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HAWAII ACCOMMODATIONS UPDATE

Kaua'i

- ◆ **Kaua'i Marriott Resort** on Kalapaki Beach recently completed a nine-month, \$50-million renovation that has brought improvements to all areas of the hotel. Among the highlights were a transformation of the 356 guestrooms with a timeless island elegance, a refurbishment of **Kukui's** restaurant and Aupaka Terrace lobby lounge, a newly built children's pool with a slide and water spout features, and an expanded porte cochere and improved main lobby. The 800-acre oceanfront resort also offers the island's most impressive swimming pool with five saunas, as well as a Jack Nicklaus signature golf experience at the **Kauai Lagoons Golf Club**. For information, visit KauaiMarriott.com.
- ◆ The **Grand Hyatt Kauai Resort and Spa** has finished its first phase of guestroom renovations inspired by the ambiance of the island, featuring new mahogany furniture, with marble entryways, and upgraded bathrooms that have marble counter tops, double sinks, and rain-style showers. The remaining room renovations will be completed in April 2011. The **Poipu Bay Golf Course** also recently installed new greens using Seashore Paspalum, an eco-friendly grass requiring less fertilizer, less water, and decreased use of herbicides, while providing a more consistent and faster putting surface. For more information, visit Kauai.Hyatt.com.

O'ahu

- ◆ **Sheraton Waikiki** opened the **Leahi Club Lounge**, Hawai'i's first Sheraton Club Lounge, on January 21. The opening marks the completion of the final phase of a comprehensive \$188-million renovation to the 1,636-room resort on Waikiki Beach. Leahi Club Lounge was constructed at a cost of \$1 million as part of a brand-wide Sheraton initiative to add a signature lounge experience to its properties nationwide. Located on the 30th floor, Leahi offers panoramic views of world famous Waikiki beach and the Waikiki skyline. The new lounge was named after the original Hawaiian name for Diamond Head Crater and offers the finest views of the historic landmark from anywhere in Waikiki. Lounge amenities include concierge staff services, complimentary newspapers and magazines, delicious island-style continental and hot breakfast offerings from 6-10 a.m., and daily special Hawaiian-style hors d'oeuvres and cocktail offerings from 4-8 p.m. For more information, visit Sheraton-Waikiki.com.

- ◆ Since opening in October 2010, **The Waikiki EDITION** has become one of Waikiki's hotspots. Featured attractions are **Morimoto Waikiki**, the new restaurant by world-renowned Iron Chef Masaharu Morimoto, an exclusive nightclub **Crazybox**, and various bars and lounges, including the Private Sunset Beach. Additional guest amenities include a full-service spa and fitness center, individually designed Surf and Bikini Boot Camps for physical fitness enthusiasts, an outdoor movie theater, and a retail shop. This is the first of **EDITION Hotels'** international chain of luxurious boutique properties being introduced by Ian Schrager and Marriott International. For more information, visit EditionHotels.com or MarriottNewsCenter.com.
- ◆ **Aulani, A Disney Resort & Spa** is on schedule to open the first phase of its brand new resort in August 2011. Drawing its inspiration from traditional Hawaiian values and culture, this premier oceanfront resort being built at Ko Olina Resort will offer an enchanting village concept layout that incorporates guestrooms and Disney Vacation Club Villas, two restaurants, beautiful lawn for weddings, conference center, spa, and variety of swimming facilities spread out across its 21 acres. For more information, visit DisneyAulani.com.
- ◆ The luxurious **JW Marriott Ihilani Resort & Spa** at Ko Olina recently completed a refinement of all 387 guestrooms and suites for the enjoyment of leisure travelers, group meetings and weddings in this spectacular oceanfront setting. Room enhancements include a fresh clean palette of sea blue and sand colors, inspired by the Pacific Ocean, custom-designed furnishings, finely crafted authentic fabrics featuring traditional Hawaiian kapa patterns, sophisticated artwork displaying framed Hawaiian feather lei to adorn the walls, a 42-inch flat-screen LCD television with a technology jack pack to connect and recharge iPods, iPhones, iPads, and other devices. **Ihilani Spa** has also undergone a transformation that has totally reinvigorated the 35,000-square-foot, full-service destination spa. The improvements include a redesigned spa layout that offers a larger ladies' lounge featuring a zen garden and meditation area, new couple's treatment room, new fitness center with state-of-the-art equipment and free 24-hour access for hotel guests, and new salon area for manicures, pedicures and hair styling. Meeting groups will appreciate *Ho'onanea*, the new private suite featuring customizable services for their participants. For more information, visit Ihilani.com.
- ◆ **Aqua Hotels & Resorts** recently added the **Queen Kapi'olani Hotel** to its Waikiki portfolio. Built in 1969, Queen Kapi'olani Hotel recently completed a \$5 million restoration project. Upgrades include new carpeting and paint in the 'Akala Ballroom, Peacock Room and Queen's Room, and new flooring and wallpaper in the Grand Foyer and Kūlana Terrace Restaurant & Bar. For more information, visit QueenKapiolani.com.
- ◆ The guestrooms at the **Hawaii Prince Hotel Waikiki** are receiving a multi-million dollar makeover in 2011 that includes new flat-screen TVs, contemporary desk and dresser furnishings, all-new bed décor, contemporary lighting, and carpeting. For more information, visit PrinceResortsHawaii.com.

