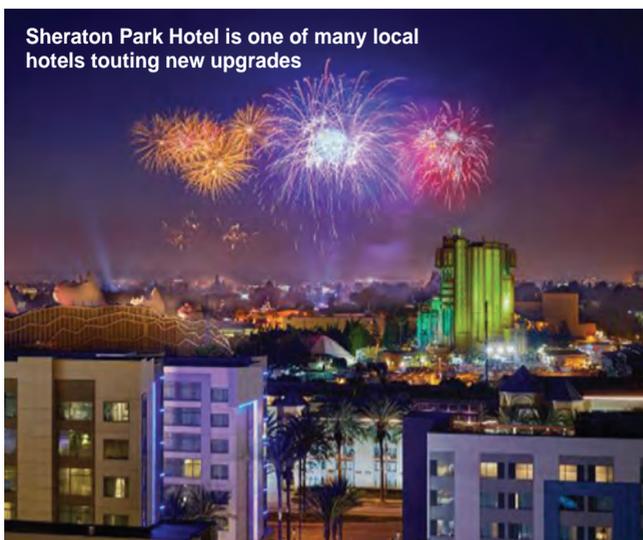
Hotels on the list had 12,016 OC employees as of May, a 70% boost from the year prior.

OC occupancy levels have more than tripled since the lows seen in 2020, according to data from STR Inc.

“Overall, everything is very positive,” Reay said.

Anaheim on Top

Anaheim counts the four largest hotels in the county, led by the 1,574-room Hilton Anaheim.



Sheraton Park Hotel is one of many local hotels touting new upgrades

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The city is enjoying a strong rebound this year, specifically in the hardest-hit conventions and meetings sector.

The Anaheim Convention Center’s five main fan conventions for the year are projected to bring 57,000 room nights to local hotels.

Revenue per available room, or RevPAR, has jumped 307% year-to-date in Anaheim over the same period in 2021, according to STR data.

That is far ahead of the next largest increases of 138% seen in San Francisco and 121% seen in Los Angeles.

“Anaheim is leading the state in terms of percentage increase in RevPAR, both in May

and year-to-date,” Reay said.

Anaheim hotels reported 78% occupancy as of April, according to destination marketing organization Visit Anaheim.

While the leisure market appears to be back in full swing, OC hotels are awaiting the full return of the business sector and international visitors.

Climbing interest rates and concern over new COVID-19 variants pose as industry headwinds.

“Prices on hotel sales continue to climb but we expect this to start to taper off with the increase in interest rates,” Reay said.

Doubling Up

The 618-room Westin Anaheim Resort celebrated its first anniversary this month. The luxury hotel now counts 400 employees, up 60% over last year.

It wasn’t the only hotel on the list reporting increased employee counts.

Resorts, such as No. 34 Hotel Lulu, attributed the employment increase to rising demand from citywide events and local attractions as the tourism market returns.

The Laguna Cliffs Marriott Resort & Spa saw the greatest headcount jump, up 230% to 330 employees.

Best Western’s Stovall Inn, Hotel Lulu, DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Anaheim Resort-Convention Center, Holiday Inn & Suites Anaheim and Hilton Anaheim each saw their headcount more than double over

the past year.

Among local leadership changes, the 466-room JW Marriott Anaheim Resort named Rhanda Richardson as its new general manager. Near the Anaheim GardenWalk, the hotel opened in August 2020 as the first four diamond-level property in the city since 2001, ranking No. 15 on this year’s list.

Season of Changes

Many area properties have been undergoing physical changes this year, from renovations to complete overhauls.

The former Newport Beach Marriott Hotel & Spa has transformed into the new Vea Newport Beach, a Marriott Resort & Spa with a grand reveal held last week (see story, page 20). The Newport Beach resort went from 532 rooms to 400, moving down to No. 20 on the list. Those nixed rooms are slated to become Ritz-Carlton residences in a new development led by Lyon Living.

The Sonesta Irvine added a handful of rooms as part of a renovation to its meeting space, guest rooms and social areas. A new restaurant, Haven Point, will open in July.

The Sheraton Park Hotel at the Anaheim Resort wrapped a \$33 million renovation in April. The overhaul included changes in the hotel’s public and private spaces, food and beverage options and meeting space.

“The hotel has been an integral part of the Anaheim landscape for many years and the current ownership recognized the tremendous potential of the hotel,” General Manager Ian Gee told the Business Journal in April. ■

Kura Sushi

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Known as “Kur-B the KuraBot,” the new staff members are 44.1 inches tall with menu screens and two shelves for carrying items.

The robots are one of the more unique ways that local restaurant operators are tackling the challenges of staffing up their stores and dealing with rising wages.

Lofty Valuation

Kura Sushi, which is known for its conveyor belt food delivery concept and self-ordering tablets, among other tech-focused features, expects to have over 40 U.S. restaurants by the end of this year. Southern California is its largest market with about a third of its stores in that region.

