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JW MARRIOTT IHILANI RESORT & SPA RECEIVES AAA FOUR DIAMOND AWARD FOR LODGING

2009 Award Marks 9th Consecutive Year for West Oahu Resort

KO OLINA, OAHU, HAWAII – July 10, 2008 – For the ninth consecutive year, the luxurious **JW Marriott Ihilani Resort & Spa at Ko Olina** is the proud recipient of the prestigious 2009 AAA Four Diamond award from AAA Hawaii.

“We are honored AAA Hawaii has continued to deem our resort worthy of its esteemed Four Diamond award for lodging,” said Dan Banchiu, general manager of JW Marriott Ihilani Resort & Spa. “Combined with the 2009 AAA Four Diamond award for our Azul Restaurant, these accolades represent the quality of hospitality and service our associates provide everyday.”

“We congratulate JW Marriott Ihilani Resort & Spa on its 9th consecutive year as a AAA Four Diamond Award recipient,” said Richard Velazquez, AAA Hawaii Regional Manager. The AAA Diamond judging criteria are inspections that include at least one unannounced inspection each year. Inspectors review and rate exterior, grounds and public areas, room décor, ambiance and amenities, guest room, bathrooms, housekeeping and maintenance, management and staff and guest services. Once the inspection process is complete, properties that meet all requirements receive a rating of one to five Diamonds.

Along with the signature Azul Restaurant, the 387-room beachfront resort is renowned for the award-winning Ihilani Spa and championship Ko Olina Golf Club. JW Marriott Hotels & Resorts is Marriott International’s global luxury brand. JW Marriott hotels appeal to travelers who appreciate and value authenticity, anticipatory but unobtrusive personal service that exceeds expectations, delectable dining experiences and luxurious but unpretentious surroundings. With its extensive fitness and spa facilities, this brand is particularly favored by seasoned business travelers who want to minimize stress and maintain their personal well being on the road.

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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 on the entire 17th floor. 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; 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, as well as Editor's Pick in TravelAge West's 2006 WAVE Awards. Heralded as the "Best Luxury Hotel" and "Best Place to Get a Massage" in the islands by readers of the Honolulu Star-Bulletin, the JW Marriott Ihilani Resort & Spa is home to NFL's crème de la crème during the annual all-star Pro Bowl game in Hawaii.

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Editor's Note: Images of JW Marriott Ihilani Resort & Spa are available upon request.

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