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NEW DIRECTOR OF EVENT MANAGEMENT FOR JW MARRIOTT IHILANI RESORT & SPA

KO OLINA, OAHU, HAWAII – May 27, 2010 – The luxurious [JW Marriott Ihilani Resort & Spa at Ko Olina](#) announced Geri Marino as its new Director of Event Management.

“Geri is a great addition to lead our events and banquet team,” said Dan Banchiu, general manager of JW Marriott Ihilani Resort & Spa. “She brings with her more than 20 years of hospitality experience, including 14 years in Hawaii, which will result in excellent customer service for our guests and clients.”



Prior to joining JW Marriott Ihilani Resort & Spa, Marino worked at the Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa for nearly 9 years, where she served as both Director of Event Planning and Senior Event Manager. She began her career with Marriott as a server in Omaha in 1987 and then worked at Marriott’s Desert Springs Resort & Spa in Palm Desert, CA as a Restaurant Manager, Food & Beverage Supervisor and Convention Services Manager. She moved to Hawaii in 1996, working as a Beverage Manager, Restaurant Manager and then Catering/Event Manager at Maui Marriott Resort & Ocean Club in Kaanapali.

Marino attended the University of Nebraska and received a bachelor of arts degree in business administration from Bellevue University.

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 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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Editor's Note: JPGs of Geri Marino and JW Marriott Ihilani Resort & Spa are available upon request.

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