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A GRAND WAY FORWARD

When it comes to luxury living, Grand Cayman lives up to its moniker – “grand” indeed.

In the last decade, the island has welcomed unprecedented growth, renovation and innovation. A returning visitor who has been away would marvel at The Ritz-Carlton, Grand Cayman and Kimpton Seafire Resort + Spa, the changing landscape of Seven Mile Beach, modern roadways and, of course, the ever-expanding crown jewel of the island, Camana Bay.

Add to that a diverse array of select shopping, dining and entertainment experiences – all in a backdrop of postcard-perfect blue waters, spectacular beaches and warm, sunny climes – and it’s easy to see why this luxurious retreat attracts visitors from around the globe.

The Cayman Islands is consistently acknowledged as one of the premier luxury tourism destinations anywhere. Most recently, it was named in the Top 20 of the world’s best islands in *Condé Nast Traveler’s* 2016 Readers’

Choice Awards survey. This follows on the heels of U.S. News & World Report ranking Seven Mile Beach as “#1 in Best Beaches in the World” out of a dozen. The publication wrote: “It’s hard to compete with the coral sands of Grand Cayman’s Seven Mile Beach. Brimming with luxury hotels and casual restaurants, the Cayman Islands leave travelers with little to complain about.”

With everything from high-end resorts to exquisite luxury goods to unparalleled sunsets and white-sand beaches, Cayman does indeed make a grand statement: Big, bold and beautiful.

A-list accommodation

The Kimpton Seafire Resort + Spa is being hailed as the “new jewel” of the island’s tourism industry. The 266-room resort opened its doors in November, and was named by Forbes Travel Guide editors as among 20 of the world’s most anticipated hotel openings of 2016.

Developed by Dart Real Estate, it is Kimpton’s first resort outside of the U.S. and Grand Cayman’s first new property in a decade. A playful and sophisticated escape on the island’s prized Seven Mile Beach, the resort features five restaurants and lounges, expansive indoor

and outdoor meeting spaces, a cascading oceanfront pool and a destination spa. A signature of the property are the sweeping water views from the guest rooms and public spaces.

Seafire is just the start of Dart’s plans to build a hotel district that will incorporate the developer’s land holdings from the North Sound to Seven Mile Beach. Among the projects are a 5-star hotel next to the 10-story Kimpton Seafire – expected to be a Four Seasons – and a children’s resort.

As has been observed on many occasions, lack of available rooms has been a major detriment to the stay-over tourism sector. The opening of the Kimpton – and also the “renovation and reopening” of the new Margaritaville Resort (at the former Treasure Island property) – will add hundreds of rooms to Cayman’s hotel inventory.

Trio Architecture is overseeing the renovation of the new Margaritaville Resort. It is also finishing a 42-room

boutique business hotel on the Seven Mile Beach strip, to be named Locale, which is expected to be completed in early 2018.

The Westin Grand Cayman Seven Mile Beach Resort and Spa has undergone a \$50-million refurbishment that has wow-factor appeal – including a sweeping lobby area with panoramic views of Seven Mile Beach

and the sparkling sea. The revamp marries modern design with Caribbean flair. The entire property has a fresh new feel, with upgrades in the wings for guestrooms and suites.

The Ritz-Carlton, Grand Cayman is another exceptional island escape on Seven Mile Beach, an award-winning hotel that is the sole resort on-island to earn the prestigious AAA Five Diamond rating.

The resort’s top features are described as “Seven Wonders on Seven Mile Beach.” They include: 365 distinct guest rooms and opulent residential suites; exclusive dining experiences including a signature restaurant by Eric Ripert of New York’s top-ranking Le Bernardin; indulgent and restorative treatments at la prairie spa; a Greg Norman-designed golf course; tennis courts with custom programs by Nick Bollettieri; Jean-Michel Cousteau’s

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—U.S. News & World Report



Seven Mile Beach



Kimpton Seafire Resort + Spa

educational and cultural program, Ambassadors of the Environment; and the personalized services of some 800 “ladies and gentlemen.”

Private villas are also an in-demand choice for discerning travelers, with Grand Cayman featuring numerous high-end properties dotted around the island. Design build company Encompass, for example, has created a sensational retreat near Rum Point ideal for family holidays and special occasions. Sun Serenity is a 7,800-square-foot oceanfront villa that is loaded with amenities such as a rooftop sunset deck, plush home cinema and swim-up pool bar.

Well-appointed residences

The luxury property market is heating up in Grand Cayman.

