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WHITESANDS SETS OUT TO RAISE THE BAR



Whitesands Resort is one of the most ambitious real estate and resort developments underway in the Pacific Islands.

Once complete, the secure, gated community, located about 20 minutes drive from Port Vila, will feature 95 residential lots in Stage One. According to Whitesands Resort Limited, 50% of the Stage One offering has already been sold.

The house and land packages start at A\$500,000 (US\$384,320). Designed by the Melbourne-based firm Bruce Henderson Architects, they highlight the outdoor lifestyle offered by Vanuatu's tropical climate. Design choices incorporate elements of local architecture, including high ceilings, shaded patios, high quality timbers, outdoor decks, spas and plunge pools, outdoor showers and European appliances. The builders are established Port Vila firm Enterprise Dominique Dinh, whose projects include the Vanuatu Airport building, Chantilly's on the Bay hotel, and the Reserve Bank of Vanuatu and Air Vanuatu complexes.

Whitesands homes will be built around an 18-hole, International PGA-rated championship golf course designed by architect Robert Trent Jones II, who is responsible for more than 250 golf courses world-wide. His company's Chambers Bay course in Washington was recognised as best new course by a number of golf publications last year. The development will also include a golf clubhouse and sports centre, with spectacular views from the greens. An on-site medical centre is also planned.

The remaining residential lots will be released into multiple stages and sold in a number of countries.