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### **Catawba Nation opens first phase of \$1.25 billion Catawba Two Kings Casino Resort**

**KINGS MOUNTAIN, N.C.** (May 20, 2026) – The Catawba Nation today opened the first phase of its \$1.25 billion Catawba Two Kings Casino Resort near Charlotte.

The first phase, known as the introductory casino, features 1,350 slot machines, 36 electronic table games (ETGs), 22 traditional table games, 68-seat restaurant, 18-seat bar, high-limit area, sports betting kiosks and player rewards desk. It is replacing the highly successful temporary casino that opened in July 2021 and represents the first portion of the new overall development to open.

As the doors to the introductory casino opened at 10 a.m., hundreds of excited patrons streamed into the new space, which features elegant casino décor and high ceilings – a marked enhancement from the environment of the temporary casino, which was housed in an adjacent series of prefabricated container structures and limited to an enclosed food truck and café counter for food and beverage options. The introductory casino houses 250 more slot machines and eight more table games than the temporary casino featured.

Prior to the opening, crews moved about 600 slot machines from the temporary casino to the introductory casino and installed about 750 new slot machines and 22 new table games in the new space on the massive development's first level. The first and second levels of parking in the new complex opened to accommodate introductory casino patrons.

The overall casino, which has a projected spring 2027 opening, will be about 2 million square feet and feature a 24-story, 385-room hotel; 4,300 slot machines; 100 table games; 11 dining outlets, including a steakhouse, Italian restaurant, marketplace with six venues, café and grab-and-go outlet; a players lounge; 11 bars, including a center bar and sports bar; and 3,500 parking spaces via the 2,700-space parking garage built under the casino complex and 800 surface parking spaces.

Work on the permanent casino resort began after a June 2024 groundbreaking ceremony. A significant construction milestone was reached on Oct. 27, 2025, with placement of the final beam atop the casino during a topping-off ceremony.

The project has already created hundreds of construction jobs. Upon completion, the casino resort will employ an estimated 2,200 local residents and citizens of the Catawba Nation and have a significant positive economic impact on Kings Mountain, Cleveland County and the state of North Carolina.

The project is being led by Catawba Nation Chief Brian Harris, the Catawba Nation Executive Committee and the Catawba Nation Gaming Authority, with Vice President Trent Troxel as its

onsite representative. Supporting the project are Delaware North as developer and consultant on gaming and hospitality, Yates-Metcon as the construction general contractor, Square One Consultants as the owner's representative, and SOSHNY Architects.

### **About Catawba Two Kings Casino**

The Catawba Nation's Catawba Two Kings Casino opened in 2021 about 35 miles west of Charlotte at 538 Kings Mountain Blvd. in Kings Mountain, N.C., just off Interstate 85 at Exit 5. The Introductory Casino on the first level features 1,350 slot machines, 36 electronic table games (ETGs), 22 traditional table games, 68-seat restaurant, 18-seat bar, sports betting kiosks and player rewards desk.

The full Catawba Two Kings Casino Resort is expected to open in spring 2027 and will feature 4,300 slot machines, 100 live table games, 11 dining outlets, 11 bars and a 24-story, 385-room hotel. It is creating hundreds of construction jobs and is expected to create 2,200 permanent jobs in the region.

The Two Kings name celebrates the Catawba Nation's history and hopeful future in their ancestral lands in North Carolina, paying tribute to the 18th century Catawba Chief King Hagler and the City of Kings Mountain. For more information visit [www.twokingscasino.com](http://www.twokingscasino.com), <https://www.facebook.com/TwoKingsCasino/>, <https://www.instagram.com/twokingscasino/> and <https://twitter.com/twokingscasino>.