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DELLIS DELIGHT: (Clockwise from top) Chad Oppenheim's treetop property; Hadid's sloped villa; view of Chipperfield's lodging; the Kengo Kuma-designed spa



DELLIS CAY Turks and Caicos

A good set-up for a watercooler joke: How many starchitects can you fit on a deserted island? Apparently, seven – spread over 560 acres. Ostensibly the end-all summit of luxury hospitality design, Dellis Cay, an island straight out of Robinson Crusoe in the Turks & Caicos archipelago, plays sandy blank canvas to seven heavies from the international design world, each proposing their own version of paradise on seven distinct parts of the island. Set to break ground in 2009, the project was developed by the O Property Collection, with the master plan overseen by the biggest name of them all, Zaha Hadid. When construction is complete, look for a signature Zen spa from Tokyo's Kengo Kuma, a palatial framing of water from Carl Ettensperger, majestic treetop views by Chad Oppenheim and villas á la David Chipperfield and Hadid herself, even though one could hardly describe the Pritzker Prize winner's sweeping planes as villa-like. Then again, you'd be hard-pressed to find words decadent enough to describe this kind of Caribbean. delliscay.com

