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Hilton Worldwide Announces its First Property in Belize with Curio – A Collection by Hilton™

The Resort at Mahogany Bay Village, Curio Collection by Hilton Set to Open as Largest Hotel in Belize

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(NYSE: HLT) today announced the signing of the new Resort at Mahogany Bay Village to [Curio – A Collection by Hilton™](#). When open, in 2017, The Resort at Mahogany Bay Village, Curio Collection by Hilton will be the first Hilton Worldwide property in Belize, as well as the first luxury resort from a global brand in the country.

The rustic-chic resort is located in San Pedro, Belize on Ambergris Caye, about 15 miles from the mainland and 10 minutes from the San Pedro Airport. With 205 cottage and villa-style rooms, the resort sits on a 60-acre property featuring private residences, bay and beach clubs, spa, meeting space and “The Village,” a vibrant social center open to both guests and the public.

“The opportunity to develop The Resort at Mahogany Bay Village came at an opportune time and with a well-matched partner,” said Juan Corvinos, Managing Director, Development, Central America, Andean and Hispanic Caribbean regions, Hilton Worldwide. “Paired with Mahogany Bay’s hospitality expertise, eco-friendly practices and focus on supporting the local community, our first

Hilton Worldwide property in Belize will elevate accommodation offerings in the country and allow travelers to discover the true local flavor and spectacular natural beauty of Ambergris Caye and Belize.”

Guests of The Resort at Mahogany Bay Village will experience upscale accommodations and amenities grounded in the authentic spirit of the country. The Belizean-style villas are made from local sustainably-harvested hardwoods and feature lofty ceilings and artfully designed heirloom quality furniture. "The Village" will complement the downtown San Pedro area with a General Store, craft and farmer's market, scuba and fishing operators, concierge and tour coordinator, hair/nail salon and much more. Guests will be able to try organic fresh vegetables harvested daily from Ambergreens, Belize's first aquaponics farming venture; have fantastic coffee at Rum and Bean, lunch at Taco Shack, indulge in local fare at the all-day restaurant, among many other food & beverage outlets.

The property will offer a 22,000 square foot Great House featuring three floors and 8,000 square feet of meeting and event space, plus a wrap-around covered veranda. A specially-designated Bride's Room is designed as a dressing room for weddings, but will also double as a 12-seat private venue.

“The Resort at Mahogany Bay Village will be a borderless community that encourages travelers to get out and experience all that Belize has to offer,” said Beth Clifford, President, Mahogany Bay Management, Ltd. “Combining the authentic local spirit of the Curio collection and the one-of-a-kind character of Belize, the resort will provide a unique guest experience and serve as the perfect base camp for our guests' Belizean adventures . . .”

The Resort at Mahogany Bay Village will allow easy access to nearby restaurants, watersports, wildlife attractions and entertainment. White sand beaches, rainforests, zip lines, and river caves are easily accessible from the resort's location; while Mayan ruins, coral reefs and world class fishing are just moments away from the property.

Over 200 local restaurants on the Caye provide a diverse food adventure, from local street fare to fine dining at Victoria House, and Belizean fare at Elvi's Kitchen.

"We're excited to welcome The Resort at Mahogany Bay Village, Curio – A Collection by Hilton to our beautiful country," said Hon. Manuel Heredia Jr., Minister of Tourism. "This resort will not only showcase our breathtaking scenery and hospitable spirit to thousands of travelers, but it will also offer 200 new jobs that will help continue to fuel economic opportunity in Belize."

The resort will prioritize the preservation of natural resources by using local materials and minimizing overall waste, maintaining construction and operating standards so as not to impact the local coral reefs and employing smart architectural designs to increase airflow and reduce the need for air conditioning.

"With its luxury accommodations, beautiful location, environmentally-sustainable design and integration with the local community, we can't wait to welcome guests to The Resort at Mahogany Bay Village," said Dianna Vaughan, Senior Vice President and global head of Curio – A Collection by Hilton and DoubleTree by Hilton brands. "By simultaneously reflecting the local culture and providing remarkable service, The Resort at Mahogany Bay Village exemplifies the Curio collection's distinctive character."

As part of the Hilton Worldwide portfolio, The Resort at Mahogany Bay Village, Curio Collection by Hilton will participate in Hilton HHonors®, the award-winning guest loyalty program for Hilton Worldwide's 13 distinct hotel brands. Hilton HHonors Members always get the lowest price with the Best Price Guarantee, along with HHonors Points, free standard Wi-Fi, digital check-in and no booking fees when they book directly through Hilton.

Hilton Worldwide currently has a portfolio of more than 90 hotels and resorts open and welcoming travelers in Latin America, including 14 properties in Central America. The

company is actively pursuing additional Latin American growth opportunities and currently has a robust pipeline of more than 50 hotels throughout the region.

For more information, visit curio.com. Media may access high resolution images and more information by visiting news.curio.com.

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