

THE MAUNA LANI BAY

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PRESS RELEASE

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JAMES ORTIAGA NAMED EXECUTIVE SOUS CHEF AT THE MAUNA LANI BAY HOTEL & BUNGALOWS

- Menu Showcases Extraordinarily Fresh Cuisine with a Contemporary Flair

KOHALA COAST, HAWAII - The Mauna Lani Bay Hotel & Bungalows located on the Kohala Coast announced the appointment of James Ortiaga as Executive Sous Chef. Chef Ortiaga will be involved in all of Mauna Lani's dining options and will be at the helm of the legendary CanoeHouse taking it a new direction.

Ortiaga joins the Mauna Lani from the famed L'Atelier de Joel Rubuchon of New York City. His tenure in the culinary world in New York began in 1997 and included the Pierre, The Mix and Four Seasons.

Fine tuning his culinary skills Ortiaga worked under the guidance of acclaimed Chefs Alain Ducasse and Douglas Psaltis of New York's Mix. Working with these chefs added another facet to James refinement of his French techniques. His expertise is diverse and his new menu features American Cuisine with a mixture of classical French and French Fusion Cuisines.

"Chef Ortiaga's creative menu will introduce Hawaii to a unique dining experience incorporating extraordinarily fresh cuisine with a contemporary flair," said General Manager Brian Butterworth.

Ortiaga attended the New York Restaurant School and he has a Bachelors Degree in Culinary Arts.

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Digital Photos Available Upon Request

About The CanoeHouse

The oceanfront CanoeHouse is Mauna Lani Bay Hotel & Bungalow's signature oceanfront dining venue. It has been voted a *Hale Aina* Award winner by *Honolulu Magazine* and the restaurant's service and cuisine have been praised in *Gourmet*, *Wine Spectator*, *GQ*, *Esquire*, *Bon Appétit*, *Departures* and other venerable publications. Call 808-885-6622 or visit www.maunalani.com