- ◆ The 203-room **Ilikai Hotel & Suites** has made several property improvements including the addition of an 40-inch LCD TV in all guestrooms, new carpet in all guestroom corridors, refurbished guest elevators, the opening of Mt. Ka'ala Coffee shop, refurbished Sarentos restaurant, and new pool and courtyard furniture. For more information, visit IlikaiHotel.com.
- ◆ Guests can sink their teeth into the fresh and savory fare at the brand new **Protea Café** inside the **Outrigger Luana Waikiki**. Serving up breakfast, lunch and dinner, the boutique café offers worldwide cuisine from morning acai bowls and gourmet egg dishes to salads, sandwiches, pizzas and pasta dishes. For more information, visit OutriggerLuanaWaikiki.com.

Maui/Moloka'i/Lāna'i

- ◆ In December 2010, **Hyatt Regency Maui Resort and Spa** unveiled a \$15-million renovation featuring updated guestrooms and a new dining venue, **Japengo**, offering Asian-fusion cuisine. The new restaurant design represents a modern interpretation of a Japanese fishing village, with narrow alleyways and quirky level changes leading guests to the Moon Bar, Sushi Lounge and outdoor dining area overlooking the ocean. Diners can choose to relax in the open-air garden Moon Bar, watch as sushi chefs prepare specialty rolls in the Sushi Lounge, or lounge on the outdoor deck to enjoy panoramic ocean views with Moloka'i and Lāna'i in the backdrop. The new guestrooms offer a sophisticated, contemporary Hawaiian design inspired by the beauty of the resort's natural surroundings, from the clear blue Pacific Ocean to the red clay soil and deep green plantations. For more information, visit Maui.Hyatt.com.
- ◆ All guestrooms at **The Fairmont Kea Lani** on Maui have been upgraded as part of a \$16-million resort-wide renovation project that includes attractive new furniture, top-of-the-line amenities, luxurious linens, and HD flat screen TVs. The two- and three-bedroom villas also received a complete kitchen enhancement with all new stainless steel appliances, wooden cabinets, stone countertops, and a redesigned dining area with banquettes. For more information, visit Fairmont.com/KeaLani.
- ◆ The **Aston Kaanapali Shores** recently completed a \$14-million renovation to all studios and one- and two-bedroom suites, which includes a refreshed look to the kitchens and remodeled bathrooms. Other property improvements include resurfaced tennis courts and a new shuffleboard deck. The beachfront property offers two meeting rooms with a total of 600 sq. feet ideal for small meetings and private gatherings. For more information, visit AstonHotels.com.
- ◆ **Aston Maui Kaanapali Villas** has completed \$1.6-million in improvements to the resort's lobby to include a new function area with a garden courtyard. The beachfront condominium resort has also expanded its amenities to offer a new meeting room to host gatherings of up to 100 attendees. For more information, visit AstonHotels.com.

Hawai'i Island

- ◆ All rooms and hallways at **The Fairmont Orchid** have been enhanced with new linens, carpeting, draperies, and artwork to reflect a contemporary Hawaiian feel. All the restaurants and deli have new furniture and menus. **Norio's Japanese Restaurant & Sushi Bar** has a larger sushi bar, and **Brown's Beach House** features a presentation kitchen. The **Orchid Court** breakfast restaurant and **Brown's Deli** now feature locally grown products and sustainable seafood. The fully renovated **Luana Lounge** (formerly Polo Bar) features local art, furnishings and Hawaiian wood throughout. Just completed is the enlarged **Hale Kai Restaurant** where guests dine under palapa umbrellas with their toes in the sand. Landscaping makeovers have enhanced several waterfall gardens and koi ponds, adding more shade to the 20,000-square-foot oceanside pool deck. Projects underway include refurbishment of the Fairmont Gold lounge, new washrooms at Brown's Beach House, new furnishings and accessories in the suites, and new equipment for the fitness room. Suites and "run-of-ocean" guestrooms will receive 42-inch flat-screen TVs, and credenzas with media hub and coffee service. For more information, visit Fairmont.com/Orchid.
- ◆ **King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel** recently completed a \$35-million transformation of its 454 guestrooms and public areas. Guestroom improvements include new Hawaiian-inspired furnishings with chairs upholstered in Kona coffee bean print, and wall coverings in the hues of Hawai'i's rainforest. The bathrooms have been completely upgraded with new fixtures and are stocked with Bath and Body Works products. Also enhancing the guest experience is a new infinity pool overlooking Kamakahonu Bay and Kailua Village's only white sand beach. Guests will also enjoy the new retail shops and new lobby area. One hundred new parking stalls have also been added. For more information, visit KonaBeachHotel.com.

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