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Australia's Hayman Resort Opens After Major Renovation

Hayman, Australia's most awarded private island resort located in the Great Barrier Reef, has reopened today, August 1, 2011, after an extensive five-month renovation that includes improvements to the key guest accommodations, activity facilities and infrastructure of the resort.

As part of the refurbishment, eight beachside villas were newly constructed, each exemplifying Hayman's vision of a luxury nature-resort. Each villa has been personally designed by Amanresorts and villas architect, Kerry Hill, who is continually recognized for his commitment to buildings that exhibit a strong relationship to the physical and cultural context of their site and environment.

Kerry Hill is also the designer of the new Hayman Private Residences, located on the hillside of the island and Hayman Marina Residences with waterfront locations, in which private ownership is being offered for the first time on Hayman. The first of the stunning Hayman Private Residences debuted earlier this year.

Respected landscape designer and horticulturalist Jamie Durie has been recreating the breathtaking and tranquil Hayman garden setting, which was severely impacted by the Tropical Cyclones Anthony and Yasi earlier in the year. Some 33,000 new plants and 327 new plant species have been introduced to the island's stunning botanical garden.

In keeping with Hayman's culinary tradition, new restaurant concepts are being introduced in the beachfront Azure, famous for its bountiful breakfast offerings and evening grills, overlooking the Hayman Beach, and new Nic Graham-designed Fontaine restaurant, which is set to become Australia's signature resort restaurant presenting contemporary Australian cuisine and the best of Australian wines from the Hayman Cellar. The award-winning Chefs' brigade has also created innovative menus featuring the finest of produce and some surprise dishes for the much-loved Oriental and La Trattoria restaurants.

Leisure pursuits can be enjoyed at the upgraded Hayman Activities hub featuring new floodlit tennis courts, squash courts, a basketball court and golf putting green and driving range. The center has introduced a personal training room and will present yoga, Pilates, cardio vascular fitness programs and group workout sessions and indoor and outdoor recreation, sports and fitness facilities. This is also the starting point for the new Hayman walking trail. Refreshed therapies and treatments are now available in more outdoor locations presented by Hayman Spa.

"We are proud to be showcasing Hayman and thank everyone for their kind support, commitment and good wishes over the last few months during our period of closure," said Lloyd Donaldson, Head of Hotel Investments, Mulpha Australia Limited and Managing Director, Hayman. "Today marks an important occasion as General Manager Shane Green and our Hayman team once again welcome guests to enjoy a special island experience at one of the world's truly great travel destinations."

Hayman is owned and operated by Mulpha Australia Limited and is a member of the prestigious organization, The Leading Hotels of the World.

About Hayman

A member of The Leading Hotels of the World, Hayman is Australia's premier luxury nature-resort destination, located on the northernmost of the Whitsunday Islands in the Great Barrier Reef off the coast of Queensland. Hayman, which covers 726 acres, offers guests an unparalleled experience of tranquility and natural beauty in the resort's 210 stylish accommodations situated within separate locations throughout the property, including the stunning new residences all with access to the turquoise waters and access to the Reef. The resort and the island on which it is located are named in honor of Thomas Hayman, the sea navigator who chartered the island's waters and has been an oasis for guests since the 1950s. In 2004, Mulpha Australia Limited took over ownership of this unique destination and has enhanced the offerings available at the modern tranquil hideaway. With four restaurants, Hayman Spa and fitness facilities, picturesque meeting and special event areas, and 24-hour butler and concierge service, leisure and luxury are offered in many forms throughout the island. Visit www.hayman.com.au.

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