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**Historic, Storyful, New: Iconic Caribe Hilton Is Officially Open**

*Legendary Puerto Rico hotel welcomes first guests  
following the completion of a transformative restoration*

**SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico – May 15, 2019—** [Caribe Hilton](#), admired as one of Puerto Rico's most beloved resorts, retakes center stage, officially debuting a more than \$150 million restoration following a 15-month closure. A gem of the Caribbean since 1949, the highly anticipated opening marks a major milestone as the storied property celebrates its 70<sup>th</sup> birthday, and as Hilton marks its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Plunged into the limelight as a hotspot for celebrities, politicians and royalty since its mid-century opening, Caribe Hilton earned its place at the forefront of tourism in the Caribbean, instantly embodying the jet-set glamour of the era during its early days and remaining a social institution for decades to follow. Just in time for summer, the beachfront resort's top-to-bottom makeover pays homage to years of cherished history and oceanside allure, complemented by modern accommodations and amenities at an arm's reach from Old San Juan's pulsating, colorful center.

"Caribe Hilton was our first hotel to open outside the continental U.S. and the birthplace of the piña colada, and for that reason, has always been an incredibly important hotel for Hilton. It is with great pride that we say 'welcome back' or '*bienvenidos*' to this emblematic property," said Danny Hughes, Executive Vice President and President, Americas, Hilton. "We are extremely proud of our new product and the resilient Team Members who worked to re-develop a resort worthy of its history. We can't wait to welcome guests and members of the community back to the hotel."

Caribe Hilton, which has been meticulously restored by owner Park Hotels and Resorts (NYSE: PK), delivers contemporary guest room and suite renovations; reimaged F&B concepts (sweet

history was made here in 1954 when Ramon “Monchito” Marrero created the Piña Colada at the former Beachcomber Bar); fitness center; spa; tennis center (in collaboration with Puerto Rican Olympic gold medalist Monica Puig); and landscaping re-designs, paired with an incredible 65,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor event space.

Boasting touches inspired by ‘the island of enchantment,’ Caribe Hilton’s reinvigorated look is deeply influenced by the vibrant culture, lively colors and rich history of San Juan, as well as the warmth and charm of the locals who call it home.

“The reopening of Caribe Hilton is one more symbol that Puerto Rico is back in business,” said Pablo Torres, General Manager, Caribe Hilton. “The sun is shining, there’s energy and rhythm on the island, and once again our famous piña coladas are flowing. We’re welcoming our return guests back home, as well as introducing new ones to the enduring Caribe Hilton experience and legacy.”

To celebrate the opening, for a limited time, guests can extend their stay in paradise an additional night with “*One Night on Us*” -- a complimentary 3rd night free. Travel must be booked by June 30 for travel between May 15 and December 20, 2019.

To make reservations or for more information, please call +1 800 445 8667 or visit [www.caribehilton.com](http://www.caribehilton.com).

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#### **About Caribe Hilton**

Centrally located just minutes from the heart of Historic Old San Juan and 15 minutes from Luis Muñoz International Airport, the AAA Four Diamond award-winning Caribe Hilton sits beachfront on an exclusive peninsula, made up of 17 acres of lush tropical gardens. Famous for being the birthplace of the piña colada, the resort features a secluded beach, beautiful oceanfront swimming pools, whirlpools, beachside hammocks and a full-service spa offering a wide range of relaxing body treatments. The resort is also home to an array of boutiques and a peaceful bird sanctuary. For those traveling on business, Caribe Hilton offers the most complete meeting space and breathtaking outdoor areas for best in class events. Dining options are plentiful featuring everything from local to international cuisine, and in-room dining. What’s more, Puerto Rico is a Commonwealth of the United States and does not require U.S. Citizens to carry a Passport. [www.caribehilton.com](http://www.caribehilton.com).

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