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*Sustainable Luxury
that's a
Cut above the Rest*

With views across the Caribbean sea of the islands of St. Barths, St. Martin, St. Eustatius and Saba, Saint Kitts is the larger of its twin sister island Nevis and with its tropical climate and cooling trade winds makes for a welcoming all year round place to visit. Life is simple on the island, Kittitians are warm, friendly and inviting, no rush, no fuss, no hassle, just time and space to really relax and lose yourself. It is here, home to unspoiled tropical forests and tranquil beaches that the latest in the rush to join the ever swelling ranks of high end Luxury eco conscious "sustainable" resorts, that Kittitian Hill has been built. The concept for this master planned community set within 400 private acres of organic farmland and lush forests on the foothills of the ►

Kittitian Hill

LOCATION
St Kitts
PROPERTY
KITITIAN HILL/
BELLE MONT FARM RESORT
OPENED
2014
ARCHITECT
BILL BENSLEY
PHOTOGRAPHS
COURTESY OF KITITIAN HILL

BELLE MONT FARM'S 1 BEDROOM GUESTHOUSE'S DESIGN MIRRORS THE ARCHITECTURE OF TRADITIONAL CHATEL HOUSES, AND ALL THE ACCOMMODATIONS HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED TO ENSURE MINIMAL IMPACT ON THE LANDSCAPE.





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ancient Mount Liamuiga volcano, was founder and joint owner, Trinidad born entrepreneur Val Kempadoo. At the highest point of Kittitian Hill, almost 1,000 ft above the Caribbean sea, resides the first phase of the development, Belle Mont Farm resort. Opened in December 2014 the resort which sits within the farm, incorporates a collection of 84 private one-bedroom stand-alone guesthouses and seven four-bedroom farmhouses each



carefully crafted in harmony with the tropical landscape with panoramic views of the Sea and nearby islands. World renowned architect and Cocotraie favorite Bill Bensley worked closely with international project managers and over 30 local contractors and craftsmen to achieve the highest standards of craftsmanship in the construction of Belle Mont Farm resort and the wider Kittitian Hill programme.

Rooted in the principle that the long-term sustainable development of a region is the responsibility of its people, of the resort's 140 employees, only 38 have worked in a hotel before and almost all hail from the area.

Every building has been built using local materials or materials from sustainable sources, traditional wooden shingles, Kittitian stone, carved decoration, louvered doors, wide ceiling fans and colourful ▶



paintings by local artist Kate Spencer, one of the Caribbean's most prolific and best known artists, all help the guest and farm houses to blend in with their surroundings, giving the impression that they have always been there.

In designing Belle Mont Farm resort, Bill Bensley has imagined a community without gates, marked out by the natural features of the landscape. Each of the accommodations, smart, spacious and stylish have been designed to reflect a colonial elegance. The guest-houses are uniquely designed with open verandas on two sides, and a porch or pool deck with breathtaking views of the forest, the sea and a private bathroom veranda with rainwater shower and free-standing bathtub. The spacious farmhouses are built around a grand central pavilion and professional kitchen, each with a flexible design that makes them ideal for families and small groups up to four couples, each accommodated in their own private guest-house.

Kittitian Hill is a place where terms such as sustainability, eco-friendly and social responsibility" together with redefining sustainability and social justice in the Caribbean tourism industry actually do mean something. Its green ethos alone looks set to cut it above many of the other similarly environmentally conscious luxury resorts and hotels.

NOTE - GOING BEYOND FARM-TO-TABLE DINING EVERYTHING THAT PASSES YOUR LIPS IS EITHER FROM THE ORGANIC FARM ON-SITE OR LOCALLY SOURCED FROM FARMERS, RANCHERS AND FISHERMAN ON ST KITTS OR NEARBY ISLANDS.

GREEN-FRIENDLY PRACTICES SUCH AS THE USE OF SOLAR POWER THROUGHOUT THE RESORT, GREEN CLEANING PRODUCTS AND RECYCLED PAPER PRODUCTS ARE IN PLACE.



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