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**JW MARRIOTT IHILANI RESORT & SPA EXPANDS ITS GROUP SALES TEAM WITH TWO NEW MANAGERS**

**KO OLINA, OAHU, HAWAII – May 3, 2010** – The luxurious **JW Marriott Ihilani Resort & Spa at Ko Olina** announced the addition of two group sales managers, Asha Wignarajah and Dion Kiernan, based in California and Ohio, respectively.

“Having Asha and Dion strategically positioned on the mainland is a great asset to our resort as it further enables us to conduct face-to-face meetings with target group business across the country,” said Dan Banchiu, general manager of JW Marriott Ihilani Resort & Spa. “Together, they have a combined 44 years of sales experience with great contacts and proven results.”



Based in Northern California, Wignarajah is responsible for attracting corporate meetings and incentive events to JW Marriott Ihilani Resort & Spa. Prior to joining the resort’s team, she represented 13 Marriott resorts throughout Hawaii, Mexico and the Caribbean. She also previously worked with Hawaii World/Distinguished Resorts for 14 years.

Based in Cleveland, OH, Kiernan joins the JW Marriott Ihilani Resort & Spa team with 27 years of sales experience. He most recently represented Renaissance Hotels & Resorts as National Director of Business Development and was previously the Director of Sales at Renaissance Cleveland Hotel.

The JW MARRIOTT IHILANI RESORT & SPA AT KO OLINA offers 387 guest rooms and 36 suites and is the only Hawaii resort to offer allergy-friendly PURE rooms. The award winning resort fronts the first of four lagoons on Oahu’s sunny western shore. Part of the 640-acre Ko Olina Resort & Marina and offering the island's most complete resort experience, the hotel features luxuriously appointed rooms; relaxed Hawaiian elegance; gracious, warm personalized service; secluded beaches; offering a total of 77,694 square feet of outdoor and indoor meeting space, including the newly expanded 15,600-square-foot Hokulani Ballroom; professional tennis courts; 18 holes of challenging championship play at Ko Olina Golf Club; and a variety of restaurants showcasing unique and distinctive international cuisine. The world-class Ihilani Spa, voted one of the “Top Spas in the World” by readers of Conde Nast Traveler and Travel & Leisure magazines, is internationally renowned for its full complement of invigorating body treatments and massages, using products harvested from the honua (earth) and the moana (ocean) here in the islands. The resort recently ranked as one of the “Top 100 Golf Resorts” by Conde Nast Traveler and is



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heralded as the "Best of the Best Romantic Locale" in the islands by readers of The Honolulu Advertiser. The resort and its signature Azul restaurant have also been honored with AAA's Four Diamond award.

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