Karma selects island village in Bali for Mayura, its inaugural Retreat property

KARMA Royal Group - comprising Royal Resorts, Karma Resorts, Karma Estates, Beach Club International and Karma Spa - has opened 'Mayura, a Karma Retreat', the group's inaugural Karma Retreat property, on the picturesque island village of Mas in Ubud, Bali.

The Retreat sits on the river bank, surrounded by scenic rice terraces, lush coconut groves and mossy stone temples.

"Mayura is the Sanskrit word for peacock, a bird sacred to Hindus and renowned for its spectacular physical beauty. It represents benevolence, kindness, patience and compassion and is believed to be an omen of good luck. The opening of Mayura will enable guests to experience an in-depth, authentic immersion into local Balinese culture," said John Spence, Karma Royal Group chairman, founder and CEO.

Mayura features 32 deluxe guest rooms, including the Imperial Room, all with outdoor balconies offering sweeping views of the Balinese countryside. Decorated in understated contemporary luxury, guest rooms feature carved, classical Balinese hardwood beds, matching furnishings, flat-screen televisions, dvd players, wi-fi, pantries, tea and coffee making amenities, mini bars and microwave ovens plus en-suite bathrooms.

The pool-side restaurant has an outdoor terrace with palm-fringed jungle and countryside views.

For leisure, there is an outdoor infinity pool, a gymnasium and a K spa for massage and beauty treatments, while staff can arrange Balinese Indonesian language lessons and classes in Canang sari-making.

Bali's Ngurah Rai International Airport in Denpasar is approximately an hour's drive from the property.

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Spa at Maya takes wellness to a new level

BALANCING the senses through holistic harmony is elevated to the highest level at the Spa at Maya, where therapists have but one goal - to create memorable experiences for guests.

Descending by elevator to river level, guests enter a secret realm of wellness and pampering. The lush river valley extends calm and tranquility as dappled sunlight adds highlights to the natural surroundings.

From the central reception pavilion, walkways wind through lush foliage to private treatment pavilions, which are complete with daybeds overlooking the valley - ideal for after-treatment relaxation and refreshments with bathtubs, outdoor showers and toilet facilities.

With views to the rainforest valley on one side and vertical gardens on the other, the pavilions are personal havens in which to enjoy a variety of specialty massages, body re-charge treatments and extended spa packages.

For specific skin care concerns, Spa at Maya offers Pevonia Tropical Rejuvenation products and skin and repair facials using rich micro-emulsified gel and age-defying collagen booster treatments.

A relaxing bathing experience also can be enjoyed in the privacy of a guest's own villa or room.