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## Oahu's Hotels See Major Makeovers

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Espacio's nine suites feature ocean views and upscale furnishings.  
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**As Waikiki continues to update its products, its latest headlines come from a reinvented hotel that's targeting wellness travelers, and another courting VIPs.**

The 72-room Renew, slated for a June debut, is putting well-being front and center. Instead of on-site fitness facilities, however, the OLS Hotels & Resorts-managed property will connect clients with health-oriented partners in Honolulu.

“Today, many travelers want both authenticity and to explore the surrounding communities,” said Ben Rafter, CEO for OLS Hotels & Resorts. “We’ll show guests our community and let them experience wellness programs and experiences that we, as locals, enjoy.”

Formerly Hotel Renew, the boutique property promises upgraded guestrooms, a renovated front desk and a revamped lobby bar with craft juices, coffees and elixirs. Priced nightly from \$199 to \$450, Renew is focusing on young, adventurous clients looking for a new product at affordable rates, Rafter says.

And over at the nine-unit Espacio, exclusivity is the name of the game. Each floor will feature just one multi-bedroom suite. With nightly rates running from \$3,000 to \$6,000, rooms will feature amenities such as designer kitchens, dedicated butlers, a rooftop infinity pool and spa, and free use of a luxury rental car. In lieu of menus, on-site Mugen restaurant will tailor meals to clients' tastes.

Part of Aqua-Aston Hospitality, Espacio will open in mid-July in the building previously known as Aston Waikiki Beachside Hotel.

Dean Nakasone, Espacio's general manager, says it's a golden opportunity for agents seeking new Waikiki options for discerning clients.

"Advisors are excited to have an unparalleled experience to offer repeat luxury clients," Nakasone said. "Nothing quite like this has been done in Waikiki before."

## **The Details**

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