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**AT GRACE BAY CLUB, NEW EXECUTIVE CHEF AND RESTAURANT MANAGER  
SIGNAL A FRESH NEW FOCUS ON FOOD & BEVERAGE**

**Gerry Gnassi and Kali Kanagaratnam Place Their Culinary Stamp on Provo's  
All-New Grace Bay Club**

Providenciales, Turks & Caicos (February 2007) – Just as Grace Bay Club is in the midst of transforming from the island's premier boutique property into a world-class luxury resort and residential destination, its food & beverage team is undergoing a similar renaissance. Managing Director and well-known hotelier Nikheel Advani is at the helm of the transformation, tapping two of the industry's brightest stars to lead a complete reworking of Grace Bay Club's culinary point of view and, in the process, assure its continued supremacy in the Turks & Caicos Islands. **Executive Chef Gerry Gnassi** and **Restaurant Manager Kalidas (Kali) Kanagaratnam** are charged with elevating Grace Bay Club's acclaimed Euro-Caribbean menu while surprising the resort's well-heeled guests with their striking culinary range.

"We place a strong emphasis on service and quality," said Nikheel Advani. "Securing a top-notch culinary team – and enticing players of this caliber and skill – really underscores our commitment to operating the finest resort in the Caribbean and, essentially, completes the Grace Bay Club package."

An undeniable star on the South Beach culinary scene, Executive Chef Gnassi trades one playful tropical setting for another. The expressive and inspired chef pairs classical French training with a Northern Italian sensibility, striking just the right creative balance between tradition and innovation. Recently, his work at Miami hotspot Barton G garnered a *Food Network* appearance and "guest chef" turn at the Versace Mansion.

Well known in culinary circles, Kanagaratnam joins Grace Bay Club as Restaurant Manager of Anacaona, the resort's fine dining restaurant. The position follows 11 successful years with Ritz-Carlton, culminating with his most recent stint at New York's Ritz-Carlton Battery Park, where he worked under French Master Chef Jacques Sorci.

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Gnassi's interpretation of island cuisine – heavily influenced by his most recent stint as Executive Chef of the dynamic and sought-after South Beach eatery Barton G – relies on his ability to move seamlessly among international culinary traditions, capably executing both the traditional and highly original. Ask Gerry what he's making for dinner? Without missing a beat, he'll answer, "I'm going to surprise you with something you never ever dreamed of, like Miniature French Toast and Strawberries Torchon with Black Truffle, Bacon Ice Cream and Ponzu/Bananas Foster Foie Gras. Or maybe an entrée of Hard-seared Snapper on Lemongrass Creamy Grits with Spicy Merguez and Sweet Potato Crisps." He's equally adept at preparing a more-familiar Steak Frites, but always adding a Gerry twist like polenta fries, a mustard demi-glace and zesty home-made ketchup.

Whatever the dish, Chef Gerry's menu showcases an enviable depth of culinary knowledge and confidence, as well as a healthy dose of whimsy that reminds diners that food should be fun. From contemporary vegetarian selections to updated classics, Gnassi shows an unrelenting dedication to the freshest ingredients, creative execution and imaginative presentation.

Located on Providenciales in the Turks & Caicos Islands, Grace Bay Club is a world-class luxury oceanfront resort and residential destination. An award-winning member of Leading Hotels of the World, Grace Bay Club is consistently ranked among the world's finest resorts. The 11-acre property comprises *The Hotel*, a romantic adults-only enclave of 21 opulent suites which will open spring 2007; *The Villas*, a family-friendly retreat with 38 expansive luxury suites and one-of-a-kind penthouses, and *The Estate*, a collection of 22 custom residences and penthouse suites set to debut in 2008. Situated on the water's edge along the island's finest stretch of beach, this prominent landmark is known as Provo's first luxury resort. Among Grace Bay Club's distinguishing features are three dining venues, including the extraordinary Anacaona and the family-friendly Grill; the Anani Spa; an imaginative children's program; and a full array of recreational activities, including tennis and all manner of water sports. For reservations and more information, visit [www.gracebayclub.com](http://www.gracebayclub.com) or call 800-946-5757.

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