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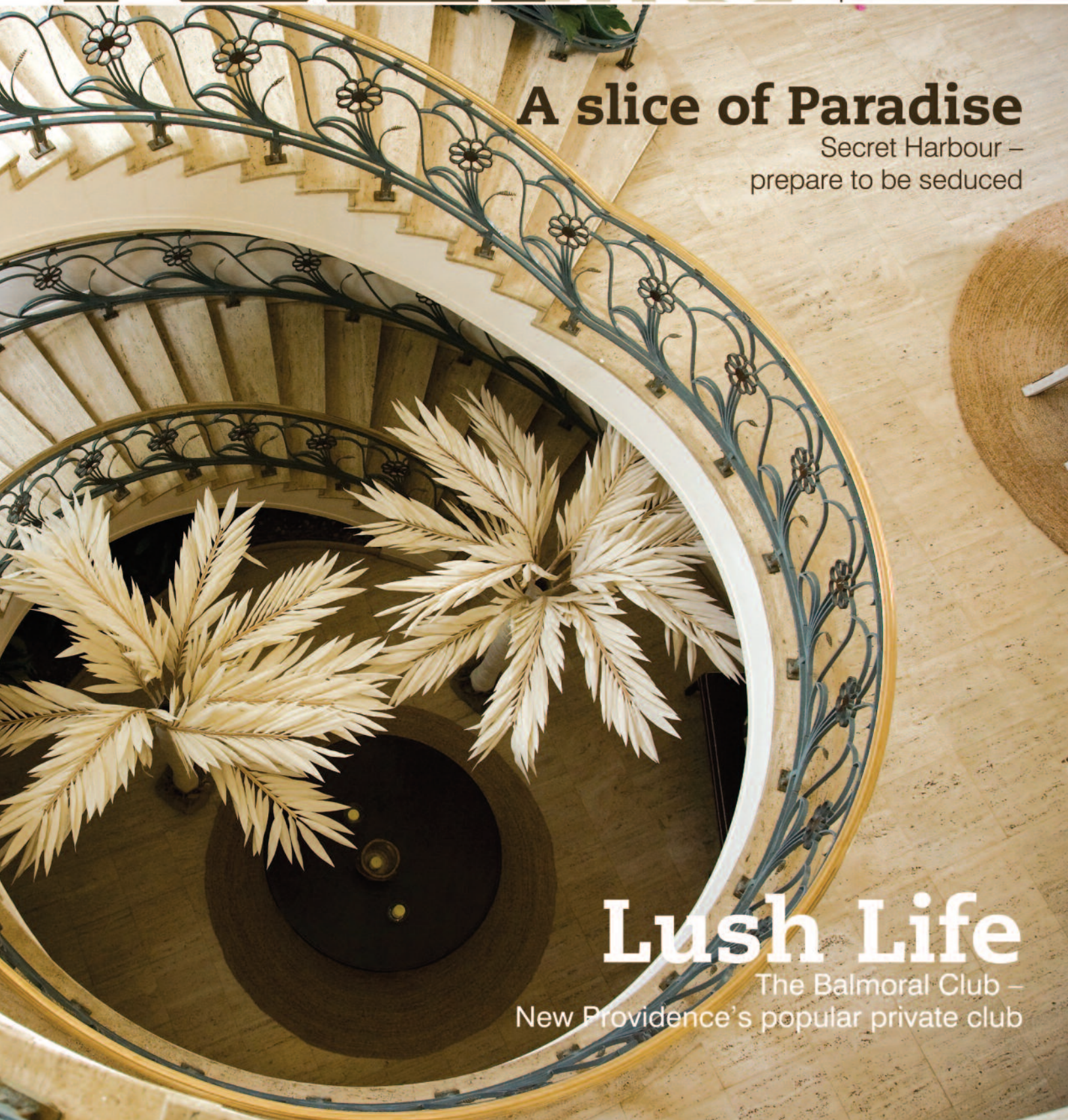
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Tennis anyone?

