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New Guest Experience Planned for 2011 at JW Marriott Ihilani Resort & Spa

Room and Suite Enhancements Include New Furnishings and Design

Ko Olina, Oahu, HI (October 26, 2010) – As one of Hawaii’s premier oceanfront resorts for leisure travelers, group meetings and weddings, the luxurious [JW Marriott Ihilani Resort & Spa at Ko Olina](#) is refining all 387 guest rooms and suites, scheduled to be completed in early 2011.

“After a year and a half of planning with our owners and the renowned firm of WATG (Wimberly Allison Tong & Goo), we feel this is the right time to upgrade our rooms,” said General Manager Dan Banchiu. “This renovation will elevate our room product, offering guests contemporary and fresh accommodations while still maintaining the distinguished sense of place, gracious hospitality and distinctive amenities that we are known for.”



The features and amenities depicted in this image are proposed and subject to change.

Exciting new features will include:

- A fresh clean palette of sea blue and sand colors, inspired by the Pacific Ocean
- Custom designed furnishings such as an illuminated wooden headboard framing the bed, L-shaped wooden desk and cushioned lounge chairs on the *lanai* (balcony)
- Finely crafted authentic fabrics featuring traditional Hawaiian *kapa* patterns
- Sophisticated artwork displaying framed Hawaiian feather lei that will adorn the walls to evoke a luxurious, tropical feel
- 42-inch flat-screen LCD television with a technology jack pack to connect and recharge iPods, iPhones, iPads or other devices
- New mirrors and fixtures in the oversized bathrooms

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With the room renovation being conducted in phases, the oceanfront resort continues to service guests. “Since we are making modifications to only the rooms, those staying with us through the end of the year will have little disturbances,” explained Banchiu.

The room renovation is the second half of a larger resort refreshment project for JW Marriott Ihilani Resort & Spa, which opened in 1993 as the first hotel in West Oahu’s Ko Olina Resort destination. The world-renowned [Ihilani Spa](#) has been undergoing a complete transformation, scheduled for completion in November 2010. Highlights of the improved full-service destination spa will include a new overall spa design, couple’s treatment room, 24-hour fitness center and the *Ho‘onanea* private suite, designed for the exclusive use of wedding parties, girls’ or guys’ getaways and other small group retreats.

For more information and a sneak peak at the room enhancements, visit the “Video” section under “About Us” on www.ihilani.com.

About JW Marriott Ihilani Resort & Spa

The luxurious JW Marriott Ihilani Resort & Spa at Ko Olina offers 387 spacious guest rooms including 36 suites, which are being completely transformed to feature a residential resort look-and-feel and upgraded amenities including a 42-inch flat screen LCD TV. The AAA Four Diamond award winning resort fronts the first of four lagoons in the 640-acre Ko Olina Resort & Marina, offering the island’s most complete resort experience with a relaxed Hawaiian elegance and gracious, warm personalized service. The resort is ideal for meetings and weddings with a total of 77,694 square feet of outdoor and indoor meeting space, including the newly expanded 15,600-square-foot Hokulani Ballroom. Resort activities include 18 holes of championship play at Ko Olina Golf Club, tennis courts with ocean views and a variety of restaurants showcasing unique and distinctive island cuisine, including the AAA Four Diamond award winning Azul restaurant. The world-class Ihilani Spa, voted one of the “Top Spas in the World” by readers of *Conde Nast Traveler* and *Travel + Leisure* magazines, has been completely redesigned with a new layout, couple’s treatment room, the brand new *Ho‘onanea* suite for private events, and a 24-hour fitness center. Ihilani Spa 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 15 Hawaii Golf Resorts” by *Conde Nast Traveler*, one of the “World’s Best Hawaii Resorts” by *Travel + Leisure*, and number one in the *Honolulu Star-Advertiser*’s “Best of the Best Hotel & Resort” poll voted by island readers.

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