Despite the relatively small domestic footprint of Kura Sushi, the Irvine-based restaurant chain is among Orange County’s more valuable publicly traded restaurant companies, with a market cap topping \$480 million as of last week.

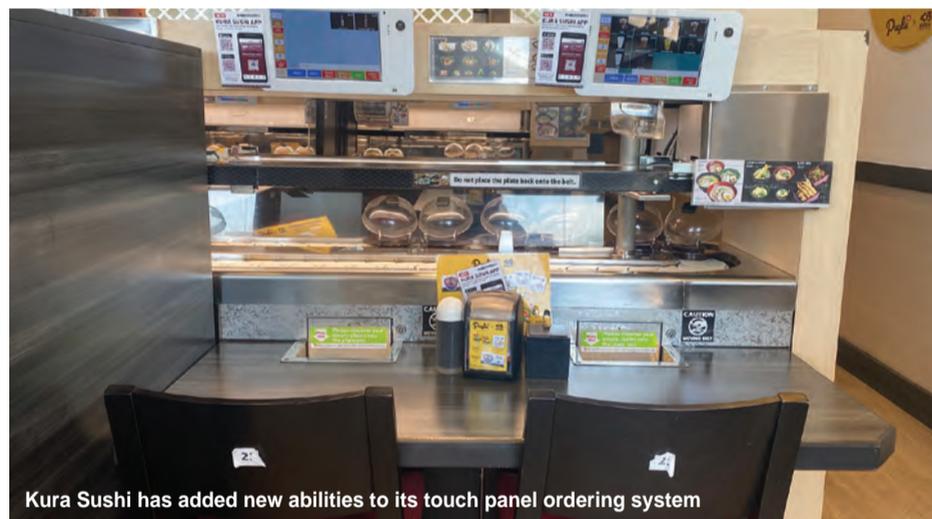
By way of comparison, that falls in between the roughly \$370 million valuation of Costa Mesa’s El Pollo Loco Holdings Inc. (Nasdaq: LOCO) and \$580 million valuation of Huntington Beach’s BJ’s Restaurants Inc. (Nasdaq: BJRI).

Kura Sushi’s sales trail far behind its more established restaurant peers; it has sights on revenue of around \$140 million for 2022. El Pollo Loco brought in \$973 million last year, while BJ’s reported \$1.1 billion of systemwide sales.

The sushi company raised a little over \$40 million in proceeds when it went public about three years ago, at \$14 a share. Its stock now trades around \$50.

KuraBots

The company’s robots use movement sensors and memory of the restaurant’s layout to de-



Kura Sushi has added new abilities to its touch panel ordering system

liver drinks and condiments to guests. The KuraBots talk, light up, and play music on their way to the customer’s table and back to their stations to await the next order.

In the company’s second-quarter earnings call, CEO Uba told analysts of the positive reception from guests and employees, and noted an improvement in customer service “resulting from the reduction of non-hospitality focused responsibilities for our front-of-house employees.”

The robot servers were first pitched to the U.S. entity who selected China-based Pudu Robotics to be the manufacturer.

The robots were initially designed to improve and innovate the guest experience, but the rollout proved effective for labor savings, especially as the industry faces severe shortages.

Typically, employees serve five to seven tables each; they’re now able to handle eight to 10 as the robots improve efficiencies, according to Director of System and Menu Development Hideto Sugimoto.

Kura Sushi’s U.S. locations have surpassed the parent company in the robot rollout, Sugimoto told the Business Journal.

Kura Sushi has deployed over 60 robots

companywide with one to two at each restaurant.

Tinkering With Tech

Kunihiko Tanaka founded Kura Sushi with innovation in mind.

In the company’s early years, a unique disposal system was created in which guests return used dishes through a slot at the table that takes plates through a water tunnel underneath the main food conveyor belt to the kitchen.

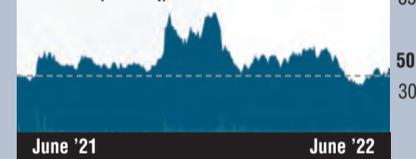
Kitchens count several rice making machines and streamlined food making processes in lieu of a head sushi chef, enabling any employee to prepare food.

With a menu of over 140 different offerings, the back of house also includes digital screens that track how many plates should be on the belt and which items are missing. This depends on location as well. The 2,276-square-foot location in Irvine—one of four spots for the chain in Orange County—may need 53 dishes at a time while a 5,694-square-foot restaurant in Austin, Texas requires over 200.

Restaurants average about 3,400 square feet. “The founder is always leading the company with innovation in mind,” Sugimoto said. “The U.S. CEO follows that same path.”

KURA SUSHI USA INC.

KRUS (Nasdaq)



- HEADQUARTERS: Irvine
- BUSINESS: revolving sushi restaurant chain
- FOUNDED: 2008
- 2021 TOTAL SALES: \$65M (up 44%)
- MARKET CAP: \$480M
- NOTABLE: completed companywide roll-out of the new KuraBots in all U.S. locations

Kura Sushi has copyrights on its tech, with 41 patents in Japan and around 145 trademarks across all entities.

