

An aerial photograph of a resort pool area. The pool is large and irregularly shaped, with a prominent thatched hut structure in the center. The pool deck is sandy and filled with lounge chairs, many of which are blue. There are several palm trees and other tropical plants scattered throughout the area. In the background, there are resort buildings with colorful facades and more thatched huts. The overall atmosphere is tropical and relaxing.

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Reef Playacar Combines All-Inclusive Amenities With Small Boutique Atmosphere

Located in trendy Playa del Carmen and offers something to satisfy nearly any client's needs.

CONNIE SKOOG

As I ambled toward Playa del Carmen's bustling 5th Avenue, a gorgeous Italian couple walked toward me. Tanned, perfectly coifed and clad in fashionable white gauze, it seemed they had stepped straight from an ad in a Travel & Leisure magazine. I don't understand much Italian, but as the couple passed me I realized they were having an angry shouting match of Roman coliseum proportions. *Mama mia!*

Let's face it, you cannot control everything that happens on a vacation you plan for your clients. Some are bound to come back disappointed, having had a rotten time, or even on the verge of divorce! You, as a professional travel planner, need to avoid disappointment by finding out as much as you can about your clients' expectations and interests. Booking them in a huge "something for everyone" property isn't always the answer. Reef Playacar, a 210-room, all-inclusive resort located within walking distance of Playa del Carmen, Mexico, maintains a balance between intimacy and abundance. Many guests know each other on a first-name basis by the time they leave, nevertheless the resort offers them a wide variety of services and activities.

"Let's face it, vacations can be stressful," declared Corrina Terenstra, Sales and Marketing Director, Reef Resorts. "If it takes you three days to find your way around the place where you are supposed to be relaxing, what fun is that? What most people want and need is a home away from home. We try to give personalized treatment to everyone who comes here. We want them to immediately feel comfortable and relaxed."

Corrina, a native of the Netherlands who moved with her husband to Playa del Carmen ten years ago, has witnessed the phenomenal growth of this once-sleepy village into a destination where huge global companies are developing one mega property after another. The entire area offered a mere 1,470 rooms in 1995; they are projecting more than 35,000 rooms by the end of 2007.

She pointed out that Reef Playacar is one of the few privately-owned resorts in this burgeoning destination. She and I agreed that the destination itself was worthy of all of this attention; it offered an enormous amount of activities, historical ruins and beautiful beaches. The biggest challenge was finding that "home away from home" amongst all of these properties.

These three most important elements for real estate are even more essential to a vacation spot. Reef Playacar Resort is located in a gated community of luxurious homes surrounding a golf course. This exclusive community is within an easy



Beds on the beach at Reef Playacar Resort.

walk to Playa del Carmen, a town that has become the beating heart of the Riviera Maya. Though the drinks and entertainment are free for guests at the all-inclusive Reef Playacar, many want to experience the chic nightclubs, funky tourist dives, or crazy *Senor Frogs* in town. The freedom to walk or take a short taxi ride to these spots or to shop on 5th Avenue will be important to many of your clients.

It's play time

In any group of people, family members, or even just within a couple, there are those who want to just bake on the beach and others who want to SCUBA, snorkel, or wind surf. At the Reef Playacar, mom could go for a spa treatment while the kids play at Kids Camp and dad scuba dives; everyone can do his thing and still lunch together.

Beach and Pools: The white sand beach is small but completely private. Thatched shelters provide shade for lounging. Toys such as Hobie cats, kayaks, and windsurfers are free for guests. Demos and lessons on their use are given each day. Showers and the pools, one with a swim up bar, are close by as is a snack bar.

Dive Center: A knowledgeable, helpful crew enthusiastically services anyone who wants to try SCUBA as well as experienced divers who want to get in as many dives as they can. Equipment is provided at no extra cost. This staff has the unusual tradition that the first person to sign up for a given dive time gets to pick the destination. That is an incentive to be the first one at least once, if you know the local dive sites and have a favorite. Diving prices are average for the area and are additional.

Spa: A small, relaxing oasis of a spa is located down the same path as the Kid's Club. Perfect to drop the kids off so you

can enjoy a treatment in peace. The treatments include a variety of massages, facials, as well aromatherapy and other typical spa services. All spa treatments are additional.

Kid's Club: The free kid's club is open to any child between four and ten. Children can play at the facility or be taken on small excursions within the resort, if the circumstances permit. One of the advantages of the size of this resort is that older children can navigate the area in safety without getting lost.

Entertainment: Nightly entertainment in a theater with a roof garden starts around nine. Snorkeling, fishing and other excursions, at reasonable fees, leave daily from the resort.

What's for dinner?

In addition to the buffet, located in the heart of the pool and beach area, the resort offers two restaurants that require reservations. Boticelli serves Italian fare and the Terraza Grill serves grilled Mexican food. There are no limitations

on the number of reservations one can make for either place. The Boticelli a la carte restaurant is located overlooking the pools and the sea. In addition to Italian cuisine, it offers a few "Healthy Dishes" replete with calorie counts, protein and carb information, as well as a couple of vegetarian choices. This is a welcome sight to anyone who is trying to stay the same size in an all-inclusive resort. The Terraza Grill was closed for renovation while we inspected the resort. The Chula Vista buffet restaurant serves made-to-order tropical fruit whips in the morning, as well as typical fare for breakfast and lunch. Many of the evening meals focus on one international cuisine or another.

Of several bars on site, we noticed that the swim-up bar was by far the most popular. The people sitting and swimming around the bar every evening seemed to be a cohesive group, chatting and laughing easily. The place had such a friendly atmosphere, they had all made new friends.

Who Should You Send?

During our stay at the Reef Playacar, the place seemed evenly divided between families with small children and couples. We saw no large groups, though a several family reunions. In addition to families and honeymooners, divers and beach bums, active folks who would appreciate The Reef Playacar include runners, golfers and tennis players. The area offers safe, residential streets for running, a tennis court and access to a golf course.

Packages are available for Weddings (several distinctive approaches at different price points), a Dive Package, a Spa Package plus several special Romantic escapades for celebrating couples.

Groups can be accommodated with meeting space, separate dining areas as well as room upgrades for leaders and so on.

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CAPELLA HOTELS AND RESORTS ANNOUNCES CREATION OF CAPELLA BAHIA MAROMA

Capella Hotels and Resorts and Grupo Carrousel, one of Mexico's pioneering development companies, have announced the creation of Capella Bahia Maroma.

Ideally situated along the Riviera Maya on almost a mile of beachfront, Capella Bahia Maroma is set opposite the world's second largest coral reef – the Great Maya Reef - and the renowned diving and snorkeling of Cozumel. The resort, scheduled to debut in winter 2008/2009, will feature individual villas opening out directly to the Caribbean, as well as a private, world-class golf course, an Auriga spa, a beach club with outdoor pools and whirlpools, gourmet restaurants, and luxurious residences.

