



THE KAHALA PROMOTES JOE IBARRA TO RESORT MANAGER AND HIRES TRAVEL INDUSTRY VETERAN, STEVEN TABIOLO



KAHALA, HAWAII – October 17, 2017 –The Kahala Hotel & Resort is pleased to announce the promotion of Joe Ibarra to Resort Manager and the appointment of Steven Tabiolo to Director of Front Office Operations.

Joe Ibarra

In his new position, Ibarra oversees and manages The Kahala’s Front Office, Housekeeping, Engineering, Security, Kahala Spa and Recreation departments.

Ibarra brings over 15 years of hospitality experience to The Kahala Hotel & Resort. He joined the resort in 2014 as Director of Front Office Operations and was promoted to the position of Director of Rooms in 2015. Prior to The Kahala, Ibarra held a number of key management positions at various hotels and resorts in Hawai’i including front office manager and event manager at JW Marriott Ihilani Resort & Spa; assistant front office manager and reception manager at The Waikiki EDITION Hotel; and front desk manager and front office supervisor at Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort and Spa.

Over the years, Ibarra has been honored with numerous awards and accolades for his work and achievements in Hawai’i’s hospitality industry including the Hawaii Hotel & Lodging Association Manager of the Year Honorable Mention in 2013, 2014 & 2016; nominee of the JW Marriott Award in 2014 and winner of the JW Marriott Ihilani Resort & Spa Leader of the Quarter in 2013; The Waikiki EDITION Hotel Leader of the Quarter in 2013; and Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa Manager of Quarter in 2009 and Front of the House Associate of the Month in 2005. Ibarra was also The Kahala Hotel & Resort Manager of the Year in 2015.

Born in the Kalihi/Liliha area and raised in Kāne’ohe, Ibarra graduated from Kamehameha Schools - Kapālama and earned a bachelor’s degree in East Asian Studies from Princeton University. Ibarra is a member of Skai International Hawaii.

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Steven Tabiolo

Steven Tabiolo joins The Kahala team in the position of Director of Front Office Operations. Tabiolo oversees the resort's Front Desk, Concierge, Front Services, Guest Services and PBX departments.

Tabiolo brings over 34 years of Front Office management to The Kahala Hotel & Resort. Prior to The Kahala, Tabiolo was at Halekulani as the Director of Front Office Operations and various hotel management positions for 24 years. He also served as Front Office Manager at the Fairmont Kea Lani, Outrigger Wailea and the Whitehall Hotel in Chicago.

Born and raised in Kalihi, Tabiolo currently resides in Aiea. Tabiolo is an alumnus of the University of Hawaii. During his free time, Tabiolo loves camping and spending time with his family of five, wife Teri and his four children.



About The Kahala Hotel & Resort

The legendary Kahala Hotel & Resort is an oceanfront, destination luxury property known for its gracious Hawaiian hospitality. Located just minutes from Waikīkī, The Kahala offers an exclusive ambiance of a neighbor island experience. The Kahala has been Honolulu's social address for weddings and gatherings since its opening in 1964. World leaders, royalty, rock bands and Oscar winners call the 338-room resort their Hawaiian home-away-from-home. The Kahala is a member of The Leading Hotels of the World and Preferred Hotels & Resorts. The resort is home to *The Kahala Spa*, lush tropical gardens and a natural ocean-water lagoon with the hotel's own resident dolphins cared for by *Dolphin Quest*. The Kahala also has five restaurants: *Plumeria Beach House*, *Seaside Grill*, *The Veranda*, *Arancino* and the award-winning *Hoku's* restaurant. Stay connected with The Kahala via www.kahalaresort.com, on Instagram at kahala_resort or on Facebook at The Kahala Hotel & Resort and Twitter at @KahalaResort. Share your Kahala moment #AtTheKahala.

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