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**KAPALUA'S PLANTATION COURSE TO ROLL OUT NEW GREENS**

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*Home of the PGA TOUR's Mercedes Championships Also  
Refurbishing Clubhouse & Restaurant*

**LAHAINA, MAUI, HAWAI'I (March 16, 2005)** – One of the Hawai'i's most popular golf courses, The Plantation Course at Kapalua, will undergo major improvements beginning this Spring. The main renovation project is the re-grassing of all 18 greens to Ultradwarf TifEagle grass, which will begin in early April and run through the end of July with the course reopening Aug. 1, 2005. Endorsed by the PGA TOUR, the transformation of the greens will allow for truer and faster rolls and provide a new challenge to the PGA TOUR champions competing in the Mercedes Championships played every January. The new changes support Kapalua Resort's continual effort to offer both the PGA TOUR and our resort guests the best golf experience in the state of Hawai'i.

"Our practice green has putted superbly since we installed the new Ultradwarf Tif Eagle grass," said Gary Planos, senior vice president of resort operations. "The Tif Eagle has survived and thrived when our older greens have struggled with growing conditions. Re-grassing the greens is a major commitment by Kapalua Resort, but one we felt was essential to enhance year-round playability. The new greens, as well as the refurbishment of our golf shop, locker rooms and restaurant, will ensure Kapalua Resort remains one of the most sought after golf destinations in the world."

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The course renovation will be supervised by Coore & Crenshaw, original architects of The Plantation Course, and Kapalua Superintendent Craig Trenholme. The course improvement project also includes re-contouring several greens, completing the renovation of fairway bunkers, the addition of several new tees and minor cart path modifications.

The Plantation Clubhouse, including the Golf Shop and locker rooms and The Plantation House Restaurant, will also undergo significant interior upgrades. The enhancement project will include new carpeting, furniture, paint and furnishings with colors that emphasize nature and ocean hues. The new Clubhouse enhancements will be performed with minimal disruption to golf shop and restaurant guests. Normal hours of operation, seven days a week, will be maintained.

"Our goal is to refurbish The Plantation Course and Clubhouse," said Planos. "We want visitors here to feel like they are walking into a plantation manager's home, full of charming collectibles and the ambience and timeless tradition of hospitality Kapalua is known for."

Since opening in 1991, The Plantation House Restaurant has earned a reputation among Maui restaurants for serving innovative Hawaiian, Mediterranean cuisine in a traditional plantation style atmosphere with breathtaking views of the north shore of Maui, the surrounding pineapple fields, and the islands of Lana'i and Moloka'i. Interior renovations will ensure the sophisticated, upscale timelessness that is unique to The Plantation House Restaurant.

Kapalua's two award-winning golf courses – The Bay Course and The Village Course will continue to be available for play and offer a world-class golf experience for players of all levels. Boasting three championship golf courses, the state's largest staff of PGA professionals, some of Maui's most spectacular views and a state-of-the-art Golf Academy, Kapalua is considered by many as the "golf mecca of the Pacific." Its three 18-hole layouts – The Bay, The Village and The Plantation Courses – have decorated the resort with top rankings, including GOLF Magazine's Gold Medal Award (nine-time recipient) and Golf Digest's best courses in the state. As the most popular golf resort in Hawai'i, Kapalua offers everything you'd expect from a world-class golf destination – the highest level of personal service and playability on three courses that are as diverse in topography as they are breathtaking.

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### **– ABOUT KAPALUA RESORT –**

The Kapalua Resort is a 23,000-acre master-planned community set amidst a working pineapple plantation on Maui's northwest coast. The resort is renowned for its three world-class golf courses - The Bay, The Village and The Plantation Courses; ten residential communities; two premier hotels - The Ritz-Carlton, Kapalua and the Kapalua Bay Hotel; a villa rental program, The Kapalua Villas; a luxury home rental program, Kapalua Luxury Homes; a tennis complex; three white sand beaches; and a myriad of restaurants and shops. Kapalua Resort hosts four signature events each year, the PGA TOUR's season-opening Mercedes Championships in Food January, The Ritz-Carlton, Kapalua's Celebration of the Arts festival in April, the Kapalua Food & Wine Festival in July, and LifeFest Kapalua in September. For more information or to view live images of Kapalua Resort visit [www.kapalua.com](http://www.kapalua.com) or call (800) KAPALUA.

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