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Q Casino + Resort Officially Opens The Key Hotel, a New Boutique Property from the Tapestry Collection by Hilton

New hotel offers an unparalleled experience for visitors to Dubuque and adds to the overall amenities on Schmitt Island

DUBUQUE, Iowa, January 7, 2026 – [Q Casino + Resort](#) hosted a ribbon-cutting event with invited guests and city officials on January 6th to commemorate the official opening of [The Key Hotel](#), a new boutique property onsite.

The Key Hotel is part of the [Tapestry Collection by Hilton](#) and its opening represents one of the final phases of a multi-year, \$83 million-plus renovation and expansion effort undertaken by Q Casino + Resort. The property features seven floors with 90 total rooms and 20 suites and is open for reservations. A much-anticipated rooftop restaurant and bar, complete with additional event space, will also be opening later this year. The name and menu offerings for the restaurant, which will offer an elevated dining experience unlike anything else in Dubuque, will be revealed at a later date.

“We are excited to offer this new, high-end property in partnership with Hilton,” said Anthony Williams, CEO and President of DRA and Q Casino + Resort. “The Key Hotel is a great addition to the amenities we already offer here at Q Casino + Resort, but it is also a testament to the overall vision for Schmitt Island and the hard work and support that continues to go into making it a top Midwestern destination.”

During yesterday’s event, invited guests heard from local dignitaries, witnessed a ceremonial ribbon-cutting, and were offered tours of the new property.

“From before the hotel’s ground-breaking in 2024 to today, a great deal of collaboration has occurred between many different entities to get us to this point of offering these elevated accommodations and amenities,” said Williams. “The continued support of the city during all phases of our expansion and renovation efforts has been much appreciated, as has been working with Hilton to open a new location for their popular Tapestry Collection.”

Q Casino + Resort’s transition into a full-service resort is an important part of the overall master plan for the city-owned Schmitt Island. Recent investments in the casino, including the addition of this new boutique hotel, will benefit the surrounding area by helping to attract visitors to Dubuque.

“Updating our spaces and elevating our guest experiences and amenities is not only an important part of the overall vision for Q Casino + Resort, but for Schmitt Island as well. We are confident The Key Hotel will be a great addition to the community and everything we have to offer here,” commented Williams.

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About Q Casino + Resort

Q Casino + Resort is a gaming and entertainment complex located on historic Chaplain Schmitt Island in Dubuque, Iowa. Established in 1985, this riverside facility is operated by the DRA (Dubuque Racing Association), the non-profit entity originally established to oversee gaming operations on behalf of the City of Dubuque. The casino and resort, which offers nearly 25,000 square feet of gaming space and an onsite hotel, is currently undergoing a major renovation and expansion that will result in updated gaming, betting and entertainment areas, including new event spaces, onsite eating options, a boutique hotel with a rooftop restaurant, and Island Social, a new fun entertainment venue for all ages. For more information on Q Casino + Resort and their year-round offerings of promotions, concerts and events, visit www.qcasinoandresort.com.

About Tapestry Collection by Hilton

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