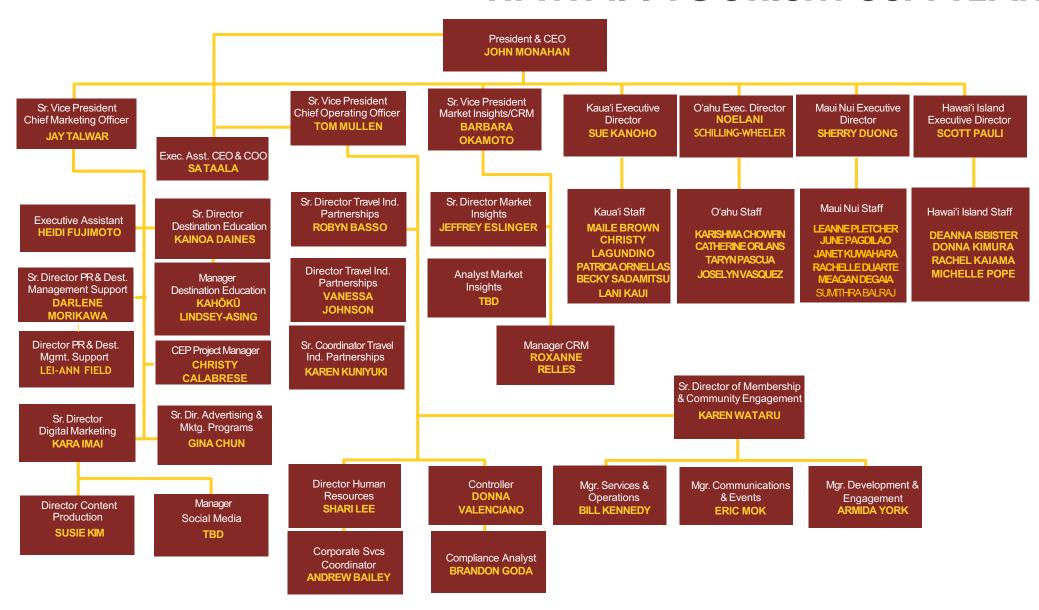


## 2024 Brand Marketing Plan

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## **MARKET SITUATION**

## MARKET SITUATION OUTBOUND TRAVEL / TRAVEL SENTIMENT

#### U.S. Economic Downturn Will Be Mild

- Consumers remain inclined to spend but will be more intentional with their purchases—particularly for more expensive, interest rate-sensitive items.
- Travel related spending will remain largely resilient and continue on a positive trajectory, despite elevated inflation for goods and services.
- As a result, domestic travel has fully recovered and is settling into a sustainable pace (+1.4 percent in 2023, +3.1 percent in 2024).
- US travelers state that taking time off to travel is more important than ever; significantly higher than in Q1 (35 percent).
- Domestic leisure travel has been the main driver of the U.S. travel recovery and has recovered to pre-pandemic levels significantly more than Q1 (+29 percent)

Source: U.S. Travel Association

## MARKET SITUATION HAWAI'I FORECAST AND PERFORMANCE

- Compared to the same period in 2019:
  - Hawai'i's economy (GDP) recovered to 97 percent in the first quarter of 2023,
  - During the first seven months of 2023, the labor force recovered to 98.8 percent.
- Economic Impact of the Maui Wildfire: The Maui wildfire took the lives of over 100 people, numerous cultural sites, destroyed more than 2,000 homes and more than 800 business establishments, employing about 7,000 employees. The daily total business revenue of those establishments is estimated to be \$2.7 million a day.
- Largely due to the Lahaina wildfire tragedy, DBEDT revised its economic growth projections for 2023 and 2024 downward, from 1.8 percent to 1.1 percent for 2023 and from 2.0 percent to 1.5 percent for 2024.



### **MARKET SITUATION**

U.S. TRANS-PACIFIC AIR SEAT SYNOPSIS 2024 PROJECTIONS

	# of SEATS 2019 Jan-June	# of SEATS 2023 Jan-June	# of SEATS 2024P Jan-June	% Change 24/19	% Change 24/23
Oʻahu	2,413,284	2,889,030	2,713,781	11.1%	-6.5%
Maui	1,275,965	1,507,009	1,296,094	1.6%	-14.0%
Kona	581,808	654,810	598,337	2.8%	-8.6%
Kauaʻi	481,642	515,569	460,395	-4.4%	-10.7%
Hilo	21,654	1,162		-100.0%	-100.0%
Total	4,774,353	5,567,580	5,068,607	6.2%	-9.0%

## MARKET SITUATION BOOKING PACE



#### 2023 Year-to-Date On the Books vs. YTD 2022

- O'ahu Room Nights -12.1%, Revenue -2.8%, ADR +10.6%
- Maui Room Nights -27.4 %, **Revenue -20.2%**, ADR +9.9%
- Kaua'i Room Nights +1.2%, **Revenue +9.4%**, ADR +8.1%
- Island of Hawai'i Room Nights -5.5%, Revenue -3.8%, ADRs +1.8%

#### Hawai'i booking pace down 10% for 2024

- Maui dropped by -29%
- O'ahu has maintained pacing
- Kaua'i has seen pickup of +23%
- Island of Hawai'i has had a slight drop in pace.