Sales have been swift for residences at the Kimpton resort. The Residences at Seafire is Dart’s first for-sale Seven Mile Beach property and includes 62 luxury residences in an elegant 10-story building next to the resort.

Other luxury properties are on tap across the island. The Residences of Stone Island is being developed by the team behind The WaterColours. This gated waterfront community is expected to break ground this year in the prestigious Yacht Club neighborhood. Stone Island consists of 44 three-story luxury residences, with numerous amenities such as private plunge pools, boardwalk, lush landscaping

and expansive infinity edge pool.

In West Bay, the buzz is about Boggy Sands. The first phase of this luxury beachside development by Coen Coleman Ltd. is set to open in the charming area of Boggy Sand Road in early 2017. Located just steps away from a secluded stretch of Seven Mile Beach, the modern gated community will consist of 20 well-appointed three-story condominiums with expansive 2,500-square-foot rooftop terraces, and an impressive range of communal and entertainment amenities.

The desirable neighborhood of South Sound is experiencing unprecedented growth.

Among the projects is Vela I and Vela II, a gated community of luxury townhomes by Davenport Development. Tides, a luxurious 24-residence, 1.6-acre beachfront condominium development by NCB Group, has broken ground, with an expected completion date of September 2017. All six of Baraud Development’s upscale Shore Club condos have sold.

Another luxury property is taking shape on South Church Street. The development, which will feature 36 oceanfront units, is called FIN, the French word for “end” – meant to indicate Cayman’s “final word in luxury.”

FIN’s amenities include private elevator access to the units, a 75-foot elevated glass-bottom pool that cantilevers out over the beach, a saltwater lagoon with access to the sea, underground parking, 24-hour concierge service, an owners’ lounge, a business center, a tennis court,



Kembali Kai



Rum Point Club

private plunge pools and wine lockers. There will also be a car service with two electric cars for owners to use.

In the tranquil district of North Side, developer Joseph Imparato is introducing Rum Point Club, an exclusive beachfront condominium complex that embraces island living. The five-story hurricane-resistant building will feature 36 one- two- and three-bedroom residences, ranging from 1,250 to 2,316 square feet. Amenities include a fitness center, spa, beachfront infinity edge pool, tennis court access and underground parking. An on-site manager will also be on hand.

Several high-value projects going forward will strengthen and diversify the economy including the Ironwood golf resort, the continuing growth of Cayman’s medical tourism venture, Health City Cayman Islands, and Cayman Enterprise City, a mixed-use special economic zone.

Construction is underway, with a projected completion time of 18 to 24 months. Among the key players in the Rum Point Club team are Evolving Island, Kariba Architecture & Interiors, and Livingstone Construction Management.

Imparato is also developing island-style boating homes in Cayman Kai, near Rum Point Club. Kembali Kai is comprised of five luxury waterfront homes in a gated community, each connected to the water. A highlight is a 30-foot private dock just a few steps away from the swimming pool and sun deck.

A new designer venture catering to the luxury market recently came on stream. Nest offers ready-made solutions to outfit residences with curated furniture collections. Hand-picked by an interior designer, the collections offer a combination of comfort, modern simplicity and style. The collections are stocked on-island and can be installed within 72 hours.

The furniture collections include Contemporary Sea, Modern Caribbean and Natural Luxury. A range of beautiful accessories, including local artwork, complete and enhance each collection.

Whether seeking the solace and privacy of an



Ironwood golf resort



Stone Island

exclusive estate, the carefree condo lifestyle, or active waterfront living, the possibilities are seemingly endless when it comes to luxury living in Cayman.

Growing economy

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Developer Joseph Imparato will design and build a 100-room clubhouse and lodge as part of the Arnold Palmer-branded Ironwood golf resort. Plans include a luxury hotel and condominiums, similar in style to the Caribbean Club, which he developed on Seven Mile Beach.

The \$30-million development in the eastern districts will feature a golf pro shop, swimming pool, tennis center and two restaurants. It will be the centerpiece of the planned PGA-level course designed by the Arnold Palmer Design Company. The project is a partnership between

the Arnold Palmer Group and Imparato’s company, City Services Ltd. The developers are aiming for a late 2018 opening for the clubhouse and lodge and golf course.

Health City in East End plans to invest as much as \$100 million in 2017 and 2018. The investments will come from Health City and Health City Development, expanding hospital facilities and launching several commercial ventures, including a hotel, staff housing, a shopping plaza, and a medical school.