The company introduced electronic tags in 2015 for the plates on the conveyor belt to track how long dishes have been revolving. Sugimoto noted the tags also help the company identify which dishes are in demand, aiding with menu innovation.

The plates also feature a sanitary system dubbed “Mr. Fresh,” with automated and ventilated plastic covers.

“We’re always revolving—not just the belt, but companywide as well,” Sugimoto said.

Next Steps

Kura Sushi remains in brainstorming mode, with multiple technology projects on deck at a time. For example, Sugimoto mentioned the potential of turning the customers’ phones into the ordering tablet.

“As we seek to be the leader in integrated kitchen technologies, our goal is to demonstrate the same type of leadership in technologies supporting the guest experience and access to the brand,” company officials said. ■

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1	Hilton Anaheim 777 W. Convention Way Anaheim 92802-4397 Website: hiltonanaheimhotel.com Email: snaah-salesadm@hilton.com		1,574 95	\$149 \$179	N	Pool with Kids Splash Zone, FedEx and business center, health club, MIX Restaurant, MIX Lounge, Pool Bar & Grill, Starbucks, food court, beauty bar	850 143%	1984 2008	HHC HA TRS Inc. Hilton Worldwide	Shaun Robinson Peter Kane Janice Bernard (714) 750-4321/(714) 740-4460	
2	Anaheim Marriott 700 W. Convention Way Anaheim 92802-3483 Website: marriott.com/laxah Email: andy.lakefish@marriott.com		1,030 33	\$179 \$179	N	Meeting space, nFuse Restaurant, Bar & Lounge, the Market Cafe, Slice Pizzeria, fitness center, FedEx Office Business Center, pool	425 85%	1981 2019	Tarsadia Hotels Marriott International Inc.	John Kalinski Andrew Lakefish Margo Della (714) 750-8000/(714) 750-9100	
3	Disneyland Hotel 1150 W. Magic Way Anaheim 92802-2297 Website: disneylandhotel.com Email: info@disneymeetings.com		973 72	\$552 \$635	N	Certified meeting professionals, restaurants, pool, fitness center	1,100 NA	1955 2011	Walt Disney Co. Disney Parks, Experiences and Products	Dan Coleman Robert Donahue Maritza Rudisill (714) 778-6600	
4	Disney's Grand Californian Hotel & Spa 1600 S. Disneyland Drive Anaheim 92802-2317 Website: disneyland.disney.go.com/hotels Email: info@disneymeetings.com		948 44	\$717 \$825	N	Certified meeting professionals, restaurants, fitness center, spa, pools	1,200 NA	2001 2017	Walt Disney Co. Disney Parks, Experiences and Products	Nic Hockman Robert Donahue Martiza Rudisill (714) 635-2300	
5	Hyatt Regency Orange County 11999 Harbor Blvd. Garden Grove 92840-2732 Website: orangecounty.regency.hyatt.com Email: salesalica@hyatt.com		655 241	\$171 \$171	N	Business center, fitness center, internet, restaurant, bar/lounge, two heated outdoor pools, tennis and basketball court with complimentary equipment, fire pit	100 ⁽¹⁾ NA	1986 2010	Investel Harbor Resorts LLC Hyatt Hotels Corp.	Greg Nomura Stacy Filia Anne Marie Urban (714) 750-1234/(714) 740-0465	



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Between 3 new luxury hotels, ocVIBE, Avengers Campus & DisneylandForward, this is just the beginning.
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6	The Westin Anaheim Resort 1030 W. Katella Ave. Anaheim 92802-3419 Website: westinanaheim.com Email: cynthia.ordyke@westinanaheim.com		618 42	\$259 \$269	N	Seven restaurants and bars, rooftop lounge with view of Disneyland fireworks, Westin Heavenly Bed and Bath, heated outdoor pool with private cabanas, WestinWorkout fitness studio, 23 meeting rooms including 16,120-square-foot grand ballroom	400 60%	2021 NA	Wincome Hospitality Marriott International	Nicholas Price Cynthia Ordyke Lira Dominguez-O'Brien (657)373-3642/(657) 373-3698	
7	Great Wolf Lodge Southern California 12681 Harbor Blvd. Garden Grove 92840-5857 Website: greatwolf.com/southern-california Email: gwlsocal@jpublicrelations.com		603 603	\$199 \$399	Y	Water park, Wi-Fi, fitness center, kids activities, story times, forest friends lobby show, meeting and event facilities	600 0%	2016 NA	Great Wolf Resorts and McWhinney (joint venture) Great Wolf Resorts	Diana Harrison Christine Consunji Kit Gutierrez (714) 530-9653/(714) 530-3843	
8	Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort & Spa 21500 Pacific Coast Highway Huntington Beach 92648-5300 Website: huntingtonbeach.hyatt.com Email: saleshunrh@hyatt.com		517 57	\$495 \$695	Y	Direct beach access with beach services, two pools with cabanas and water slides, five dining outlets, Pacific Waters Spa, children's activities	400 60%	2003 2019	The Mayer Corp. Hyatt Hotels Corp.	Peter Rice Kay Cochran Julie Golman (714) 698-1234/(714) 845-4990	
9	Irvine Marriott 18000 Von Karman Ave. Irvine 92612-1096 Website: irvinemarriott.com Email: loulouvo.takahashi@marriott.com		496 9	\$329 \$189	N	FLOE Restaurant + Lounge, The Butchershop, Starbucks, Fresh Bites, market, indoor/outdoor pool, fitness studio, large foosball table and ping pong tables, lounge swings poolside, pool table in the Great Room	230 5%	1983 2018	Plaza Investment & Consultancy LLC Marriott International	Kandee Anderson Lou Lou V. Takahashi Maxine Pingarron (949) 553-0100/(949) 724-3648	
10	Sheraton Park Hotel at the Anaheim Resort 1855 S. Harbor Blvd. Anaheim 92802-3509 Website: marriott.com/snaps Email: sales@sheratonparkanaheim.com		490 10	\$189 \$199	N	Savor Stone Hearth Pizza & Wine, &More Lobby & Coffee Bar, Morton's the Steakhouse, swimming pool, internet, Disneyland-view rooms	199 81%	1971 2022	Anaheim - 1855 South Harbor Blvd Owner LLC Aimbridge Hospitality	Ian Gee Katie Wright Kirsten Garcia (714) 750-1811/(714) 971-3626	

