

THE REGENT PALMS TURKS AND CAICOS DEBUTS THE NEW REGENT SPA – *Every detail of the new Regent Spa has been changed, including the name!*

February 2008 (Turks and Caicos) – Since taking over the property in late 2006, Regent Hotels and Resorts was instrumental in establishing The Regent Experience[®] in all aspects of The Regent Palms, a brand promise to guests of immersion in local culture, luxury for all the senses, attention to detail and highly personalized and anticipatory service. That same level five-star service, style and sophistication will be felt in all details of new The Regent Spa. The Regent Palms Turks and Caicos, the first-ever Caribbean address for Regent Hotels & Resorts, will debut the **NEW Regent Spa** this month. The Regent Spa occupies the elegant heart of the 164 luxury rooms and suites on renowned Grace Bay Beach, offering guests a one-of-a-kind retreat that is sure to soothe the mind, body and soul. The year-long transformation began with the announcement of Sara Thatcher as Spa Development Director, to oversee every detail of the spa revamp from top to bottom. Hailing from five-star properties, such as The Spa at Pennyhill Park, Surrey, and The Spa at The Mandarin Oriental, Knightsbridge, Sara has been instrumental in introducing authenticity, one-of-a-kind treatments, a new, world-class product line and impeccable service and standards to The Regent Spa. Designed by Angel Stewart of Golden Door fame, the award-winning Regent Spa boasts 26,000 square-feet, much of it surrounding an immense reflecting pool filled with light-dappled lily pads. A sun-splashed courtyard, cascading water wall and myriad fountains put guests at ease as they make their way through the spa's serene gardens to **six new treatment cottages** in a private garden called the *Zareeba*, which means "private enclosure" in Arabic. There are two larger private suites designed for couples to enjoy their pampering together – guests can book suites for half or full day treatment. And there is a **new room for male-oriented treatments**, including old-fashioned hot-towel shaves with a straightedge razor to be enjoyed in front of a flat screen television for maximum relaxation. A collection of highly sought after therapists from around the world exemplify the well-thought authenticity present in every aspect of the spa. For instance, a *Balinese Massage* is performed by a Balinese therapist recruited to carry out that specific treatment. Meanwhile, the signature *Zareeba* treatment ritual, **created specifically for The Regent Spa by a Caribbean Herbalist** from Jamaica, combines a precise blend of herbs to detoxify and cleanse. Each treatment uses products from the Sonya Dakar and Somme Institute – **the first Caribbean appearances** for these highly desirable brands previously unavailable for spa treatments outside the U.S. To top things off, The Regent spa offers Yoga and Pilates classes overlooking the water garden, water-based therapies, a full-service salon, a state-of-the-art fitness center with personal training upon request, and elegant retail offerings and a juice bar. **For more information or to book treatments at The Regent Spa at The Regent Palms Turks and Caicos, please contact (866) 877-PALM or visit www.RegentHotels.com/ThePalms. About The Regent Palms**-Inspired by the classic estates of famed British designer, Oliver Messel, The Regent Palms Turks and Caicos lies amidst 12 acres of landscaped gardens at the center of world-renowned Grace Bay Beach. The resort's 164 Luxury Room and Suites, feature balconies or expansive terraces, marble floors, vaulted ceilings, custom-made mahogany furnishings, 400 thread-count Egyptian linens, as well as kitchens with classic cabinetry equipped with Viking appliances. Resort features include a \$1.8 million serpentine infinity pool; Caribbean fusion cuisine at Parallel23 or the Plunge pool restaurant and bar. On the beachfront, use of Hobie Cats, snorkel equipment, kayaks, windsurfers and floats are included in the room rate, as is daily buffet breakfast. The Regent Palms received the 2007 World Travel Award for "Turks & Caicos Leading Spa Resort. For more information or reservations, call 866-877-PALM (7256) or visit www.RegentHotels.com/ThePalms . **About Regent Hotels & Resorts** – Regent Hotels & Resorts is part of Carlson, a global leader in the hotel, restaurant, travel and marketing industries. 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