O‘AHU – The Island of O‘ahu, known as the Heart of Hawai‘i, sets the rhythm of the islands with exciting, new improvements, changes and additions on an ongoing basis. Below is a glimpse of new and dynamic updates with O‘ahu’s Hotels & Resorts, Activities & Entertainment, Restaurants, Cuisine & Chefs, Shopping, Festivals & Events and other travel related information, including airline and transportation updates.

**Hotels & Resorts**

The Island of O‘ahu has a wide range of hotels and resorts for travelers of all ages and varying budgets. O‘ahu’s hotels are refreshing by adding an array of activities and packages that are sure to make any trip to O‘ahu unforgettable.

- **A new Hyatt property opened in the former Waikiki Trade Center.** The Hyatt Centric Waikiki Beach features 230 guestrooms and suites with floor-to-ceiling window views, contemporary state-of-the-art amenities, spa-like bathrooms, an outdoor swimming pool with private cabanas and an entertainment deck, a bar and restaurant, and a fitness facility. The new Hyatt hotel anchors the renovated Waikiki Trade Center building, which includes a two-story, 34,000-square-foot Nordstrom Rack, Starbucks, Jamba Juice and branch of American Savings Bank. [HyattCentricWaikikiBeach.com](http://HyattCentricWaikikiBeach.com)

- **Turtle Bay Resort** has concluded its $52 million, multi-phased renovation with the opening of celebrated Hawai‘i Chef Roy Yamaguchi’s Roy’s Beach House last year, completion of the new upscale beach experience at Kuilima Cove, and the launch of the Vista Level service enhancements. Fronting Roy’s Beach House, the new beach experience features chaise loungers, daybeds, private cabanas, shower stations, guest information kiosks and a wooden
beach walkway. The sixth floor of the hotel has been transformed into the Vista Level, offering elevated experience enhancements including premier key-card access, dedicated concierge services, premium room amenities and special activity offerings.

TurtleBayResort.com

- **The Equus Hotel** recently completed a renovation in mid-December including an expanded lobby and a new, intimate lobby bar. In 2017, the front desk will be re-located to create a more expansive view of the charming, equestrian-themed lobby. Guests will check-in comfortably at two check-in desks. The Equus is a member of the Choice Hotels’ Ascend Hotels Collection. EquusHotel.com

- **The Surfjack Hotel & Swim Club**, “Waikīkī’s Hip New Place to Stay” according to *The New York Times*, recently launched ongoing wellness activities for its guests that crave unique and tailored experiences. On and off-site wellness activities include pilates sessions on the property’s penthouse lanai and the complimentary use of custom-built bicycles to explore Waikīkī with curated bike guides. Guests can enjoy one-of-a-kind off-site experiences like Surfjack’s ‘Aloha Aina tour of two Wai’anae farms where Mahina & Sun’s, the property’s signature restaurant, sources some of its menu offerings. Surfjack.com

- **Maile Sky Court** renovations are anticipated to be complete in early 2017. With an expanded lobby area, new restaurant and 596 rooms across 44 floors, the Maile Sky Court will be flagged as the largest Holiday Inn Express (HIE) in North America and the only HIE in the state of Hawai‘i. In addition to HIE brand standards, guests can capitalize on HIE’s amenities and free breakfast offering, making it the perfect place for groups or business trips. MaileSky.com

- **Hampton Inn & Suites Kapolei** is Hawai‘i’s first Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton, located in West O‘ahu. Managed by Aqua-Aston Hospitality, the new budget-friendly property that features 175-rooms is part of the new Ka Makana Ali‘i shopping center. HamptonInn3.Hilton.com

- For the second year in a row, **Trump International Hotel Waikiki** has been awarded the prestigious Forbes Travel Guide Five-Star Hotel Award, the only hotel on the island of O‘ahu to receive this distinction. As part of the celebration, Trump Waikiki’s Waioolu Ocean View Lounge restaurant has brought back its highly acclaimed Black Truffle Risotto to the dinner menu, a rich entree featuring mascarpone and parmesan cheese. Live
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entertainment is offered every Thursday, Friday and Saturday night along with four hour complimentary parking for non-hotel guests. TrumpHotels.com/Waikiki