The master plan for Cayman Enterprise City includes construction of a permanent campus on a 70-acre site in South Sound. Plans are in the works to break ground on the first of two \$25-million “gateway” buildings. Ultimately, the CEC campus will occupy around 850,000-square-feet of mixed-use development, to be constructed over 20 years at a cost of \$300 million.

To support all this innovation and growth, several infrastructure upgrades are in the works in key sectors, including a \$55-million expansion to Grand Cayman’s Owen Roberts International Airport.



The WaterColours



Esterley Tibbetts Highway

When it comes to the good life, the Cayman Islands has much to offer. It starts with the scenery: stunning sunsets, clear blue waters, pristine beaches and tropical greenery provide a beautiful backdrop for enjoying toes-in-the-sand luxury living.

Adding to the mix is Grand Cayman's cosmopolitan atmosphere that boasts top-rated resorts, restaurants and shopping, making it a prime year-round playground that attracts more than two million visitors from around the globe each year.

DINING DELIGHTS

Grand Cayman is known for its world-class cuisine, and there is a surprising variety on this tiny isle that's a mere dot in the Caribbean Sea. From Caribbean fusion and zesty Italian to enticing European and New World explorations, Grand Cayman's dining landscape offers a delightful range of palate-pleasing options.

Add to that such major culinary events as the renowned Cayman Cookout that attracts the likes of Anthony Bourdain and Eric Ripert and it's easy to see why it is known as the "Culinary Capital of the Caribbean."

And the dining scene just got better with the addition of the Kimpton Seafire Resort + Spa. The resort features three signature dining venues that *Forbes* magazine declared "cemented Cayman's place as a Caribbean culinary capital."

The restaurants include Cocoloba, a casual beachfront eatery inspired by Mexican street food; Ave, the main restaurant that marries local flavors with Mediterranean cuisine; and AVECITA, its showpiece dining venue featuring a 12-seat chef's counter built around a wood-fired grill. It focuses on Spanish tapas-style dishes.

RETAIL THERAPY

Retail therapy is readily available in Grand Cayman. Downtown George Town offers an array of shopping - from luxury goods and high-end jewelry to T-shirts and souvenirs. Because Cayman is duty-free and has no sales tax, the savings can be significant. Luxury items such as watches, leather goods, crystal, china, diamonds, perfume and cameras can be found at prices much lower than the U.S. and elsewhere.

Camana Bay is another great shopping destination. It offers a mix of luxury retail shops featuring everything from designer apparel, beachwear, cosmetics and sunglasses to home décor, cookware, books and fine jewelry.

For authentic Cayman art, jewelry and crafts, check out Pure Art in South Sound. It features a treasure-trove of made-in-Cayman gifts and keepsakes.

Kirk Freeport and Island Companies carry a wide range of luxury goods such as watches, leather goods, crystal, china, diamonds and perfume, with locations throughout the island. Each carries top brand names from Rolex, Patek Philippe and

Cartier to Hearts on Fire, Tacori and Waterford.

Balaclava in Governors Square is known for its unique creations and other exquisite jewelry from Europe including the new jewelry line "Simply Pure." Magnum Jewelers in the The Ritz-Carlton, Marriott Resort and on Cardinal Avenue is another notable fine watch and jewelry boutique. A highlight is its stunning collection of natural colored diamonds, which are rare and more valuable than traditional diamonds.

PREMIUM CIGARS

Cigar aficionados will welcome the debut of two new lounges - Club Havana in Caribbean Plaza and Stogies Lounge which is associated with and in the same building as Guy Harvey's Restaurant and Bar Crudo.

The new location of Club Havana features a full cigar lounge and club with a separate ventilated smoking room. A balcony overlooks the plaza, and lunch is served during the day. There is a resident cigar roller, live music and all Cuban cigar brands are available.

Downstairs is a retail shop with everything Cuban - from cigars and rum to artwork and coffee.

Stogies features a well-ventilated chic spot to smoke a cigar, along with a full bar with more than 120 different kinds of rums, as well as fine cognacs and whiskies. It features a selection of popular Cuban brands and others.

The inventory of Grand Cayman's cigar retailers tends to be heavy on Cuban cigars, given they are among the best in the world and they are extremely fresh, a benefit of the proximity of Cuba to the island.

You'll find all the big Cuban brands: Cohiba, Montecristo, Romeo Y Julieta, Partagas, Punch, H. Upmann, Bolivar, Hoyo de Monterray, Ramon Allones, and many others.