Set among 254 secluded acres, Capella Bahia Maroma offers easy access to Mayan archaeological sites, including Tulum, Chichenitza and Coba, among others, as well as an extraordinarily diverse ecological environment. The Capella Bahia Maroma Golf Course will be the only world-class private course in the Yucatan Peninsula, available exclusively to resort guests and residents. The 18-hole course will be designed by acclaimed golf architect Rees Jones and will feature three challenging holes along the Caribbean, as well as a private golf club house.

Horst Schulze, President and CEO, Capella Hotels and Resorts, commented, "This is truly one of the world's most spectacular locations, and we will honor both the sophisticated history of the early Mayan people and the inspiring culture of today's Mexico by creating an environment that allows guests and residents to experience the essence of this multifaceted destination."

Capella Hotels and Resorts, www.capellahotels.com

REEF CLUB COZUMEL BEACH AND DIVE RESORT BECOMES ISLAND'S FIRST WYNDHAM RESORT

The 402-room Reef Club Cozumel Beach and Dive Resort recently announced that it signed an agreement with Wyndham Hotel Group to become the first Wyndham branded property in Cozumel. The former Reef Club will be known as the Wyndham Cozumel Resort and Spa after it undergoes a multimillion-dollar renovation.

Operating under the Wyndham brand, the all-inclusive resort will continue to be managed by its current owner, Islander Properties, the newest hotel management company based in Cozumel.

Peter Strebel, Wyndham Hotels and Resorts President said the resort is a "perfect addition to our portfolio," adding, "We're proud to be able to offer travelers more options for stays in Mexico and the Caribbean, especially in popular resort destinations including the island of Cozumel."

Located on the southwest coast of Cozumel, the Wyndham Cozumel Resort and Spa is 15 minutes south of downtown San Miguel, 20 minutes from the airport and minutes away from Cozumel's major reefs. Guests may enjoy more than 2,000 feet of beach, eight swimming pools, the island's largest spa and five room categories.

Wyndham Hotels and Resorts, www.wyndham.com

EXCELLENCE PLAYA MUJERES TO OPEN NOVEMBER 1

Featuring five-star all-inclusive properties throughout the Caribbean, Excellence Resorts will soon boast a third adults-only property, Excellence Playa Mujeres, its second in Mexico.

Set to open on November 1, 2007, Excellence Playa Mujeres sits on a secluded 20-mile peninsula complete with a remote two-mile stretch of beach.

It will set a new standard of luxury for all-inclusives though amenities such as one-of-a-kind accommodations, meticulous service, gourmet cuisine, an exquisite spa, and the signature Excellence Club.

Due to become Mexico's hottest new luxury resort destination, Excellence Playa Mujeres is removed from but suitably located near the activity of Cancun proper. It's situated 20 minutes north of Cancun and is a 30-minute drive from Cancun's International Airport.

Excellence Playa Mujeres boasts a world-class 170-slip marina and sits near the Playa Mujeres Golf Club, which features an 18-hole championship Greg Norman-designed golf course.

"We are thrilled to add Excellence Playa Mujeres to our already exceptional portfolio of properties in the Caribbean," stated Ignacio Fernandez, Vice President of Sales and Marketing. "Playa Mujeres is a distinct destination that surrounds adult guests with the lush romance of the tropics and gifts them with an exclusive level of luxury. It mirrors the exceptional standards of all Excellence Resorts' properties."

Excellence Playa Mujeres harmonizes luxury and convenience for vacationers by carrying the philosophy of "all-inclusive is luxury." Highlights of the accommodations include lavish two-story rooftop terrace suites outfitted with a private HydroSpa pool and equipped with a second story room service entrance granting guests absolute privacy, and junior swim-up suites complete with a private garden and hammock.

Excellence Playa Mujeres is the first Excellence Resorts property to feature the signature Miiilé Spa. Miiilé Spa blends traditional local elements with sophisticated beauty techniques. Highlights include luxury couple suites that feature a private steam room, hydrotherapy treatment bath, massage suite and secluded relaxation terrace with ocean views; Silk Suites that are specially designed for Asian spa techniques such as shiatsu and reiki; heated relaxation beds that submerge guests in warmth following the hydrotherapy circuit; and a Caldarium that detoxifies and opens pores prior to a treatment.

Guests can indulge in special offerings, which include a personal concierge with private check-in/check-out; superior amenities, including Bulgari toiletries; and access to a private Club beach and lounge. Other property amenities include seven swimming pools, four Jacuzzis and five integrated whirlpools; eight gourmet inclusive; 11 modish bars; meeting space totaling 17,000 square feet; and diverse activities such as wellness classes and creative tutorials.

Excellence Resorts, www.excellence-resorts.com

VILLA PISCES OPENS AT MAROMA RESORT AND SPA

Maroma Resort and Spa now offers a new four-bedroom villa on its 25-acre beachfront property. Located in front of "The Best Beach in the World," as awarded by the Travel Channel for three consecutive years, Villa Pisces gives up to 10 guests the opportunity to enjoy the privacy of their own villa, while benefiting from all the services of this luxurious boutique hotel.

The décor of Villa Pisces embodies rustic, tropical charm and blends modern comforts with the appeal of Ancient worlds. A high traditional Mayan thatched roof welcomes guests to an open and spacious floor plan. The solid wood dining table entices guests to try a traditional Mexican feast, prepared and served by Maroma's staff, or, for those who would rather create their own dining delicacies, the fully-equipped kitchen will delight even the most discerning chef. Stepping beyond the living and dining areas lies a circular swimming pool and covered patio area. On the beach, beach beds and chaise lounges are perfect for sipping afternoon margaritas. Each bedroom has private access from the outside pool patio, with two master suites on the ground floor and two on the upper level. The bedrooms all feature a private living room that connects with wooden sliding doors to a balcony with ocean views. Amenities provided include maid service daily and nightly turndown, a BBQ grill, a cook available upon request, TV/ DVD, stereo, security, AC in all the bedrooms, all linens, and laundry service on request. Maroma Resort and Spa, 866-454-9351 www.maromahotel.com

BAHIA PRINCIPE AWARDED WITH FOUR GOLDEN APPLES

Apple Vacations has awarded the Bahia Principe Clubs & Resorts with four Golden Apples for the following properties: Gran Bahia Principe Coba, Gran Bahia Principe Tulum, Gran Bahia Principe Akumal, and Gran Bahia Principe Punta Cana.

Being the largest wholesaler and tour operator in the United States, receiving these awards from Apple Vacation symbolizes a great honor and significant achievement for Bahia Principe. The results of these awards are obtained by direct consumers and guest based on the quality of the facilities, food, service, cleanliness, activities and entertainment provided by the resort.

