



HALEKULANI OKINAWA INTRODUCES INSPIRED WORLD-CLASS CUISINE THROUGH SIGNATURE RESTAURANTS

Okinawa, Japan Luxury Hotel Celebrates Local Cuisine & Innovative Dining

NEW YORK, September 17, 2019 – [Halekulani Okinawa](#), the newest luxury hotel to arrive on the stunning island of Okinawa, Japan, recently welcomed nine new dining venues during its official opening, including four exceptional full-service restaurants: SHIROUX, AOMI, KINGDOM and House Without a Key. Set on a mile long stretch of coastline, the 360-room resort infuses Okinawan culture throughout its property, guest experiences and sophisticated local cuisine and indigenous ingredients.

“Food is a universal language and we are thrilled to introduce the ‘language’ of Okinawa to our guests at each of our new restaurants,” said Jun Yoshie, General Manager of Halekulani Okinawa. “We have created a culinary program that showcases and celebrates the rich culture and philosophy of Okinawa and Japan, such as the idea that fresh and local fruits, vegetables and herbs are the key to a long and healthy life. The distinctive, highly original dishes created by our culinary experts reflect this belief, and our local ingredients serve as the key inspiration behind our restaurant concepts.”

SHIROUX

At SHIROUX, the experience of Consulting Chef Hiroyasu Kawate is illustrated through his innovative menu that celebrates the sophisticated flavors of French-based cuisine and traditional Japanese ingredients. Together with Executive Chef Mr. Higashi, Chef Kawate infuses his own distinctive flair throughout the menu, creating signature dishes which include **Grouper with Mozuku** (an Okinawan seaweed) and a **Sea Lettuce Tart with Japanese Mugwort, Okinawa Pepper, Bitter Melon and Gazpacho**.

AOMI

The only thing to rival the food at AOMI is the flawless design. Draped in shades reminiscent of the sea and sky, it is the color blue – ‘Ao’ in Japanese – that steals the show at this traditional Japanese restaurant. The rich and varied menu includes **kaiseki cuisine**, a traditional multi-course menu bursting with the sophisticated flavors of Japanese cuisine; **shabu-shabu hot pot**, which overflows with umami; and **sushi** from a dedicated and interactive sushi counter. AOMI casts a spotlight on the freshest ingredients Okinawa has to offer, creating flavorful Japanese-based cuisine with an inventive twist, such as “**Nakijin-Agu**” **Shabu-shabu** (Okinawan Pork), **Matzuka Beef** (Japanese Black Cattle) and Rosy Seabass.

KINGDOM

Inspired by the “kingdom” heritage shared by both Hawaii and Okinawa, Halekulani Okinawa’s eponymous restaurant is the island’s premier steakhouse. KINGDOM offers a selection of local and international meats, seafood and wine, in a dynamic open kitchen setting. The delightfully diverse menu



includes **Yambaru Pork Chop**, sourced from the Yanbaru region in northern Okinawa, as well as **Australian grass-fed tenderloin** and **Argentinean steak**, among other International options.

HOUSE WITHOUT A KEY

Bearing the same name as its sister property in Waikiki, House Without a Key offers all-day dining in a vibrant atmosphere. The contemporary restaurant is bright, airy and casually elegant, featuring ample indoor and outdoor spaces. Among the breakfast, lunch and dinner options, guests can find a variety of locally-influenced dishes including **Okinawan Soba with Pork Ribs** and **Beef Cheeks braised in Orion, a local Japanese beer**.

As with the Hawaiian restaurant, House Without a Key also features live entertainment on a nightly basis, where guests can indulge in refreshing cocktails, Halekulani's coconut cake and performances including both traditional Hawaiian music and soft melodies from a local jazz trio.

BAR SPECTRA

Overlooking the Okinawan ocean, BAR SPECTRA is the perfect spot to sit back and watch the sunset. Symbolic of its name – '*Spectra*' means 'range of color' in Japanese. The venue provides a front-row seat to breathtaking panoramic views of sunset skies, which guests can observe from beautifully-woven rattan chairs and amber leather banquets. The elegant and elevated gathering space is accompanied by an extensive menu of **Japanese malts and whiskeys, specialty Hawaiian beers** and **original cocktails**, including the **Halekulani Sunset** (triple sec and white rum with fresh pineapple, guava juice and lemon juice) and the **Mai Tai** (orange curacao, gold rum, white rum, dark rum and fresh lime juice).

For more information on dining at Halekulani Okinawa, please visit www.okinawa.halekulani.com.

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About Halekulani Okinawa

Halekulani Okinawa, the second hotel from the leading Hawaiian resort of the same name and first outside Hawaii, is a luxury beach resort located in Onna Village on the main island of Okinawa. Featuring a variety of accommodations built to emphasize the geographic features of its surroundings, Halekulani Okinawa sits on 32 acres of lush land within the Okinawa Kaigan Quasi-National Park and faces approximately one mile of coastline. Halekulani Okinawa is home to a diverse array of facilities including nine unique restaurants and bars. In addition, the property boasts the prestigious SpaHalekulani, a fitness center, luxury boutique, over 2,550 ft² of meeting and convention space and five swimming pools, one of which is adorned with nearly 1.5 million mosaic tiles in the shape of Halekulani's signature Cattleya orchid. Halekulani Okinawa is the third member in Japan to join *The Leading Hotels of the World*, an exclusive collection of the world's most extraordinary luxury establishments.

**About Halekulani**

Since its inception in 1984 as one of the world's finest and most acclaimed independent luxury hotels, Halekulani has received more than 500 accolades, awards and honoraria. The property was voted Reader's Choice Award #1 Oahu Hotel in Condé Nast Traveler and was voted one of the Best Hotels on Oahu in Travel + Leisure for 2018. Halekulani is home to SpaHalekulani, House Without A Key, Lewers Lounge, Orchids and La Mer, Hawaii's longest, consecutively ranked AAA Five Diamond and Forbes Travel Guide Five-Star Restaurant. For twenty years, Halekulani has maintained a strong commitment to arts and culture through exclusive alliances with Oahu's most iconic cultural venues. Halekulani is operated by the Hotels and Resorts of Halekulani, a brand management division of the Honolulu-based Halekulani Corporation, which also oversees Halepuna Waikiki by Halekulani. Halekulani is a member of The Leading Hotels of the World and is aligned with Tokyo's legendary Imperial Hotel.

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