

NEWS RELEASE

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UPDATE: Moana Sands Lagoon Resort release new open date.



(Views of Muri Lagoon from top level at resort).

Construction of Moana Sands Group's newest property, Moana Sands Lagoon Resort, has been steadily underway over the last few months. With a focus on location awareness and the environment being at the helm of all decisions during the design and build process, a revised completion date of June 2018 has now been set with details on pre-booking and a soft opening expected to be announced in early 2018.

The addition of Moana Sands Lagoon Resort to the family owned property group was a decision based on tourism growth, with an aim to fulfill the demand for quality mid-range accommodation in the Cook Islands.

The property will be the newest accommodation complex to be built in the tourist hot spot Muri Village. Upon completion, the resort will feature 24 Deluxe Lagoon Studios, an onsite restaurant and bar, a large swimming pool with direct beach access.

A spokesman for the Short family, owners of the Moana Sands Group, recently released a statement on the property's progress; "we have gone to great lengths to make the property as self sustainable as possible using latest technologies to minimize the impact on our islands infrastructure and delicate environment. We are satisfying the demands of tourism environment whilst maintaining our duty of care towards the environment, our culture and Cook Islands values."

Decisions are being meticulously made throughout the design and build process, ensuring that environmentally conscious solutions are made at every level. Through research and expert advice from engineers, architects, environmentalist and the many builders, the property has adopted an array new technologies and concepts to achieve their goals of becoming as much of a self sufficient and sustainable property as possible.

Features to support this approach have already included the installation of an advanced technology sewage system imported from Germany; the first well established wastewater tertiary treatment system on the Island. The Cook Islands Ministry of Health has shown interest in the use of these technologies and will closely monitor the Moana Sands system with the intention to introduce similar systems to the island.

The resort also houses a 120,000 litre underground water tank; that will store rainwater from a large roof catchment, the water is then cleansed using the latest water cleansing system, minimizing the resorts need to use the Islands water supply.

The owners have invested in solar power paneling, in order to support water heating and discussions have begun with Te Aponga Uira to allow for power generation to go back into the grid, in the effort to continue to reduce the reliance on Rarotonga's diesel generated power supply.



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Moana Sands Group has also been working in coalition with government agencies, discussing methods they can develop and beautify the beach frontage of the resort, in a way that does not disturb the natural structure of the environment.

Focusing on experimentation and exploration of sustainable and positive environment practices, the local owners of Moana Sands Lagoon Resort are setting an example for future accommodation providers in the Cook Islands.

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Notes to Editors

About Pacific Resort Hotel Group

PRHG operate boutique resorts and hospitality facilities underpinned by a focus on local culture, the environment, and unique architectural & landscaping design providing discerning guests with an authentic South Pacific experience. PRHG successfully owns and operates four award-winning resorts under the Pacific Resort brand and has partnered with a fifth Cook Islands property under its Partner Hotel Program.



About Pacific Resort Aitutaki

Secluded Luxury... Pacific Resort Aitutaki, an enclave of privacy, refinement and luxury that seduces even the most discerning traveler. Pacific Resort Aitutaki, a member of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World collection, has 27 luxurious 'absolute beachfront' bungalows, and villas all with their own personal, panoramic view of Aitutaki's world-famous lagoon.



About Te Manava Luxury Villas & Spa

The road less travelled... Te Manava Luxury Villas & Spa has been designed just for you. This concept in luxury accommodation gives you the freedom to personalize your own leisure experience. Set on the beautiful white sand beach of Rarotonga's stunning Muri lagoon, your private villa awaits. How you choose to use it is completely up to you.



About Little Polynesian Resort

Inspiring Romance... Little Polynesian is one of the Cook Islands' most intimate luxury boutique resorts. With just ten overbeach Ares (bungalows) and four Pia Tiare (garden units) on a beautiful stretch of white sandy beach, Little Polynesian is committed to providing the ultimate Cook Islands experience through outstanding personalised service that surpasses all expectations.



About Pacific Resort Rarotonga

Authentic Boutique... Pacific Resort is Rarotonga's leading full-service authentic boutique resort situated in an unrivaled location on the glorious white sands of Muri beach. This premium boutique resort offers a collection of 64, rooms, suites and villas with a perfect blend of modern comforts and traditional island hospitality.



About Moana Sands Group (Partner property)

Your Piece of Paradise ... Two of Moana Sands Group properties, Moana Sands Beachfront Hotel & Villas are located 5 minutes from one another and set on Rarotonga's stunning southern coast. A third property, Moana Sands Lagoon resort is located in Muri featuring magical lagoon views and modern facilities. This superior 3.5-star brand provides travellers with a range of accommodation options including suites, studios, villas and apartments in the most unspoiled setting for a tropical getaway.



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