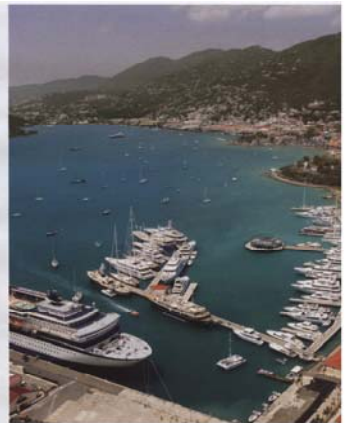
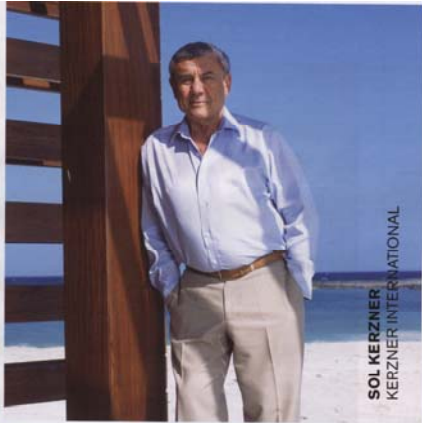


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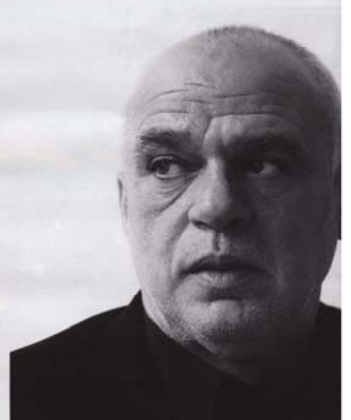
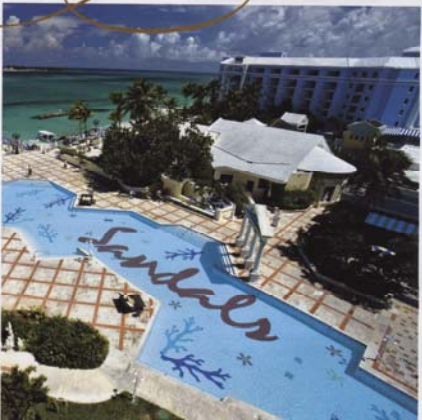
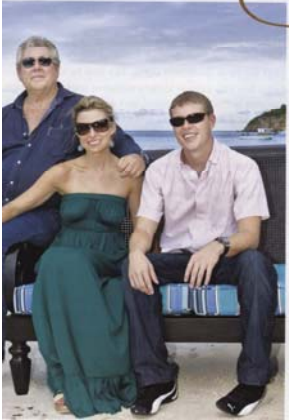
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THESE FOUR MEN CONTINUE TO REIGN SUPREME IN THE ISLANDS THANKS TO THEIR INNOVATIVE DEVELOPMENTS THAT HAVE REDEFINED THE REGIONS IN WHICH THEY LIE. BY STEPHANIE WILSON



Dr. Cem Kinay and Piero Lissoni, designer of the Mandarin Oriental Hotel & Residences at Dellis Cay



Dr. Cem Kinay

O PROPERTY COLLECTION

Despite his Turkish roots, Dr. Cem Kinay is quickly becoming one of the reigning monarchs in the Caribbean region, thanks to his innovative resort ideas. "I like the idea of one hotel concept, one island," says Kinay, chairman and CEO of O Property Collection, the brand behind the anticipated Dellis Cay.

The world waits for the Dellis Cay project with bated breath for a variety of reasons. First, Kinay has compiled an all-star cast of architects for the project, including Shigeru Ban, David Chipperfield, Carl Ettensperger, Zaha Hadid, Kengo Kuma, Piero Lissoni, and Chad Oppenheim. In addition, Kinay chose Mandarin Oriental to head up the resort's management before he even chose a spot for the hotel. "One of the main decisions for [O Property Collection's] business model was that we will not manage the hotels. On one side, we are design driven, but on the other side, we are service driven and these guys at the Mandarin, they really know their business."

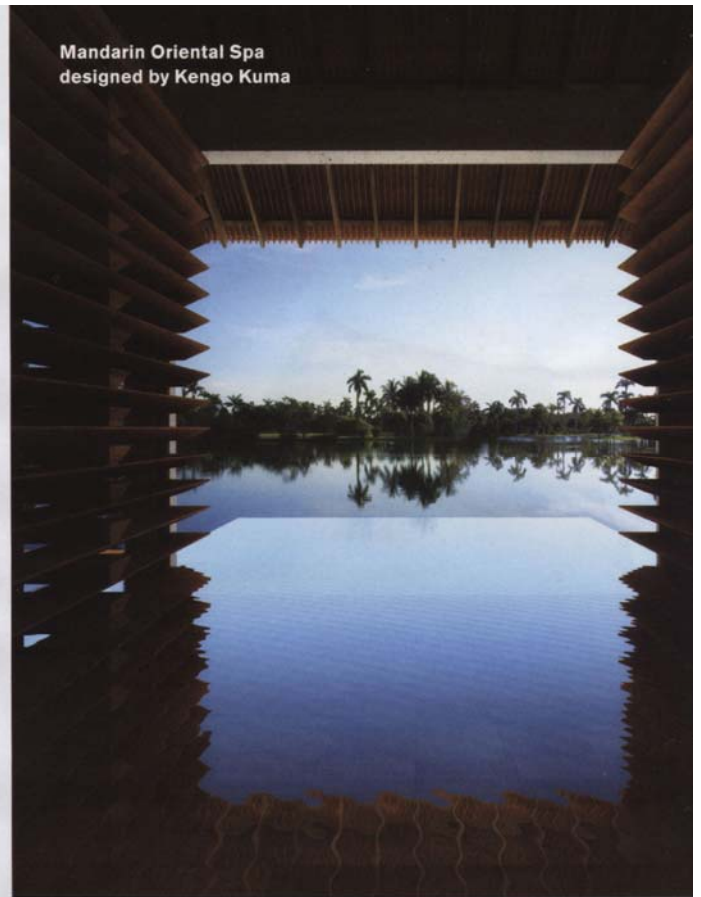
After locking in Mandarin Oriental, Kinay contacted the impressive list of designers to work on beach houses and villas before he had even decided on a location for the resort. Once he diligently selected the team and could rest assured they would produce the highest quality project, Kinay shifted his focus to working tirelessly to uncover the perfect location for O Property's first project. For six months, he used helicopters, boats, and a sturdy pair of boots to thoroughly investigate 100 undeveloped properties in the Caribbean. Finally he laid eyes on the 560-acre paradise of Dellis Cay. A pristine island snuggled in the Turks & Caicos archipelago, it is known for its multihued coral reefs, faultless beaches, and dramatic bays. The first time Kinay laid eyes on the island, he knew he had found the home for O Property Collection's first project. "I said, 'This is exactly what we are looking for,'" he recalls.

The project broke ground in 2007 and is set to open in 2009, and more than 30 percent of the property's residences have already been sold, but Kinay is not satisfied. "I'm sure in the next 10 years, we will make two or three more projects in this part of the world," he says. And when he does, Kinay will further cement his place among the rulers of the tropics.

Beach Villa Penthouse



Mandarin Oriental Spa
designed by Kengo Kuma



Restaurant at
Dellis Cay



Mandarin Oriental Hotel
and pool at Dellis Cay

