

# PALM BEACH

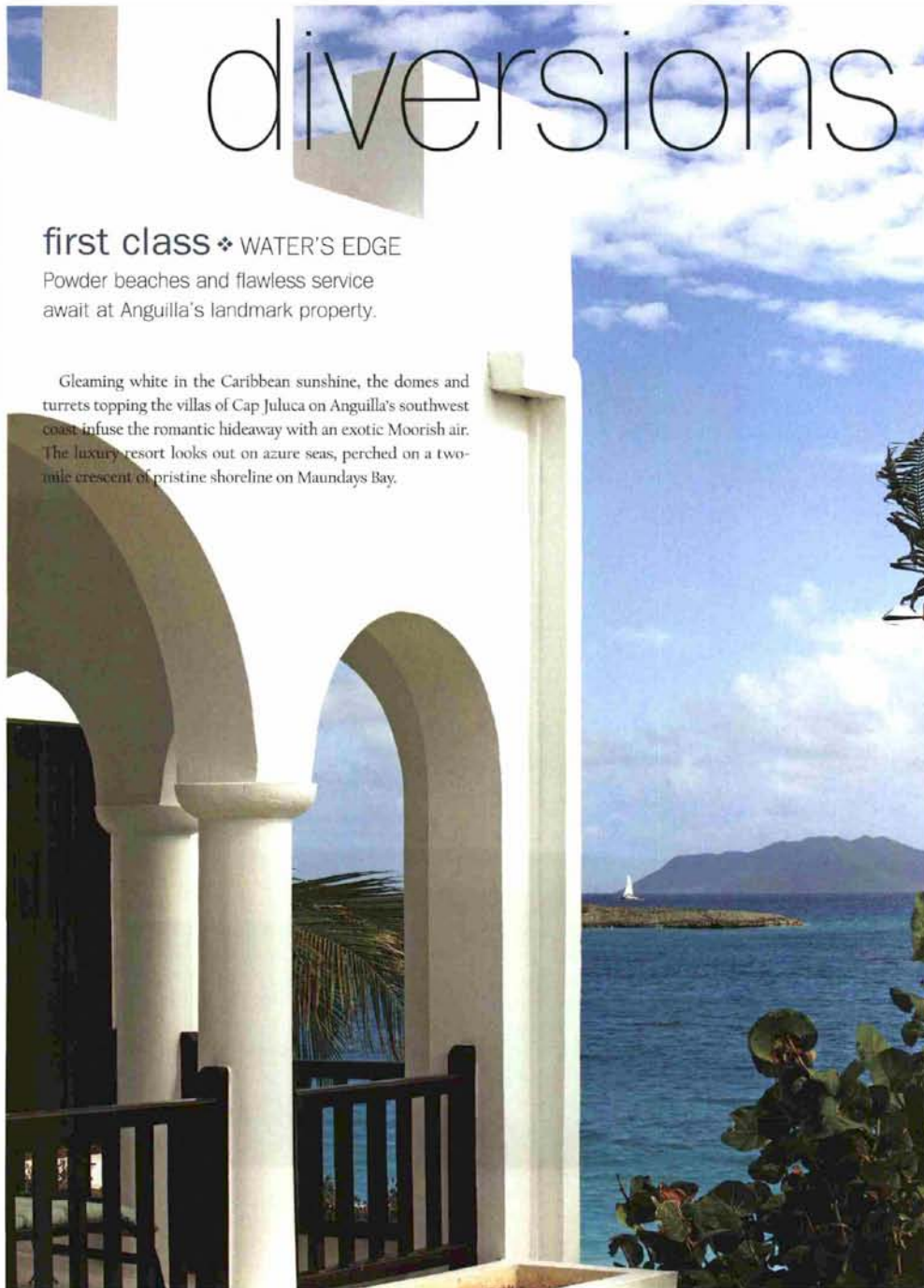
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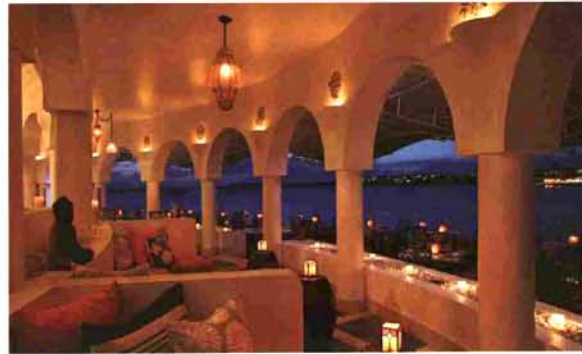
### first class ❖ WATER'S EDGE