- In celebration of its 40th anniversary, the Hyatt Regency Waikiki Beach Resort and Spa has launched a romantic “Suites Set Sail” package. The exclusive travel package is curated for guests seeking a romantic Hawaiian experience on land and sea. Created in partnership with Hawai‘i Yachts/Global Ocean Club, this luxury travel offering steeped in Hawaiian spirit features a variety of premium considerations including two nights in the resort’s Presidential Suite, Regency Club access, a private sunset yacht cruise featuring gourmet Hawai‘i Regional Cuisine, and round-trip private Bentley transportation to and from the resort. Waikiki.Regency.Hyatt.com

- Mid-century modern style meets vintage Hawaiian charm at The ‘Okina, Autograph Collection by Marriott. Located next to the redeveloped International Market Place, the 4-star boutique hotel will add a relaxed, hip vibe to Kūhiō Avenue. The hotel features 251 rooms and suites, a stunning pool deck and the property’s signature restaurant the Hideout. Marriott.com

- Aulani, a Disney Resort & Spa recently opened KA WA‘A, a lū’au that takes you on an exhilarating and enchanting journey through Hawaiian history. Inspired by the sacred canoe that brought the ancestors of Native Hawaiians to Hawai‘i, KA WA‘A offers an imaginative dining and entertainment experience. Guests can feast on a sumptuous, local island buffet, and enjoy lively music and traditional Hawaiian dance, including hula kahiko and modern hula ‘auana. Resorts.Disney.Go.com

- Pacific Beach Hotel has announced plans for a $115 million redevelopment that will completely transform the Waikiki property. The hotel’s exterior façade, 839 guestrooms and suites, and public areas (including its 280,000-gallon lobby aquarium) will be re-conceptualized, and a destination pool deck with two new pools will be added. Two new restaurants from celebrity chef Masaharu Morimoto will be created exclusively for the hotel. Following the transformation, the hotel will enter the market as ‘Alohilani Resort at Waikiki Beach. PacificBeachHotel.com

- O‘ahu’s beloved Hawaii Prince Hotel Waikiki and Golf Club has embarked on an extensive $55.4 million redevelopment and repositioning aimed at attracting the next generation of travelers heading to the Aloha State for leisure and business. Once completed

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in spring 2017, the property will emerge as a brand new hotel with a brand new name: Prince Waikiki. The eight-month refurbishment marks the hotel's first major remodel since its grand opening on April 20, 1990. PrinceResortsHawaii.com

- **February 2017 will mark the 90th anniversary of The Royal Hawaiian, a Luxury Collection Resort**, affectionately known as the “Pink Palace of the Pacific.” Built in 1927, the iconic Royal Hawaiian Hotel, ushered in a new era of luxurious resort travel to Hawai‘i. The anniversary will be celebrated with year-long promotions, resort packages, and a gala event to honor the legendary resort. Royal-Hawaiian.com

- From the heated pōhaku (stones) of Hawai‘i Island’s fiery volcanoes to the cool rain-beaded lā‘ī leaves of O‘ahu’s lush rainforests, discover the healing power of the Islands’ natural resources at Waikiki’s newest luxury spa oasis, The Ritz-Carlton Spa at The Ritz-Carlton Residences, Waikiki Beach. Featuring three individual treatment rooms, the newly opened 3,400 square-foot spa menu draws inspiration from traditional healing methods of the Hawaiian Islands. RitzCarlton.com/Waikiki

- **Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort** is proud to present The Ali‘i, an upscale, boutique hotel anchored in the heart of the resort. Formerly Ali‘i Tower, the village’s pinnacle of luxury has been rebranded and refreshed with upgraded amenities and exclusive experiences. Guests are treated to a private check-in lobby, a leather bracelet that gives guests access to special privileges throughout the resort, and unmatched views of the Friday night fireworks from The Ali‘i MIX Bar on the tower’s private pool terrace. HiltonHawaiianVillage.com

