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**CASTLE RESORTS & HOTELS WELCOMES OWANA WILCOX AS  
GENERAL MANAGER OF CASTLE WAIMEA COUNTRY LODGE ON HAWAI'I ISLAND**

WAIMEA, HAWAI'I (DRAFT) – Castle Resorts & Hotels has named Owana Wilcox as general manager of Castle Waimea Country Lodge on Hawai'i Island. With nearly three decades of hospitality experience, Wilcox brings a wealth of expertise and a deep connection to Waimea.

“Owana’s extensive hospitality background, deep-rooted connection to Waimea, and commitment to Hawaiian culture make her the perfect leader to guide this gem of a property,” said Castle Resorts & Hotels CEO Matt Bailey. “Her experience and passion for our community will undoubtedly elevate the guest experience.”

Wilcox’s hospitality journey began at Hilton Waikoloa Village, where she excelled in various roles in food & beverage, human resources training, and on community and employee relations committees. She continued her career at Waikoloa Beach Marriott, before honing her leadership skills in senior roles with Marriott properties across Utah, Wisconsin, Illinois, and most recently as assistant general manager at SpringHill Suites Mt. Laurel, New Jersey.

As a member of the inaugural cohort of the Native Hawaiian Hospitality Association’s “Ola Hawai'i Program,” Wilcox earned the distinction of Hawaiian Cultural Ambassador. She has volunteered with Relay for Life, Ironman, and Toastmasters and is a member of the Queen Ka'ahumanu Society Waimea Chapter.

Nestled in the heart of Waimea town, Castle Waimea Country Lodge offers a charming upcountry retreat amid working ranches and farms with breathtaking views of the Kohala Mountains and Mauna Kea. Guests enjoy 22 quaint accommodations, some with kitchenettes, making it the perfect home base to explore the area’s rich paniolo (Hawaiian cowboy) culture.

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**About Castle Resorts & Hotels**

Established in 1993, Castle Resorts & Hotels is a flagship brand and the only Hawai'i-owned and operated provider of hotel, condo resort and vacation rental management services. It manages a broad portfolio of properties, nearly all of which are on or near the beach on the Hawaiian Islands of O'ahu, Maui, Moloka'i, Kaua'i and Hawai'i Island, and in Takapuna, New Zealand on North Island near Auckland. For more information or reservations, visit [www.CastleResorts.com](http://www.CastleResorts.com) or call (855) 666-8045.