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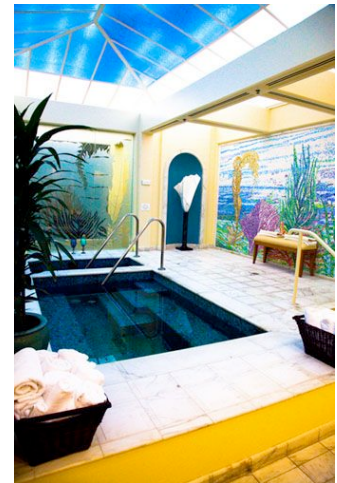
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Experience a Renewal of the Body, Mind and Soul at the Refreshed Ihilani Spa

Improved Spa Features New Overall Design, Private Suite and Fitness Center

Ko Olina, Oahu, HI (January 26, 2011) – As the luxurious [JW Marriott Ihilani Resort & Spa at Ko Olina](#) repositions itself as a premier health and wellness resort on Oahu’s sunny Leeward coast, the world-renowned [Ihilani Spa](#) has completed a grand transformation that has totally reinvigorated the 35,000-square foot, full-service destination spa.

“With hydro therapies like that of our signature Thalasso Treatment, the focus of Ihilani Spa has always been ‘*Healing by the Sea*,’” said Robin Desha, director of Ihilani Spa. “Now with our upgrades, we are able to redefine and provide a relaxing experience to our guests in a polished, refreshed environment.”



The improvements include:

- Redesigned spa featuring a larger ladies’ lounge, including a new zen garden and meditation area
- New couple’s treatment room
- *Ho'onanea*, a new private suite featuring customizable services for the exclusive use of groups, such as a bridal party for pre-wedding treatments, girls’ or guys’ getaways and other special events
- New fitness center with state-of-the-art equipment and free 24-hour access for hotel guests
- New salon area for manicures, pedicures and hair styling
- Refreshed sense of arrival in the reception area

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"We are very excited about the renewed Ihilani Spa," said Dan Banchiu, general manager of JW Marriott Ihilani Resort & Spa. "The improvements have elevated the spa to meet the expectations of our discerning guests who want to not only relax and rejuvenate but also be uplifted."

To promote health and wellness, the fitness center was relocated from the 3rd to the 6th floor above the spa near the tennis courts, providing hotel guests with 24-hour access. Ihilani Spa will also begin implementing the creation of customizable fitness and nutrition programs for individuals and groups.

"Our guests are looking to re-invest in themselves for a better quality of life," explained Desha. "Along with having a refreshed spa, we are also looking to provide programs that will help our visitors keep a healthy routine or start one while they're on vacation," she added.

The redesign of the Ihilani Spa has been part of the resort's refresh project to guest rooms and suites, which is being conducted in phases and scheduled for completion in early 2011.

To make reservations or speak with a spa specialist, please contact Ihilani Spa at 808-679-3321 or visit www.ihilanispa.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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