- **Hilton Grand Vacations Club** will soon unveil The Grand Islander, the newest vacation ownership resort in Waikiki. Providing a gateway to the world-famous Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort, The Grand Islander offers a modern island experience in the heart of Waikiki’s most celebrated resort. This 37-story tower soaring high above the area’s legendary coastline will offer relaxed elegance with Hawaiian charm. Scheduled to open in early 2017, The Grand Islander's elegantly appointed 1-, 2- and 3-bedroom suites and luxurious 2- and 3-bedroom penthouses will come complete with full kitchens, private balconies, and spacious living and dining areas. Us.TheGrandIslander.com

- **Atlantis Resorts** plans to build one of its famous ocean-themed resorts in Ko Olina, which could be one of the most expensive resorts ever. The resort will be on a 26-acre parcel of
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land on the Diamond Head side of Aulani, A Disney Resort & Spa. An expected opening date has yet to be announced.

- Hilton Garden Inn Waikiki Beach is participating in Hilton’s “Another Day in Paradise.” For a limited time, guests can book five nights and get the fifth night free, opening the way for visitors to experience the stylish and modern amenities of the largest Hilton Garden Inn in the world. HGIWaikikiBeach.com

Activities & Entertainment
The Island of O‘ahu is brimming with fun-filled activities that everyone can enjoy. Visitors to O‘ahu can explore Hawai‘i’s special culture and iconic history, or choose from a wide variety of outdoor and indoor activities that are sure to energize the spirit.

- Thanks to a new shuttle service, it is easier than ever for guests to visit one of the top museums in Hawai‘i. Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum began providing free transportation to and from the museum in November 2016. Visitors can hop aboard the Robert’s Hawaii mini bus which runs every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday between the museum and two central Waikiki locations: the Duke Kahanamoku Statue and Ilikai Hotel flagpole. BishopMuseum.com

- Award winning Kumu Hula (hula teacher) La'akea Perry and Tracie Lopes continue the legacy of their Kumu O'Brian Eselu and Thaddius Wilson at the Paradise Cove Luau. Guided by the aloha of their Kumu, a new show celebrating our wahi pana (sacred place) and stories of the cultural dances of Hawai‘i and the Pacific will be unveiled in January 2017. ParadiseCove.com

- The Hawai‘i State Art Museum will be hosting the 2017 Hawai‘i Regional Scholastic Art Awards Exhibition, featuring artwork by students from across the state of Hawai‘i from February – April 2017. The Hawai‘i Regional is sponsored by the Hawai‘i State Department of Education and the Hawai‘i State Foundation on Culture and the Arts. SFCA.Hawaii.gov

- Gourmet Events Hawaii (GEH) has introduced a new experiential team-building event: Chinatown Chase by GEH. Designed for the incentive market, participants begin at a trendy Chinatown restaurant where they learn about the Chinatown neighborhood. Then, the guests are off to a short walking tour and scavenger hunt where they have to seek out

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Add 5 and buy ingredients for a delicious lunch prepared by the restaurant. GourmetEventsHawaii.com.

- Upon sailing into theatres November 2016, Walt Disney’s newest princess, Moana, will arrive at Aulani, a Disney Resort & Spa. The animated feature film is about an adventurous teenager who, with help from demigod Māui, sails out on a canoe for a daring mission to prove herself a master wayfinder in order to save her people. Moana will join Aulani resort’s beloved Uncle and Aunty as they visit with guests and recount tales of adventure. Resorts.Disney.Go.com

- The new GoHawaii App, the state of Hawai'i’s first travel destination mobile app created by the Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA), offers valuable travel tips for each of the six major Hawaiian Islands: Kaua‘i, O'ahu, Maui, Moloka‘i, Lāna‘i, and the island of Hawai‘i. App users will discover useful information to help them enjoy Hawai‘i’s wide variety of sites, activities, special events and cultural festivals statewide. A special app feature is a collection of “Locomoji” – Hawai‘i inspired emojis that can be shared with family and friends. HawaiiTourismAuthority.org

- Pacific Historic Parks is happy to announce its new tours for 2017, which include a new USS Arizona Memorial Deluxe Tour with access to the National Park Service archives and three new Pearl Harbor Virtual Reality Tours. In addition, Pacific Historic Parks has a new 75th Pearl Harbor Anniversary Welcome Bag commissionable to travel agents. The USS Bowfin has also launched its new commissionable Deluxe Pearl Harbor Visitor Center Tour for 2017, which features two USS Arizona Memorial Narrated Tours, two admissions to the USS Bowfin Submarine Museum & Park and lunch for two on the USS Bowfin. PacificHistoricParks.org

