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**GRACE BAY CLUB HONORED AS “RESORT OF THE YEAR”
BY ISLAND DESTINATIONS**
Resort Also Places #4 on Condé Nast Traveler’s “Readers’ Choice” List

PROVIDENCIALES, TURKS & CAICOS (November 2006) – Grace Bay Club continues its renaissance by winning another prestigious award, this time given by some of the most influential travel agents in the luxury travel industry. Hot on the heels of its recognition as the #4 resort in the Atlantic Resorts category of *Condé Nast Traveler’s* 2006 Readers’ Choice Awards, Grace Bay Club was recently given the top prize by Island Destinations travel agents’ as “Resort of the Year.” The five-star, all-suite boutique resort was chosen above 75 other hotels and resorts in Island Destination’s Travelers’ Collection. Member hotels all meet the highest standards in service, accommodations, luxury, and location, and are found on islands throughout the world as well as in other top locales.

Grace Bay Club was awarded “Resort of the Year” as a result of its high scores in all award categories: Romantic Resort of the Year, Family Resort of the Year, Service Excellence Award, Spa of the Year, and Culinary Award of the Year. Other category winners included Bora Bora Nui Resort & Spa, Four Seasons Resort Maui and Hotel Guanahani & Spa. The *Condé Nast Traveler* rating is a compilation of scores for ambiance, cultural/sites, friendliness, lodging, restaurants and shopping.

Managing Director Nikheel Advani commented, “We’ve had a very exciting year with the addition of the family-friendly Villas, our new spa, our new restaurant, and our expanded beach. We’re honored that the travel agent community and our consumer visitors have recognized the transformation that the resort has undertaken. We put a strong emphasis on service and quality, and I want to acknowledge and thank my wonderful staff for this tremendous honor. Both *Condé Nast Traveler* and Island Destinations represent the “best of the best” in my mind, and we’re thrilled to be acknowledged by them.”

About Grace Bay Club

On the island of Providenciales in the Turks & Caicos Islands, Grace Bay Club has long been considered the benchmark for a luxury resort. Enjoying a premier location on Grace Bay Beach, the resort has grown into one of the Caribbean’s most intimate and sophisticated all-suite resorts. Under the leadership of partners Mark Durliat and Nikheel Advani, the property has embarked on a successful resort re-development over the past three years. Grace Bay Club’s original 21- suite boutique hotel has been transformed into a 59-suite, world-class spa and resort.

The 11-acre property offers spacious luxury accommodations in two sections: the 21-suite adults-only Hotel and the new 38-suite family-friendly Villas. The Villas includes a beachside swimming pool with a Grill and swim-up bar, the Anani Spa and Fitness Center, and the Kid's Town children's program. The Captain's Bar, the open-air Lounge, and an adults-only swimming pool are popular features at The Hotel as is the acclaimed oceanfront Anacaona restaurant. Currently in the final stages of a dramatic \$5.5 million renovation, the original 22-suite Hotel building will re-open in Spring 2007.

Grace Bay Club boasts the most generous beach frontage of any property on Grace Bay Beach, enjoying nearly 1100 feet of powder white sand. Remaining true to its original vision, the expanded resort has maintained its status as having the lowest density of any property on Providenciales. The resort provides activities such as tennis, snorkeling, sailing and fishing; Scuba diving and championship golf is nearby; private boat excursions are offered to nearby uninhabited islands.

The Hotel School at Grace Bay Club is the first ever on Turks & Caicos, now open to staff and soon to island residents and hotel guests.

In 2008, the resort will add THE ESTATE at Grace Bay Club, 22 custom condominium residences, each measuring over 4,400 square feet, set on a private area adjacent to the Hotel, with The Cabanas, a limited collection of handmade poolside suites for spa treatments and private lounging.

A member of Small Luxury Hotels of the World, Grace Bay Club has set the standard on Provo for personalized service and pampering since 1993. Named repeatedly to *Travel + Leisure's* "World's Best" awards, the "T+L 500", *Condé Nast Traveler's* "Gold List," and *Condé Nast Traveler's* "Reader's Choice Awards," this Five-Star Diamond Award winner is located on one of the world's most luxurious beaches. Providenciales is easily reached by direct flights from Boston, New York, Atlanta, Charlotte, Philadelphia, Miami, London, Toronto, Nassau and Montego Bay. Private air facilities are offered at Provo Air Center. For information and reservations: phone (800) 946-5757; fax (649) 946-5758; www.gracebayclub.com.

About Island Destinations

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