SPA-CATION

Pampering is part of the grand experience on-island. Rejuvenate at the Hibiscus Spa at the Westin resort on Seven Mile Beach or indulge at la prairie spa at The Ritz-Carlton. From aromatherapy massage to signature facials to a 'travel therapy' treatment, la prairie offers a spa menu that will restore, replenish and rejuvenate.

The Hibiscus Spa is another soothing sanctuary with a varied menu of spa treatments designed to renew and refresh.

Among the treatments is a 90-minute Couples Escape where you luxuriate in your private Jacuzzi for 30 minutes before enjoying an hour-long Swedish or aromatherapy massage together.

New on the scene is the spa at the Kimpton Seafire. The luxurious venue features seven treatment rooms offering a full array of soothing services: massage therapy, body treatments, facials, manicures, pedicures, and steam. There is a salon offering full hair and makeup services - ideal for weddings and special occasions.

A grand soaking tub outdoors comes complete with streaming natural light and botanical adornments.

So, for those who enjoy the finer things in life, Grand Cayman is a prime escape for five-star experiences. ●





Health City



SeaHaven Project

Another signpost of economic health in Cayman comes from the latest report from the Economics and Statistics Department showing the island has experienced five consecutive years of economic growth.

There have been several improvements to roadways including widening Godfrey Nixon Way as well as widening Smith Road through central George Town.

Work continues on the widening of the Linford Pierson Highway and expanding the Esterley Tibbetts Highway to four lanes. When complete, the entire length of the highway, all the way to Batabano Road in West Bay, will be a four-lane, dual-carriage road. The project is being undertaken by Dart, in conjunction with the National Roads Authority.

Expansion continues at Camana Bay with the construction of another Class-A office building. The project will be an 86,000-square-foot, four-story sister building to 18 Forum Lane, which has global accounting firm PwC as its anchor tenant and is the Caribbean's first LEED Gold-certified mixed use building. The new building next to 18 Forum Lane will also be LEED Gold-certified.

Once the sister building is completed, scheduled for summer of 2017, Dart will turn its attention to two more Class-A office buildings. Both of those buildings will be constructed on land that will become available once the Esterley Tibbetts Highway and the current roundabout at Camana Bay are moved westward.

Another signpost of economic health in Cayman comes from the latest report from the Economics and Statistics Department showing the island has experienced five consecutive years of economic growth, with the numbers showing that Cayman continues to enjoy a strong, and growing, private sector.

These initiatives and innovations are definitely big, bold steps to improve the island's economy and amenities – making a grand statement on a promising way forward. **B**

Coveted high design by

MARTYN LAWRENCE BULLARD

at The Residences at Seafire



“I want it to be sexy. I want it to be glamorous. But I also want it to be comfortable.”

The Residences at Seafire, the newest residential building to call Seven Mile Beach home, aims to heighten Caribbean interior design through its collaboration with noted celebrity decorator **Martyn Lawrence Bullard** who has crafted a vision of high design previously unseen in Cayman.





DECORATED DESIGNER

British born and L.A. based, Bullard is known for translating his client's wildest furnishing fantasies into a decorative reality.

In addition to being named one of the world's Top Interior Designers by design bible Architectural Digest, his work was the subject of two documentary series in the US and the UK, US-based Bravo's Million Dollar Decorators and Hollywood Me on the UK's Channel 4, bringing Martyn's unique vision into the homes of millions of viewers.

Bullard's inspired design is a feature in the homes of the great and the good across the globe from LA to Dubai. They include residences for the likes of Ellen Pompeo, Sharon Osbourne, Cher, Tommy Hilfiger and the Kardashians. He brings this whimsical approach to décor the signature spaces and custom furniture packages at The Residences at Seafire.

HIGH-DESIGN HOME

Fearless, eclectic and bold use of colour and texture are the hallmarks of Martyn's signature style. When designing for his clients he focuses on luxury and sophistication without sacrificing comfort and liveability.

"People's homes are their sanctuary; it's a place for complete relaxation," Bullard

shared while touring The Residences and musing on the type of person who would live in each space.

Form meets function in the bespoke and exclusive fabrics and furnishings by Bullard inspired by his travels and his visits to Cayman that will adorn the common areas at The Residences.

Each residence will be unfurnished with the option to purchase Bullard's furniture package giving residents the opportunity to transform their space into a showcase for Martyn's inspired vision for a Caribbean dream home.

A DRAMATIC ENTRANCE

They say that any first impression should be a lasting one and the residential lobby does not disappoint. Natural stone walls that mimic the Seven Mile Beach shoreline, wood-framed mirrors and clean, mid-century furniture are balanced by buttery-soft leather loungers and strokes of ornate colours that exude Caribbean comfort.