- Pacific Historic Parks in partnership with The Department of Land & Natural Resources is happy to announce their new Diamond Head State Monument Audio Tour, available in English and Japanese. The 60 minute audio tour retails for just $3.00 per person and focuses on the history, culture, geography, flora and fauna of the destination. PacificHistoricParks.org

- The Honolulu Zoo welcomed a new attraction for keiki (children), The Explorer’s Dome. The Honolulu Zoo Society raised $75,000 to construct the dome and volunteers helped to install it. The playground is designed to allow keiki use their creativity and imagination when

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playing on the various bridges, ladders, and entanglements. One of the ideas behind the Explorer’s Dome is to help kids get up and explore outdoors. HonoluluZoo.org

• Bike Hawaii’s newest tour, the East Oahu Explorer, features exclusive access to the 600-acre Kamehame Ridge high atop the Ko‘olau summit. This is an epic end to a driving tour that they currently offer and includes a short hike along the Ko‘olau Summit. It can also be purchased as a stunning combo with their private waterfall property in Mānoa. BikeHawaii.com

• Recently opened Coral Crater Adventure Park features safe, fun-for-the-whole-family activities that include a thrilling 40-mp zip line, an off-road side-by-side ATV tilted on a banked turn, and a king swing over a steep cliff. The park features thrilling rides, exciting challenges, formidable obstacles, games, and local food. Visitors can relax at the picnic area and enjoy food and drinks while playing horseshoes and other activities, or try out the state of the art Adventure Tower and climbing wall. CoralCrater.com

Restaurants, Cuisine & Chefs

The Island of O‘ahu is known for its diverse culture, which is exhibited by the island’s assortment of foods. With wonderful choices and a vibrant array of cuisine options, there’s sure to be a restaurant for everyone.

• Pitch Sports Bar will soon be joining Kamehameha Schools’ 85,000-square-foot Salt at Our Kaka‘ako retail and restaurant complex in Honolulu. Pitch is expected to be located on the second level of the complex next to Juic’d Life. Pitch will join other businesses that have opened or are opening soon at the complex, including Happiness U, Milo HNL, Boiling Crab, Tiffany’s Hair Salon, Treehouse, Orangetheory Fitness, 9 Bar HNL, Lash Love Beauty Lounge, 18/8 Men’s Salon, Atmosphere Yoga & Fitness, Bevy, Butterfly Ice Cream, Hank’s Haute Dogs, Highway Inn, Illest, Insomnia, J’s Grill, Lanikai Juice, Lonohana Estate Chocolate, Moku Kitchen, Morning Brew, Mr. Tea Cafe, Paiko, Brue Bar, Starbucks, Sprint and Village Bottle Shop & Tasting Room. SaltatKakaako.com

• Waikiki’s premiere 24-hour restaurant, M.A.C. 24/7, is once again planning a special Valentine’s Day dinner on Feb. 14. The popular annual dining experience allows couples to enjoy a prix fixe meal exclusively prepared by Executive Chef James Aptakin. The restaurant

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will also celebrate St. Patrick’s Day the following month bringing back M.A.C. 24/7’s anticipated Beer & Corned Beef special. [Mac247Waikiki.com](http://Mac247Waikiki.com)

- **Hyatt Regency Waikiki Beach** recently unveiled its new bar featuring specialty cocktails at Japengo. The menu focuses heavily on organic and local products as well as local craft beers. Newly added to the menu is a special honey cocktail using honey made on-site at the resorts honeybee apiary. [Waikiki.Hyatt.com](http://Waikiki.Hyatt.com)

- **Growler USA**, which opened in August 2016, features 100-plus beers on tap including a large selection of local and Mainland beers, and local kegs. Beer fans are invited to step inside and enjoy a craft beer in taster’s pours, pints or growler fills. [GrowlerUSA.com](http://GrowlerUSA.com)

