



Foodmap: 23 new and coming restaurants

Honolulu's red-hot dining scene continues to ignite

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Just when we thought Honolulu's dining scene couldn't get any hotter, it continues to ignite. November alone saw the openings of Waikiki's Appetito Craft Pizza and Wine Bar, Opal Thai in Chinatown, the bento shop Oh! Sozai by Kuru Kuru in Kakaako, and San Francisco-based Limon Rotisserie in Kapolei. Yes, it's all over the map, and that's a good thing.

We've got the scoops on these restaurants and more that are opening soon.



Momosan Waikiki

Where: 2490 Kalakaua Ave., Alohilani Resort Waikiki Beach

What: Izakaya

The scoop: Iron Chef Masaharu Morimoto is coming back to Waikiki! After departing The Modern Honolulu one year ago, the flamboyant Japanese chef is ready to make his mark on Oahu once again, this time with two restaurants at the Alohilani Resort. The first is Momosan, a casual ramen noodle and yakitori concept that will feature breakfast, lunch and dinner izakaya-style menus full of small dishes meant to be shared. If his ramen dish from last year's Hawaii Food & Wine Festival Hungry Monkey event is any indicator, I'm already hooked.

When: Opening December 2017

Morimoto Asia Waikiki

Where: 2490 Kalakaua Ave., Alohilani Resort Waikiki Beach

What: Fine dining pan-Asian restaurant

The scoop: Morimoto Asia Waikiki will be the anchor restaurant of the Alohilani Resort. With views of the ocean and palm trees lining Kalakaua Avenue, this second floor restaurant will feature only dinner with dishes inspired by cuisines across Asia. Think Peking duck, sticky ribs, lo mein, Korean kalbi, lobster chow fun and more, all with Morimoto's signature twists.

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