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11	Anaheim Majestic Garden Hotel 900 S. Disneyland Drive Anaheim 92802-1844 Website: majesticgardenhotel.com Email: info@majesticgardenhotel.com		489 30	\$272 \$236	N	Free shuttle to Disneyland Resort, banquet space, casual restaurants and Japanese restaurant, deli/gift shop, pool and spa, game arcade	180 -22%	1969 2018	Ken Real Estate Lease Ltd. Ken Real Estate Lease	Kim Painter Cindy Smith Debbie Hodge (714) 778-1700/(714) 535-3889		
12	Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa 3050 Bristol St. Costa Mesa 92626-3036 Website: orangecountycostamesahilton.com Email: snacm-ds@hilton.com		486 13	\$269 \$269	N	Corner Pantry, hi-tech center, pool and fitness center, airport shuttle, restaurant and lounge, valet	100 25%	1987 2014	Ashford Hospitality Trust Remington Hotels	Benito Benitez Lynne DiFrancesco Sheena Jain (714) 540-7000/(714) 540-9176		
13	Disney's Paradise Pier Hotel 1717 S. Disneyland Drive Anaheim 92802-3441 Website: disneymeetings.com/disneyland Email: info@disneymeetings.com		481 25	\$405 \$465	N	Certified meeting professionals, pool	250 NA	1984 2010	Walt Disney Co. Disney Parks, Experiences and Products	Ron Silagyi Robert Donahue Maritza Rudisill (714) 999-0990		
14	Fairfield by Marriott-Anaheim Resort 1460 S. Harbor Blvd. Anaheim 92802-2311 Website: marriott.com/laxoc Email: karen.lorton@marriott.com		467 5	\$293 \$316	N	Pool and fitness center, arcade and valet, guest laundry services	100 100%	1988 2017	Thomas Point Ventures Marriott International	Karen Lorton Cynthia Oglesby NA (714) 772-6777/(714) 999-5018		
15	JW Marriott Anaheim Resort 1775 S. Clementine St. Anaheim 92802-2902 Website: jwmarriottanaheimresort.com Email: snajwguestexperiences.com		466 16	\$299 \$329	Y	Outdoor pool, fitness center, yoga and Zen room, rooftop bar/lounge, 15 meeting rooms and 43,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor function spaces	180 107%	2020 NA	GardenWalk Hotel I LLC Marriott International	Rhanda Richardson Maribel Denner Courtney Harris (714) 294-7800/(714) 294-7801		
16	DoubleTree by Hilton Anaheim-Orange County 100 The City Drive Orange 92868-3204 Website: doubletreeanaheimhotel.com Email: snacc_ds@hilton.com		461 15	\$161 \$168	N	24-hour business center, on-site restaurant and lobby bar, room service, self and valet parking, Hilton Honors	100 ⁽¹⁾ NA	1984 2018	AWH Partners Spire Hospitality	Denise Pflum Vieira Valones Vinolie Chandrasekram (714) 634-4500/(714) 978-3839		
17	Renaissance Newport Beach 4500 MacArthur Blvd. Newport Beach 92660-2010 Website: marriott.com/hpbb Email: salesnewpo@hyatt.com		444 56	\$256 \$251	N	Fitness center, outside pool, The Current restaurant and bar, pet friendly	175 17%	1985 2018	WJ Newport LLC Marriott International Pyramid Hotel Group	Markus Kohn Natalie Trujillo Danelle Cometa (949) 476-2001/949-250-7191		
18	The Waterfront Beach Resort, a Hilton Hotel 21100 Pacific Coast Highway Huntington Beach 92648-5307 Website: waterfrontresort.com Email: questions@waterfrontresort.com		437 156	\$460 \$600	Y	Beach cabana, market/gift shop, children's activities, full-service restaurant, rooftop lounge, Hero pizza, wireless internet	400 100%	1990 2020	The Mayer Corp. The Mayer Corp.	Paulette Fischer Kamran Enayat/Christy Page Vanessa Delp (714) 845-8400/(714) 845-8425		
19	Hyatt Regency Newport Beach 1107 Jamboree Road Newport Beach 92660-6296 Website: hyattregencynewportbeach.com Email: salesnewpo@hyatt.com		410 14	\$220 \$238	Y	Internet, fitness center, golf at Back Bay Golf Course, business center, bike rental, beach kit rental, outdoor games, tennis	245 83%	1962 2017	Woodridge Capital Partners LLC Hyatt Hotels Corp.	Erin Henry Shelley Callahan Briana Zuziak ⁽²⁾ (949) 729-1234/(949) 644-1552		
20	Veia Newport Beach, a Marriott Resort & Spa 900 Newport Center Drive Newport Beach 92660-6206 Website: veanewportbeach.com Email: ben.stinnett@marriott.com		400 33	\$459 \$539	Y	Spa Veia, View Restaurant & Lounge, Edge Pool & Bar, Elan Cafe & Bar, in-room dining, fitness center, yoga studio, Le Boutique, meeting space	220 -27%	1975 2022	Eagle Four Partners/ Lyon Living Marriott International	Debbie Snavelly Ben Stinnett Erika Santana Haley Jaramillo (949) 640-4000/(949) 640-5055		
20	Waldorf Astoria Monarch Beach Resort & Club 1 Monarch Beach Resort Dana Point 92629-4085 Website: waldorfastoriamonarchbeach.com Email: snamo.reservation@waldorfastoria.com		400 75	\$775 \$995	Y	Private beach club, seven dining experiences, three pools, luxury spa, 18-hole oceanfront golf course	642 17%	2001 2022	Ohana Real Estate Investors LLC Hilton Worldwide	George Munz Michelle Caporicci Eileen Hanly (949) 234-3900/(949) 234-3900		
22	The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel 1 Ritz Carlton Drive Dana Point 92629-4205 Website: ritzcarlton.com/lagunaniguel Email: snarz.leads@ritzcarlton.com		396 29	\$699 \$899	Y	Direct beach access to Salt Creek Beach, six outlets (Raya, enoSTEAK, 180blu, The Market Place, The Dana Pool Cafe, Bar Raya) and most with ocean views, in-room dining, Eco-Adventure Center, spa, oceanfront fitness center, daily yoga and pilates, two pools, two whirlpools, organic garden, and Club Lounge	500 0%	1984 2021	Strategic Hotels and Resorts The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Co.	Karen Chastain Rocco Mastrangelo Elizabeth Brady (949) 240-2000/(949) 240-0829		
23	The Westin South Coast Plaza 686 Anton Blvd. Costa Mesa 92626-1920 Website: westinsouthcoastplaza.com Email: daniel.golda@westinhotels.com		394 17	\$279 \$229	N	Room service, catering, restaurant, bar, pool, tennis courts, Westin Workout Fitness, pet friendly	150 88%	1975 2015	Host Hotels & Resorts/ Secon Properties Marriott International	Mike Hall Dario Gomez Cathy Ruiz (714) 540-2500/(714) 662-6695		
24	Delta Hotels by Marriott-Anaheim Garden Grove 12021 Harbor Blvd. Garden Grove 92840-4001 Website: marriott.com/snade		382 2	\$159 \$159	N	Wi-Fi, business center, fitness center, lobby wine bar, heated outdoor pool with cabanas, hot tub, and 36,000 square feet of meeting space, California Grill	80 0%	2000 2019	Khanna Enterprises Khanna Enterprises	Yvonne Liu Connie Esquivel NA (714) 867-5155/(714) 867-5100		

