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The Islands That Have It All Are About to Get Quite a Bit More

The emerald necklace of Caribbean islands known as the Turks and Caicos are the “it” paradise: so close to the American mainland, and yet so exotic; so private — but look, there’s Bruce Willis’s yacht! They have one of the world’s greatest reefs, and beaches so white they might have been poured by Domino. Now a hotel impresario, Cem Kinay of the O Property Company, is adding famous architects to the mix. His \$1 billion Dellis Cay resort and residential complex has a master plan and marina by Zaha Hadid, hotels by Piero Lissoni, villas by Shigeru Ban and David Chipperfield and a spa by Kengo Kuma.

Until recently a private island, Dellis Cay is a slim channel away

from the tourist-friendly Parrot Cay. Less than a third of the 560-acre island is open to development; the rest is a mangrove reserve. This lush mono-landscape is an apt setting for sleek white villas by Mr. Chipperfield, the British minimalist; Ms. Hadid’s marina and condos, whose swooping roof lines, as rendered above right, resemble the flight of a sea bird; Mr. Kuma’s teak-planked pavilion and spa, lower left, on an inland lake; and Thai-inspired villas on stilts, top left, by the Singapore-based Carl Ettensberger. The main hotel, with 120 rooms, is by Mr. Lissoni and is scheduled to open in late 2008, along with the Kuma spa; the rest is to be completed by 2011. Information: www.opropertycollection.com.

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