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- BEACH -

To coincide with the new direct British Airways route between London and the Seychelles, **Four Seasons** opens its second property in the archipelago, this time on the smaller island outpost of Desroches (above), a 35-minute flight from Mahé. There's a huge range of accommodation options from which to choose – all coming with private pools, beach access and vintage-style interiors – including a handful of three- to five-bedroom residences designed for families and larger parties. And there's an anti-gravity yoga pavilion – well, why not?



ROUND-UP

As the first major hotel project on Grand Anse Beach in Grenada for 25 years, **Silversands** departs from typical Caribbean style (ie brightly patterned fabrics and wicker furniture), embracing a minimalist, modern style. It also boasts a 100-metre pool (above) – the longest in the Caribbean. Adventurers and keen divers should head to the Andaman Islands, off India, where the **Taj Exotica Spa & Resort** opens 75 villas on the beach at Havelock Island. Also in the Andaman Sea is the Malaysian island of Langkawi, where long-time favourite **The Datai** reopens in July after a 10-month refurbishment. Keen surfers should head to Bali where Koichiro Ikebuchi and Paola Navone have been at the design helm of the newly opened **Como Uma Canggu**, on one of the best surfing breaks on the island's south coast. In the Maldives, **Kudadoo Private Island** promises pure escapism – guests, should they choose, can rent the 7.4-acre island in its entirety. Off African shores of the Indian Ocean comes **Zuri Zanzibar** on the eponymous island, where the beach bungalows will reflect a modern interpretation of African style. Just north of Zanzibar on Pemba Island, Constance Hotels & Resorts has taken over the management of 30-villa, beachside **Aiyana**. In Europe, all-suite **Seven Pines Resort** has the perfect sunset position on a west-facing cliff-top of Ibiza – it opens in May – while, in Paphos, Cypriot grande dame **The Annabelle** emerges from a two-year transformation.