THE second annual Legends Tennis Championship is taking place at The Residences at The Ritz-Carlton from April 24-26. Watch the world's greatest players compete in the Caribbean including: Jim Courier, Goran Ivanisevic and Mark Philippoussis.

For more info, visit www.championsSeriesTennis.com

Stamp and customs duty cut to stimulate economy

IN an effort to boost development and the real estate industry in the Cayman Islands the Legislative Assembly has passed legislation to amend the Customs Tariff and the Stamp Duty Bill. Construction materials will now receive a five percent reduction on customs duty until January 2010 while the stamp duty on properties in the Seven Miles Beach area have been reduced by as much as two and a half percent and elsewhere by one percent. Both stamp duty reductions are effective until October 2009.

Chalmers Gibbs Architects welcome new recruit

CAYMAN Architectural firm, Chalmers Gibbs Architects, have expanded their team with the arrival of Nicolas Taylor from New Zealand.

Before coming to Cayman, the New Zealander – who has an honours degree in Architecture from Victoria University of Wellington – was part of an award winning designing team in his homeland.

Aside from architecture, Taylor is a keen yachtsman having represented New Zealand on numerous occasions – narrowly missing out on the Olympics in 2000. Nick now brings his sailing skills and knowledge to the Cayman Sailing Club.

www.cgmj.com.ky

Cayman the location for luxury wedding business summit

HOT on the heels of *engage!08* and *engage!08: the encore* comes *engage!09 :: something blue*.

This year, the three-day conference for luxury wedding professionals is taking place at the Ritz-Carlton, Grand Cayman, from June 21-24.

Confirmed speakers include Darcy Miller, editorial director of Martha Stewart Weddings, Millie Bratten, editor in chief of *BRIDES*, Randy Fenoli, fashion director of Kleinfield and Preston Bailey – wedding planner to the stars.

For the latest information on the programme, speakers and so much more, check out

www.engage09.com

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New high-end boutique hotel opens

COTTON TREE, located on the northernmost point of Grand Cayman's West Bay, is pleased to announce it has opened its doors.

A collection of four modern Cayman-inspired beach cottages nestled on the shores of Barker's Beach it is the perfect place to escape from one's hectic life. Focusing on concierge service – it offers all the luxuries one expects at a five-star hotel but in a personalised boutique-style setting – it is a fine addition to Cayman's hotel scene.

With a private spa pavilion located amongst the sea grape trees offering a wide-range of services including yoga instruction, a state-of-the-art fitness centre, fresh water pool, daily maid service and



more in a chic living space adorned with art collected from around the world, it offers a personalised, unique and quintessentially Caymanian experience.

For more information, call 345 943 0700 or visit www.caymancottontree.com

Auto and boat lovers out in force at Camana Bay

THE 2009 inaugural Cayman27 Auto and Boat Expo took place at Camana Bay from February 27-28. Approximately 2,000 auto and boat enthusiasts alike came together to view top-of-the line vehicles and vessels at Grand Cayman's newest community.

The extravaganza featured most of Cayman's auto and boat dealerships and accessory suppliers, alongside financial organisations, as well as new and old exhibits from the red 1957 Chevrolet to the yellow 2005 Ford Mustang. All the action was broadcast live on Cayman 27.



New home for Sticks & Stones

THE Cayman institution that is Sticks & Stones has moved from North Sound Road to Kingbird Drive.

The new showroom of this unique home décor store is a feast for the senses, something the owners – Miss Jani and her son Jesse – acknowledge: "People seem to really enjoy the setting." The building

centres on a garden with stone paths, water features, gorgeous garden and other outdoor ornaments. Elsewhere the interior is adorned with Asian wood and teak products, all of which are for sale.

