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THE ROYAL HAWAIIAN, A LUXURY COLLECTION RESORT MARKS 90 YEARS WITH GRAND OPENING OF ROYAL HAWAIIAN BAKERY

HAWAII, HONOLULU, WAIKIKI – [The Royal Hawaiian, a Luxury Collection Resort](#) is marking another milestone in its extraordinary legacy with the opening of The Royal Hawaiian Bakery on February 1, the hotel's 90th anniversary. With the Bakery debut, The Royal Hawaiian becomes the only hotel on the island to feature its own stand-alone bakery.

The Royal Hawaiian Bakery is a one-stop confectionary located on the resort's Coconut Lanai offering everything from The Royal Hawaiian's famous banana bread and classic freshly baked desserts to custom-created cakes by Executive Pastry Chef Carolyn Portuondo, Pastry Chef Quirino Domingo and the entire Royal Hawaiian patisserie team.

The Royal Hawaiian Bakery, open daily from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., also offers a range of artisan baked goods such as croissants, danishes, Big Island honey macadamia nut sticky buns, Royal monkey bread, Koloa pineapple-roasted coffee cake, Hawaiian vanilla custard brioche braids,

assorted macarons, cinnamon Kouign-amann, haupia cream brioche, Royal Hawaiian signature pink snowballs, limited-edition coffee blends and gifts. In celebration of the resort's 90th anniversary in 2017, The Royal Hawaiian Bakery is offering special commemorative tins for purchase so that guests can take home with them sweet memories of the resort. The special tin is also a featured amenity in The [Royal Hawaiian's 90th Anniversary](#) room package, which gives guests the opportunity to fill the tins with baked goods to take home as gifts as well.

Portuondo, whose talents have been showcased nationally, joined The Royal Hawaiian in 2014 bringing more than 11 years of patisserie experience. Prior to that, she owned her own retail bakery in Las Vegas for more than five years taking her business to unprecedented acclaim, and was also featured in consecutive seasons on TLC's "Fabulous Cakes." Both Brides.com and TheKnot.com named her former Las Vegas bakery as the best in Nevada for wedding cakes. Her work experience also includes pastry chef stints at the Venetian Resort & Casino in Las Vegas and Alan Wong's Restaurant in Honolulu.

Affectionately known as the Pink Palace of the Pacific, The Royal Hawaiian has been a haven of luxury and gracious Hawaiian hospitality for generations of jetsetters since it opened on a pristine expanse of Waikiki Beach on February 1, 1927.

"The Bakery is just one of the many ways we're celebrating our 90th anniversary this year," said Cheryl Williams, general manager, The Royal Hawaiian, a Luxury Collection Resort. "During our anniversary year, we are introducing a number of exciting initiatives and programs that not only

pay homage to our past, but celebrate a new generation of guests at the Pink Palace of the Pacific.”

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 timeless 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 in the landmark Historic Wing and the magnificent Mailani Tower to world-class dining, the 528-room resort embodies the allure of Hawaii's spirit and the essence of an indulgent escape. Exceptional Epicurean Journeys can be found at award-winning Azure Restaurant, the original Mai Tai Bar, and A Royal Hawaiian Luau – Aha Aina, Waikiki's only oceanfront luau. The intimate Malulani Pool and private beach area are both complemented with pink-hued umbrellas to match the resort's signature color. On February 1, 2017, The Royal Hawaiian celebrates nine glorious decades of exceptional service along Waikiki Beach.

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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. Kyo-ya is committed to strengthening the communities where it does business by partnering with local nonprofit organizations, community establishments and community leaders who share the same vision and passion for making a difference.

About Starwood Hotels & Resorts in Waikiki

Starwood Hotels & Resorts in Waikiki, comprised of the Sheraton Waikiki, Sheraton Princess Kaiulani, The Royal Hawaiian, a Luxury Collection Resort, and Moana Surfrider, A Westin Resort & Spa, is owned by Kyo-ya Hotels & Resorts, LP and managed by Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, Inc. Between the four properties, Starwood Hotels & Resorts in Waikiki offers 4,110 rooms, ranging from comfortable affordability to the ultimate in suite luxury. In addition, the properties offer industry-leading and critically-acclaimed food and beverage offerings and one-of-a-kind resort amenities.

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