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CAROLYN PORTUONDO APPOINTED EXECUTIVE PASTRY CHEF AT THE ROYAL HAWAIIAN, A LUXURY COLLECTION RESORT

HAWAII, HONOLULU, WAIKIKI – Renowned cake designer Carolyn Portuondo is the latest addition to the culinary leadership dream team at The Royal Hawaiian, a Luxury Collection Resort. Portuondo has been promoted to executive pastry chef as announced by Executive Chef Colin Hazama.

Portuondo joined Starwood in 2014 as a pastry chef with more than 11 years of patisserie experience. Prior to that, she owned her own retail bakery in Las Vegas for more than five years. Her work experience also includes pastry chef stints at the Venetian Resort & Casino in Las Vegas and Alan Wong’s Restaurant in Honolulu.

Portuondo has an extensive list of accomplishments that include her then bakery being voted “Top Wedding Cake Bakery Las Vegas” in Brides Magazine as well as “Best of Weddings” in The Knot Magazine. She has been featured in People Magazine, Hawaii Weddings and Honolulu Star-Advertiser for her exquisite pastry skills.

Portuondo holds a Bachelor of Science degree in both chemistry and biochemistry from the University of Northern Colorado. She also attended the Culinary Institute of America where she

earned her Certificate in Baking and Pastry. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her children, running and shopping.

“We have seen Carolyn’s impressive creations surprise and delight guests time and time again. We look forward to having her leadership in growing our Bake Shop” says Executive Chef Colin Hazama.

The Royal Hawaiian, a Luxury Collection Resort is already known for its exceptional baked goods such as its banana bread, banana bread muffins and The Royal’s signature pink haupia cake.

The resort also has plans of opening a bakery later this year.

About The Royal Hawaiian, a Luxury Collection Resort

Opened in 1927 and affectionately called the “Pink Palace of the Pacific,” The Royal Hawaiian, a Luxury Collection Resort is a haven of luxury. Modern yet indigenous, the resort offers unprecedented amenities, unrivaled accommodations and exclusive services – all designed to provide the ultimate global trendsetter with a unique luxury experience. From first class accommodations to world-class dining the 528-room resort is guaranteed to charm. Award-winning Azure Restaurant and Mai Tai Bar, Waikiki’s only beachfront luau Aha Aina, a Royal Hawaiian Luau, and private beach area decorated with pink-hued umbrellas to match the resort’s signature color. In April 2015, the “Pink Palace of the Pacific” welcomes the newly transformed Mailani Tower, embodying the allure of Hawai’i’s spirit and the essence of indulgent escape.

About The Luxury Collection Hotels & Resorts

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About Starwood Hotels & Resorts in Waikiki

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About Kyo-ya Hotels & Resort, LP and Kyo-ya Kaiulani, LLC

As one of Hawaii’s largest employers, with more than 4,500 hotel associates in its workforce, Kyo-ya has a long history in Hawaii dating back to 1961. The company is the steward of six hotel and resort properties in Hawaii and California, including historical treasures: Moana Surfrider, A Westin Resort & Spa; The Royal Hawaiian, A Luxury Collection Resort and The Palace Hotel, A Luxury Collection Hotel in San Francisco; as well as the Sheraton Waikiki, Sheraton Princess Kaiulani and Sheraton Maui Resort & Spa. The company recently completed extensive renovations and upgrades, investing more than \$300 million in its Waikiki properties alone, and plans to continue its investment to ensure Waikiki maintains its reputation as a world-class destination.

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