

KELLY L. SANDERS



EXECUTIVE PROFILE

**Hospitality industry professional** with more than 30 years of experience and a demonstrated track record of top-and bottom-line performance improvements, leadership development, group, leisure, and wholesale sales, food & beverage development, branding and innovation, guest experience, relations and satisfaction.

- Strong organizational, leadership, and conflict resolution abilities
- Expert in strategic planning, organizational development, team building, and associate relations.
- Versatile; proven ability to manage multiple projects and demands.
- Planning and execution of significant renovations, re-positioning and branding
- Excellent communication, leadership, negotiation and motivation skills
- Highly creative/innovative
- Respected community leader

EXPERIENCE:

The Sheraton Waikiki, the Royal Hawaiian, the Westin Moana Surfrider Resort and Spa, the Sheraton Princess Kaiulani – Honolulu, Hawaii, the Sheraton Maui, Ka’anapali, Maui

2006 – Present

- **General Manager/Area General Manager**

The Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina – San Diego, California

1998 – 2006

- **General Manager**

The Westin Gas Lamp – San Diego, California

1994 – 1998

- **Hotel Manager**

DoubleTree Hotels & Resorts:

1988-1994

- **Operations**

First National Foods Corporation:

1987-1991

- **Owner & Operator, The Europa Coffee shop – Sonora California - K-Bobs, Duncanville, Plano, New Braunfels, Texas, Hefty’s – Salt Lake City, Utah**

**AWARDS/HONORS:**

Manager of the Year – Starwood Hotels & Resorts	1995
Hotel of the Year – Starwood Hotels & Resorts	2003
Best Places to Work in San Diego – Nat. Society of HR Executives	2004
Chief Sales Officer – Starwood Hotels & Resorts	2010
Hotel of the Year, Business Leadership Hawaii	2016
Community Empowerment Award, Council for Native Hawaiian advancement	2016

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH:**

Board Member – Boy Scouts of America	Honolulu, HI
Immediate Past Chair Elect – Diamond Head Theater	Honolulu, HI
Board of Directors - Gregory House Programs	Honolulu, HI
Vice President – Euro-Cinema Hawaii	Honolulu, HI
Board of Directors – American Red Cross	Honolulu, HI
Creative Director, American Heart Association	Honolulu, HI
Board of Governors – Filipino Community Center	Honolulu, HI

Chair, Vice Chair, Fundraising Executive

- Hawaii Opera Ball, University of Hawaii, Astronomical Society, Iona Contemporary Dance, March of Dimes, Project Think, Adult Friends for Youth, East/West Center, Honolulu Police Commission Foundation, Honolulu Firefighters Association, Pearl Harbor 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, Queens Hospital.

**REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**