



THE EQUUS



Background:

The Equus Hotel is an elegant 67-room inn located on the West Side of Waikiki where there is an abundance of restaurants, walking distance access to one of the world's largest shopping malls and a quick stroll to the beach and gorgeous sunset views. The hotel prides itself on being the FIRST hotel in Hawai'i to join Green Hotels Association, International. The Equus Hotel has been committed to being a green hotel since the early 1990s, and were one of the first hotels to join the Hawai'i Ecotourism Association.

Since that time, the hotel has been steadily working toward ensuring that every staff procedure, program, system, and product line follows environmentally-sound best practices.

Sustainability:

The Equus Hotel partnered with GreenStar Energy Ltd., an energy conservation company specializing in reducing utility costs for the hospitality market. With the GreenStar system, the air conditioning units are controlled when the guest inserts his room key into a master switch as they enter the room. The electrical devices are automatically defaulted to 76 degrees when the guest removes the card to leave the room. After 8 hours without use they will automatically shut off. This has resulted in a decrease of 20 percent annually in power costs. Other initiatives include:

- All appliances are ENERGY STAR rated
- Room amenities are non-toxic and biodegradable
- Low-flush toilets and low-flow shower heads and sink faucets
- Rigorous recycling program
- Towel and Linen Re-use program (every 3 days unless requested)
- All lighting CFL with plans to convert to LED
- Green transportation program for employees (subsidies for bus passes)
- No irrigation system or sprinklers—landscaping is hand-watered
- No chemicals used on landscaping
- Paper re-use and recycling program in place
- Old uniforms and linens are retired to the Salvation Army; and furniture is donated to Re-Use Hawai'i.
- On-site furniture refurbishing/refinishing (instead of purchasing entirely new products)
- Other initiatives to comply with the State Department of Health Green Hotel checklist.

The Equus Hotel is Waikiki's only "North Shore connection," as the ownership company also manages a magnificent 100-acre stretch of completely unspoiled beachfront property along O'ahu's North Shore that is the home of Hawai'i Polo Club. Equus guests receive complimentary tickets to polo during the playing season. See www.equushotel.com