The Gran Bahia Principe Riviera Maya Resort has won the Golden Apple Award every year since 2002 and was joined last year by the Gran Bahia Principe Punta Cana in this accomplishment. In addition, the Bahia Principe Clubs & Resorts has once again been nominated for the Crystal Awards as the "Best Hotel Chain."

This coming November will mark the grand opening of the two newest additions to the family of resorts for Bahia Principe. Both in the Dominican Republic, the Gran Bahia Principe La Romana and the Gran Bahia Principe Ambar Don Pablo Collection (adults only), are expected to follow in the tradition of their predecessors by providing nothing but the best service coupled with finest facilities.

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A WEEKEND WITH MARIEL HEMINGWAY AT CAMBRIDGE BEACHES RESORT & SPA



Cambridge Beaches Resort & Spa is all about the "luxury of moments" and for 36 women seeking the ultimate in luxurious moments a weekend with Mariel Hemingway is sure to deliver.

Hemingway will start the weekend with a book signing and cocktail/mocktail party. Saturday begins with an intimate beachside yoga session, a Hemingway inspired lunch, and then afterwards a Q & A on the benefits of great nutrition and how to choose 'foods that boost.'

In addition, guests can sample Hemingway's signature menu items throughout the weekend, as they will be prominently featured.

The weekend wraps with a personal conversation about stress and the benefits of meditation, and Hemingway will take questions from participants.

This four-day, three-night package is available from November 15 – 18, 2007 and priced at \$3,335 ppdo sharing. Single occupancy prices start from \$4,175 per person. Prices are based on premium deluxe rooms and include all service taxes and gratuities, excluding airport transfers.

Additionally the package will provide Rare, a special gift from Lili Bermuda, the islands onsite perfumery; a spa treatment (all spa treatments will need to be booked in advance); additional yoga classes; all meals; and full use of the resort's Ocean Spa, meditation/Labyrinth gardens, tennis courts, and five-private beaches (one of which is a private marina) with guest's choice of pink or white sand.

"For those who can't join us during Hemingway's special event, we have taken steps to make the entire month of November, Healthy from the Inside Out for all guests who visit. Great strides in the Ocean Spa have been completed and guests can now indulge in the new experiential shower, the herbal sauna and enjoy the new manicure and pedicure suite," states Louise Palmer, Spa Director

at Cambridge Beaches Resort and Spa. "Along with new structural amenities, the Spa has also introduced one of France's most sophisticated skincare lines, Sothys of Paris, and London's own Aromatherapy Associates (a favorite of Gwyneth Paltrow) is also now available.

These new product introductions have spawned a variety of new spa treatments," adds Palmer.

Guests who book the Healthy Living from the Inside Out package during the month of November will receive Hemingway's book and Rare a perfume gift from, Lili Bermuda, Bermuda's own perfumery since 1928.

Hemingway infused menu items will be available throughout the month, in addition to yoga classes, Hemingway inspired self-guided walking tours, and how-to home spa tips from the European trained spa professionals. The resorts four private beaches are great for quiet moments and self guided meditation.

Cambridge Beaches Resort & Spa, 800-468-7300,
www.cambridgebeaches.com/spa

JAMAICA TO BUILD NEW MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR CONVENTION CENTER

Jamaica will be the site of the new \$51.67 million Montego Bay Convention Center, scheduled to open December 2008, and anticipated to be one of the most impressive and sought-after meeting facilities in the Caribbean.

Projected to cost \$51.67 million, the convention center is a joint venture between the Government of Jamaica and Ex-Im Bank of China, which will be the majority shareholder, financing \$45.4 million. The convention center will be built on 23 acres of land at Rose Hall and will provide approximately 215,278 square feet of rooms for meetings, exhibitions and other events.

Basil Smith, Director of Tourism for the Jamaica Tourist Board declared that: "The construction of the convention center comes at an opportune time for Jamaica and will become the focal point of our Meetings, Conventions and Exhibitions product. Our plan is to share the true Jamaican experience, one that is filled with diversity, culture and adventure not only with the leisure travel market, but also with business travelers, corporations, incentive groups and meeting planners. This new convention center strengthens our appeal to these market segments and we look forward to welcoming new and returning groups for years to come."

The facility truly enables Jamaica to court and cater to the large conventions market dominated by major corporations and associations, meeting their demands of size and format. These corporations and associations will now be able to host their event in Jamaica and take advantage of the country's tax-deductible status for people traveling on business.

Chinese Ambassador to Jamaica, Chen Jinghau, said the convention center would, upon completion, become the hub for a wide range of functions in Jamaica, and serve as an economic development tool to attract conventions, trade shows and other gatherings from within and outside Jamaica to Montego Bay.

The Jamaica Tourist Board (JTB), 800-233-4JTB
(800-233-4582), www.visitjamaica.com

BUCUTI BEACH RESORT IN ARUBA MAINTAINS 90 PERCENT OCCUPANCY YEAR-ROUND

For the 10th consecutive year, nearly half of the visitors to Bucuti Beach Resort are repeat guests. This 104-room, European-style resort has maintained 90 percent occupancy since opening day 20 years ago and is on track to finish 2007 with an occupancy rate of more than 94 percent. The resort has established a loyal following by catering exclusively to couples, a philosophy that has resulted in an idyllic environment, free of the crowds and distractions often associated with the island's high-rise hotels and family-friendly resorts.

While many hotels and resorts in the Caribbean have reached mega-proportion, Aruba's owner-managed Bucuti credits its success to intentionally preserving an intimate atmosphere.

"When my husband and I opened Bucuti in 1987, we welcomed all types of travelers, including families," said Owner and Director of Sales and Marketing, Susan Biemans.

"As time went on, we learned that our most satisfied guests were couples who enjoyed our small size, wide expanse of beach, the lack of crowds and the personal attention from the staff. By becoming the only resort in Aruba to target this demographic exclusively, we were able to fine-tune our product, service and message. Instead of being everything to everyone, we decided to be the best at serving couples seeking romance and tranquility in a natural environment."

The strategy worked and Bucuti has received a number of awards and accolades to prove it, from companies such as Expedia.com and, most recently, Trip Advisor's Travelers' Choice Award in the "Best Hotel for Romance" category.

Bucuti's staff works behind the scenes to ensure that each couple's visit is customized to their expectations. Men who want to pop the question during their stay can rely on the resort's staff to help them design unforgettable settings for marriage proposals, whether it is during a romantic walk on the beach or a playful snorkel excursion.

Couples planning a wedding at Bucuti will appreciate unlimited access to the on-site wedding planner prior to their arrival and once in Aruba to ensure that their vision is translated to a ceremony in paradise. And no matter if a couple is celebrating their honeymoon or 25 years together, Bucuti's "Swept Away" package adds to the romance with activities like a candlelight dinner for two on the beach and a sunset sailing cruise.