- **Piggy Smalls**, the “little brother” branch of ever-popular Honolulu restaurant **The Pig & The Lady** recently opened its doors in Kaka’ako’s Ward Village. The menu has been created by executive chef Andrew Le and chef de cuisine Brandon Lee. Piggy Smalls features a creative menu inspired from some of their favorite dishes of Europe, North Africa, America, and Southeast Asia. Working alongside pastry chef Gino Ojano, they have created one-of-a-kind desserts and are continuing the P&L soft serve program featuring hand-crafted flavors. Former bar manager, Kyle Reutner has also curated a bar menu with crafted cocktails. A few highlights include scallion arepa inspired by Chinese scallion pancakes, a fresh Moroccan twist on a green papaya salad, farmer’s goulash, pho-strami dip banh mi, and more. For the sweeter tooth, Ojano’s decadent milk & honey cake and a refreshing new weekly slushie program. The restaurant’s design is spearheaded by Hawaii-based architecture and interior design company Wanderlust Plus, which has completed award-winning projects at Cafe Lani and Tempura Ichidai. The clean but modern design of Piggy Smalls will distinguish itself from its flagship Chinatown location. [thepigandthelady.com/piggysmalls/#ward-village](http://thepigandthelady.com/piggysmalls/#ward-village)

- **Hula Grill Waikiki** will kick off 2017 with new opportunities to enjoy brunch with fresh local ingredients. The oceanfront dining experience will include brunch seven days a week beginning in January from 6:30 a.m.-2 p.m. [HulaGrillWaikiki.com](http://HulaGrillWaikiki.com)

- **Waikiki Brewing Co.** is opening its second location in the former Fresh Cafe space on Queen Street in the Honolulu neighborhood of Kaka’ako. The new brewpub will serve a wide variety of handcrafted beers and food. Waikiki Brewing Co. plans to open its all-encompassing 6,000-square-foot facility that includes a brewery, canning operation and tasting room in March 2017. [WaikikiBrewing.com](http://WaikikiBrewing.com)
The reimagined International Market Place announced that Kona Grill has officially joined its outstanding lineup of chef-driven restaurants. The 8,380-square-foot American grill and sushi bar is the first of its kind in Hawai‘i and will introduce a new, innovative dining experience to Waikīkī led by chef Alejandro Baez. Kona Grill is open daily for lunch and dinner, 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Sunday to Thursday and 11 a.m.-12 a.m. Friday and Saturday. The restaurant's in-house bar also introduces a number of daily pau hana (after work) specials, including contemporary cocktails and appetizers made from scratch. KonaGrill.com

Flour & Barley, a craft beer and brick oven pizza eatery, is slated to open at the International Market Place on Dec. 22, 2016. The Waikīkī location will offer delicious brick oven pizzas including the Aloha Pie, topped with mozzarella, Maui gold pineapple, SPAM, smoked bacon and Calabrian chili; and the Kalua Pork pizza, made with mozzarella, slow-roasted pork, onion, roasted tomato, avocado cream and cilantro. The menu will also include a variety of Italian-inspired appetizers, entrees, house-made desserts and refreshing, tropical cocktails. The restaurant will be accented with sustainable Hawaiian finishes like volcanic basalt stone and Hawaiian woods and will also feature gorgeous “garage door-style windows” that will open to allow the island breeze to move through the space and showcase the amazing views. FlourandBarley.com

Curated by bar manager, Raymundo Delgado, STRIPSTEAK Waikiki's expansive and unique beverage program features the Island Rum Experience, the restaurant’s very own ritual of torching classic island ingredients, capturing their essence in smoke form and pairing them with Hawai‘i’s own Kō Hana Rum Agricole, KOHO. Rotating seasonal island ingredients complementing the rum include banana, pineapple, kiawe, star anise and cinnamon, each providing libation lovers with a tasteful mix of savory and sweet. STRIPSTEAKWaikiki.com

Four Seasons Resort Oahu at Ko Olina, the newly opened luxury resort on O'ahu's sunny leeward coast, introduces an island flavor to the resort’s reputation for lavish weekly brunch celebrations with the launch of Brunch on the Beach: a six-hour long Sunday food extravaganza at Fish House from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The restaurant’s line-to-table dining is taking a casual and fun approach to Sunday brunch with menu choices that include Chef Ray German’s famous seafood tower and a special a la carte menu featuring “50 First Dates”
Lilikoi Pancakes, Lobster Chilaquiles, a Fisherman’s Hook Daily Catch and more. FishHouseOahu.com

