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Hotel News

Award-Winning Grace Bay Resorts Announces Partnership With Interior Designer Thom Filicia Wednesday, February 19, 2014

Grace Bay Resorts today announces a new partnership with celebrity interior designer, Thom Filicia, to bring his sophisticated aesthetic and celebrated style to the brand's resort properties, including the renowned Grace Bay Club as well as The Residences, the company's first private residential micro-resort of ultra-luxury, single family beachfront homes. This multi-phase partnership marks 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.



"We were thrilled that Thom was interested in joining forces with us, and he is a natural choice as a partner," says Mark Durliat, Chief Executive Officer, Grace Bay Resorts. "As we look to the future, partnering with a world-class designer who can help us make thoughtful changes as we grow our brand is paramount. Thom's inventive interiors combine timeless design with an effortless, modern aesthetic, making him the perfect partner to enhance our award-winning beachfront properties."

While Grace Bay Club is known for reinventing itself constantly, including adding new food & beverage concepts and undertaking annual upgrades and renovations, this is the first time in its 20-year history that the resort has partnered with a designer of Thom's prestige in its efforts to reshape the interior redesign of its suites. Grace Bay Club comprises the adults-only Hotel, family-friendly Villas and the uber-luxe Estate, and Filicia was selected to create a more unified design aesthetic across the entire property. Inspired by the classic beauty of the resort's tropical surroundings, Filicia's concepts will mix new textures, dynamic colors and soft lighting to enhance the property's overall atmosphere and deliver a more contemporary experience for guests.

Interior enhancements, including the Grace Bay Club lobby and two prototype Villa Suites, will make their debut in late 2013, with the balance of Villas to follow in 2014. The adults-only Hotel and uber-luxe Estate will follow in 2015.

"As a designer, I'm always looking for ways to bring things together, so I was thrilled when Grace Bay Resorts asked me to lead their redesign," says Thom Filicia, Founder and Chief Creative Officer, Thom Filicia, Inc. "Turks and Caicos Islands are so vibrant and full of life. I was immediately inspired by all the vivid colors and textures at play, and the result is a brilliant, sophisticated design concept that truly embodies the spirit of Grace Bay."

Filicia also brings a unique sense of style to The Residences, designing distinct interior furniture and finishes for the three private homes in this unique micro resort development. Currently under construction on Grace Bay Beach, the four bedroom, six thousand square foot beachfront Residences are priced at \$4 million and scheduled for completion in summer 2014.



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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.

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 <<http://www.gracebayresorts.com>> .