



AWARD-WINNING GRACE BAY RESORTS EXTENDS PARTNERSHIP WITH ACCLAIMED INTERIOR DESIGNER THOM FILICIA

Celebrity Designer Brings Sophisticated Aesthetic to Resort Restaurant

*Grace Bay Club's Introduces New Restaurant, **Infiniti**, a Fine Dining Experience for Guests on Grace Bay Beach*

Providenciales, Turks and Caicos – Grace Bay Resorts is excited to announce an extended design partnership with celebrity interior designer Thom Filicia, who brings his sophisticated aesthetic and celebrated style to the resort's reimagined restaurant concept, **Infiniti**. Formally known as Anacaona, **Infiniti** will feature an open kitchen concept with a contemporary approach to international cuisine. The multi-phase partnership with Thom Filicia kicked off last year with the goal of unifying the design aesthetic across Grace Bay Club. This is the first interior design collaboration for the award-winning hospitality group, and the first design project in the Turks and Caicos Islands for Thom Filicia.

"Thom's effortless, modern aesthetic is a natural fit for Grace Bay Resorts' beachfront properties. The response to Thom's design has been so impressive, we decided it made sense to extend our relationship and have Thom redesign our restaurant too," said Mark Durliat, Chief Executive Officer, Grace Bay Resorts. "As we look to 2015 and beyond, we are excited to debut a fresh new look and feel that is in line with our award-winning brand and the perfect backdrop to the handmade Caribbean experiences that Grace Bay Resorts curates for our guests."

The island's natural beauty and tropical surroundings was the inspiration for the redesign of the resort restaurant which incorporates playful nods to the beach setting in the materials and colors. Filicia's design concepts mix dynamic textures, fresh colors and soft lighting to enhance the property's overall atmosphere and deliver a more engaging experience and a destination for hotel and island visitors alike.

Infiniti will offer traditional Caribbean dishes with a modern approach. The eclectic menu includes a variety of local seafood and fish, as well as a Raw Bar. Menu highlights include *Chilled Avocado Soup*, *Yellow King Fish Tartar with Shaved Foie Gras*, *Veal Osso Bucco with Herbed Orzo and Seasonal Vegetables*, and *Octopus with Cannellini Beans and Roasted Tomato*. Additionally, the bread selection will showcase both artisanal Multigrain and Sourdough, complemented by homemade flavored butters, and Grace Bay Club's own blend of locally harvested sea salt spiked with Procini Mushrooms, Seaweed and Chocolate. The new restaurant will also offer a 5-course Lobster Tasting menu. Infiniti features a new Caribbean Rum Cocktail list created by Master Mixologist Toby Abu Gamin and a curated international wine selection to complement the cuisine.

"This is such a fun project to work on since there really is no lack of inspiration with Turks and Caicos as the backdrop," said Thom Filicia, Founder and Principal, Thom Filicia, Inc. "I love playing off the natural elements of the beach and sky to develop a design concept that embodies both the lifestyle and beauty of Grace Bay."

Following on the refresh of the Grace Bay lobby in 2014, interior enhancements of Grace Bay Club's family-friendly Villas and The Residences, the company's first private residential micro-resort of ultra-luxury, single family beachfront homes, will also make their debut in early 2015. Future interior design renovations include the adults-only Hotel and uber-luxe Estate.

The project represents a new chapter for Filicia, who is well-known internationally for both his commercial and residential work with celebrities and luxury brands alike, including Tina Fey and Delta Airlines. Filicia's unmistakable design sensibility has earned him countless accolades from the design world, including *House Beautiful* and *Elle Décor*. Filicia's recognition expanded beyond the design world when he was cast as the interior design expert in the Emmy Award-winning show "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy." Furthermore, Filicia is the creative mind and driving force behind the Thom Filicia Home Collection,

and most recently he opened his first to-the-trade showroom, Sedgwick & Brattle, at the New York Design Center in September 2013.

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About Grace Bay Resorts

Grace Bay Resorts is a boutique developer and operator of high-end, luxury resorts and branded residences, founded from its flagship property Grace Bay Club which opened in 1993 the brand has grown with an ownership stake in the management of West Bay Club and The Residences, a micro resort with exclusive luxury beachfront villas all in Turks and Caicos. Led by Mark Durliat and Nikheel Advani, the developers and hoteliers behind this renowned brand, and Michael Brewster, previous Managing Partner of Denver-based SV Capital Partners, Grace Bay Resorts provides development, branding and management expertise for luxury five-star boutique hotels and branded residences. Grace Bay Resorts is expanding its award-winning brand and services across the Caribbean destinations and Latin America, with a target of 10 properties in the next few years. www.gracebayresorts.com.

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