"I want it to be sexy. I want it to be glamorous, but I also want it to be comfortable." This is the premise behind Bullard's approach to design the residential lobby to withstand the everyday wear and tear of seaside living.

"For me, modern luxury is comfort. We can

be glamorous but we can also be in our shorts and swimwear."

OF THE PLACE: CAYMAN-ESQUE

It was important for Bullard that his designs be "of the place" and represent the culture and heritage of the Cayman Islands including nods to its first industry, rope making. This inspiration manifested in his final design. "In Cayman, you're surrounded by this extraordinary turquoise water, these incredible vistas, these beautiful greens. So all of this colour, this foliage, this beautiful skyline has very much influenced my colour palettes."

THE NEST

Ten floors above the Caribbean Sea and perched atop The Residences is The Nest, the residential rooftop lounge and arguably the most coveted 3,500 sq. in the Caribbean. For this magical terrace overlooking Cayman's famed Seven Mile Beach, Bullard has designed clusters of seating areas for lounging, sunset-watching, star-gazing and entertaining. A plush lounge pit anchors the space while sleek cabanas provoke lazy days and a basket-weave bar and private kitchen are perfect for elaborate dinner parties at this lounge in the sky.



For more information about The Residences at Seafire and Bullard's design inspiration, visit seafireresidencescayman.com

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EMBRACE WATERFRONT LIVING

There's nothing quite like living by the water. It immediately evokes tranquility and endless possibilities, enhancing just about every experience.

Now, the developers of The WaterColours are introducing a new concept to its collection of luxury waterfront developments - The Residences of Stone Island.

Named after the property's bedrock foundation, Stone Island is located on a private peninsula in the prestigious Yacht Club neighborhood.

The gated waterfront community is comprised of 44 luxury residences, with approximately 4,500-square-foot of open-concept living space. The exclusive three-story residences feature plunge pools, double car garages, vaulted master bedroom ceilings and waterway views, complete with exceptional fixtures and finishes. Choose to upgrade your residence to include elevator, built-in outdoor barbecue, and superior finish packages, among other options.

ENVIABLE ADDRESS

Live at The Residences of Stone Island and be surrounded by the finest amenities and attractions the island has to offer.

Among Stone Island's neighboring residential communities are the upscale Salt Creek and Vista del Mar. It is close to many attractions such as the popular Cayman Islands Yacht Club, which includes a marina, restaurants and a future multi-use pedestrian trail with walkable access to Seven Mile Beach.

It is also near Camana Bay and all of its

shopping, dining and entertainment options.

With the North Sound just minutes away, living on the water evokes the ultimate boating lifestyle. Enjoying the water is effortless as Stone Island is surrounded by a continuous dock and boardwalk.

DISTINCTIVE DESIGN

While gated communities are sometimes noted for their rather monotone style, the developers of Stone Island have made a special effort to make each of its residences stylish and distinct.

A striking feature upon stepping into the grand entranceway is a glass-railing staircase that winds up all three levels and is accented by an eye-catching feature wall. The innovative building design ensures expansive views in multiple directions from a spacious covered terrace and balconies.

ASTOUNDING AMENITIES

Celebrating the waterfront lifestyle, Stone Island offers an array of resort-style amenities.

Community features include discreet 24-hour security, tennis court, island surrounding boardwalk, outdoor children's play area, barbecue pavilions, docking facilities, lush landscaping and an elevated expansive mosaic-tiled infinity edge pool that provides views of the waterway.

An amenity building offers state-of-the-art fitness studio, private screening room, waterside owner's conservatory, children's center, chef's kitchen and owner's wine storage.

Once again, International Design Group (IDG) has been selected to professionally design

and decorate the common spaces, and have created three spectacular show homes, each styled to showcase distinct concepts, as well as design options and owner selections.

PRIVACY A PRIORITY

Privacy is paramount at Stone Island, and this has been carefully incorporated into the design elements. The extensive landscaping, with varying elevations, features a beautiful aesthetic and secluded spaces.

The serene grounds incorporate walkways, courtyards, gardens, a continuous 10-foot-wide boardwalk surrounding the entire development and a striking water feature at the entranceway, all within a pedestrian-friendly community. All amenities, including the private plunge pools, landscaping and garbage collection, are maintained for seamless waterfront living. Thrive in this gated community with 24-hour patrolling security and discreet security cameras throughout the property, on land and water.