- Recently-opened **Moku Kitchen** is a chef-driven concept that brings Hawai‘i’s rich upcountry farming and ranching heritage to downtown Honolulu’s urban lifestyle. Moku Kitchen is the newest venture from Handcrafted Restaurants and award-winning chef Peter Merriman, the people that brought you **Monkypod Kitchen**. Named after the Hawaiian word for “island”, Moku is a gathering spot where anyone from elite foodies, families, or people seeking an authentic taste of Hawai‘i can swap stories and relax with an ice-cold draft beer, a carafe of wine and an amazing meal. MokuKitchen.com

- The perfect shot of espresso is pulled with 9-bars of pressure. This is the concept behind the name, **9Bar HNL**. 9Bar is a specialty coffee shop with a modern industrial atmosphere that is run by passionate coffee lovers and foodies. 9Bar HNL strives to inspire interaction, conversation, and creativity by brewing quality coffee and pairing it with rustic-style homemade pastries and breakfast items. 9BarHNL.com

- A Japanese restaurant chain is opening its first Hawai‘i eatery in Honolulu’s Chinatown. Hachibei, which describes its cuisine as “high-quality” Yakitori-style food, has several locations in Japan. Yakitori means “grilled chicken” in English. Hachibei Chinatown Hawaii will join other restaurants in the works or that have already opened on the ground floor of the Real Office Centers at the corner of Hotel Street and Nu‘uanu Avenue, including Fete, Brick Fire Tavern and Cantina. Hachibei Hawaii is scheduled to open in December 2016. Hachibei.com

- Inspired by New York style markets and delis, **Bevy Market** is now open for lunch and retail. The fresh market and lunch eatery serves lunch from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and features gourmet salads, sandwiches and specials. The location also includes a deli fridge with grab-and-go items and a new “picnic box” concept only offered at Bevy Market. Bevy Market also sells made in Hawai‘i goods such as hot sauces, honey, salt, coffee, pasta, handmade soaps, bevy syrups and shirts. BevyHawaii.com/BevyMarket

- **Waikiki Yokocho**, a one-of-a-kind gourmet dining experience, has opened a handful of its 16 planned authentic Japanese eateries in December 2016. Once fully open, visitors will be able to dine at the popular **Tsujita ramen shop**, which is known for its out-the-door lines in Tokyo and Los Angeles and **Kaneko Hannosuke**, which has attracted crowds in Tokyo.
with their quality tempura dishes. Based off the concept of “yokocho” or alleyway dining in Japan, the 23,000 square-foot space is located in the basement of the Waikiki Shopping Plaza. Waikiki-Yokocho.com

- **Hawaii Prince Hotel Waikiki and Golf Club** recently opened its new restaurant, **100 Sails**, in late November 2016. The new restaurant is part of the hotel’s comprehensive $55.4 million transformation, which is slated for completion in spring 2017. Operating in the space of the former Prince Court, 100 Sails, reflective of its name, will continue to offer guests its signature views of Ala Wai Harbor and the ocean beyond, as well as breathtaking first row seats to Hawaii’s most spectacular sunsets. A new active bar offering fresh smoothies and coffee in the morning and craft cocktails in the evening will serve as the centerpiece of the restaurant. While the beloved buffets of Prince Court will remain, a renewed focus on island fresh cuisine will elevate the entire dining experience. PrinceResortsHawaii.com

**Shopping**

The Island of Oahu is home to hundreds of high-end designer stores, as well as local boutiques carrying locally-made products. Visitors are sure to love the shopping experience no matter where they go.

- **Ala Moana Center**, the world’s largest open-air shopping center with more than 340 stores and more than 80 dining options, is home to a multi-million dollar art collection. With the acquisition of its three newest sculptures, Ala Moana Center’s art collection now includes seven premier pieces from local and internationally renowned artists. The newest additions from Stephen Freedman, Yayoi Kusama and Gerard Tsutakawa have joined the Center’s existing lineup of featured artists, including Bumpei Akaji, Edward Brownlee, Aashika Cunha, Tanishaa Cunha and George Tsutakawa. The treasured art installations are found throughout the Center from the Diamond Head Wing to the Ewa Wing. The Center also recently launched a self-guided art walk experience that can be found online. www.alamoanacenter.com/artwalk.