Bucuti Beach Resort featuring Tara Beach Suites & Spa is Aruba's premier, intimate, upscale boutique resort. Located on Eagle Beach, Bucuti offers 104 guest

rooms and an abundance of contemporary European charm in addition to a caring and attentive staff, innovative technology including advance check-in, high-speed Wi-Fi access throughout the resort and loaner laptops, and a commitment to sustainable tourism.


Bucuti Beach Resort is Green Globe 21 and ISO 14001 certified and has been recognized by notable organizations such as the Caribbean Hotel Association, American Express and the International Hotel and Restaurant Association for its environmentally responsible hotel operations.

Bucuti Beach Resort, www.bucuti.com

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A RELAXING VACATION AT THE HISTORIC BLUE HAVEN HOTEL



Royals and film stars have been drawn to the historic Blue Haven Hotel since the 1940's. Extensively renovated, this glamorous and romantic property combines the restored tradition of the old days with modern facilities. All 55 rooms offer breathtaking ocean views as the hotel is surrounded on three sides by the sea.

Blue Haven Hotel is located just outside Tobago's capital, Scarborough, at Bacolet Bay along the southern shore of Tobago. Blue Haven offers the convenience of close proximity to many of Tobago's attractions, including the town centre, the market and cultural sites.

All accommodations offer private balconies with ocean view. Relax by the pool or take a swim at the hotel's romantic beach, where, according to Daniel Defoe's book, *Robinson Crusoe* was stranded on the 30th of September 1659. The anchor of his ship can still be seen on the hotel site. Other features at Blue Haven include a main restaurant at their colonial style villa, a lounge/terrace bar, beach facilities with a beach bar, a fitness area, massages, children's playground, tennis court, and nearby golf courses.

Special arrangements can be made for unforgettable weddings, romantic honeymoon programs, golf and tennis packages, boat charters, Carnival fetes, and family programs. Personally guided rain forest hikes and bird watching tours are organized for the eco-tourism oriented traveler. Scuba diving and snorkeling at different coral reefs can be arranged, as well as deep sea fishing.

Rates until December 15, 2007 start at \$185. Meal plans are available.

Blue Haven Hotel, reservations@bluehavenhotel.com,
www.bluehavenhotel.com

ELBOW BEACH, BERMUDA INTRODUCES "HAPPILY EVER AFTER" ULTIMATE WEDDING PACKAGE

The "Happily Ever After" Ultimate Wedding Package offered by Elbow Beach, Bermuda is an extravagant package offering a small, intimate wedding journey from the island of Manhattan to the island of Bermuda for one couple and two guests.

Priced at \$75,000 inclusive for four guests, the fairy-tale week-

end begins upon arrival in Manhattan. Guests will be greeted at the airport by limousine escort and transferred to the world-renowned Mandarin Oriental, New York for a two-night stay, where they will enjoy luxurious accommodation in the hotel's Premier Central Park View Suites, a two-hour Mandarin Oriental Signature Time Ritual at the award-winning Spa at Mandarin Oriental, New York, and an evening of customized "guys and girls" activities, planned with the assistance of the knowledgeable Concierge. A dedicated personal shopper will be on hand to advise on items to make the wedding celebration perfect, and a dinner at Mandarin Oriental, New York's signature restaurant, Asiate with a personalized menu prepared by renowned Chef Nori Sugi, will complete the stay.

On Day Three the group will be transported from New York City by private jet to the Elbow Beach, Bermuda. Guests will be met on arrival and transported to the hotel's luxurious Premier Suites overlooking the waters of the South Shore. A wedding butler assigned to each suite will attend to the needs of the bridal party. An evening sunset cruise awaits, with a celebratory dinner prepared by Terence Clark, Chef de Cuisine of the Seahorse Grill, Elbow Beach's signature restaurant.

On the morning of the wedding, following a breakfast, a hair stylist and make-up artist will arrive en-suite to prepare the bridal party for the ceremony. The groom and groomsman can also look forward to personal grooming including an old-fashioned shave using soothing spa oils. In the tradition of something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue, a blue sapphire garter will be given as a gift to the bride, while the groom will receive vintage hand-stitched silk handkerchiefs.

The intimate wedding ceremony will take place on the Bird of Paradise Terrace, overlooking the pink sand and turquoise water, with flowers and a string quartet. As the sun sets, Elbow Beach chefs will prepare a gourmet six-course reception dinner for the couple and their guests under a marquee. A seven-tiered wedding cake, dancing and fireworks complete the perfect day.

The Bird of Paradise cottage, a freestanding one bedroom cottage popular with honeymooners, will be the couple's private palace for their wedding night and the rest of their stay at Elbow Beach. This newly renovated cottage overlooks the beach, with an expansive private terrace, panoramic views, living room with fireplace and French doors. For the wedding night, the cottage will be prepared with flowers, candles, a rose petal bath, monogrammed silk pajamas, chilled champagne and Godiva chocolates.

Also included in the "Happily Ever After" Ultimate Wedding Day Package is a photographer for the duration of the pre-wedding and wedding festivities in Bermuda, fresh strawberries and cream, chocolate dipped tuxedo strawberries, and personalized his and her plush terrycloth bathrobes. Total cost is \$75,000 inclusive for four people.

Extra nights in the Bird of Paradise Cottage are \$2,500 based on double occupancy plus taxes and gratuities and subject to availability. Additional rooms for additional guests are subject to availability and must be booked separately.

Elbow Beach, Bermuda, 800-223-7434,
ebbda-reservation@mohg.com, www.mandarinoriental.com

LIFESTYLE RESORTS AND SOSUA BAY RESORT ANNOUNCE SALES AND MARKETING AGREEMENT

Herbert Schoderboeck, CEO of Lifestyle Hacienda-Villas, Beach Resorts & Spa in Cofresi Beach, Puerto Plata, and Emanuele Natella, General Manager of Sosua Bay Resort and Victorian House, both in the bay of Sosua, Puerto Plata have announced that both companies have entered into an agreement for sales and marketing purposes.

"We feel that this alliance will help our companies continue our growth and that the combined expertise of the two teams, will be a great benefit," commented Schoderboeck.

"There is a special synergy between both companies and the return of Maria Estrella to our team will definitely enhance our future plans and expansion projects in Sosua," said Emanuele Natella. Management and operations will continue to be handled individually.

Starz Resorts' Sosua Bay and The Victorian House are two favorite getaways in the North Coast of the Dominican Republic. Sosua Bay Hotel, has 193 rooms of superior quality, and the Victorian House features old Plantation style architecture that has been completely renovated, preserving its old Victorian style flair, with 50 all suite rooms.