HIGH STANDARDS

Constructed to the highest specifications and safety standards, the team behind this innovative development is known to exceed expectations with each project it undertakes.

The developers consistently take into consideration innovative and flexible design and environmentally friendly elements while raising the standards of construction and building safety.

With its exceptional combination of lifestyle and location, The Residences of Stone Island redefines luxury waterfront living. ○

TRIO ARCHITECTURE

A Passionate Approach

Great service is in the details. Just ask architect Mike Stroh. The president of Trio Architecture gives priority to ensuring that all steps throughout the design/build process are seamlessly managed from start to finish.

Mike says knowing the client's lifestyle is key to designing a home that complements the way they live and the activities they enjoy.

"The questions we ask are: How does your family function? Do you like open spaces, or do you prefer every room to be well defined? Do you have kids? Pets? Do you like sun or shade? Is resale an important factor? How about budget?... It all comes into play during the preliminary design," he says.

Green elements are also important. "I care deeply for our environment, and I encourage my clients to do as much as they can within their budget."

For the success of any project, Mike says it's essential that the architect is involved throughout the construction process, as changes and problems inevitably crop up. Trio helps clients make informed decisions, and when changes are approved, these are immediately transferred to the Construction Documents, avoiding mistakes by contractors, or delays during inspections.

"We accompany the project from conceptual design all the way through construction, until the client moves in," he says. "A home is like a child. As architects, it would be irresponsible for us not to actively participate while it is being raised."

Founded in Miami in 2006, the goal has always been to design specifically for the client's needs, ensuring a harmonious balance between aesthetics, function and budget.

And Trio goes above and beyond to provide great service. They include the preparation of architectural plans, as well as the coordination of mechanical, electrical, plumbing and structural engineering.

Island living

Mike and his family moved to Cayman in 2011, eventually settling



Snug Harbour



Vista del Mar



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South Sound

into a new home in Crystal Harbour which he designed himself.

The firm began experiencing rapid growth in the residential market, participating in the design and completion of over 20 homes in just three years.

In the hospitality sector, Trio has designed Villas for The Four Seasons in Nevis, St. Kitts. They are overseeing the renovation of the new Margaritaville Resort in Cayman, as well as Locale, a 42-room business

hotel on the Seven Mile Beach strip. It also designed the headquarters for Ironshore Pharmaceuticals in Camana Bay, and has been awarded the architectural design of a new 440-suite hotel in Cayman.

Trio recently moved to new premises at Camana Bay to accommodate the increasing demand.

"I love what I do," says Mike. "At Trio, we fight every problem, every task, every obstacle using the most powerful weapon: our passion." **B**



THE RESIDENCES OF
Stone Island
G R A N D C A Y M A N



CELEBRATE THE RESORT/RESIDENTIAL LIFESTYLE

The developers of The WaterColours are thrilled to expand vibrant waterfront living to the Yacht Club area. Stone Island is a gated waterfront community comprised of 44 luxury residences, each with approximately 4500 square feet of living space. No detail to be missed, with exclusive home features such as elevator, plunge pool, built-in outdoor BBQ, double car garage, vaulted master bedroom ceilings, waterway views, and open concept living spaces. All complete with exceptional fixtures and finishes.

OUTDOOR AMENITIES:

- Discreet 24-hour security
- Expansive mosaic-tile infinity edge pool & cabana
- Tennis court
- Boardwalk
- Docking facilities
- Lush landscaping
- Barbecue pavilions

AMENITY BUILDING:

- State-of-the-art fitness studio
- Private screening room
- Waterside owner's conservatory
- Children's center
- Chef's kitchen
- Owner's wine storage

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WESTIN GRAND CAYMAN



With the island's largest freshwater swimming pool and widest Seven Mile Beach frontage, the Westin Grand

Cayman has always boasted some impressive credentials. Now that list of superlatives has grown even longer thanks to the hotel's \$50 million property wide enhancement. Just don't call it a refurbishment; 'reconstruction' more accurately sums up the scale of the changes, according to Marti Trieschmann, Area Director of Sales & Marketing.

The first phase, unveiled in December 2016, revealed a sweeping lobby area with panoramic views through to the beach, thanks to two-story glass windows to the front and back. "People are here for this", Trieschmann says, sweeping a hand towards Seven Mile's inviting turquoise water. "We wanted guests to see all the way to the sea the moment they pull up [...] it's the excitement of the big reveal."

