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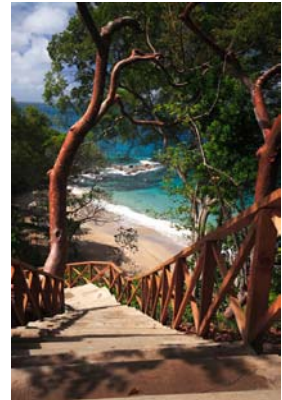
What's new in the Caribbean?

NEW LUXURY HOTELS THROUGHOUT THE CARIBBEAN

Exclusive boutique style luxury hotel opens in northern St Lucia

Opening in July 2008, this 50-room boutique style luxury hotel stands atop an ocean bluff in the exclusive Cap Estate in St Lucia with views over the azure waters to historic Pigeon Island and across to neighbouring Martinique. With both Caribbean and Mexican architectural accents the hotel will feature large airy rooms with floor to ceiling windows, elegant bathrooms, terracotta floor tiles and balconies overflowing with flowers. Suites will also feature a separate sitting room, kitchen, courtyard swimming pool, or Jacuzzi and roof top terrace.

www.capmaison.co.uk



New Cayman Diving Lodge opening December 2008

The Cayman Diving Lodge is opening in December 2008 on the East End of Grand Cayman. The lodge was one of the first diving resorts in the world originally, but was ruined by hurricane Ivan in 2004. It is now being rebuilt as Cayman's first luxury, ecologically friendly resort. The resort is located on the less busy east end of Grand Cayman, meaning it will be the perfect place for a quiet getaway.

The lodge will contain 14 luxury condominiums and 12 luxury guest rooms and suites. As a diving resort there will be a Watersports and Dive Centre, as well as multiple pools and a modern fitness centre. The resorts dive staff are five-star PADI qualified. There will also be a private spa where visitors can receive shiatsu massage, or lemongrass body scrub. All facilities are being built and will be run in a sustainable manner. www.divelodge.com

Molasses Reef A Ritz-Carlton, Turks and Caicos

Molasses Reef, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve is a first-of-its-kind, low-density hotel and spa offering guest a five-star experience nestled within a protected island setting of West Caicos. Expected completion date of the hotel is winter 2008. www.ritzcarlton.com

Hodges Bay – Antigua, opens October 2008

Hodges Bay is a new secluded design resort and spa opening in October 2008 on the northern coast of Antigua and is set to lead the way in a new generation of luxury for the island. Facilities include a spa, gym and three restaurants managed by Executive Chef Barnaby Jones who was trained by 3 Michelin star chef Michael Bras, Pelicanos Kids Club for two to 11-year-olds. The luxurious accommodation ranges from 594sq ft Club Suite up to four bedroom Ocean Front Houses. The architects are the Syntax Group who was behind the Chiva Som project. www.hodgesbayclub.com



Sense, A Rosewood Spa, debuts at Rosewood Little Dix Bay (April 2008)

Rosewood has opened a new spa brand, Sense, at Little Dix Bay. Little Dix Bay is a timeless boutique resort on the island of Virgin Gorda offering a tranquil retreat from guests' fast-paced lives. With the debut of Rosewood's new spa brand, Sense, the Spa at Rosewood Little Dix Bay now offers an even more rejuvenating experience with the addition of relaxation-fostering opening and closing rituals, longer treatments, and the abundant use of indigenous ingredients such as Virgin Gorda honey, goat milk and Neem leaf; and salt harvested from nearby Salt Island. Classes in movement and yoga have been introduced to energize the kids while parents enjoy their spa experience.

On arrival, guests are served a local bush tea of lemon grass and chamomile and complete a new lifestyle questionnaire that forms the basis for customized treatment recommendations. Treatments are now longer - a full 60- and 90-minutes - further encouraging complete renewal. Following each treatment, guests are escorted to their treatment cottage's private outdoor terrace for "terrace time" - a brief respite allowing them to relax, meditate and absorb the entrancing 25-mile water views.

To help parents enjoy their spa time while giving the kids a spa experience of their own, Sense offers two new high-energy classes for children (aged five and up) - Kids Move 'N' Groove and Kids Yoga - that introduce the youngest guests to the health benefits of movement and meditation. The classes are complimentary when a parent has booked spa treatments.

These changes blend beautifully within the resort's most sought-after areas: outdoor relaxation spaces; treatment cottages with windows that open to the soothing sounds of the ocean; and spa pools set among three lushly landscaped acres overlooking Sir Francis Drake Channel.

www.littledixbay.com

Bob Marley Resort and Spa Opens in The Bahamas (Summer 2008)

The Bahamas has just witnessed the opening of the 16-suite Bob Marley Resort and Spa located on Cable Beach in Nassau. Former holiday home of the Marleys, the resort is an elegant microcosm of African and Caribbean style boasting a five-star concierge service. Each of the luxurious suites is themed according to a song title reflecting Bob Marley's musical legacy and features tropical rain showers and whirlpool tubs.

The **boutique spa, Natural Mystic**, fuses remedies and traditional secrets from Africa, Asia, and the Caribbean, as well as Rita's herbal bath rituals. An aroma steam room is featured for the ultimate in renewal and there are a host of services include herbal body scrubs and wraps, nail care, and hot and cold plunges. This serene space includes the Uprising Tea Lounge, unique 'Wata' passage, massage rooms, a couple's suite and beach hut massage areas.

www.marleyresort.com

The Verandah Resort & Spa in Antigua (opened October 2007)

The Verandah Resort & Spa is Antigua's newest eco-friendly retreat situated on the secluded northeast coast of Antigua. The luxury resort is adjacent to the National Parklands incorporating nature trails, a powder white beach and a beautiful bay for swimming. Rob Barrett, Hospitality entrepreneur in the Caribbean has strived to make The Verandah an eco-friendly resort - it has one of the lowest roof



space to ground ratios of any resort in the Caribbean; of the 30 acres, only 12 acres have been built on.

The Verandah offers everything from Holistic treatments in the Spa to Windsurfing, Kayaking and Diving at the beach and is well situated in close proximity to the airport and Devils Bridge, Green Island and Bird Island. There are plans afoot to run eco-education trips for the guests in order to educate and inspire them to look after the environment. Linda Barker, BBC Changing rooms star is designing an innovative and creative children's club.

www.eliteislandresorts.com