Lifestyle Resorts is composed of four distinct hotels: Lifestyle Tropical Beach Resort and Spa, a four star beachfront resort catering for singles and couples alike; the Vitalis Garden Club, an adults only; the Lifestyle Crown Residence Crown, featuring well-appointed one and two bedroom suites, the perfect choice for families or groups of friends traveling together; and the Lifestyle Crown Villas, offering luxurious several bedroom private villas, each with its own swimming pool and exceptional services. All four hotels sum up to 772 guest rooms divided into apartments, suites, junior suites, superior rooms and their spectacular deluxe villas.

Lifestyle Hacienda - Villas, Beach Resorts & Spa, sales@hacienda-resorts.com, www.lifestylehaciendaresorts.com; Sosua Bay Resort & Victoria House, info@sosubayresort.com, www.sosubayresort.com

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND SUN VILLAGE ANNOUNCE FIRST ANNUAL BALL HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

This December, some of hockey's biggest names are heading to the Sun Village Resort & Spa in Cofresi Beach for the first ever Ball Hockey Tournament in the Dominican Republic. The first annual event takes place in partnership with the National Hockey League Alumni Association during the week of December 1-8, 2007.

Some of the players confirmed to attend include Chris Nilan, Gary Leeman, Dave Schultz, Paul Coffey, two-time Stanley Cup winner Mark Napier, and several other hockey notables from the NHL Alumni Association.

The Sun Village Resort & Spa NHL Alumni Hockey Tournament Package is priced at \$1,499.95 and includes four night stay for two

all inclusive, double occupancy, superior accommodation; participation in one Ball Hockey game vs. NHL Alumni greats; and invitations to special celebrity athlete 'meet and greets,' poolside karaoke night, hockey clinics, and VIP events and parties. Use the promotion code NHLT07 when booking. Limited space, prices subject to availability, prices do not include government taxes.

Sun Village Resort & Spa is a four-star, all-inclusive luxury resort featuring five restaurants showcasing fares from around the globe, seven swimming pools, eight bars and nightly entertainment. Guests of Sun Village Resort are welcome to enjoy the private, 54-foot yacht, daily scheduled activities, and the exciting shows and activities at Ocean World Adventure Park, Casino and Marina located next door to the resort. In addition, the resort recently announced an array of new amenities and services, including Kerstin Florian spa products at the 17,000-square foot spa and fitness center.

Proceeds from the event will be split among two great non-profit organizations close to the hearts of the NHL Alumni Association and Elliott Foundation. 70 percent of the proceeds will be given to "The Hockey's Greatest Family Fund," to help former NHL players in need, and an additional 30 percent will benefit the Elliott Foundation, a charitable agency that helps fund schools, orphanages and other relief projects related to the protection and welfare of children in the local communities of Dominican Republic.

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'BLAZIN' SUMMER SALE' PACKAGE AT DIVI RESORTS



Divi Resorts is offering two new packages for guests with savings that will keep them in summer spirits through the end of the year.

With the Divi Resorts "Blazin' Summer Sale" package guests will save up to 40 percent off nightly rates. Available at all eight Divi Resorts, this package is valid for travel now through December 22, 2007 and varies by resort. Save up to 40 percent at Divi Little Bay in St. Marteen, Divi Flamingo in Bonaire and Divi Heritage in Barbados when staying three nights or more; 35 percent when booking a room for three nights or more at Divi Southwinds in Barbados, Divi Village Golf & Beach Resort and Divi Dutch Village in Aruba; and 15 percent when booking a room for three nights or more at the Divi Carina Bay in St. Croix. Nightly rates begin at \$88 per night.

Kids stay and eat free as part of the "Blazin' Summer Sale" package through December 20, 2007. Meal options for breakfast, lunch and dinner are available from the kid's menu for up to two children, up to 12 years old when accompanied by one adult.

In addition to the "Blazin' Summer Sale" package, Divi Flamingo Beach Resort & Casino, Bonaire is also offering their "Create Your Own" dive package.

Dive enthusiasts traveling to the resort can enjoy two free nights when booking a minimum seven night stay in conjunction with their dive package; rates begin at \$455 per person. Package includes standard accommodations, two days of unlimited shore diving, breakfast daily, hotel-airport transfers, and all taxes and service charges based on double occupancy. Valid now through November 30, 2007, the "Create Your Own" dive package also includes a welcome cocktail, beach towels at the pool and beach, and a free room upgrade (depending on space available) to complement the guest's choice of dive packages.

As of the first quarter 2007, Divi Aruba Phoenix Divi Village Golf and Divi Dutch Village Beach Resorts in Aruba have been awarded the AAA's prestigious Three Diamond Rating.

Divi Resorts, 800-367-3484, www.diviresorts.com

"FALL IN LOVE PACKAGE" FOR COUPLES FROM THE ALEXANDRA

The Alexandra Resort in Turks and Caicos is offering a "Fall in Love" package perfect for couples. The "Fall in Love" package includes seven nights in choice of room of Luxury or Deluxe category (all suites offer ocean or beachfront views and overlook the beaches of Grace Bay). The package also includes a three course dinner with bottle of wine at the resort's Orchid Restaurant, half-day boat and snorkeling excursion for two, and two romantic one hour massages. The package is available through March 29, 2008, with rates beginning at \$1,860 through December 15, 2007. Beginning December 16, 2007 through March 29, 2008 rates start at \$2,560.

Bookings must be made no later than March 25, 2008. The "Fall in Love" package is not available during the Christmas and New Year's period (December 21, 2007 to January 2, 2008). The package is subject to availability and is not combinable with other offers, packages or specials. All prices are based on US dollar amounts and do not include the 10 percent service charge and 10 percent government tax.

The waters of the Turks and Caicos are regarded as one of the regions best for snorkeling and couples will enjoy their time together in underwater exploration and viewing of sea creatures such as star fish and other colorful marine life.

The Alexandra is a resort community located on Grace Bay Beach. The Alexandra offers elegant accommodations ranging from cozy studios to one, two and four bedroom suites, all offering ocean views.

The resort also features dining facilities like the Beachfront Dining Deck which offers views of the ocean and sunsets, and The Orchid which is a contemporary al fresco dining spot perfect for a breakfast and intimate, romantic candlelit dinners. Both the Beachfront Dining Deck and The Orchid feature a wide variety of international and Caribbean inspired dishes.

Every Monday in the evenings, the Beachfront Dining Deck hosts the wildly popular Caribbean Cook Out Buffet where guests can enjoy seafood, grilled chicken and jerked pork loin. Guests are treated to live Caribbean music as the sun sets over Grace Bay.

