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GRAND WAILEA TOASTS TO A PERFECT PAIRING BRINGING ALAN WONG TO MAUI

WAILEA, MAUI, HI - Sept. 22, 2011 – Grand Wailea, A Waldorf Astoria Resort celebrates its 20th anniversary with the announcement of a partnership with chef and restaurateur, Alan Wong. The former “Kincha” at Grand Wailea is to be the location for Wong’s third restaurant in the Hawaiian Islands.

“We are thrilled to welcome Alan Wong and his organization to the Grand Wailea ohana,” said Matt Bailey, managing director of Grand Wailea. “We strive to offer the best to our guests and Alan is exactly that, a master chef. His expertise and passion for food will elevate the already memorable dining experiences at Grand Wailea.”

Well respected within the culinary industry, Chef Wong is known for merging various ethnic cooking styles and techniques into cohesive and tasty dishes highlighting locally-grown products. Chef Wong, one of the founders of Hawaii Regional Cuisine, will oversee the concept and menu creation for the restaurant.

“Our goal has always been to have our guests ‘Taste Hawai’i,’ said Alan Wong. “We want to embrace that same philosophy in Wailea. I’m looking forward to developing relationships with the local Maui farmers, inspired by the great products they have to offer, as we unveil a new menu concept for us.”

Chef Wong, awarded the James Beard Award for Best Chef of the Year for Pacific Northwest in 1996, currently has two restaurants in Oahu, the original Alan Wong’s on King Street, a favorite of President Obama’s; and The Pineapple Room. According to Chef Wong, opening a restaurant on Maui has always been a dream that he looks forward to finally accomplishing in partnership with Grand Wailea.

The target opening date for the new Alan Wong restaurant at Grand Wailea is early 2012. To stay up to date on details as they are announced, visit www.wailearesortdining.com.

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