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Claire Pilton goes globe-trotting in search of homes where the rich can hang out and hide away, from the Seychelles to the French Riviera



FELICITE, SEYCHELLES

The first of this month's stand-out Seychelles offerings comes from Felicite Island Development, which is building 28 hill-top residences with stunning views and absolute privacy on the otherwise uninhabited 660-acre island of Félicité, as well as a 35-key resort below. Known as Zil Pasyon (Creole for Isle of Passion), the resort has been designed by London architect Richard Hywel Evans to provide what its marketing brochure describes as 'an extremely rare and provocative lifestyle', with a watersports centre, spa and the world's first 'rock wine cave' among the grown-up

pleasures to be savoured in this 'vibrant playground... where taboos are the only taboo'. There's even a private landing pad so it can be accessed by helicopter (20 minutes from Mahé, or 45 minutes by boat). Ready for

occupation in 2010, the three-, four- and five-bedroom villas are a five-minute buggy ride from the sea; each one features a large infinity pool and a second, glass-bottomed outdoor pool which makes a sensuously shimmering

ceiling for the main reception area below. Playboys and girls should contact Zil Pasyon (email Seychelles@zilpasyon.com) which is marketing the remaining villas at prices ranging from £2.8 million to £6.5 million.



Oman

Situated on Dubai's doorstep, yet still retaining its rich Arabian architectural heritage, Oman is a relatively undiscovered but easily accessible destination. About 50km from Muscat airport and 3km from the sea, The Malkai Country Club and Resort is set in 216 acres of which just 10% is being developed to provide 101 four-bedroom villas, 92 two-bedroom, single- and two-storey 'suites' (all with private swimming pools) and a 41-suite hotel. Designed to reflect the region's culture while setting new standards for contemporary Arabian architecture, The Malkai's layout will ensure each property enjoys maximum privacy and has views over Oman's first Gary Player-designed golf course. Property owners will also have full use of the hotel's spa, tennis courts, restaurants and private



beach club, and the option to place their property in the GHM-managed rental pool. For sale freehold (with no restraints on foreign ownership), The Malkai also afford buyers and their extended family an immediate residency visa in a tax-free

country that has no restrictions on repatriating funds. Completion is scheduled for late 2010, and lead-in prices for the suites and villas start from £700,000 and £2 million through Cluttons LLP (020 7647 0865).