#### 2024 Outlook vs 2023

- Destination Room nights -14.5%, Revenue -17.3%, ADRs -3.3%
- Oʻahu Room Nights -1.9%, Revenue flat, ADR +2%
- Maui Room Nights -44.5%, Revenue -41.6%, ADR +5.1%
- Kaua'i Room Nights +21%, Revenue +19.9%, ADR –1%
- The Island of Hawai'i Room Nights +29%, Revenue +23.8%, ADR –4%

## MARKET SITUATION COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE



Tourism destinations around the globe are back marketing to U.S. travelers:

- In rank order, the 2023 US traveler is going to these international destinations: Italy, UK, Mexico, France, Canada, Ireland, Japan.
- European countries are among the most popular destinations of the summer, which brings in "Overtourism" concerns and resulting rules and regulations to curb the negative aspects of tourism. These rules often go hand-in-hand with sustainability initiatives, as these destinations see the current trajectory as being unsustainable.

## TARGET AUDIENCE

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#### THE MINDFUL HAWAI'I TARGET TRAVELER



The Service-Minded

Values making a difference in the world and is likely to seek a Hawai'i experience punctuated by voluntourism.



The Culturally Curious

Has a deep interest in learning about other cultures and is likely to seek a visit to Hawai'i that immerses them in local community and cuisine.



The Eco-Conscious

Prioritizes care for the planet and is likely to seek a visit to Hawai'i that favors ecofriendly, sustainable experiences.



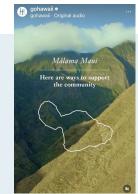
The Unobtrusive Explorer

Enjoys adventurous new experiences and is likely to seek a visit to Hawai'i centering on once-in-a-lifetime opportunities, or the great outdoors.

# CORE BRANDING MESSAGE

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Mālama Hawai'i









Mālama Maui

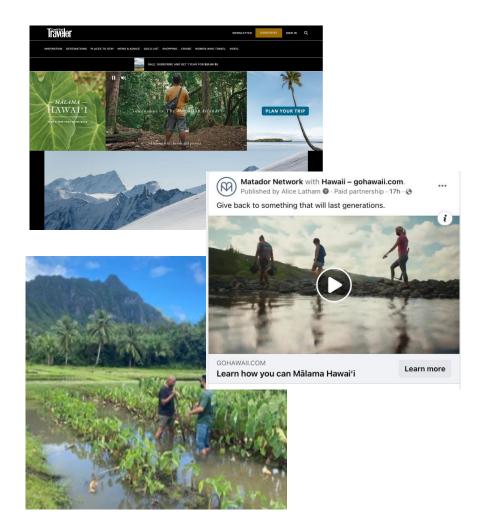






## **STRATEGIES**

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#### Consumer

Deliver Mālama Hawai'i and Mālama Maui messaging to Mindful Hawai'i Target Travelers (MHTT).

#### **Public Relations**

Inspire media to create editorial content that attracts the MHTT and reshapes their perceptions of Hawai'i.

#### **Travel Trade**

Educate travel sellers who have MHTTs as clients, so they present Hawai'i in-line with the Hawai'i Tourism Authority's (HTA) branding mission and pillars.

### **STRATEGIES**

2024

#### Mālama Hawai'i

Change the perception of visiting Hawai'i from "come, play on our islands" to an invitation that:

- Educates visitors about the beauty of our culture before they visit,
- Shapes their behavior once they visit.

#### Mālama Maui

Re-create demand for Maui by adding dimension to the existing brand.

- Share the unique and attractive visitor activities and events across the island to have potential for even repeat visitors to realize there is so much more to do on Maui than they were aware of, including recovery volunteer opportunities.
- Doing so will create an opportunity for Mauibased businesses to survive as the messaging will create a desire for visitors to support local.







