



## **A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE LAKEWAY RESORT & SPA**

- 1963 The original Lakeway Inn was built by a group of investors and developers from Houston to provide a “watering hole” for residents of Lakeway, a new Hill Country retirement community. The Lakeway Yacht Club was chartered, and legendary General Manager Pierre Caselli turned the Lakeway Inn into the center of the new and growing Lakeway community.
- 1964 More guest rooms were added as word spread that Lakeway Inn was also a great place for weekend stays and golf outings. An idea meeting destination due to its equal distances from Houston and Dallas, Lakeway added meeting rooms to accommodate demand.
- 1971 Dallas developer and entrepreneur Bob Alpert bought the entire Lakeway project with a vision to expand and develop the community into Texas’ most prestigious resort community. His master-planned community called for additional tracts of land, more golf courses, expanded marina, shops and businesses, houses of worship, and more.
- 1972 Bob Alpert partnered with the Hunt family of Dallas and the World Championship Tennis organization to develop the World of Tennis Resort, a tennis complex with clubhouse, indoor and outdoor courts and 106 tennis townhouses.
- 1974 CBS Tennis Classic is held at the Lakeway World of Tennis
- 1985 Alpert sold Lakeway Inn to the partnership of Rothschild Property Investors, Inc. and Dolce International, with Dolce as management. A two-year renovation was launched.
- 1987 In a grand opening celebration, the newly renovated Lakeway Inn was showcased to residents, customers, VIPs and press. The Austin Room was introduced as a new meeting venue for the expanding conference business.
- 1996 Lend Lease, a real estate investment group from Chicago, bought Lakeway Inn from Rothschild and embarked on an extensive expansion program, adding the six-floor tower overlooking Lake Travis.

- 2000 The grand opening of the tower and renovated Inn was held for residents, customers, VIPs and press.
- 2002 Lend Lease sold the property. During the next two years, a series of caretakers managed the property until a permanent owner with a new vision for Lakeway was found.
- 2005 A metamorphosis gradually overtook the Lakeway community, as young couples and families began purchasing many of the homes. No longer considered a retirement community, Lakeway became a highly desirable area of Austin. Behringer Harvard Funds of Dallas purchased Lakeway Inn and brought Dolce International back as management. The inn was renamed Lakeway Resort & Spa and an extensive redevelopment program was announced to include a new spa, ballroom, meeting space, swimming pools, room renovation and the addition of luxury villas.
- 2007 The redevelopment of Lakeway Resort & Spa is completed. SanSaba Spa opens and the glass-enclosed ballroom becomes one of the hottest locations in Austin for weddings and parties. Luxury shoreline villas sell quickly and the resort shines with its original luster and vibrancy.