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Mauritius

Banyan Tree Corniche Bay £2.37m

◆ THE 115 ECO-EFFICIENT villas at this Mauritian resort are set against a stunning backdrop of Le Morne Brabant Mountain and its lush and hilly landscape. Golf should probably be high on a buyer's priority list as the houses are built around a Gary Player-designed nine-hole course placed between the mountains and the sea. The Banyan Tree hotel and spa are also sited within the development, which is right on the water's edge.

(Aylesford International Developments, 020 7349 5100)



Jamaica

Goldeneye £375,000 - £1.6m

◆ THIS YEAR MARKS the centenary of Bond creator Ian Fleming's birth, and this is Fleming's former home in Jamaica. Entertainment entrepreneur Chris Blackwell bought the estate in 1977 and ever since it has been the luxury holiday stomping ground of high-flying celebrities, politicians and musicians. The estate covers 100 acres of coastal land and boasts a host of attractions including spa, yoga, water sports and a private beach.

(PURE International, 020 3031 2860)



Seychelles

Zil Pasyon, Felicite £1.99m

◆ SWIMMING POOLS IN the living room ceiling are just one of the extraordinary features of this new exclusively designed 28-villa hill-top development in the Seychelles, the beautiful islands long beloved of honeymooners. Each private villa is designed to have the minimum environmental impact, without forgoing the formidable amenities such as its personal butler and concierge service, helicopter-landing pad and the world's first Rock Wine Cave, a wine cellar with a natural rock façade.

(Knight Frank, 020 7861 1737; Erna Low, 020 7590 1624)



Oman

The Malkai starts at £662,000

◆ OMAN IS ON the up and you can get in on the action at The Malkai, a brand new development comprising 101 four-bedroom villas and 92 two-bedroom suites, scheduled for completion in 2011. Nestled in palm and date groves and close to the beach, mountains, desert and Muscat, the location offers golf course, spa, restaurants, clubhouse, boutique and tennis courts. Each property will have its own large swimming pool. Oman is also tax-free and buyers are granted an immediate residency visa.

(Cluttons International Property Consultants, 020 7584 3050)