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The inside story

"It was mid afternoon Tuesday 18 February 2003. I stood on the prow of the small boat as it approached Zone 10. I took a photograph of the rock armoured edge as we were about to make landfall, little knowing the profound effect my next step would have on my life and the lives of so many others..."



Eden Island then... (2002)



Eden Island NOW



EDEN ISLAND MARINA - HOME OF THE SUPER-YACHT

Anyone who has recently taken a look at Eden Island would have noticed that the skyline is dominated by the sleek outlines of a flotilla of magnificent super-yachts and leisure craft. As one of only a handful of marinas in the world that can handle super-yachts up to 85m in size, the Eden Island Marina is fast becoming one of the most popular destinations for this class of luxury craft.



It is estimated that there are only 2000 of these yachts anchored around the world, notably in some of the bigger marinas, but none in one that is as spectacularly beautiful as the Seychelles.

Offering an alternative to the more traditional destinations like the Caribbean or Monaco, the Eden Island Marina's professional service-orientated structure coupled with the promise of discovering more than 115 dazzling islands makes for a compelling argument.

FIRST CHRISTMAS IN THE SEYCHELLES

With the first Apartments having been completed by the beginning of December last year, it came as no surprise that several owners wanted to move in immediately. For some it was to be their first tropical Christmas, escaping from the cold weather of Europe - opting for sand castles instead of snowmen!



Already some owners have moved in with four residents living permanently on Eden Island. In addition other owners have started arriving for holiday spells on the island or just to have a peek at their new homes. The response so far has been overwhelmingly positive. The next wave of Apartments and Maisons are on the brink of being finished and the keys will be handed over to many new owners in the weeks ahead.

This was the beginning of my incredibly fulfilling journey with the Seychelles and the Seychellois nation. 2003 was a particularly challenging time for the Seychelles marked by a stagnant economy; declining tourism arrivals; and general pessimism about the future. The time was ripe for a change of fortune for the Seychelles.



Fast forward into the future to May 2008. So much has transpired during the past 5 years. A growing economy and rock-solid economic policies, growing by-lateral relations with the international community, rocketing tourism arrivals and general optimism despite the hardships resulting from the devaluation of the Rupee.

We have invested almost R 500m in Eden Island over the last 5 years. This investment will double in the next 12 months.

I am grateful to all Seychellois for your support and for your pride in Eden Island. We will continue to champion the Seychelles worldwide and pursue our partnership with the nation with all the vigour at our disposal, determined to contribute to a better future for all."

Craig Heeger - CEO of Eden Island