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25 (26)	Laguna Cliffs Marriott Resort & Spa 25135 Park Lantern Dana Point 92629-2878 Website: lagunacliffs.com Email: sales@lagunacliffs.com		378 16	\$409 \$495	Y	Pools, lounge, restaurant, spa, business center, notary, two-line phones, safe, internet, fitness center, concierge, bike, surfboard and boogie board rentals, pickleball, children's splash zone	330 230%	1987 2020	Regency Laguna LP Aimbridge Hospitality	Jeff Perkins Sandy Chiu Winona Chavez (949) 661-5000/(949) 661-5358	
26 (27)	Embassy Suites by Hilton Anaheim South 11767 Harbor Blvd. Garden Grove 92840-2701 Website: esanaheimsouth.com Email: laxgd_ds@hilton.com		375 375	\$139 \$159	N	Complimentary breakfast, evening reception, business center, fitness center, outdoor swimming pool and whirlpool, banquet and meeting space, restaurant and lounge, Wi-Fi	100 113%	2001 2020	Landmark Corp. Hilton Worldwide	Dieter Hissin Jeannie Kim Catina Turner (714) 539-3300/(714) 539-4600	
27 (28)	Anaheim Marriott Suites 12015 Harbor Blvd. Garden Grove 92840-4001 Website: marriott.com/snaas Email: laura.castro@marriott.com		371 ⁽¹⁾ 371 ⁽¹⁾	\$171 \$197	N	Business center, Starbucks, 10,000 square feet of meeting space, Basil's Restaurant, on-site Avis car rental, PCA Shuttle service, Disneyland Resort desk	50 ⁽¹⁾ NA	2001 2015	Landmark Corp. Dow Hotel Co.	Kevin Schjei Laura Castro NA (714) 750-1000/(714) 750-9000	
28 (35)	Hilton Irvine/Orange County Airport 18800 MacArthur Blvd. Irvine 92612-1479 Website: irvineorangecountyairport.hilton.com Email: snaoc-salesadm@hilton.com		360 0	\$168 \$204	N	Wireless internet, fitness center, business center, heated pool, whirlpool, restaurant and bar	90 ⁽¹⁾ NA	1985 2015	Infinity Realty Advisors Hilton Worldwide	Rob Koscelnik Kelli Littrell Brenda Santana (949) 833-9999/(949) 833-3317	
29 (29)	Hyatt Regency John Wayne Airport Newport Beach 4545 MacArthur Blvd. Newport Beach 92660-2022 Website: johnwayneairportnewportbeach.hyatt.com Email: snarj.info@hyatt.com		343 4	\$194 \$229	N	Wi-Fi, airport & local shuttle, meeting space, restaurant, bar, market, room service, pool, fitness center, yoga stretching room	115 53%	1984 2019	Newport Hotel Holdings LLC Hyatt Hotels Corp.	Wasim Kazi Jan Hollis Jan Hollis (949) 975-1234/(949) 833-3927	
30 (30)	Sonesta Irvine⁽³⁾ 17941 Von Karman Ave. Irvine 92614-6253 Website: sonesta.com/irvine Email: donna.lewis@sonesta.com		339 29	\$189 \$199	N	Meeting/event space, catering, fitness center, indoor swimming pool, sun deck, restaurant, & bar, complimentary Wi-fi, pantry, washers-dryers, dry-cleaning service, free shuttle to/from airport	145 NA	1986 2022	Service Properties Trust Sonesta International Hotels Corp.	Diane Blake Donna Lewis NA (949) 863-1999/(949) 474-7236	
31 (31)	The Resort at Pelican Hill 22701 Pelican Hill Road S. Newport Coast 92657-2008 Website: pelicanhill.com Email: reservations@pelicanhill.com		332 162	\$1,016 \$1,186	Y	Golf courses, restaurants, pools, bungalows, villas, indoor and outdoor meeting space, wedding estate, on-site and off-premise catering	100 ⁽¹⁾ NA	2008 NA	Irvine Company Irvine Company Resort Properties	Gerard Widder ⁽⁴⁾ James Keaveny Amanda Reeve (855) 467-6800/(949) 467-6888	
