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**NEW CHEF BRINGS UNIQUE FLAVORS TO COCONUT BAY BEACH RESORT & SPA**

*St. Lucia resort introduces new executive chef with international background*

**VIEUX FORT, St. Lucia (July 14, 2011)** – [Coconut Bay Beach Resort & Spa](#), a top all-inclusive resort on St. Lucia's exotic southern coast, is proud to welcome Eike Lauff as the new executive chef. Drawing on his European background and international experience, Chef Eike brings his own flavors to the table, while showcasing the island's bountiful natural ingredients

Chef Eike started his career in a family-owned restaurant before he pursued a three-year apprenticeship in Germany. Since then, he has gained more than 20 years experience as a chef in various hotels and restaurants across Germany and Western Canada. Eike's position as an executive chef in several multi-outlet 4-Diamond and 4 star properties in British Columbia and Alberta provided him with a variety of opportunities from organizing and serving VIP events to the opening of a newly constructed 4.5 star property. Just prior to joining Coconut Bay, he authored a cookbook and currently holds a Certificate of Specialization in Food & Beverage Management from the American Hotel and Lodging Association.

"I am so glad to have joined the culinary team here and be involved in the recent growth and diversification of the resort's offerings," said Chef Eike. "It's a real pleasure to be able to work with the locally grown produce, locally caught seafood and tropical flavors available on this lush island and I look forward to continue sharing the tastes of St. Lucia with our guests."

Chef Eike has brought his own touch to the newly opened **Calabash**, the resort's Caribbean specialty restaurant. New menu items include appetizers such as the *Marigot Bay Grilled Shrimp with Fish & Sweet Potato Cake*, served with fresh pineapple salsa. Entrees include popular Caribbean favorites such as the *Pitons Rain Forest Hot Pot*, which features freshly caught local tuna and mahi mahi stewed in a traditional seasoned tomato-vegetable broth. Other new local favorites include the *St. Lucian Curried Chicken* served with rice and peas and the *Jerk Marinated Beef Strip Loin with Sauteed Mushrooms & Scallions*, accompanied by grilled tiger shrimp and sweet potato. Guests can also sample a taste of Chef Eike's unique Caribbean flavors while enjoying the sea breeze at the resort's new outdoor Italian restaurant, **Capri**. Menu highlights include the *Tuna Risotto*, which features seared tuna filets on a lemon-pepper risotto with grilled tomato and a *Prosciutto Wrapped Snapper*, accompanied with zucchini gratin.

Other new additions to the culinary scene at Coconut Bay include themed Happy Hours and a brand new cocktail menu. Weekly themed Happy Hours include Western, Mojito and Caribbean themes, just to name a few, offering guests a fun and vibrant atmosphere to kick back and relax with endless options for quenching thirst. New refreshing creations such as the *Mr. Basil*, made with Chairman's rum, basil simple syrup, a splash of pineapple juice, topped off with soda and the *Coconut Cloud* comprised of coconut rum, Blue Curacao, coconut cream, milk and freshly grated coconut are sure to complement poolside lounging and evenings in the lobby.

Travelers who want to savor the new Caribbean dishes and sip on the new cocktails can book now and save up to 50 percent per person with pricing from \$116 based on double occupancy. For reservations and additional information, visit [www.CBayResort.com](http://www.CBayResort.com) or call 877-352-8898.

#### **About Coconut Bay Beach Resort and Spa**

St. Lucia's exotic southern coast is home to Coconut Bay Beach Resort & Spa, an all-inclusive AAA Three Diamond resort catering to families, couples and honeymooners alike. Mirrored after the island's most famous landmarks, the twin Piton Mountains, Coconut Bay has its own set of twins, Harmony and Splash. "Harmony" is a tranquil adult-only oasis offering an intimate setting for those seeking a romantic escape with a coconut palm-fringed pool, braided hammocks, private cabana beds and the oceanfront Kai-Mer Spa. At the opposite side of the resort, the young at heart are drawn to "Splash," the resort's tropical playground featuring CocoLand Kidz Klub, a paintball facility, a watersports complex offering kitesurfing and the island's largest water park. This casually Caribbean resort has 250-rooms on 85 acres, and it's all just a short transfer from the Hewanorra International Airport.

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