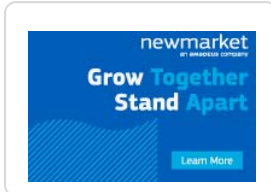


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KABA® and OpenWays Partner to Implement World's First MobileKey Guest Access Locking System

October 07, 2010 - [KABA, the provider of Saflok and ILCO electronic locks](#), announced it has joined forces with [OpenWays](#) to deploy one of the world's first keyless technologies that enables guests to check in remotely and unlock their hotel doors with their mobile phones.

InterContinental Hotels Group (IHG) is one of the first companies to install the innovative MobileKey entry solution at its Holiday Inn Express® Hotel & Suites Houston - Downtown Convention Center.

"KABA's work with OpenWays provides advanced smartphone hotel checkin technology that makes it possible for guests to bypass the front desk for greater convenience and operating efficiency," said Kerry Hirschy, senior vice president of sales and marketing for KABA. "This is a perfect solution for road warriors and busy travelers looking to skip the checkin process simply by using a mobile phone to quickly gain access to their hotel room."

"The OpenWays application is designed to leverage the power of all mobile phones and provide enhanced convenience to hotel guests," said Pascal Metivier, OpenWays founder and CEO. "KABA locks are used worldwide by hotels of all types. Partnering with KABA enables us to bring OpenWays mobile solutions to the masses."

KABA was tapped by IHG to implement the smartphone system at its Holiday Inn Express® Hotel & Suites Houston - Downtown Convention Center. KABA retrofitted all property locks with the OpenWays Crypto Acoustic Credential (CAC™) upgrade module.

The OpenWays cell phone solution works in tandem with normal keycard operations and KABA locks handle both keycard and OpenWays phone access. The new access system offers freedom of choice. A guest can use his or her mobile phone and go straight to their guestroom, or go to the front desk and get a keycard. The system works with any smartphone including the iPhone 4G, Android, Nokia Symbian, Blackberrys, Windows Phone 7, and with all other cell phones.

The MobileKey application uses a Crypto Acoustic Credential and text messaging (short message service, SMS) to securely deliver a key code to the right user anywhere in the world via a unique sound pattern. Thanks to OpenWays technologies, fraudulent sound recordings are ineffective. Nearby guests are not disturbed by the acoustic unlocking code since the sound is no louder than someone speaking into a phone.

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