Across the resort there's a fresh design palette inspired by Cayman's natural surroundings - its serenity, sea breezes and pure marine colors. In the lobby, for instance, softly undulating wood planes across the ceiling echo the Caribbean waves, while the organic forms of columns, sculptures

and lighting draw the eye toward the sea itself. By referencing the natural elements of water, sky, and earth, Florida-based design company GS4studios created a seamless contemporary aesthetic across the resort's interior and exterior spaces. This modern take on island style sees sand tone timber floors and eco-conscious materials throughout.

On the redesigned pool deck, guests are sipping signature Caribbean cocktails at the swim-up bar, or relaxing on the shaded verandas attached to the first-story rooms along the pool and beachfront. Cayman Coffee Exchange (formerly Café Soleil), which has been given a far larger and more convenient location, is abuzz with customers grabbing refreshments and snacks.

The resort's makeover extends to its fitness center and retail outlets, marrying modern design with Caribbean flair. In fact, the only areas that *haven't* undergone change are the restaurants - Ferdinand's and the Beach House - since these have already benefitted from a refresh in 2012-13.

Complementing the sleek new style is a host of upgraded recreational services. At the helm is Director of Lifestyle Erika Solano, formerly of The

Walt Disney Company, who ensures all ages and personalities are catered for. Guests don't have to so much as rise from their sun lounger to order drinks; instead they simply press a call button that summons servers to their exact location on the pool terrace or beach. Nor do they have to pull themselves away from the sunshine to book an excursion thanks to the addition of a beach-side concierge.

The second and final phase of the Westin Grand Cayman's reconstruction will be redesigned guestrooms and suites, debuting in August 2017. How will these compare with the existing accommodation? "As different as night and day is all I can say," smiles Trieschmann. "They're taking them down to the concrete." Since the devil is in the detail, model rooms have already been scrutinized for tweaks to the fixtures and finishes, and even the balcony doors have been replaced in favor of sliding glass styles - once again making the most of those sensational sea views. As Trieschmann points out: "Come August, all these changes mean we'll be the newest property on the island." **B**

ENCOMPASS LTD.

Designing and Executing 'Wow' Moments



Approaching the powdery sands of Cayman Kai across the crystal-clear water, there's no missing Sun Serenity: a 7,800-square-foot oceanfront villa complete with rooftop sunset terrace and 70ft pool, a mere four doors down from Rum Point Club. Ever since design build company Encompass scooped Rum Point's most sensational lot for development, they envisaged creating the perfect vacation rental villa - a haven for those milestone birthdays, anniversaries or family holidays. As such, their design team incorporated a generous central gathering area for entertaining and celebrating, as well as affording complete privacy for the six bedrooms and 6.5 bathrooms.

From Sun Serenity's swim-up pool bar to a plush home cinema in a Ritz-Carlton private residence, browsing Encompass' luxurious portfolio you could easily assume its services were strictly for the island's elite. In fact, the company boasts an extremely broad client base and variety of projects. "Creating inspirational homes can still be accomplished within reasonable budgets and with low-cost high-value materials," agrees Encompass' Senior Project Manager Eric Kline, pointing to the thriving remodeling arm of the business. "One thing we love is taking a building and bringing it out of its

shell [...] changing it in ways you never thought your floor plan could accommodate," he says. It could be a new layout for a growing family or simply a light refresh for a dated condo.

A wealth of glowing and extremely personal testimonials found under **The Encompass Experience** at www.encompasscayman.com show the impact these projects have on homeowners - they remain firm friends and clients for life. "We're problem solvers and like to provide our clients with **WOW** moments so that our customers can relax and enjoy the construction process," explains Marketing Manager Tracey Kline.

Part of Encompass' secret is excellent communication, proactively sending illustrated weekly reports to their clients, many of whom are based off-island. Organization and attention-to-detail are also paramount to ensure projects move swiftly and seamlessly from conception to completion. Adhering to a very structured tight schedule is something of a signature for Encompass. Indeed, they're often ahead of schedule - Sun Serenity will have taken less than a year, for example.