Sticks & Stones is open Mon-Sat from 10am-5pm. For more information, call 947 8663 or email sticksandstones@candw.ky

New chartered surveying practice offers optimism and veteran experience

THE Caribbean has a brand new chartered surveying practice in Charterland Ltd. The Cayman based team of property consulting professionals is now offering its experience to a broad gamut of clients around the region from those seeking financing for single-family homes to major developers taking on large-scale commercial ventures.

Charterland consists of director, Simon Watson (former director of Deloitte Property Consulting), Ian Barnard, a chartered quantity surveyor, and Stewart Connelly, a qualified facilities manager. The business partners bring with them residential and commercial experience in property development, property management, construction cost management, sales and lease consulting services.

Members of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, Charterland complies with its highly ethical code of conduct and is required to carry professional indemnity insurance to protect all clients. Charterland is also a member of Evolving Island – a group of companies specialising in a holistic approach to property development.

For more information about Charterland, visit www.charterland.ky



The Charterland Team (L-R) Simon Watson, Ian Barnard, Stewart Connelly

Dragon Bay development in Grand Cayman

THE planning application was recently heard for the reparcelisation and excavation plan to reconfigure the former Safe Haven project that will be known as Dragon Bay Resort.

Developer, Michael Ryan, said: "The underlying principal is to create a water based community linked to the existing Ritz-Carlton Resort project through an expanded series of canals surrounding a group of island neighbourhoods". It is estimated that the project will bring in, in excess of US\$2.4 billion in positive economic impact to the islands. Interconnecting community pathways, future planned public spaces and other commercial opportunities for local businesses are part of the master plan. "One of the fundamental elements of this project is to attract local residents to come and enjoy the facilities being created," said Ryan.

Pre-leasing begins on The Terraces at Camana Bay

THE TERRACES – 60 luxurious one and two-bedroom apartments in Camana Bay's Town Centre – will be available for occupancy this summer.

During the pre-leasing period, a special introductory rate is on offer ranging from US \$2,000 to \$4,600 per month. "We made the decision that The Terraces would be for lease only because we want to have a vibrant community living year-round in Camana Bay's town centre," said John Hillman, director of sales at Dart Realty.

For more information, contact John Hillman on 345 640 3808 or visit www.theterracesatcamanabay.com



Annual Island Air show a roaring success

THE third Island Air Evening of Luxury – a collaboration between Island Air, Citation Jets and the Ritz Residences – took place on February 6.

Glitzy guests gathered to view the latest and greatest planes, cars and boats including Cessna Citation's C400 and CJ3, Audi and the beautiful Riva boat. Fine jewellery, courtesy of Island Companies and Kirk Freeport, was also on display for guests' delectation while Hamilton watches, Belvedere Vodka, Tropical Aviation Distributors (TAD), CCMI, CI Helicopters, Camana Bay, Dart Management, Mercedes and *REALife* were among the evening's other attendees and sponsors.

Tim Hocklander, TAD's regional sales manager, said: "Our goal in doing this event is to educate and inform people about private aviation and show them the benefits of aircraft ownership. Private Aircraft ownership can alleviate the day-to-day stresses of corporate business travel, as well as improve on one's efficiencies. Ultimately the bottom line is that the



convenience and flexibility of owning your own aircraft gives you the freedom to make the most out of your time and your life."

When not marvelling at the models or posing for pictures inside the top-of-the range toys, revellers sipped champagne, compliments of Veuve

Clicquot, fine wine courtesy of Jacques Scott and Fidelity Bank and mixed drinks and beers donated by Blackbeards and Cayman Distributors, while enjoying appetisers provided by Lobster Pot, live music and more. Arguably, one of the highlights of the glamorous gathering was the sight of Island Air's event co-ordinator, Linzi Swift, sporting a luxurious, long red dress and clad in Cartier jewellery.

Managing director of Island Air, Marcus Cumber, summed up the evening when he said: "I was delighted by the attendance of the party and the positive feedback from both sponsors and guests. I am looking forward to next year already!"

www.islandair.ky