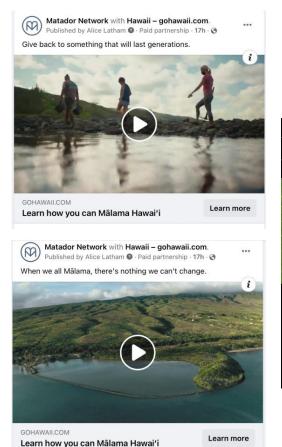




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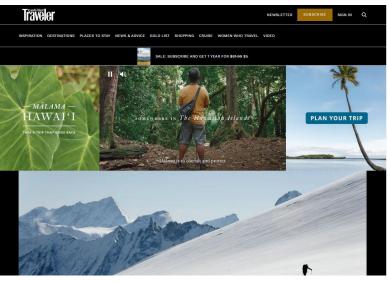
## Paid Media (Considered List)

- Digital and Paid Media
- Native Programs
- Social Media



### **MAJOR PROGRAMS**

2024





































2024

### **Support Local Initiative**

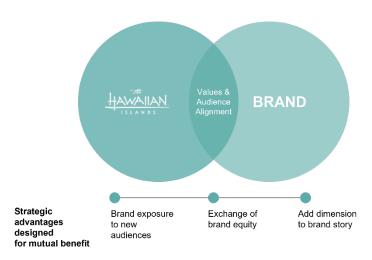
- Fashion
- Retail
- Music
- Ag/Cuisine





### **Brand Partnership**

- Currently exploring opportunities
- Integrating Maui based businesses

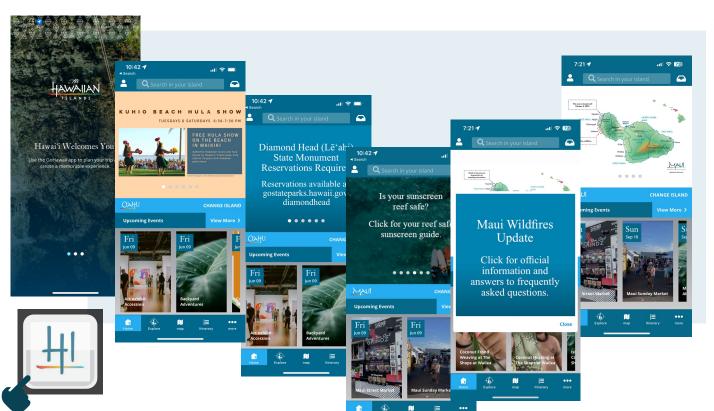


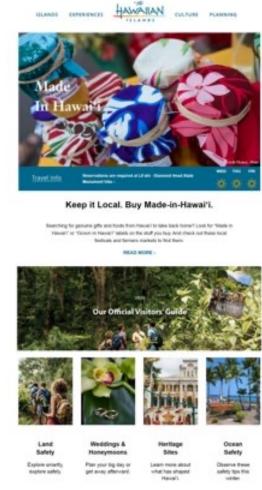


2024

### **Consumer Direct**

- Newsletters
- Special Offers
- GoHawaii app





2024

#### **Public Relations**

- International Media
   Marketplace (IMM) New York
- U.S. Media Blitz New York
- FestPAC Press Trips
- Deeper storytelling including a heavy-up on Maui





#### **AFAR**

Is Now the Right Time to Travel to Maui? We Asked Locals.

After catastrophic wildfires leveled the western Maui town of Lāhainā, the island's residents now say they are in the midst of a second crisis—the economic toll of a steep loss in tourism.

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then visitors do come, locals ask that they be mindful of the trauma and devastation the island has been through since early



Male members of Halau Hi'iakainamakalehua practiced their hula kahiko (ancient hula) performance. They used dense, wooden sticks to amplify their chant. In the past, hula provided an opportunity for Hawaiian men to train for combat.

#### Preserving Hula, the Heartbeat of Hawaii

For 60 years, the Merrie Monarch Festival has contributed to the reclamation of Hawaiian culture, language and identity.

2024

#### **Travel Trade - Education**

- Partnerships
  - Tourism Cares Meaningful FAM Maui in May
- Wholesale, Consortia, Industry Events
  - Delta Vacations University, Virtuoso Travel Week, ASTA Global Convention
- Consortia Programs
  - New partner: The 1000
  - Support current partners: Virtuoso,
     Signature Travel Network and Travel
     Leaders
- Content Development
  - HDS Training Curriculum Update
- In-person & Virtual Education
  - In-market Educational Blitzes Jan, Mar & Aug
- Trade Paid Media
- Leisure Group Business





Like so many words in the Hawaiian language, malence has a mumber of different definitions. It can mean to take care of, to attend and cherish, to preserve and protect, and even to save. Malence is a word that has been used to define our kalence (responsibility) to the 'Wise (land), ins natural resources and each other for generations. Malence is a kalence that we also share with our guests who visit our home in Hawaii.









