

## THE PINEAPPLE GRILL'S OPENING BRINGS NEW CULINARY MAGIC TO KAPALUA

KAPALUA, Maui, Hawaii – Since opening, The Pineapple Grill at Kapalua Resort immediately takes its place in the pantheon of Maui's best fine-dining restaurants. Its menu, innovative in every detail, offers a next-generation approach to the evolving art of Pacific Island Cuisine. Its theatrical décor sets a mood of elegance, Maui-style – upscale, but casual and fun – while taking full advantage of a gorgeous location on the Bay Golf Course overlooking the sea. The menu and wine list are deliberately chosen to provide affordable options and to dispel any mood of exclusivity.

The partnership behind this Pineapple Grill phenomenon has formed a perfect blend of local know-how, proven professionalism, and culinary creativity. Chris Kaiwi, vice president and managing partner, has served as managing partner for The Plantation House at Kapalua since 1991. Prior to that, he was assistant general manager of the popular TS' Kapalua Grill & Bar. Born in Kailua, O'ahu, and trained in the highly successful practices of both the Chart House Restaurants and TS Restaurants, Kaiwi has brought together a first-rate team of Maui food-service professionals.

David Cohn is president of the San Diego-based Cohn Restaurant Group, an eclectic family of nine award-winning California restaurants that includes The Prado at Balboa Park. He provides the Pineapple Grill, his first project in Hawai'i, with the means and administrative backing to push for excellence.

**Chef Ryan Luckey, executive chef, is Sticking almost exclusively to Maui-grown or Hawai'i-grown ingredients, he works tirelessly to perfect his ideas before sharing them with the dining public.**

The new restaurant's design is both theatrical and cozy, dominated by its panoramic vantage on Pineapple Hill in Kapalua. As guests enter, they pass between the exhibition kitchen and a huge, black-marble bar with plasma-screen TVs. The dining area is subdivided into a diversity of themed mini-rooms that give great flexibility of choice – from small-table intimacy to large-group banquets, from private-party areas inside and out to the spacious lanai overlooking lush golf greens and the West Maui sea channel. The glassed wine room offers a global selection of wines picked for food-friendliness and a wide range of prices.

Says Chris Kaiwi: "I want people to come back to this location and experience the excitement of the old Grill & Bar that was run by TS Restaurants. It was a very popular place. Our culinary direction and efforts will be to promote local

products particularly from Maui and to create a restaurant and bar that the community will look forward to visiting again and again.”

The Pineapple Grill at Kapalua Resort, casual but elegant, is introducing the next generation in Maui-style Pacific Island cuisine. The island’s newest fine-dining experience is located at The Bay Golf Course Clubhouse at Kapalua and conveniently close to the resort’s tennis club. The Pineapple Grill is now open daily for lunch, and dinner. For reservations, call (808) 669-9600 or for more information visit [www.pineapplekapalua.com](http://www.pineapplekapalua.com).

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