The Alexandra, 800-284-0699, www.AlexandraResort.com

MACA BANA SETS THE PACE FOR GREEN TOURISM IN GRENADA



The tiny Grenadian boutique resort Maca Bana has now established itself as truly 'green.' Not only will guests be surrounded by banana leaves and fruit trees but their electrical needs will also be powered by the sun.

With the new addition of 48 solar panels on the roofs of the seven villas, as well as the existing solar water heaters, Maca Bana is setting the pace for green tourism in Grenada.

More green developments include a new organic nursery and fruit tree orchard which are using recycled grey water and compost from The Aquarium Restaurant's kitchen waste collection.

Following the onset of the rainy season, 30 coconut palms will be planted along the beach creating a palm avenue and root protection to enable sand retention.

Maca Bana, macabana@spiceisle.com, www.macabana.com

MARTINIQUE PROMOTION BUREAU MOVES TO NEW NYC HEADQUARTERS

The Martinique Promotion Bureau has announced that it has officially relocated its North American headquarters to new offices in mid-town Manhattan. Despite the

new address, previous Martinique Promotion Bureau telephone and fax numbers remain the same.

The mission of the Martinique Promotion Bureau/CMT USA is to bolster visitor arrivals to the island emanating from the U.S., Central/South America and other Caribbean islands. The office is headed by Muriel Wiltord who, together with her team of professional staff, all of whom hail from Martinique, works closely with travel agents, tour operators, airlines, hotel companies, cruise lines and other segments of the travel trade to continually improve Martinique's tourism product, as well as facilitate travel to the island.

Visitor arrivals to Martinique have increased in each of the past five years, with a record 502,000 travelers choosing the island for their vacations in 2006.

Martinique Promotion Bureau,
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GRENADA APPOINTS NEW MINISTER OF TOURISM



**CLARICE
MODESTE-CURWEN**

The Grenada Board of Tourism has announced the appointment of Minister Modeste-Curwen as the island's new Minister of Tourism. The appointment of the Honorable Dr. Clarice Modeste-Curwen

to serve in the capacity of Minister for Tourism, Civil aviation, Culture and the Performing Arts, was part of a recent cabinet reshuffle. Minister Modeste-Curwen replaces Senator Brenda Hood, who served with distinction in that capacity for more than six years.

Minister Hood has now been appointed to replace Minister Curwen as Grenada's new Minister for Communication, Works and Transport.

In 1986, Dr. Modest-Curwen graduated from the University of Havana in Medicine where she specialized in Ophthalmology. She subsequently worked at the General

Hospital and tutored at the St. George's University School of Medicine. She has authored educational pamphlets for eye care and HIV/AIDS, and has been involved in activities encompassing the training of nursing staff and community groups in the field of culture. She also has a keen interest in gender issues and community tourism.

Her political career began as a Senator in November 1998. Soon thereafter, in January 1999 she was elected as a Member of Parliament. Since then, Minister Honorable. Dr. Modeste-Curwen has held several prominent ministerial positions. These include Minister for Health and the Environment, January 1999-November 2003; Minister for Works and Transport, December 2003-May 2007; and Minister for Tourism, May 2007- present.

The Honorable Dr. Modest-Curwen received an award from the Caribbean Council for the Blind for outstanding services in the area of prevention of blindness. Grenada Board of Tourism,
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Destination and budget are top of mind for most travelers, especially with the holidays around the corner. Planning a vacation during the holiday season to Ocean Club Resorts is more wallet-friendly than ever with the extension of American Airlines offering reduced rates from Miami to Providenciales, Turks and Caicos.

Guests who stay at Ocean Club and Ocean Club West Resorts from December 1 – December 20, 2007 will receive the seventh night free and 10 percent off any additional night if booked by October 30, 2007.

Turks and Caicos is rapidly becoming one of the most desired leisure destinations in the Caribbean. Travelers can take advantage of this December discount at Ocean Club Resorts, as well as discounted rates from American Airlines, starting at \$180 roundtrip.

American Airlines is also presenting a direct flight from Dallas/Ft. Worth to Providenciales. "We are thrilled to have American Airlines offering direct flights from Dallas/Ft. Worth," stated Ocean Club Resorts General Manager Tom Lewis. "Non-stop flights are such a convenience to travelers, especially when traveling with children."

Ocean Club Resorts, 800-457-8787, www.oceanclubresorts.com

DELTA INTRODUCES NON-STOP SERVICE TO ST. KITTS

The St. Kitts Tourism Authority announced that Delta Air Lines will be commencing a new non-stop flight from Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport to St. Kitts, marking the first time the airline will offer service to this Caribbean island. The flight will operate once a week on Saturdays, beginning on February 16, 2008.

Delta Air Lines flight DL373 will depart Atlanta at 11:15 a.m. eastern daylight-saving time and arrive into St. Kitts' Robert L. Bradshaw International Airport at 4:05 p.m. local time. The return flight DL372 will depart St. Kitts at 4:55 p.m. and arrive into Atlanta at 8:05 p.m. These flight times allow for several convenient connections from the feeder banks on both flight segments. To start this weekly service, Delta will use a 150 seat, 737-800 Boeing aircraft with 16 first class seats and 134 economy seats.

Of note is the ease of connections this new flight provides from

the Upper Mid-West region of the U.S. and from Canada. The February, 2008 Delta service start-up will follow by three months the November, 2007, commencement of the previously announced twice weekly non-stop American Airlines service to St. Kitts from JFK, New York on Wednesdays and Sundays.

Located in the Leeward Islands of the Eastern Caribbean, St. Kitts offers a diverse tourism product developed from the destination's natural beauty, diverse cultural heritage and rich history. The island's variety of tourism attractions include hiking through the tropical rainforest, riding the scenic railway that connects the island's former sugar plantations, touring Brimstone Hill Fortress, the only man-made UNESCO World Heritage Site in the Eastern Caribbean, and the more traditional vacation pastimes such as water sports, golf, shopping, tennis, gourmet dining, gaming at St. Kitts' exclusive casino or simply relaxing on one of the island's beaches.

St. Kitts Tourism Authority, 800-582-6208,
www.stkitts-tourism.com

USVI OFFERS "ST. CROIX FANTASTIC FLIGHT PROMO"

This fall, the U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Tourism is offering a considerable airfare credit for future vacations with the "St. Croix Fantastic Flight Promo" promotion, making this tropical paradise even more accessible for travelers looking for an easy getaway to America's Caribbean.

From September 1 to October 31, 2007, the Department of Tourism is offering each visitor a \$250 airfare credit for a minimum seven-night stay in St. Croix, based on double occupancy at participating hotels. The "St. Croix Fantastic Flight Promo" is valid for future travel dates, when escape from harsher climates is more vital than ever: December 1-20, 2007; and January 2-31, April 1-30 and May 5-31, 2008.

