

## **CHRISTOPHE HARBOUR COMMENCES DEVELOPMENT WITH LOCAL GROUNDBREAKING LUXURY ST. KITTS RESORT BREAKS GROUND AT BANANA BAY**

ST. KITTS, March 18, 2008 – Christophe Harbour, a luxury resort set to debut in 2011 on the Caribbean island of St. Kitts, entered the first stage of development at a groundbreaking ceremony on Friday, March 7, 2008. This ceremony, which took place in the Cockleshell and Banana Bay area at the site of the old Banana Bay Hotel, is the first step in the development of the luxury resort.

Demolition of the old Banana Bay Hotel, which has not be in use for more than 15 years, will be overseen by Mr. Mark Pavlucik, Director of Development & Construction for Christophe Harbour Company, the development company for Christophe Harbour. Demolition is expected to be complete within the next few weeks.

The company is taking extreme care to sustain the island's existing ecosystem as well as historical structures of the former hotel during both demolition and building. Development priorities are to protect and preserve the foundation stones of the old Banana Bay hotel, characteristic of the Georgian style construction, as well as the old navy canons that line the shoreline of the property.

*Christophe Harbour – An Incomparable Resort for St. Kitts*

*Launching in 2011, Christophe Harbour will be a luxury resort that will propel St. Kitts to the forefront of high-end tourism in the Caribbean. Christophe Harbour Company, a venture led by Kiawah Development Partners (KDP), is the manager of the master development company for Christophe Harbour. Christophe Harbour Company, Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group, and several prominent real estate, golf design, architecture, environmental, and engineering companies have joined forces to create an incomparable master-planned resort. Christophe Harbour, located on the more than 2,500-acre southeastern peninsula of St. Kitts, is planned to include a mega-yacht harbour as well as an impressive collection of restaurants, shops, boutiques, five-star hotels, oceanfront and hillside homesites, villas, and a must-play Tom Fazio championship golf course. For more information on Christophe Harbour, please visit [www.christopheharbour.com](http://www.christopheharbour.com).*

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