Another point often overlooked by developers is how the building will truly 'live' after purchase. This is perfectly illustrated by another current Encompass Ltd. Developments project,

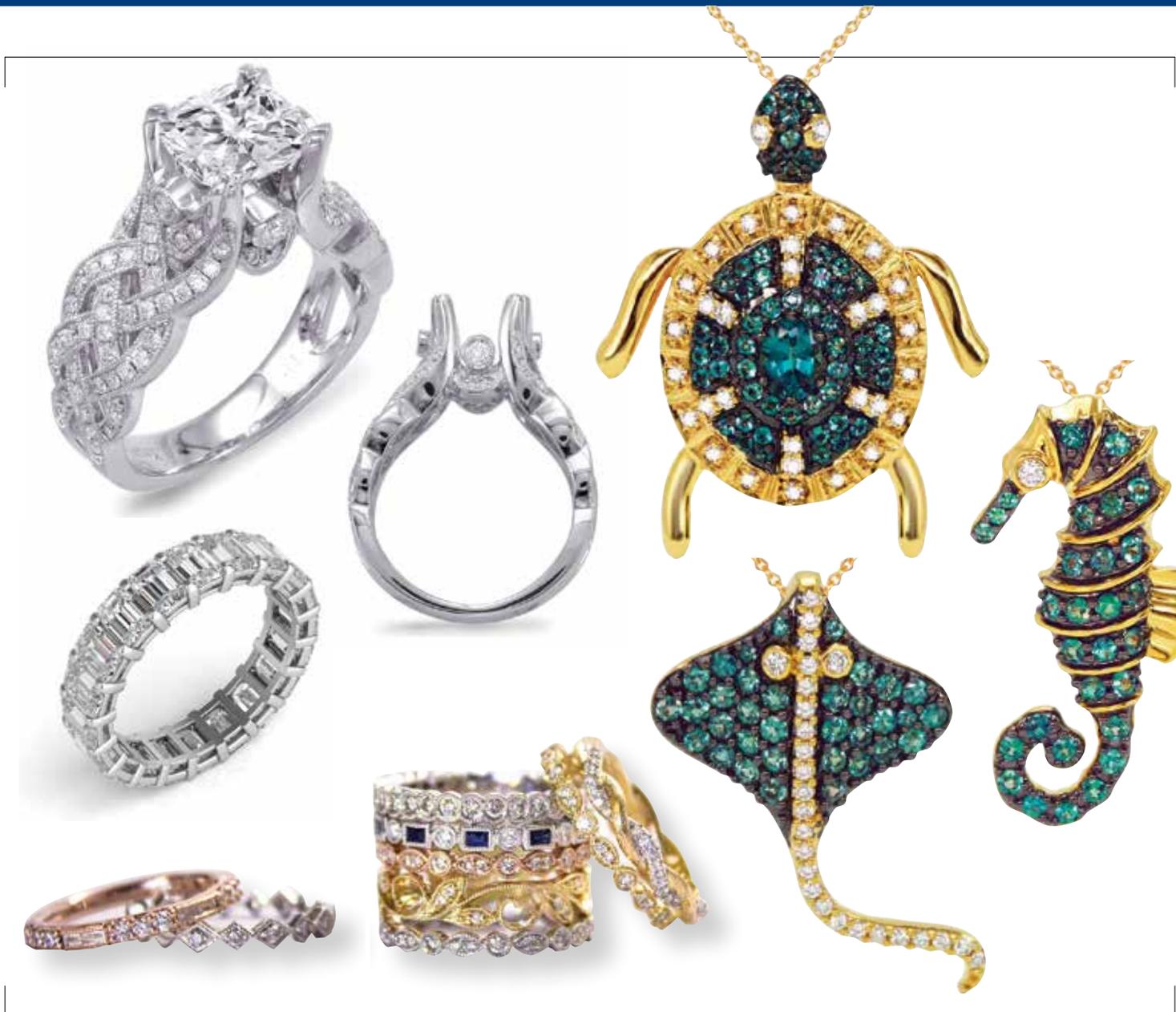
SeaHaven, phase one of which is due for completion by April 2017. Wrapping along a wide, clear canal and fronting on the North Sound, the development's six buildings comprise 13 two or three bedroom modern island villas with roof terraces, private docks, sparkling pools and panoramic water views. The north and east orientation not only means these homes will be cooled by the prevailing winds, but that pools and terraces will be bathed in gentle morning light and naturally shaded during the hottest hours of the afternoon. "You can't understand until you live it how much of a difference orientation makes. It's whether or not your house is blocking your cooling breeze and whether you can enjoy your back deck in shaded comfort at 3pm or not," Tracey points out.

SeaHaven is also astutely adapted to the lifestyle needs of modern families. Occupying a serene gated peninsula, children can play safely outside, while four charming carriage houses will make convenient nanny flats, home offices, guest accommodation, or even a 'man cave'. These two-bedroom apartments, located above the garages, are exclusively available for purchase by SeaHaven homeowners.

"There's such huge satisfaction in people building their lives in our residences," Tracey smiles. "I can't wait to see owners move into SeaHaven." **B**

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