32 (32)	Radisson Blu Anaheim 1601 S. Anaheim Blvd. Anaheim 92805-6502 Website: radissonhotelsamericas.com Email: rhi_anac@radissonbluamericas.com		326 ⁽¹⁾ 20 ⁽¹⁾	\$259 \$321	N	Wi-Fi, fitness center, family pool/whirlpool and splash pad, outdoor fireplace, rooftop adult pool/whirlpool, cabanas, two restaurants, four bars, grab & go marketplace cafe, gift shop, ART Shuttle for a fee, electric vehicle charging stations	90 ⁽¹⁾ NA	2020 NA	BPM Real Estate Group Radisson Hotel Group Americas	Steve Lindburg Jessica Haydis Danielle Mancha (714) 408-2787	
33 (33)	Knott's Berry Farm Hotel 7675 Crescent Ave. Buena Park 90620-3947 Website: knotts.com/stay Email: hotelinformation@knotts.com		320 2	\$179 \$189	N	Meeting space, restaurant, tennis, basketball courts, pools, spa	120 0%	1968 2019	Millennium Operations LLC Millennium Operations	Don Prescott Catherine Rad Aida Holmes (714) 995-1111/(714) 828-8590	
34 (34)	Hotel Lulu, BW Premier Collection 1850 S. Harbor Blvd. Anaheim 92802-3510 Website: hotellulu.com Email: hello@hotellulu.com		308 2	\$189 \$209	N	Complimentary Wi-Fi, in-room refrigerator, 55" flat screen televisions, pick-up dining service from lulu's kitchen, in-room safe, in-room hairdryer	76 153%	2 2020	1850 Harbor LLC Azul Hospitality Group	Michael Cox John Chan Kristian Salavea Lijia Murguia Kristian Salavea (657) 688-5858	
35 (35)	The Anaheim Hotel 1700 S. Harbor Blvd. Anaheim 92802-2316 Website: theanaheimhotel.com Email: catering@theanaheimhotel.com		306 ⁽¹⁾ 4 ⁽¹⁾	\$202 \$219	Y	Lobby bar, concierge desk, business center, fitness room, laundry service, room service, social functions, restaurant, gift shop, swimming pool	70 ⁽¹⁾ NA	1959 2018	Good Hope International LLC Good Hope International LLC	Nathan Fitzgerald Tina Riley NA (714) 772-5900/(714) 772-8386	
36 (37)	Embassy Suites by Hilton Santa Ana-Orange County Airport 1325 E. Dyer Road Santa Ana 92705-5615 Website: embassysuites.com Email: lisa.kotlar@hilton.com		301 301	\$139 \$149	N	Two-room suites, complimentary breakfast, evening reception, fitness center, pool, spa	50 25%	1985 2018	Windsor Hospitality Windsor Hospitality	Valarie Cooper Lisa Kotlar Mary Eikenbary (714) 241-3800/(714) 662-1651	
37 (38)	Howard Johnson by Wyndham Anaheim Hotel and Water Playground 1380 S. Harbor Blvd. Anaheim 92802-2396 Website: hojoanaheim.com Email: stay@hojoanaheim.com		296 16	\$249 \$249	N	Mimi's Cafe, water park, pool, internet	80 471%	1965 2020	Northwest Hotel Corp. Northwest Hotel	Jonathan Whitehead Heather Rad (714) 618-6013/(714) 533-3578	
38 (40)	Embassy Suites Irvine-Orange County Airport 2120 Main St. Irvine 92614-6259 Website: irvineoc.embassysuites.com Email: jeff.mitrovic@hilton.com		293 ⁽¹⁾ 275 ⁽¹⁾	\$224 \$193	N	Fitness center, pool, whirlpool, internet, meeting rooms, restaurant, shuttle, complimentary breakfast, evening reception and Starbucks	30 ⁽¹⁾ NA	1986 2016	RLJ Lodging Trust Sage Hospitality	Jeff Mitrovic Johnathon Elko NA (949) 553-8332/(949) 261-5301	

