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SANIBEL HARBOUR RESORT & SPA REOPENS

FORT MYERS, Fla. (Feb. 2, 2005) – Sanibel Harbour Resort & Spa reopens for business on Tuesday, Feb. 1, unveiling the results of its major refurbishment almost six months following the wind and rain damage sustained from Hurricane Charley. The 85-acre bayside resort, situated on a private peninsula on Florida’s southwest coast, overlooks Sanibel and Captiva islands.

Extensive interior remodeling that included redecoration of guest rooms, meeting space and other common areas, combined with newly conceived restaurants and lounges, have captured the ambiance of a stately Florida plantation home. The property’s breathtaking views provide the inspiration for the sand-tone color scheme and botanical motif that brings the tropical setting indoors. The Gettys Group, a Chicago-based interior design firm, has handled the restoration.

Entitled “Restoring Legends and Creating Memories,” the restoration project was a reference to the property’s rich history dating back to a time when Native Americans, Spanish explorers, pirates, and Spanish American and Civil War soldiers all left their mark. The former Tarpon House Inn sat on the current resort site and became known for its tradition of outstanding service in the early 1900s when it hosted legendary guests such as Henry Ford and Thomas Edison.

“Our guests will experience a Sanibel Harbour Resort & Spa with a new look. It is more beautiful and more luxurious than ever before,” says Brian Holly, managing director of the property. “New legends and memories are destined to be made here.”

With breathtaking waterfront views and the latest culinary trends, the resort’s restaurants and lounges have all been reinvented. Arborists worked to ensure that the beauty of the resort’s surroundings was nurtured back to its previous state.

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Guests may select from 400 spacious accommodations, including 66 luxurious suites and 53 two-bedroom condominiums. The new **Grande Bay at Sanibel Harbour**, a 107-room concierge hotel, offers exclusivity with a focus on pampering and services. Meeting facilities include a 45,000-square-foot waterfront meeting and banquet facility with four ballrooms and 24 breakout rooms. Wi-Fi service throughout and beautiful décor offer guests and meeting planners an exceptional experience.

The 40,000-square-foot spa includes 28 treatment rooms and more than 60 treatments. Guests enjoy a championship tennis complex, bayside beach and marina with daily cruises and watersports, supervised children's programs, access to nearby golf courses, complimentary shuttle to Sanibel Island's famous beaches and attractions, and the *Sanibel Harbour Princess*, a private 100-foot yacht featuring nightly sunset dinner cruises.

Dining options include the **Courtside Steakhouse** with a casual sports club ambiance and 1,200-bottle wine cellar. **Charley's Cabana Bar** offers an island happy-hour spirit with views and a selection of flatbreads and tapas. Recalling the ambiance of an old seaside plantation library, **The Banyan Room** brings guests the flavors of the Mediterranean. A family-friendly seafood restaurant, the **Tarpon House** offers relaxing, waterfront views.