

BAHÍA BEACH GOLF COURSE CELEBRATES OPENING OF
NEW OCEANFRONT ROBERT TRENT JONES, JR. COURSE

BAHÍA BEACH, PUERTO RICO (February 25, 2008) – Bahía Beach Resort & Golf Club recently celebrated the opening of its new Robert Trent Jones, Jr. golf course. The *Bahía Beach Golf Course*, a signature 18-hole layout overlooking the ocean and the mountainous El Yunque National Rainforest, weaves through the new master planned resort community under development just 25 minutes from San Juan.

World-renowned St. Regis® Hotels & Resorts will operate an intimate St. Regis Resort, Bahía Beach, Puerto Rico, current under construction. Also under development are residential products such as St. Regis Residences Las Estancias, golf villas and oceanfront town homes.

Bahía Beach marks Jones' first golf course design project in Puerto Rico, the island where his father, Robert Trent Jones, Sr. first created the famous Dorado Beach courses 40 years ago for Laurance Rockefeller.

"Bahía Beach is a haven of golf that will challenge but also delight your soul and spirit," said Jones. "The site is spectacular, with two miles of beach, a native maritime forest and views of El Yunque rainforest from nearly every hole."

According to Jones, water is a strong component of the course, but in subtle rather than punitive ways. Numerous lagoons come into play, such as the scenic par three fourth hole, a forced – but short – carry over water to a large triangular green. The three finishing holes play directly along the ocean and beach, with a prevailing breeze from right to left which helps keep fades in play.

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Troon Golf of Scottsdale, Arizona, the world's leading upscale golf course management company, operates and maintains the Bahía Beach Golf Course.

Reminiscent of Jones' famous 16th hole at Spanish Bay at Pebble Beach, the 17th at Bahía Beach is a long par three with the green perched directly above the beach, offering little room for error in the approach shot. Large, scenic bunkers offer a strategic and visual element from the fairways; the golfer's attention from the elevated tees and greens is commanded by stunning views of the sea and the El Yunque mountain rainforest towering to the west.

Hardy Bermuda Tifway 419 carpets the fairways and rough; with the more delicate Tifdwarf grass on the greens. Designed to be inclusive of the whole family, Bahía Beach ranges from 7,000 yards from the championship tees to 5,253 from the forward tees, with additional tee placements, including junior tees, in between. Several par-three practice holes are included in the practice area.

"We selected Robert Trent Jones, Jr. to create the Bahía Beach Golf Course because he's the pre-eminent designer of tropical courses in the world today," said Federico Sánchez-Ortíz, president of Interlink Group, the development managers of Bahía Beach. "The courses he's designed in other seaside settings such as Princeville Resort in Hawaii, Royal Westmoreland in Barbados and the Four Seasons Nevis represent the exact blend of beauty and playability we seek here."

Destined to be Puerto Rico's finest master planned resort community, Bahía Beach is being developed on 483 acres of a former coconut plantation 16 miles from the San Juan International Airport. The community will be a residential and vacation enclave of unparalleled quality featuring a magnificent oceanfront golf course, luxurious estate homes and golf villas, the intimate St. Regis® Resort, Bahía Beach, Puerto Rico, a town center featuring shops and restaurants, beach and golf clubhouses and two miles of pristine beach. For more information, please visit www.bahiabeachpuertorico.com.

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The community's developers are firmly committed to the preservation and enhancement of the natural habitat of Bahía Beach, a site rich in indigenous flora and fauna. Bahía Beach is a registered member of the Audubon International Silver Signature Program working toward designation as a Certified Silver Audubon International Signature Sanctuary.

Developing Bahía Beach is BBP Partners, Inc., made up of Interlink Group and Muñoz Holdings, Puerto Rico's foremost real estate developers. Their team includes award-winning land planners EDSA of Ft. Lauderdale, SB Architects of Miami and San Francisco and Hill-Glazier Architects of Palo Alto, and interior designer David Easton of New York.

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