



For the Waikiki Edition, the first of the highly anticipated new brand conceived by Ian Schrager in partnership with Marriott International, Yabu Pushelberg wanted to create a chill place that didn't look designed. "Everybody's had too much design in the world today," says Glenn Pushelberg. "We want it to be easy, easy, easy. We want people to wear their flip-flops and shorts."

Housed in the former Yacht Harbor Tower, next door to where the original *Hawaii 5.0* series was filmed, the duo incorporated their own romantic notions of Hawaiian paradise; "which isn't what you really find right now in Honolulu," says George Yabu. "But we strived for that romanticism of what Waikiki once was 30 years ago, when it's all happy-happy, surfing, and hula dancing."

Guests strolling into the living room-like lobby immediately get a taste of the laidback vibe: whitewashed walls and an organic shaped registration desk contrast dark wood floors; a sculpture by '60s surf star Herbie Fletcher is comprised of bits of surfboards from his buddies; and a bookcase, complete with vintage surfer videos, rotates open at about 4 p.m. to reveal another bar to chill at.



Left: The white-on-white guestroom is like "a decompression zone." Above: The lobby bar.



Clockwise from top left: Morimoto, designed by Thomas Schoos; the lobby's bookcase rotates open to reveal the bar; dark wood louvers elegantly diffuse the outdoors; a suite at sunset; and outdoors at the Sunrise Patio.



Up the stairs there's the Sunrise Pool, complete with lush vegetation and a large wood-paneled lanai; then up one more level to the Private Sunset Beach, where sand from surrounding islands and a circular lagoon overlooking the ocean combine to create a look and feel that's more "Gilligan's Island."

Inside, the 353 guestrooms and suites "are like a decompression zone," says Yabu. The white on white rooms feature headboards reminiscent of mattress ticking; a huge shutter that divides the bedroom and bathroom; and oversized windows overlooking the city, pools, Yacht Harbor, and ocean. Echoes Pushelberg: "When you enter the room you breathe a sigh of relief."

For those looking for a slice of Schragger's signature nightlife flair, there's industrial nightclub Crazybox, a concrete room with a giant cloud made up of thousands of recycled lightbulbs, and Morimoto, designed by Los Angeles-based designer Thomas Schoos.

The design duo's favorite part of the project though? "Working with Ian. The more you work with him, the more you love him. He has a love for good design and a desire to make things as good as they can possibly be." And the feeling was mutual. Next up for the designers: the Miami Edition, a renovation of the old Seville Hotel in South Beach. **hd**

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#### Waikiki Edition

Waikiki, Hawaii

**Owner** M Waikiki LLC

**Architecture Firm** Delawie Wilkes

Rodrigues Barker, San Diego

**Interior Design Firm** Yabu Pushelberg,

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**Interior Design Project Team** Cherie

Stinson, Robert Walshaw, Kevin Storey,

Jennifer Mckeand, Minh Duong, Heidi

Rose, Carrie Stinson, Jennifer Lem, Lisa

Ho, Eduardo Mora, Andra Hayward, Daniel

Kim, and Rebecca Schultz

**Restaurant Interior Design Firm** Schoos

Design, West Hollywood

**Consultants** Delawie Wilkes Rodrigues

Barker (public space architect); Isometrix

Lighting + Design (lighting); and Soloman

Interior Design Inc. (guestroom architect)

**Crazybox Lighting** Commute Home

**Electrical Engineer** Albert Chong

Associates Inc.

**Landscape** Deborah Nevins

**Graphics** Joseph Logan of Baron & Baron

**GUESTROOM INTERIOR**

**Bed Furniture and Window Treatments**

Constructed by Les Meubles

Saint-Damase

**GUESTROOM LIVING AREA**

**Custom Sofa** Fabric Tello

**LOBBY BAR**

**Custom Sculpture** Scott Eunson

**LOBBY**

**Custom Sofa** Louis Interiors

**Wall Treatments and Shelving** Moss

& Lam

**RECEPTION DESK**

**Surfboard Installation** Herbie Fletcher

**Check-In Desk Sculpture** Scott Eunson

**REVOLVING BOOKCASE TO LOBBY BAR**

**Chairs at Concierge** Christian Liagre for

Holly Hunt

**Barstools and Chairs** Flexform

**SUNRISE PATIO**

**Long Bench** Louis Interiors

**Wicker Chairs** Vincent Sheppard for

Lloyd Loom

**Teak Armchairs** Roda

**Teak Coffee Tables** Danao