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## THE RITZ-CARLTON MAUI, KAPALUA WELCOMES NEW CULINARY LEADERSHIP TEAM, SHOWCASING MICHELIN-STARRED EXPERTISE AND GLOBAL TALENT

**KAPALUA, MAUI, HI (November 12, 2025)** — The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua is proud to introduce its new culinary leadership team, bringing world-class expertise and creative vision to the resort’s acclaimed dining program. Glenn Thompson joins as Executive Chef alongside Executive Sous Chef Joshua Werksman. Together, they bring a shared commitment to elevating every culinary experience at the resort.

“We are thrilled to welcome these exceptional chefs to The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua,” said Jon Gersonde, General Manager. “Their passion for culinary excellence and dedication to sustainability will enhance every dining experience, creating unforgettable moments for our guests and local community.”

### Glenn Thompson, Executive Chef

Chef Glenn Thompson brings over 25 years of international culinary leadership experience in luxury hospitality. His distinguished career spans Forbes Five-Star properties and award-winning restaurants across Australia, Canada, Central Asia, and Southeast Asia. Thompson has held executive leadership roles with prestigious brands including The Ritz-Carlton, Fairmont, Park Hyatt, Hotel Nikko, and The Regent Hotel.

Most recently, Thompson served as Executive Chef at The Ritz-Carlton, Almaty, where he led a team of 60 culinary professionals. He also contributed to the successful opening of The Ritz-Carlton, Baku. Prior to that, Thompson held the role of Executive Chef at Fairmont Pacific Rim in Vancouver and several award-winning restaurants in Australia, including Zest Restaurant in Nelson Bay.

Thompson is celebrated for his innovative, ingredient-driven menus inspired by French, Italian, Asian, and Modern Australian cuisines. His culinary philosophy emphasizes sustainability, local sourcing, and minimizing food waste—values that align with The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua’s commitment to environmental stewardship. A passionate mentor, Thompson is dedicated to developing the next generation of culinary talent.

## **Joshua Werksman, Executive Sous Chef**

Chef Joshua Werksman brings Michelin-starred expertise and an unwavering passion for culinary artistry. Most recently, he earned a Michelin star as Chef de Cuisine at Lilac, the signature restaurant at The Edition Tampa, where his refined techniques and bold flavors garnered critical acclaim.

Werksman's career includes roles in the esteemed kitchens of The Ritz-Carlton Naples and The Ritz-Carlton Half Moon Bay, as well as extensive training under some of the world's most celebrated chefs. His culinary journey has taken him across Italy, Israel, and the United States, deepening his knowledge and honing his craft.

Rooted in his upbringing in Syracuse, NY, and inspired by his mother's Danish culinary traditions, Werksman graduated from Paul Smith's College in the Adirondack Mountains, where he embraced a farm-to-table philosophy centered on seasonal, fresh ingredients.

To learn more about the resort and the newest offerings, visit [ritzcarlton.com/maui](https://ritzcarlton.com/maui) or call 808-669-6200. Find The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua on Instagram, Facebook and LinkedIn.

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### **ABOUT THE RITZ-CARLTON MAUI, KAPALUA**

The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua offers 468 newly reimagined guestrooms, including 107 residential suites, inspired by the island's heritage and natural beauty. Guests enjoy The Ritz-Carlton Spa® Maui, Kapalua with garden showers, volcanic grottos, steam and sauna therapies, and ocean-view fitness spaces. The resort features six dining experiences, a luau, a best-in-class Club Lounge, luxury cabanas, a family-friendly pool, and enhanced meeting spaces. Jean-Michel Cousteau's Ambassadors of the Environment and robust guest programming—including cultural workshops, Hawaiian traditions, culinary events, seasonal celebrations—create unforgettable experiences. Set on 54 acres within the 22,000-acre Kapalua Resort, the property is surrounded by championship golf, award-winning dining, and historic pineapple fields.