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HANMI OCCUPANCY AT 43% IN FEBRUARY 2026

SAIPAN, NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS – The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands (HANMI) reported 42.91% average occupancy rate among 10 member hotels for February 2026, 11% higher than 38.18% in February 2025.

The reported occupancy reflects a reduction in total room inventory, as the upcoming temporary closure of GrandVrio Resort Saipan has resulted in its rooms not being included in the 2026 reporting period. As a result, a total of 20,055 of 46,738 available room nights were sold in February 2026, compared to 22,478 of 58,875 available room nights sold in February 2025.

Average room rates for February 2026 were \$103.95, compared to \$132.74 in February 2025, reflecting continued pricing strategies among member hotels as the industry works to stimulate demand and rebuild visitor arrivals.

Air service and visitor arrivals to the Marianas have yet to fully recover to pre-pandemic levels. The association noted that the recovery of additional air service — including the return of direct China flights and stronger Japanese visitor arrivals — will be an important factor in supporting continued improvement in the tourism sector.

"Sustained low occupancy levels and pressure on room rates continue to place strain on the Marianas economy, affecting not only our tourism sector but also the families and small businesses who rely on it every day," said HANMI Chairman Ivan Quichocho.

Hotels included in HANMI's monthly statistical report are Aqua Resort Club Saipan, Aquarius Beach Tower, Century Hotel, Coral Ocean Resort, Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan, Kensington Hotel Saipan, LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort, Pacific Islands Club Saipan, Saipan World Resort, and Surfrider Resort Hotel.

The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands was established in 1985 as a professional forum for the hospitality industry of The Marianas.

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