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Envisioning a lavish estate in one of the most picturesque regions of Scotland—complete with private, homeowner-exclusive golf courses—seems much like a fantasy, even for the most well-respected golf enthusiast.

Set between the breathtaking Moray Firth coast and world-renowned Cairngorms National Park, a stunning natural wilderness area in Western Europe, Maverston Highland Estate aims to fulfill the dreams of prospective homeowners with 40 amenity-rich homes set amid private courses.

When Brian Pack, chief executive of ANM Group Ltd., and Ian Duncan, of Duncan Investments Ltd., acquired the land four years ago, they immediately realized the potential for a golf course and visualized a concept that would draw on the beauty of the area's surroundings, as well as the exclusivity of the grounds.

"Only residents and their guests are entitled to play on the course, which is a new concept to Scotland and the rest of the UK," says Pack. "We are creating a high-amenity community in a superb location, with plenty of freedom for residents to roam, play golf all year 'round on a quality course, or practice on a par-three course and enjoy their own clubhouse."

This exclusive development offers two private golf courses for residents, including a signature 18-hole course with a total of 6,330 yards, and a nine-hole par-three course at 1,237 yards. The luxury residences will be custom-designed to meet a buyer's specifications, and will afford an array of environmental features, including geo-thermal heating and eco-friendly materials.

With private courses, lush surroundings, state-of-the-art luxury residences and exclusive amenities, it's safe to say there's no place like home.

—Holly Marie Busacca

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Euan McIntosh is the course designer and director of golf at Maverston. After studying on a golf scholarship and with five college-circuit event wins, 25-year-old McIntosh is making a name for himself as a golf-course designer.

The golf course at Maverston Highland Estate is nearing completion and the clubhouse and first model home will debut in the early months of 2009. Visit maverston.com for more information.



GOING GLOBAL

If you're seeking the tropics with a twist, two new properties in Curacao and St. Martin offer sun, surf and sand along with a healthy dose of European sophistication.

"Curacao is one of the few islands in the Caribbean that really has a sense of history, culture and identity," says Paul Siegel, project director for the residential component of **Lodge Kura Hulanda**. "There's a wonderful blend of cultures, including Dutch, Belgian, Swiss and German travelers. Americans have just recently started to discover it."

Pioneers are flocking to Lodge Kura Hulanda for the chance to own a piece of this luxury resort. Watamula Courtyard Homes are mostly oceanfront lots on which you can build your dream home (lots start at \$400,000). Or, the Kalki Caribbean Villas will be completed by the end of 2009, offering three-bedroom, three-

bath homes with designer furnishings, high-end appliances and individual plunge pools.

St. Martin also has a European feel, thanks to its French-Dutch roots. "Unique food offerings can be found in every corner of the island, with the village of Grand Case setting culinary trends for the rest of the island and the Caribbean," says Domingo Velasco, director of sales and marketing for La Samanna, a resort located along the shore of Baie Longue.

La Samanna may be home to the island's most upscale residential development,

The Villas at La Samanna. Priced at 5 million euros (around \$6.9 million), the 4,600-square-foot properties have luxurious touches such as sunken living rooms, wrap-around terraces and pools, outdoor showers, outdoor dining rooms, and oversized open kitchens with stainless-steel appliances. What's more,



The Lodge Kura Hulanda on Curacao is seen from above.

the resort itself has every amenity imaginable, ranging from a yoga and Pilates studio, to water sports and a well-equipped gym. Three restaurants boast an award-winning wine cellar...no surprise considering the island's French heritage.

—Jessica Harlan

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FABULOUS FINDS



The early bird gets the worm, so they say. That's certainly true for those buying properties at **Banyan Tree Mayakoba** and **Capella Residences Bahia Maroma** along Mexico's Riviera Maya.

The only Banyan Tree in the Western Hemisphere, Banyan Tree Mayakoba is the only of the exclusive resort group's properties to offer whole-ownership residences. Fifty of the 132 villas are for sale, ranging in size from one- to three-bedroom villas, with locations situated along the lagoon, on the beach or along the golf course fairways of the property. The properties currently are \$1.2 million to \$5.2 million, but Geoff Landry, CEO of Nomad Real Estate Group, cautions that prices are likely to go up as the resort is completed (slated for February 2009). Early birds who bought properties before Jan-

Developments such as these have made the Riviera Maya a popular place for luxury villa rentals and yacht charters. Originally called the Cancun-Tulum corridor, the Riviera Maya acquired its current name in 1999.

uary 2009 were treated to a Founder's Class Celebration, a week-long opportunity for the new owners and their guests to be guests of the resort, enjoying the spa, Greg Norman-designed golf course, seven different dining experiences and more.

There are also perks to being one of the first 35 founding buyers of the 127 properties within Capella Residences Bahia Maroma. "Capella Hotels' Founder's Program is unique in that it constantly evolves to cater to the needs and interests of the founders," says John Drake, Vice President, Marketing. "For instance, if a Founder of Bahia Maroma has shown interest in skiing, Capella can fly the Founder and his or her family to Capella Telluride."

Founders also get a 20-percent purchase incentive, membership discounts at the property's golf club, and perks and benefits at Capella Hotels and Resorts around the world. With a holistic spa, Rees Jones-designed golf course, and a beach club, the residence is a haven, even if you're a Johnny-come-lately.

—Jessica Harlan

The Mesoamerican Barrier Reef System begins near Cancun and continues along the whole length of the **Riviera Maya**, southward to Guatemala. This barrier reef system is the world's second longest.

For more information, visit kurahulanda.com, lasamanna.com, banyantreemayakoba.com and capellalivingmaroma.com