Setting it apart from other Caribbean destinations, St. Croix is rich in diverse history that remains alive in the architecture, national parks, historic landmarks, botanical attractions, food, music and traditions that are an integral part of island life. Along with this distinct cultural heritage, guests will also enjoy accommodations at some of St. Croix's finest hotels and resorts: The Buccaneer, Carambola Beach Resort, Chenay Bay Beach Resort, Club St. Croix Beach Resort, Colony Cove Beach Resort, Divi Carina Bay Beach Resort & Casino, the Hotel Caravelle, King Christian Hotel, the Palms at Pelican Cove and Sand Castle on the Beach.

"Couples who book this fall can enjoy great savings on that long-awaited Caribbean vacation," says Tourism Commissioner Beverly Nicholson Doty. "Our \$500 airline credit gives them the perfect reason to plan ahead for their escape to America's Caribbean."

Reservations for this promotion can be made through a number of tour operators, including Apple Vacations, Classic Vacations, Festa Holidays, GoGo Worldwide Vacations, Island Resort Tours, The Mark Travel, Total Vacations, Travel Impressions and US Airways Vacations.

United States Virgin Islands, usvitourism.vi

PARADISUS PUNTA CANA RESORT HONORED WITH GREEN PLANET AWARD

Paradisus Punta Cana Resort, the luxury all-inclusive, was recently recognized for its commitment to environmental excellence receiving the Kuoni Travel Group's Green Planet Award for 2007 and 2008.

Among the resort's environmentally conscious actions implemented at both the operations and guest services levels are recycling efforts, water and energy conservation, waste management, and encouraging guests to reuse linens and towels during their hotel stay.

"Consumers today are increasingly environmentally conscious, with a growing number of travelers opting for environmentally-friendly hotels," stated Francisco Castillo, General Manager of Paradisus Punta Cana Resort. "We are extremely honored to have received the Green Planet Award in recognition for our long-standing concern for the environment, which has always been important to us and how we operate the resort. We will remain committed to that endeavor."

The Green Planet Award was founded in 2000 to recognize ecologically advanced hospitality leaders and guide environmentally concerned consumers to eco-friendly companies in the industry. Only 114 hotels in the world have earned the prestigious Green Planet Award, which requires that candidates pass rigorous inspections by Kuoni Travel Group personnel. Paradisus Resorts, 800-33-MELIA, www.paradisusresorts.travel

DOMINICA INTRODUCES NEW TOLL-FREE HOTLINE FOR NORTH AMERICA

The Discover Dominica Authority has announced a brand new toll-free number for callers from the United States and Canada. Whether it be a question about the Island, how to get there, entry requirements, accommodations, activities, or anything else, all questions can now be answered with one toll-free phone call.

Visitors from North America are encouraged to take advantage of the toll-free number, 1-866-522-4057, which is answered by tourism representatives from the

Discover Dominica Authority, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. UTC-time, which is the same as Eastern Standard Time and one hour ahead of Daylight Savings Time. Callers who telephone during off-hours will be greeted by a voicemail message prompting them to leave their mailing address to receive brochures, or asked to call again during business hours to receive personal service and assistance with tourism-related items.

Known as "The Nature Island" and located between the French islands of Guadeloupe and Martinique in the Eastern Caribbean, the independent nation of Dominica is the largest and most mountainous of the Windward Islands, encompassing an area of nearly 290 square miles. Of volcanic origins with mountains reaching heights of nearly 5,000 feet, rainforests that are considered among the last true oceanic rainforests in the world, more than 365 rivers, waterfalls, boiling lakes and pristine coral reefs, Dominica's natural di-

versity is truly unique. Dominica is also home to the last remaining settlement of the Indigenous Peoples of the Caribbean – The Carib Indians. A place where man and nature live in harmony, adventurers and nature lovers alike will revel in the Island's eco-tourism options which include scuba diving, snorkeling, mountain biking, kayaking, horseback riding, nature tours, hiking/trekking, whale, dolphin and bird watching, sailing and fishing.

Dominica continues to be recognized for its attributes and sustainable tourism efforts, including being the first country in the world to receive Benchmarking designation from the prestigious eco-tourism organization Green Globe 21 and ranking as the only Caribbean destination in the top five happiest countries on earth in the Happy Planet Index (compiled by Britain's New Economics Foundation).

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WESTIN AND SHERATON GRAND BAHAMA ISLAND APPOINTS AMINA HASSAN AS DIRECTOR OF GROUP SALES



AMINA HASSAN

The Westin and Sheraton Grand Bahama Island Our Lucaya Resort have announced the appointment of Amina Hassan as Director of Group Sales.

"With more than a decade of sales experience, Amina brings an extensive knowledge of market segments, global sales operations and competing destinations to her new role at Our Lucaya," said Randall Ha, the resort's Managing Director.

Amina comes to the Westin and Sheraton Grand Bahama Island from the Westin Harbour Castle Hotel in Toronto, where she served as Account Director, managing sales efforts in key market segments and handling \$8 million of the property's \$21 million annual booking goal. Prior to that, she oversaw corporate accounts in Ontario and Quebec as Global Account Direct for Starwood Hotels & Resorts.

Hassan has also served as National Sales Manager for Fairmont Hotels & Resorts. She has 18 years of experience in the hospitality industry and began her career working for Canadian Pacific Hotels & Resorts at Toronto's Royal York Hotel. Hassan graduated from the University of Guelph in Ontario, Canada with a specialization in Hotel & Food Administration.

Westin and Sheraton Grand Bahama Island, 888-627-7130, www.starwoodhotels.com/westin

JUMBY BAY APPOINTS CARLOS SALAZAR NEW MANAGING DIRECTOR

Rosewood Hotels & Resorts has announced the appointment of Carlos Salazar as the new Managing Director of Jumby Bay, an exclusive private island retreat recently named the #1 resort in the Caribbean by the discerning readership of *Travel + Leisure*.

A seasoned hotelier with a management acumen earned at top-level properties including The Carlyle, A Rosewood Hotel in New York, Salazar is responsible for all of Jumby Bay's operations, and will oversee the resort's management team. He looks forward to building upon the Jumby Bay traditions that have long captivated guests with the highest levels of service, privacy, exclusivity and natural island beauty.

"Rosewood Hotels has a strong and fruitful tradition of promoting talent from the inside, and Salazar has proven himself at The Carlyle," said James McBride, Vice President of Operations at Rosewood Hotels & Resorts. "Carlos appreciates the unique private island atmosphere of Jumby Bay, and will continue to enhance the guest experience to build upon the top honors the resort has received."

Prior to joining Rosewood in New York, Salazar held a series of Senior Food & Beverage management positions at top-end resort and boutique hotel properties in California and the Pacific Islands.

He was Director of Food & Beverage at the Kahala Mandarin Oriental-Hawaii, during which the resort earned a Five Diamond rating from AAA, and held similar positions at Hilton Waikoloa Village, Hilton Guam Resort & Spa.

