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WATER WORLD

Set amid the mangroves and palms of the Maldives, Coco Palm Bodu Hithi has always been an idyllic private-island resort, but now it has come up with the ultimate secluded and exclusive accommodation with its new Escape Water Residences. Set in their own cluster far from the mainland, and accessed by over-water walkways, the 24 new villas each come with their own private butler, over-the-water restaurant and bar, private pool, deck and pavilion, indoor and outdoor showers and four-poster beds – and if you ever tire of the ocean view, there's a full entertainment system to absorb your attention. Wonderfully secluded, the new villas nevertheless have full access to all the water sports and entertainment facilities of the main Coco Palm Bodu Hithi resort, which is just a 40-minute speedboat ride from Malé.

For more information visit www.cocopalm.com/boduhithi/index.html

HOTEL OF THE (HALF) CENTURY

Perfectly located between Miami and Fort Lauderdale, Bal Harbour Village is preparing for the grand opening of its first major hotel in 50 years with the arrival of The Regent Bal Harbour in January. Leather upholstered walls, mahogany parquet floors, freestanding bathtubs and exclusively commissioned artwork set the tone for the rooms and suites of this oceanfront residence.

For more information visit www.balharbourflorida.com/hotels/regent.html



ONE FOR THE BOYS

Take one Caribbean island, six luxurious new spa cottages, Sonya Dakar products and a flat-screen TV to watch while you're being pampered, and you'll have one happy – and very relaxed – man. As part of its new overhaul, the Regent Palms in Turks and Caicos – now called The Regent Spa – has a dedicated male treatment room with sumptuous pampering, such as traditional hot-towel shaves with a straightedge razor. The girls get a great treat too with six new treatment cottages and a refreshed spa menu to browse over.

For more information visit www.regenthotels.com

ECO-GLAM

Look great and help protect the environment at the new Jala Spa at Hyatt Key West Resort and Marina. The tiny, exclusive spa has two treatment rooms and three poolside spa cabanas and is dedicated to preserving the region's coral reefs, giving a donation to the Reef Relief Organization whenever anyone books one of its signature Jala Blue treatments.

For more information visit www.keywest.hyatt.com



MICHELIN STARS AGAIN IN MAURITIUS

One&Only Le Saint Géran in Mauritius is no stranger to culinary excellence and already has one Michelin-starred chef, but with the arrival of Vineet Bhatia it will earn another and become a true gourmet epicentre. Bhatia's London restaurant was named Indian Restaurant of the Year just a year after it opened, and now the multi-award winning chef is bringing his contemporary cuisine to a new tropical waterside restaurant overlooking sugarcane-clad mountains and a private lagoon. "We're very excited about Vineet coming to One&Only Le Saint Géran," said Andrew Milton, General Manager at the resort. "His exciting ideas will make the restaurant different to anything else on the island."

For more information visit www.oneandonlyresorts.com



INCA KEEPING WITH TRADITION

Cusco in Peru is about to celebrate the opening of a new boutique hotel. The 11-suite Inkaterra La Casona hotel is pure exclusivity, from its heritage – it is set in an authentic 16th century Colonial mansion originally built on the site of the Palace of Inca Manco Capca, founder of the Inca Empire, and then used by the first Spanish Conquistadors – to its modern-day iPods, Plasma TVs and in-room massage treatments. The original frescoes have been preserved, and open-fireplaces, cosy sitting rooms and terraces add to the charm of the property.

For more information visit www.inkaterra.com



ANCIENT ISLAND; NEW APPEAL

Easter Island is one of the most isolated places on earth, with an intriguing ancient culture shrouded in mystery. Until now visitors came to explore its hidden caves, volcanic craters, ceremonial burial platforms and famous volcanic ash sculptures – but now they have a new reason to visit: Posada de Mike Rapu. This is the latest property to grace Easter Island and it neatly fills the gap for five-star accommodation. A wonderful fusion of futuristic design and local natural materials, the hotel rises majestically from a lofty perch of volcanic rock. Inside, the 30 rooms (including four suites) boast an ingenious design with pinewood floors, traditional Pizarra stone walls and bespoke furniture. An indoor swimming pool and Jacuzzi add a touch of relaxing luxury while expert bilingual guides are on hand to escort guests on exploratory tours around the island.

For more information visit www.explora.com

INARIA CREATES A FIRST WITH NEW BRAND EXTENSION

Since launching five years ago, Original Travel and its design team at Inaria have won many travel, design and marketing awards, and it looks like they are set to do so again. Together with Inaria, the team at Original Travel has created and produced the company's first published book *The Big Short Break*. The book's title continues the theme of Original Travel's brand essence, getting the maximum experience from the minimum time required off work. The 372-page case-bound book has been written by Ron Asprey and is full of inspirational short breaks with stunning photography, sample itineraries and insider travel tips.

The book is available to buy directly from Original Travel at www.originaltravel.co.uk, or at major book stores