Powder beaches and flawless service await at Anguilla's landmark property.

Gleaming white in the Caribbean sunshine, the domes and turrets topping the villas of Cap Juluca on Anguilla's southwest coast infuse the romantic hideaway with an exotic Moorish air. The luxury resort looks out on azure seas, perched on a two-mile crescent of pristine shoreline on Maundays Bay.



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Clockwise from top: The pool area is perfect for a midnight rendezvous. Spice, one of the resort's restaurants, overlooks the sea. Bougainvillea lines the walkway from a villa to the beach. A romantic bath en suite.

The resort houses 98 spacious suites and rooms within its 18 villas. Now in its twenty-first season, Cap Juluca just underwent a rejuvenating multi-million-dollar facelift, led by noted designer Paul Duesing, who counts among his credits three Four Seasons properties, the Grand-Hôtel du Cap-Ferrat in Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat, and the London residence of the Sultan of Brunei.

Of course, the expansive white, powder-soft beaches are Anguilla's major magnet. "We try to make ours as perfect as possible," says Gary Thurlander, Cap Juluca's general manager. Early each morning, a beach-grooming machine sifts and smoothes the sand so guests set "virgin footsteps on the beach in front of their villas," he says.

This daily beach combing is an example of what sets the Moroccan-style property in a class apart: extraordinary efforts to provide maximum pampering. Its long-established reputation is built on delivering luxuriant privacy and profes-

sional, friendly service, along with the fabulous beach and superlative dining.

Each guest is assigned a long, wide, pillowed chaise for lolling by the turquoise bay. Refreshing treats appear beachside all day long: fruit kabobs at 10 a.m., freshly chilled towels at 11, sorbet at 3 p.m., pastries at 4. Lunch? Whenever you're ready.

For those who prefer more active forms of destressing, the resort provides myriad on-site options: tennis, sailing, windsurfing, fishing, kayaking, waterskiing, croquet, driving range and horseback riding—plus excursions to St. Maarten, Nevis and St. Barth. It's also fun to tour the island by bike, greeting free-ranging goats, trading smiles with the locals and visiting some picturesque churches.

Exceptional personal service extends all the way to Cap Juluca's French Master Chef René Bajoux, who modestly refers to himself as "just a cook"—that is, a cook who delves



**Clockwise from top left: The Moorish architecture is striking. Enjoy breakfast on a private patio. Kayaking and other activities are available to guests.**

into various cuisines to customize meals. One diner requested only organic ingredients, with no oil and no dairy products. While the rest of her party swooned over Bajeux's roasted crayfish, hand-cut pasta and crabmeat fritters, she dined quite happily on white and green asparagus, delicate shiitakes, roasted root vegetables and broiled heirloom tomatoes seasoned with fresh herbs from the chef's garden. Perhaps Chef Bajeux was well prepared for this particular request, since the famously vegetarian Sir Paul McCartney was in the house.

One evening Chef Bajeux was spotted slipping out of Blue, the resort's casual patio and beach restaurant. It was buffet night, and ostensibly he was checking table presentations. Or maybe he was there for dessert—the toffee-glazed bread pudding is one of many addictive delights found at this welcoming, warm enclave.  
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