Prior to that, Salazar was Owner and General Manager of his own restaurant, the Gypsy Grill, a 115-seat French California Grill in Encino, California. He got his start in hospitality in 1987, with early assignments including Assistant Director of Food & Beverage at The Beverly Hills Hotel.

Salazar earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and Marketing from California State University at Los Angeles.

Jumby Bay, www.jumbybayresort.com;
Rosewood Hotels & Resorts, 888-ROSEWOOD,
www.rosewoodhotels.com

KERZNER INTERNATIONAL APPOINTS RICHARD MIRMAN AS CHIEF MARKETING OFFICER



RICHARD MIRMAN

Kerzner International Holdings Limited, which through its subsidiaries, is a leading international developer and operator of destination resorts, casinos and luxury hotels, has announced the appointment of Richard Mirman as Executive Vice President/Chief Marketing Officer.

Mirman has a history of successes in the gaming and hotel industry, most recently at Harrah's Entertainment, Inc., the world's leading gaming company, where he served in several executive marketing roles, including Chief Marketing Officer.

Mirman will be based in the Company's Plantation, Florida offices and will report directly to Bob Cotter, the Company's President.

"Rich brings valuable marketing and customer development experience to Kerzner, and I feel very fortunate that he will be joining our team to continue our tradition of excellence and leadership in the resort and gaming industries," said Cotter.

In his new role, Mirman will be responsible for the overall marketing strategy for the Company, including the overall strategic sales, marketing, e-commerce, and brand management for all the individual Kerzner brands, including Atlantis, One&Only and global gaming developments. Mirman will also be closely involved with the overall strategic planning for the Company.

"Kerzner routinely sets the standard for destination and luxury resorts with their innovative concepts and impeccable execution. I have enjoyed great successes in the past, and look forward to many more with Sol Kerzner's team," said Mirman.

Mirman received his undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin, his graduate degree from the State University of New York and also studied towards his doctorate at the University of Chicago.

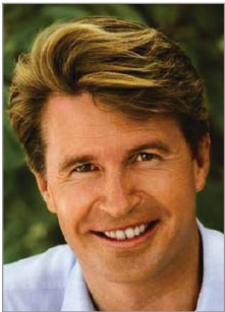
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KOR HOTEL GROUP ANNOUNCES SENIOR MANAGEMENT APPOINTMENTS AT VICEROY ANGUILLA



JEFF DAVID

Nicholas Clayton, President of Kor Hotel Group, has announced three senior management appointments to the company's initial residential resort project in the Caribbean, Viceroy Anguilla Resort & Residences: Jan Tibaldi has been appointed General Manager, Jeff David has been appointed Resort Manager, and Virgil Napier has been appointed Director of Sales & Marketing.



JAN TIBALDI

Viceroy Anguilla marks Kor's first international exportation of the Viceroy brand's signature fusion of glamorous style and provocative design. Situated on 35 acres, with 3,000 feet of beachfront land along Barnes and Meads Bays, the residential resort is an exclusive enclave of luxury homes and amenities. Features include a bluff-top restaurant and a Jean-Michel Gathy-designed 14,000 square-foot spa. Ground-up construction of this premier residential resort property is scheduled for completion in 2008.



VIRGIL NAPIER

As General Manager for Viceroy Anguilla, Jan Tibaldi joins Kor Hotel Group with extensive experience managing five-star resort properties around the world. Most recently he was General Manager for the 60-acre, Five-Star One&Only Le Saint Géran, the company's flagship property on the island of Mauritius near Madagascar, where he

managed a staff of 650 in his oversight of the luxurious, 162-suite resort replete with Givenchy spa, an Alain Ducasse restaurant (among others), tennis and golf. Tibaldi joined One&Only Resorts in 2004 as Resident Manager at the company's Le Touessrok property, also on Mauritius, and was promoted to General Manager of One&Only Kanuhura Resort in the Maldives after just 10 months. Within the next year, he was assigned to One&Only's best property, Le Saint Géran, as General Manager.

A talented veteran of the luxury hospitality industry, Jeff David brings to his position as Resort Manager a distinguished, 15-year career in the hospitality industry with tenures at a number of distinct high-end resort properties, including nine years with Four

Seasons Hotels. Most recently, he was Resort Manager at the historic Chatham Bars Inn on Cape Cod, where he was instrumental in the hotel's acquisition and re-positioning by Richard Cohen, of Capital Properties. Prior to Chatham, David was General Manager of The Chanler, a historic boutique hotel in Newport, RI and of Ocean Edge Resort, the premier seaside property on Cape Cod.

As Director of Sales and Marketing for Viceroy Anguilla, Virgil Napier brings to Kor a seven-year sales career with Ritz-Carlton Hotels & Resorts, most recently as Director of Sales for the AAA, Five-Diamond Ritz-Carlton Coconut Grove in Miami for two years. Under his direction, the resort significantly increased RevPar growth, transient sales, group revenues and catering revenues, for which he was awarded the Golden Circle and Chairman's Circle Awards in 2005 and the President's Award in 2006. Prior to his position at Coconut Grove, Napier was Associate Director of Sales at the AAA, Four-Diamond Ritz-Carlton St. Thomas for five years, where he functioned as the on-site acting Director of Sales reporting to the Area Director based on the U.S. mainland.

Viceroy Hotels and Resorts, Viceroyhotelsandresorts.com

CARIBBEAN SUN AIRLINES ANNOUNCES RE-LAUNCH SET FOR END OF 2007

Caribbean Sun Airlines Inc., a South Florida-based carrier that operated flights throughout the Caribbean from January 2003 to January 2007, has announced its intention to re-launch by the end of 2007. Significantly upgrading its fleet and service capabilities, Caribbean Sun plans to return to the skies utilizing Boeing 737 jet aircraft; previously Caribbean Sun operated a fleet consisting solely of 37-seat Dash-8 turboprop aircraft. Recruitment efforts toward hiring new pilots will begin in the coming weeks.

Caribbean Sun's re-launch follows a comprehensive six-month restructuring program to identify new growth opportunities in air travel and re-focus operations for greater profitability. Re-launch plans are subject to regulatory approvals from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

To emphasize the airline's new launch, Caribbean Sun has introduced a completely new brand identity. Developed by Aerobrand, Inc., a highly specialized brand strategy and design firm exclusively focused on the world of airlines and aerospace, the new design centers on the stylized image of a pineapple when viewed from overhead.

A universal symbol of hospitality espousing Caribbean Sun's commitment to superior customer service, the pineapple illustrated from the overhead perspective also embodies the image of the sun, providing a fresh spin on the airline's original corporate identity. Caribbean Sun Airlines Inc., visit www.flycsa.com

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