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Guy Harvey Outpost Resorts Announces Expansion to The Galapagos Islands

At a press conference held today at the Miami International Boat Show, Dr. Guy Harvey, Chairman of Guy Harvey Outpost Resorts, announced the company's entry into in the Galapagos Islands. Dr. Harvey said his growing Outpost Resorts company has teamed with two separate Ecuadorian owner groups to plant Outpost flags on the islands of San Cristobal and Isabela in the Galapagos archipelago, located 600 miles off the coast of Ecuador.

Company co-founder and president Mark Ellert, who recently returned from meetings with the Galapagos Park director and location municipal officials, commented: "I know of no other tourism company operating in the Galapagos that has a scientist and conservation authority as its chairman, and a research institute as a brand partner. For these reason the park sees our interest in Galapagos as a game changer."

On San Cristobal, the easternmost island, the company will open a new 30-unit eco-lodge on a highlands site with panoramic vistas of the Pacific Ocean and a foreground of open fields through which giant Galapagos turtles roam. It will be branded the "Guy Harvey Outpost Lodge, Galapagos Islands" and is expected to open in early 2016.

Arturo Hidalgo Keyser and Jose Antonio Juez Jairala, both of Ecuador and Miami, are co-developers of the project. "I basically grew up in the Galapagos," notes Keyser. "My lifelong dream to create a truly special tourism project in the Galapagos is becoming a reality with the involvement of Guy Harvey." Adds Jairala, "the Outpost commitment to science and sustainable tourism will make this the first truly authentic eco-lodge experience in the Galapagos." The project team includes Hitesh Mehta, one of the world's leading authorities on ecotourism planning and both the landscape and architectural design of eco-lodges.

And while the new lodge is under construction, Guy Harvey Outpost has raised its flag above the recently opened Iguana Crossing boutique hotel, located on Isabella Island, approximately 100 miles to the west. Ranked the top lodging property in the Galapagos by TripAdvisor and winner of its 2013 Traveler's Choice Award for Best Service, this 14-unit contemporary styled hotel sits beachside in the shadow of the Wolf Volcano in the settlement of Puerto Villamil, with a population of some 2,200. As the westernmost settlement in the Galapagos, its harbor is a popular stop for private yachts traveling to the southern pacific.

In announcing the affiliation, its' visionary developer Felipe Trujilo, comments, "as a passionate sport fisherman and scuba diver, I immediately understood the exposure and opportunities Guy Harvey and his Outpost hotel brand will create for the Galapagos and our Iguana Crossing hotel. Our TripAdvisor popularity and awards demonstrates the dedication of my staff to delivering superior service and memorable experiences, and we look forward to sharing our unique wildlife paradise with Guy and his adventure travel customers."

With a landscape is dominated by the Sierra Negra that rises to 5,600 ft. above sea level, Isabela is the only natural Penguin habitat in the northern hemisphere and offers diverse scuba diving experiences.

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