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 (1) Business Journal estimate
 (3) Previously listed as Sonesta Irvine-Orange County Airport
 (4) managing director

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Rank	Hotel	Company logo	Total rooms	Starting weekday rate	Resort fee?	Partial list of amenities	OC employees	Year opened	Hotel owner	General manager
Prev. Rank	Address		Suites	Starting weekend rate			Yearly % change	Year latest renovated	Parent company name	Director of sales Catering manager Phone/fax
39 (41)	Best Western Plus Stovall's Inn 1110 W. Katella Ave. Anaheim 92802-2805 Website: stovallshotels.com Email: kellylaimana@stovallsinn.com		289 0	\$169 \$189	N	Wi-Fi, hot breakfast, business center, paid shuttle, two pools, two hot tubs, children's wading pool, pool snack shack, lobby gift shop, coin-operated guest laundry	49 227%	1969 2016	Bill O'Connell, Jim Stovall Bill O'Connell Sr.	Kelly Laimana Giovanna Waller NA (714) 778-1880/(714) 778-3805
40 (42)	Sheraton Garden Grove-Anaheim South Hotel 12221 Harbor Blvd. Garden Grove 92840-4005 Website: sheratonanaheimsouth.com Email: sal.bonnello@sheratongardengrove.com		285 0	\$139 \$159	N	Business center, fitness center, pool, gift shop, restaurant, lobby bar, Disney shuttle	75 -11%	2008 2018	Kam Sang Co. Kam Sang	Ryan Murray Sal Bonnello Cindy Trieber (714) 703-8400/(714) 703-8401
41 (43)	Ayres Hotel Costa Mesa/Newport Beach 325 Bristol St. Costa Mesa 92626-5998 Website: ayreshotels.com Email: sobrienmoore@ayreshotels.com		284 137	\$259 \$249	N	Free airport shuttle, restaurant, two pools, meeting space, fitness center, Wi-Fi	100 NA	1986 2021	Don Ayres Jr. family Ayres Hotel Group	Susan O'Brien-Moore Cassidi Haskell Dawn Grandi (714) 549-0300/(714) 662-0828
41 (43)	Clarion Hotel Anaheim Resort 616 W. Convention Way Anaheim 92802-3401 Website: clarionanaheim.com Email: jackie.parra@snshotels.com		284 96	\$130 \$160	N	Restaurant, banquet facilities, internet, in-room safes, fitness and business centers	22 47%	1972 2019	Sunburst Hospitality Corp. Sunburst Hospitality	Naomi Bennett Diggs Jackie Parra NA (714) 750-3131/(714) 750-9027
43 (45)	Marriott Irvine Spectrum 7905 Irvine Center Drive Irvine 92618-3207 Website: marriott.com/snamc Email: kelsey.richards@marriott.com		271 50	\$269 \$304	N	In-room safe, valet, car rental, M Club Lounge, valet dry-cleaning, room service	120 ⁽¹⁾ NA	2017 NA	R.D. Olson Development Marriott International	Dianne Markis Kelsey Richards Kaylee Reed (949) 759-0200/(949) 759-0201
44 (46)	Sonesta Anaheim Resort Area 1915 S. Manchester Ave. Anaheim 92802-3802 Website: sonesta.com/anaheim Email: charlene.shaw@sonesta.com		264 ⁽¹⁾ 8 ⁽¹⁾	\$161 \$208	N	Internet, parking, fitness center, convenience store, meeting space, restaurant, room service, Keurig coffee maker, microwave and refrigerator	50 ⁽¹⁾ NA	2016 2015	Service Properties Trust Sonesta International Hotels Corp.	Carolyn Stoops Charlene Shaw Alexis Tirabasso (714) 748-7777/(714) 748-4700
45 (47)	Montage Laguna Beach 30801 S. Coast Highway Laguna Beach 92651-4221 Website: montagehotels.com/lagunabeach Email: mlbsales@montage.com		259 58	\$1,300 \$1,500	Y	Fitness center, 24-hour business center, meeting space, restaurants, 24-hour room service, full-service spa	620 55%	2003 2019	Strategic Hotels & Resorts Montage International	Mary Rogers Anne Marie Doyle Alicia MacDonald (949) 715-6000/(949) 715-6130
