



SWA Architects

Setting the standard

Today no less than six of the most successful condo-hotel developments fronting Provo's Grace Bay beach are the creation of the team of talented architects who make up SWA Ltd, considered by many to be the TCI's preeminent architects and development consultants. The firm's three principal architects; Simon Wood, founder and CEO, Simon Hutchings - Director (Turks and Caicos) and Rory Stevens - Director (Miami), each bring unique sensibilities and talents that have collectively spawned over the past twelve years an impressive portfolio of successful projects in the Turks and Caicos Islands. Having recently been awarded a commission in St Kitts and Nevis, SWA is developing its profile as an accomplished resort and hospitality architectural practice further into the international arena while maintaining its fundamental core values: integrity, imagination, appropriateness and attention to detail.

From the highly acclaimed and award winning luxury resort Point Grace to the recently completed West Bay Club, SWA has consistently produced soulful architecture of timeless quality and applies this talent to the development of private homes with as much enthusiasm and energy as more well known and public commissions.

While SWA's stylistic preference leans towards a respect for the vernacular architecture of the region, the team also clearly demonstrates the very capable ability expected of chartered members of the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) when turning a hand to other imported styles. By injecting a skill set of form, scale and proportion complimented with correctness of detailing, the Italianesque Villa Renaissance and her big brother The Regent Grand are both impressive yet charming and represent SWA's passion for getting it right.

In recent years this trio of talent has been exploring the development of a unique style of

architecture that is an appropriate contemporary interpretation of the island vernacular. The style, coined "Turks Island Modern," is eloquently explored in some familiar commercial projects such as Graceway House (next to IGA), Scotia Bank, and SWA's home offices at Neptune Court, as well as several private homes. Others are now drawing on



SWA's Turks Island Modern inspiration and it seems this movement in design will likely cement a definitive modern architectural style for the Turks and Caicos' sense of place.

The most recent addition to SWA's contemporary collection is the Wymara Hotel. Located at the quiet and reflective west end of Grace Bay the project counterbalances the new heights of the central Grace Bay developments with a clean, fresh, intimate and modern flair. Given free reign to determine the buildings' architectural style, the SWA team is particularly enthusiastic about this project which, already creating a buzz with hip hotel aficionados, is slated for an eagerly anticipated opening in early 2009.

Responding to the natural, cultural and built environment in an appropriate and imaginative way is important for the preservation and evolution of Island architectural heritage, identity and integrity, and SWA continues to set the standard to be emulated.

SWA Ltd appeals to developers and homebuilders who appreciate the timeless qualities of imaginative, creative and thoughtful design. SWA Ltd is available for new commissions by appointment.
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