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Life's a Beach

Seven Palms at Sentosa Cove is expected to set the bar for luxurious beachfront homes in Singapore with an idyllic setting within easy reach of the Central Business District.

THE 41 UNITS at the swanky Seven Palms Sentosa Cove is generating tremendous buzz with the well-heeled set in Singapore. The luxury development garnered attention recently for its record prices ranging between S\$3,100 and S\$3,400 per square foot. Spectacular sea views, lap pools and private rooftop terraces are what residents can expect from their very own havens located away from the hectic urban pace of city life.

As the island's only beachfront condominium, the property is a retreat for the senses. Set within sprawling grounds on the southernmost end of the Sentosa Cove cluster, Seven Palms is an exclusive residential property nestled in a bucolic cul-de-sac flanked by golden sands on one side, luxuriant greens of the Sentosa golf course adjacent to this, and unimpeded expanse of the South China Sea on the other. The scenic spot allows residents to feel like they live in their very own private sanctuary all the while enjoying the utmost privacy and exclusivity away from other developments on the island.

Chairman and chief executive officer of the property's developer, SC Global, Simon Cheong, says, "To step out of your residence and walk directly onto the beach is truly unique in urban Singapore. The allure of coastal living is truly captivating; nothing comes close to the hypnotic sounds of the waves washing the shoreline and balmy breezes floating inland throughout the day."

The coastal site is developed and designed to reflect a luxury resort. Seven Palms features sumptuous 2,700- to 6,800-square foot units set within lowdensity architecture unique from other developments on Sentosa Cove. The three-, four- and five-bedroom homes are incorporated into a trio of four-storey blocks formed around a square coconut grove. A large open-ended portal connects the grove to the beach for physical and visual access. Just like a fivestar resort, the development boasts its own beach club complete with storage spaces for water sports equipment, a glass-walled gymnasium and plenty of deck space for lounging and socializing.

Architect, Kerry Hill, is responsible for the contemporary-chic beachfront homes. His refreshing take on Asian resort architecture and sensitivity in employing space as a basic tenet of luxury has resulted in an open-ended pavilion-a shaded space that connects the surrounding coastal landscape to views of the sea without any interceding walls. The spatial concept allows each resident to view the tropical setting through a space stretching from the timber deck at the front of the unit right through the living and dining areas to the multipurpose room that can be completely opened up from the rear. Apart from the expansive space outfitted in each unit, the homes have been carefully arranged to allow maximum daylight to infiltrate the interior via louver panels in the front and pivoted baffles that direct views at the rear, allowing residents to adjust the lighting and views of the surroundings from their units.

The name Seven Palms is derived from SC Global Development's estate management arm, Seven Palms Resort Management, which has been providing resident services to completed developments. By offering the finest resort-styled residences, the property development firm is the first to provide developments from this genre.

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Sandy bays, rolling greens and captivating views of the South China Sea at the beachfront property of Seven Palms Sentosa Cove.