46 (48)	Holiday Inn & Suites Anaheim 1240 S. Walnut St. Anaheim 92802-2241 Website: hianaheim.com Email: contact@hianaheim.com		255 24	\$209 \$229	N	Walking distance to Disney Parks, kids splash park, heated pool, spa, Onyx Restaurant & Bar, on-site laundry facility, gift shop, meeting rooms	55 175%	1984 2014	Eagle TRS-6 LLC Hersha Hospitality Management	Tae Chung Stella Pak NA (714) 535-0300/(714) 491-8953
47 (49)	Newport Beach Marriott Bayview 500 Bayview Circle Newport Beach 92660-2978 Website: marriott.com/npbst Email: mary.behrens@marriott.com		254 254	\$359 \$339	N	Internet, restaurant, room service, fitness center, outdoor pool, rental bikes	75 ⁽¹⁾ NA	1988 2015	Clearview Hotel Capital LLC Marriott International	Charles Cho Ben Stinnett Natalie Reveles (949) 854-4500/(949) 854-3937
48 (50)	Costa Mesa Marriott 500 Anton Blvd. Costa Mesa 92626-4654 Website: marriott.com/snast Email: winston.cuan@costamesamarriott.com		253 ⁽¹⁾ 253 ⁽¹⁾	\$195 \$212	N	All-suite hotel, three-meals-a-day restaurant, fitness center, business center, pool	35 ⁽¹⁾ NA	1989 2020	Starwood Capital Group HEI Hotels & Resorts	Hector Santa Cruz Winston Cuan NA (714) 957-1100/(714) 966-8495
48 (50)	DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Santa Ana-Orange County Airport 201 E. MacArthur Blvd. Santa Ana 92707-5776 Website: santaanaorangecountyairport.doubletree.com Email: dnaval@doubletreeairport.com		253 3	\$149 \$159	N	Business center, outdoor pool, fitness center, free airport shuttle, all-day restaurant with dinner and lounge, Blend Coffee Shop	75 50%	2014 2020	Imperial Hotel Group LLC Pacific Hospitality Group	Aaron Saliba Dennisse Naval Dennisse Naval/LeLani Duckwitz (714) 825-3333/(714) 825-3320
50 (52)	DoubleTree by Hilton Irvine Spectrum 90 Pacifica Irvine 92618-3312 Website: irvinespectrum.doubletree.com Email: onais_ds@hilton.com		252 0	\$219 \$199	N	Business center, fitness center, restaurant, in-room dining, bar, outdoor pool, whirlpool, Amazon locker, Blend Cafe Market	50 ⁽¹⁾ NA	1999 2017	Spectrum Hotel Group LLC Pacific Hospitality Group	Don Driscoll Sabrina Schroeter Noel Vasin (949) 471-8888
51 (53)	DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Anaheim Resort-Convention Center 2085 S. Harbor Blvd. Anaheim 92802-3513 Website: doubletreeanaheim.com Email: annice.mcculler@hilton.com		251 202	\$175 \$170	N	Business center, meeting rooms, fitness room, pool	107 168%	2006 2013	Orangewood LLC Orangewood LLC	Maria Evans Annice McCuller Annice McCuller (714) 750-3000/(714) 750-3002
52 (55)	Paséa Hotel & Spa 21080 Pacific Coast Highway Huntington Beach 92648-5305 Website: paseahotel.com Email: sales@paseahotel.com		250 19	\$349 \$420	Y	Balinese-inspired spa, oceanfront pool and hot tub, rooftop bar, award-winning restaurant, cafe, complimentary beach supplies	311 41%	2016 NA	Pacific Hospitality Group Inc. Pacific Hospitality Group	Paul Maddison Joe Martino Tina Ciaccio/Stephanie Hinote (714) 698-6100/(714) 698-6101

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