

Bringing heaven to earth

Bringing heaven to earth, a new tropical paradise off Grand Anse Beach on the Caribbean island of Grenada - the sleek and stunningly beautiful hotel, Silversands Grenada.

The scheme includes two main buildings incorporating 39 open plan suites, three one-bedroom suites, and a generous penthouse spanning 192 square metres.

There are also nine residential villas built in the surrounding landscape, including five spacious Beachfront Villas with direct access onto the sand, and four three-bedroom Hillside Villas, with awe-inspiring views of the resort grounds and the sea.

The project was designed by AW², with Creative Design & Building as main contractors.

The elevated position of the Hillside Villas supplies both seclusion and startling drama. Designed to spill in numerous levels – all understated luxury – down the hillside, each villa cascades into a series of spectacular hanging gardens.

These terraces provide a surplus of spots to absorb the remarkable views across the azure sea, to recline and to revitalise.

The villas' easy flow between outdoor and indoor, enables every room to be unzipped, so that boundaries between what is interior, and exterior become arbitrary.

Hand crafted furniture in light coloured oaks and soft-tone stone ties the world inside with the intoxicating tropical world and its bounty beyond, while 24-hour service from the hotel connects this sanctuary seamless five-star luxury

Silversands' Seaside Villas present a world in which life's pace has one setting: unhurried. And in this place of unbroken peace, five breath-taking villas are positioned directly on the beach, dispensing with barriers between nature and inviting this incomparable seascape into the home, as the most jaw-dropping wallpaper imaginable.

Further facilities include the Silversands Spa offering local-inspired treatments of the highest quality in four treatment rooms, as well as

a sauna, hammam, swimming pool and state-of-the-art gym.

The resort also features a 100-meter infinity pool, billed as the longest in the Caribbean, plus two restaurants: the casual Beach Club and the Asian-inspired Thai eatery.

According to Stephanie Ledoux, partner at AW², “We developed our first concepts in July 2014 and have since provided the full design and site review

“The client wanted a contemporary vision of tropical resorts and architecture, which is something that we have developed over the years in many different countries. Despite the varying conditions for each project, the design process remains the same: how to make the best use of site context, in order to create a unique destination with a strong sense of place.

“The client became aware of our work and visited us in Paris where we had several meetings, prior to be appointed.

She added that Silversands is a contemporary interpretation of tropical luxury, strongly emphasising the quality of the site and the beach and reflecting a laid-back outdoor living attitude.

The guest experience starts in the lobby, with its strong architectural character -a double height space with bespoke joinery screens that frame the view out across the pool and beach.

The venue also offers vast outdoor areas with extra wide balconies, and spectacular views out to the bay.

The swimming pool, which is the only one of its type in the region, also provides a reflecting pond, a feature, a perspective, a place to lounge, have dinner or a stay at the beach.

Stephanie Ledoux continued: “The project we have designed is very unique in that we have been involved in every aspect of the scheme: master planning, architecture, interiors, lighting, landscaping and even furniture and accessories. Meeting the high level of expectation from the client - as well as ourselves - throughout the design has been a major challenge.

“The client has shown great trust in our designs and has been very

supportive: he has also remained personally involved in all the major design decisions. We are very excited that he will see the final product soon.”

According to owner Naguib Sawiris: “Silversands hotel and private villas are an expression of the love I feel for this island. A place to imitate the sensation of home while revelling in the exotic. It’s a place to fall in love with both what is new and what is timeless.

“At Silversands, luxury is about so much more than what is tangible. After all, it is implicit that the experience should be flawless; Silversands offers a landscape in which the gold-standard of comfort and style reaches a new apotheosis.”