- **Ka Makana Alii**, Hawaii’s newest shopping destination, opened in October 2016 in West O’ahu. Phase one of the new regional shopping center features more than 100 world-class shops and restaurants, a luxury movie theater, and the Hampton Inn & Suites Kapolei.
Residents and visitors can also enjoy live entertainment and great local events, including a weekly farmers market. KaMakanaAlii.com

- Recently opened Saks Fifth Avenue’s first full-line Hawai‘i store caters to a diverse number of international visitors, with nearly 70 percent of employees able to speak a foreign language. Located in the redesigned International Market Place, the 80,000-square-foot department store has hired about 130 employees who speak 24 different languages, including Japanese, Chinese, Korean, French, Spanish, Romanian and Hawaiian. ShopInternationalMarketPlace.com

- Accents, a resort-themed grocery store part of the Sullivan Family of Companies known for opening local grocery store Foodland, is opening a new location at the Hawaii Prince Hotel Waikiki and Golf Club. Accents, which has locations at the Ala Moana Hotel, Grand Waikikian, Moana Surfrider and Royal Hawaiian, sells island-inspired gifts and handcrafted items, resort wear, snacks and other items.

### Festivals & Events

The Island of O‘ahu is home to the largest number of festivals and events occurring throughout Hawai‘i. Each year, visitors have the opportunity to connect with the local community and experience renowned events that showcase the island’s rich arts and culture scene, the world’s top amateur and professional sporting competitions and championships, and the many ethnic celebrations that are exclusive to O‘ahu.

- For the fifth year, Turtle Bay Resort will host Wanderlust Oahu from Feb. 23-26, 2017. At Wanderlust’s one and only beachside American festival, attendees will practice yoga from world-famous instructors, take in live music under the stars, listen to inspiring lectures, enjoy authentic North Shore cuisine, and explore the great outdoors. Activities will include surfing, hiking, mountain biking through banyan tree groves, horseback riding, paddle boarding, eco-kayaking with sea turtles and more. 2017 will also feature Wanderlust’s largest aerial yoga program ever on O‘ahu. TurtleBayResort.com

- Turtle Bay Resort will host the first Ragnar relay happening in the Hawaiian Islands as part of the Ragnar Trail series. The Ragnar Trail North Shore Oahu will take place April 21-22, 2017. Teams of eight people will run relay-style day and night through lush jungle vegetation and along the ocean coastline at Turtle Bay Resort until each team member has

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completed all three trail loops traversing close to 120 miles together. Team members can choose to camp with their team along the trails, party at Ragnar Village complete with campfires, s’mores, music, food, endless coffee and comfy hammocks, or stay in one of the newly refreshed rooms at Turtle Bay Resort. TurtleBayResort.com

- The Polynesian Football Hall of Fame announced the establishment of the Polynesian Bowl, a high school all-star football game that will feature the elite players of Polynesian heritage and other ancestries. The two teams will be captained by Titans quarterback Marcus Mariota and Ravens offensive tackle Ronnie Stanley. The Polynesian Bowl will be played on Jan. 21, 2017 at 6 p.m. at Aloha Stadium as part of the Polynesian Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Weekend. PolynesianFootballHOF.org

- In honor of the 75th commemoration of the attack on Pearl Harbor and O‘ahu, Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum unveiled Homefront Hawai‘i, an intimate gallery exhibit exploring the stories of the citizens and civilians of Hawai‘i who endured that fateful day and the years of aftermath that would follow. The exhibit brings these stories to life through rarely-seen historical images and period artifacts. The exhibit opened on Dec. 1, 2016 in conjunction with the official programming honoring the 75th Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, and will remain on display through March 1, 2017 in the Portico Hall in the Hawaiian Hall Complex. BishopMuseum.org

All information is subject to change without notice. For more information, please go to www.visit-oahu.com, follow OVB’s tweets at www.twitter.com/OahuVB, become a fan of O‘ahu on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/OahuHawaii, and follow @OahuVB on Instagram.

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