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JW Marriott Ihilani Resort & Spa Sweetens Up Boardroom Meetings

Luxury Ko Olina Resort Adds Island Flavors to the Meetings Mix

Ko Olina, Oahu, HI (August 3, 2011) – Boardroom meetings may be conducive to closing business deals, but they don't have to be unexciting or unimaginative. That's why the luxury [JW Marriott Ihilani Resort & Spa at Ko Olina](#) is spicing up the tone and mood for boardroom coffee breaks with creative menu options at the oceanfront Hawaiian resort.

"Our island culture has inspired us to create a local Hawaiian menu of snacks and treats for boardroom breaks," said Dan Banchiu, general manager at JW Marriott Ihilani Resort & Spa. "Our special events team takes particular pride in planning a meeting that's uniquely yours at this world-class meetings destination."

Likely to spur resourceful thinking and productive negotiations, the special events team has an array of "ono-licious" (delicious) local selections for boardroom attendees:

- Hurricane popcorn mix – popcorn flavored with a combination of *nori* (dried Japanese seaweed) and *arare* (Japanese rice crackers)
- Assortment of mini *musubi* (rice patties wrapped in *nori*)
- Li hing-flavored gummy bears
- Waiialua soda pop
- Boiled peanuts
- Pineapple scones
- Maui chips
- Macadamia nut shortbread cookies
- Mango won ton

Other choices can be made from the resort's traditional banquet menus serving breakfast, lunch and snacks, including an assortment of hot and cold beverage refreshments.

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At JW Marriott Ihilani Resort & Spa, the oceanfront resort is the ultimate setting for intimate size boardroom meetings. Its ideal venue is surpassed only by the impeccable professional service that's provided in order for groups to conduct business with pleasure.

The Boardrooms

The Navigation Boardrooms are designed with an air of distinction and offer all the amenities and conveniences you need to conduct an executive meeting in complete comfort and privacy. The elegant Thompson Boardroom offers conference seating for up to 22, while the Mariposa Boardroom seats up to 12. For general meetings and conferences, the Matsonia Room provides banquet seating for up to 24, and conference seating for up to 18. In addition, guests can access the fully-equipped business center, with available secretarial services.

Thompson Boardroom

- Square Feet: 897
- Length & Width: 39' X 23'
- Ceiling Height: 10'
- Entrance Width: 6'
- Conference Seating: 22

Matsonia

- Square Feet: 461
- Length & Width: 21' X 19'
- Ceiling Height: 10'
- Entrance Width: 6'
- Banquet Seating: 24
- Classroom Seating: 18
- Theatre Seating: 30
- Reception Seating: 30
- Conference Seating: 18

Mariposa Board Room

- Square Feet: 461
- Length & Width: 21' X 19'
- Ceiling Height: 10'
- Entrance Width: 6'
- Conference Seating: 12

With over 28,000-square-feet of meeting and function space including the 15,000-square-foot Hokulani Ballroom, JW Marriott Ihilani Resort & Spa also offers an extraordinary venue for group meetings. The special events team is available to create a unique Four-Diamond experience to complement any meeting or event. From providing atmospheric décor/design and entertainment, to coordinating off-site events at the neighboring Lanikuhoua estate, recreational activities, teambuilding and spouse/children programs, JW Marriott Ihilani Resort & Spa is exceptional in its consistent quality service and offerings.

For more information on meetings, visit the [meetings section of ihilani.com](http://meetings.section.of.ihilani.com).

Editors Note: JPGs of JW Marriott Ihilani Resort & Spa is available.

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 have been 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.

About JW Marriott

JW Marriott is part of Marriott International's luxury portfolio and consists of beautiful properties in gateway cities and distinctive resort locations around the world. These elegant hotels cater to today's sophisticated, self-assured travelers, offering them the quiet luxury they seek in a warmly authentic, relaxed atmosphere lacking in pretense. JW Marriott properties artfully provide highly crafted, anticipatory experiences that are reflective of their locale so that their guests have the time to focus on what is most important to them. Currently, there are 54 JW Marriott hotels in 23 countries; by 2014 the portfolio will encompass 76 properties in 28 countries.

About Marriott International

MARRIOTT INTERNATIONAL, INC. (NYSE:MAR) is a leading lodging company with more than 3,600 lodging properties in 71 countries and territories. Marriott International operates and franchises hotels under the Marriott, JW Marriott, The Ritz-Carlton, EDITION, Autograph Collection, Renaissance, AC Hotels by Marriott, Residence Inn, Courtyard, TownePlace Suites, Fairfield Inn & Suites, SpringHill Suites and Bulgari brand names; develops and operates vacation ownership resorts under the Marriott Vacation Club, The Ritz-Carlton Destination Club, and Grand Residences by Marriott brands; licenses and manages whole-ownership residential brands, including The Ritz-Carlton Residences, JW Marriott Residences and Marriott Residences; operates Marriott Executive Apartments; provides furnished corporate housing through its Marriott ExecuStay division; and operates conference centers. The company is headquartered in Bethesda, Maryland, USA, and had approximately 129,000 employees at 2010 year-end. It is ranked by FORTUNE as the lodging industry's most admired company and one of the best companies to work for. In fiscal year 2010, Marriott International reported sales from continuing operations of nearly \$12 billion. For more information or reservations, please visit our website at www.marriott.com, and for the latest company news, visit www.marriottnewscenter.com.

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