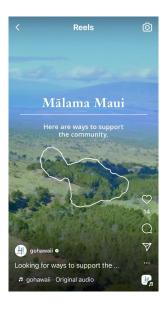
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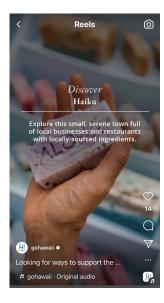


"it's not only about change but about healing. I think that's a big part of our work We're healing the land, we're healing the people, we're healing ourselves."

> Noelani Lee, Aquaculture Restoratio

## MĀLAMA MAUI







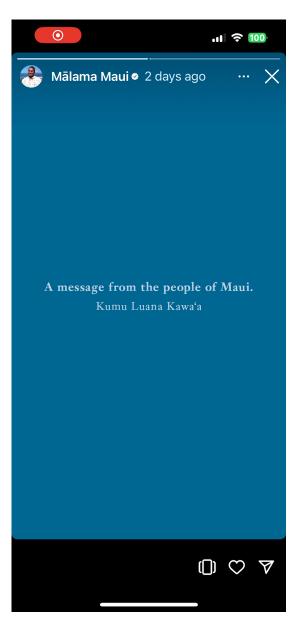


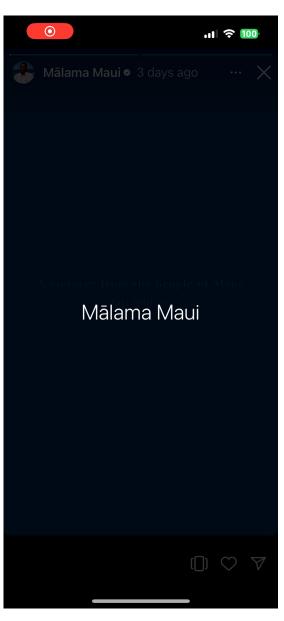


### MĀLAMA MAUI

- Social Media Engagement
   Creating Maui-focused social media content
   through both organic and paid strategies
- Public Relations
   Pitching Maui stories through ongoing outreach and in-person meetings
- Brand partnership
   Messaging includes support for Maui
- Native Media Partnership
   Developing Maui-based content
- Travel Trade

Focusing on targeted advisor and consumer communications as well as in-person, virtual and in-destination education to rebuild travel demand to Maui





### MĀLAMA MAUI - 2023

#### Industry Outreach

- Amplify Government/HTA Messages –
   Distribution to industry partners, travel advisors,
   MCI clients, airlines, OTA, national media
- Consumer Direct
  - Social Media Engagement
     Creating Maui-focused social media content
     through both organic and paid strategies
  - Owned Channels
     Gohawaii.com, Enewsletters, Gohawaii app
- Public Relations

Pitching Maui stories through ongoing outreach and in-person meetings

#### Travel Trade

Focusing on targeted advisor and consumer communications as well as in-person, virtual and in-destination education

## PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### 2024 PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

ACTIVITY	DATE	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	COST
Mālama Hawaiʻi Program – Volunteer Experiences	ongoing	Visitors are encouraged to give back to the destination by participating in the Mālama Hawai'i Program. The U.S. brand media campaign CTA drives to the website, which lists volunteer opportunities via Kanu Hawai'i's dashboard.	Kauaʻi, Oʻahu, Maui, Molokaʻi, Lānaʻi, Island of Hawaiʻi	\$0
Mālama Hawaiʻi Program – Hotel Offers	ongoing	In addition to promoting enriching volunteer experiences, hotel partners can build special Mālama Hawai'i packages to be listed on the Mālama Offers page.	Kauaʻi, Oʻahu, Maui, Molokaʻi, Lānaʻi, Island of Hawaiʻi	\$0
U.S. West Leisure Educational Blitzes	Jan & Mar	Travel advisor educational workshops will be conducted in four U.S. West markets.	8 events in key Northern and Southern California and PNW travel markets, TBC	\$900 - \$1,350 per event
Mālama Maui Co-op	Spring	Tactical, digital cooperative marketing program for the Maui Recovery to drive business from the U.S. market. Limited participation.	U.S.	varies
Tourism Cares Meaningful FAM	May	Inaugural Meaningful FAM hosted on Maui will connect Hawai'i-based organizations who embrace sustainable practices with top wholesale and consortia partners.	Maui	TBA
U.S. Leisure Educational Blitz	Aug	Travel advisor educational workshops will be conducted in four U.S. markets.	4 events in key markets TBD	\$900 - \$1,350 per event

## Partnership Opportunities



https://www.hawaiitourismauthority.org/what-we-do/partnership-opportunities/

## 2024 BMP BUDGET

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Budget Category	Amount	
Consumer Direct	\$8,689,840	
Public Relations	\$1,123,600	
Travel Trade	\$1,279,560	
Research	\$100,000	
Admin	\$3,157,000	
Total:	\$14,350,000	

## **MAHALO!**