



MORIMOTO ASIA WAIKIKI AND MOMOSAN WAIKIKI OFFER TWO DISTINCT DINING OPTIONS INSIDE THE ALL-NEW ALOHILANI RESORT WAIKIKI BEACH

Iron Chef Masaharu Morimoto brings two of his newest concepts to the island of O'ahu and Hawaii's Hottest New Hotel

New York (Oct. 10, 2017) – Iron Chef Masaharu Morimoto, a Japanese master chef known for his innovative and signature style of cuisine, will open two restaurants at the all-new Alohilani Resort Waikiki Beach that will officially debut in December 2017. Morimoto Asia Waikiki is set to open this winter while Momosan Waikiki is targeting a 2018 opening.

“I look forward to having Morimoto Asia Waikiki and Momosan Waikiki at Alohilani Resort Waikiki Beach, especially since the island of Oahu is a very special place to me,” said Chef Morimoto. “The stunning views of the beach and water combined with the two distinct dining options that we will offer provide true culinary destination experiences.”

Morimoto Asia Waikiki, the resort's signature restaurant, will showcase Chef Morimoto's unique take on Pan-Asian cuisine. The dinner-only menu will feature a variety of flavors representing China, Korea, Japan, Thailand and other regions of Asia, all with Morimoto's creative touch. Signature dishes that present Chef's spin on his favorite Asian flavors will include Peking duck, sticky ribs, lo mein, Korean kalbi, dim sum and traditional wok fry dishes such as kung pao chicken and Thai lobster chow fun. Located on the second floor of the resort, Morimoto Asia Waikiki will bring an interactive culinary experience to Waikiki Beach, courtesy of a glass-encased exhibition kitchen that will offer a behind-the-scenes glimpse into culinary preparations and traditions, and outdoor lanais with views of the world famous beaches and sunsets of Waikiki. The restaurant will be Chef Morimoto's second Morimoto Asia location as the first opened in 2015 as the flagship restaurant of the re-imagined Disney Springs at Walt Disney World Resort.

For a fun and casual breakfast, lunch and dinner experience at street level with indoor and outdoor dining options, guests can experience Momosan Waikiki, Chef Morimoto's ramen and yakitori concept. At Momosan Waikiki, noodles are front and center with an array of

flavor-forward ramen varieties to choose from, including tonkotsu ramen, Tokyo chicken ramen, tantan and tsukemen. The restaurant will also serve playful small plates and signature appetizers including tetsunabe pork gyoza, crispy mimiga (Japanese fried pig ears), buta kimchi and Chef Morimoto's signature take on garlic shrimp; innovative salads and classic izakaya style rice dishes; and yakitori including salmon and duck. The menu will showcase 20 sake options, six of which are Morimoto signature sake, red and white wines, draught and bottled beer including Japanese-style lager, three Morimoto signature beers in collaboration with Rouge Ales, and a rotating local Hawaiian brew. This will be Chef Morimoto's second Momosan location, with the first location opened in New York City in 2016.

The product of a \$115 million, head-to-toe transformation of the Pacific Beach Hotel, the all-new Alohilani Resort Waikiki Beach will officially debut in December 2017 as Hawaii's sophisticated modern resort destination in the heart of Waikiki. The resort will feature striking "aloha chic" design from acclaimed New York design and architecture firm Rockwell Group across all 839 guest rooms and suites, a soaring lobby with a 280,000-gallon saltwater oceanarium, five new culinary concepts, a see-and-be-seen destination pool deck, a world-class fitness center, intimate spa, movement studio and more. Residing on land held by the Queen Lili'uokalani Trust, the resort's new name of Alohilani – Hawaiian for "the heavenly brightness" – was carefully chosen to honor Hawaii's beloved last reigning monarch.

For more information on Chef Morimoto, visit www.ironchefmorimoto.com. For more information on the debut of Alohilani Resort Waikiki Beach please visit www.alohilaniresort.com or call 808-921-6196.

About Chef Masaharu Morimoto:

Chef Masaharu Morimoto—known to millions as the star of *Iron Chef* and *Iron Chef America*—has garnered critical and popular acclaim for his seamless integration of Western and Japanese ingredients. In 2001, Morimoto opened his first restaurant in Philadelphia, which was later followed by restaurants in New York, Napa, Honolulu, Boca Raton, Mumbai, New Delhi, Mexico City, Tokyo and Maui. Morimoto Asia Disney Springs, Orlando, opened in 2015 followed by Momosan Ramen and Sake NYC this spring 2016. Since 1998, Morimoto has competed on the Japanese television show, *Iron Chef* and also appears on the Food Network's *Iron Chef America*. His first cookbook, *Morimoto: The New Art of Japanese Cooking*, won two IACP awards--in the "Chef's and Restaurants" category and the "First Book: The Julia Child Award"--and it was nominated for a James Beard Foundation Award. His second cookbook, *Mastering The Art of Japanese Cooking*, introduces readers to the healthy, flavorful, surprisingly simple dishes favored by Japanese home cooks. For more information about Masaharu Morimoto, visit [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or www.ironchefmorimoto.com.

About Alohilani Resort Waikiki Beach

Located on the coveted and bustling Kalakaua Avenue, Alohilani Resort Waikiki Beach will open in December 2017 as a modern and tranquil oasis in the heart of Waikiki that pays homage to Queen Lili'uokalani and Hawaii's rich cultural heritage. The \$115 million

redevelopment of the Pacific Beach Hotel, which first opened in 1969, spans the entire property from the exterior facade to all public spaces and 839 guest rooms and suites. Acclaimed architecture and design firm Rockwell Group, which designed the resort's lobby, restaurant, amenities, pool deck, guestrooms and suites; and architectural firms WATG and Pacific Asia Design Group were enlisted to create a modern, refined Waikiki Beach retreat with authentic design touches inspired by Oahu's lush landscape, rich culture and heritage. Alohilani Resort Waikiki Beach is managed by [Highgate](#), a premier real estate investment and hospitality management company, and is a member of the Preferred Hotels & Resorts Lifestyle Collection. For more information on the debut of Alohilani Resort Waikiki Beach please visit alohilaniresort.com, call 808-921-6196, or visit the resort's social media channels on Instagram, Twitter, Facebook and Pinterest at @alohilaniresort.

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