

## **Turtle Bay Resort to Open New Restaurant to Benefit Guests and North Shore Community**

**NORTH SHORE, OAHU, HI (Nov. 8, 2005)**—Turtle Bay Resort announces the opening of a new restaurant to enhance the offerings for resort guests as well as residents of the North Shore and Oahu. The restaurant is scheduled to open on Dec. 1, 2005. The 125-seat restaurant to be named Ola – meaning life, living, healthy or alive – will be located at the current site of the Sand Bar beach concession.

Well-known local chef, Fred DeAngelo, is the owner/chef of Ola. DeAngelo brings years of experience and acclaim to his new position and promises to transform the prime beachfront site into a delightful respite.

“This will be a great enhancement for the resort, offering a cuisine of familiar Hawaiian fare for the local palate as well as flavors from around the world. I am planning to make use of the excellent local products grown within miles of the restaurant, including a variety of fresh vegetables and seafood. An on-staff sommelier will plan a complementary wine list,” said DeAngelo, who is of Hawaiian ancestry.

According to Abid Butt, general manager and vice president of the resort, the new restaurant will be a plus for the North Shore community. “We are delighted to have the opportunity to work with one of Hawaii’s most prominent young chefs. We hope that, like our relationship with the enormously popular Lei Lei’s at our golf course, this will blossom into a win-win for everyone involved. Seeing more economic benefit happen on the North Shore is part of our mission, and this is an opportunity for many families and the entire community to be positively affected.”

One employee who provides beach concession services located in the Sand Bar area will be relocated in her current job to a soon-to-be-expanded beach services area.

Naming the restaurant was “no easy feat,” according to DeAngelo. “With three of the four partners and the sous chef being of Hawaiian ancestry, we felt it was important to be true to our culture. Ola means ‘life, living, healthy, alive.’ This is the meaning that we felt most captured the mana of this new restaurant.”

Fred DeAngelo is also the owner of ‘Olino Events. His most recent engagement as an executive chef and partner was with Tiki’s Grill & Bar in the Aston Waikiki Beach Hotel. Under his direction, Tiki’s Grill & Bar captured the 2003 and 2004 Hale ‘Aina awards for “Best New Restaurant” and “Top O’ahu Restaurant.”

Prior to that, he served as executive chef of Palomino for five years. During his five years there, Palomino was named “Best New Restaurant” and “Top O’ahu Restaurant” by Honolulu Magazine and as one of “America’s Top Restaurants” by the prestigious Zagat Survey.

Chef DeAngelo's experience includes stints at Hyatt Regency Maui and the grand opening of Hyatt Regency Kauai. He was also sous chef of the Black Orchid in Honolulu and Gaylord's in Kilohana, Kauai.

Chef DeAngelo had the honor of hosting a dinner at the James Beard House in New York, an opportunity offered to only a highly select group of chefs. He is an active member of the Les Amis d'Escoffier Society of Hawaii and the Hawaii Visitors & Convention Bureau "Chefs of Aloha."

Located on the North Shore of Oahu, the 880-acre Turtle Bay Resort recently completed \$60 million in renovations. Managed by Benchmark Hospitality International, the resort's accommodations include a 401-room hotel and The Beach Cottages at Turtle Bay Resort, 42 luxurious, beachfront cottages.

The resort has five miles of beachfront that include Kawela Bay, Kuilima Cove and Turtle Bay. It is the only resort on Oahu with 36 holes of championship golf: the George Fazio and Arnold Palmer courses. In addition to world class golf, Turtle Bay Resort is rich in other recreation and resort amenities, including an exquisite new spa, two lushly landscaped oceanside pools, riding stables with ocean and trail riding, pedal bike rentals, a full-service tennis center by Peter Burwash International, North Shore and waterfall aerial tours by Paradise Helicopters, a surf school by Hans Hedemann, and 12 miles of oceanfront hiking trails.

For reservations or more information, visit [www.TurtleBayResort.com](http://www.TurtleBayResort.com); e-mail [TBRreservations@benchmarkmanagement.com](mailto:TBRreservations@benchmarkmanagement.com) or call toll free (866) 827-5327.

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- *Conde Nast Traveler 2004 Annual Golf Poll*, "Top 100 Golf Resorts"
- *Resorts & Great Hotels "Connoisseur's Choice" Award 2004*
- *Meetings & Conventions 2004 Gold Key Award*, Turtle Bay Resort
- *Conde Nast "Hot List" 2003*, The Beach Cottages at Turtle Bay Resort
- *Travel + Leisure 2003*, "Best Beach Escape"
- *Elite Traveler Magazine 2003*, "Top Five Spas in Hawaii "

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