

Island Villas on top

THE COMPANY WAS RECOGNISED AS THE BEST IN THE CARIBBEAN

For the second consecutive year, leading local real estate company, Island Villas, has secured the top prize at the prestigious Americas Property Awards.

The glittering awards ceremony, held on November 27 and hosted this year at the Lancaster London Hotel in the UK, welcomed leading property professionals from around the world.

Facing stiff competition from across the region, Island Villas proudly took home the five-star award for Best Real Estate Agency – The Caribbean. Managing Director of Island Villas, Richard Eames, travelled to the UK to collect the award on behalf of his team: "We are extremely pleased to once again receive this five-star award. Our team has worked tirelessly and their efforts have enabled us to maintain the impeccable customer service standards that Island Villas has become known for, even in light of challenging global economic times. As a small, Barbadian business, we are honoured to be recognised by the Americas Property Awards as the best in the Caribbean."

Much of the judging was carried out by the International Property Awards' panel of judges at the London offices of Bloomberg Television but entries were also outsourced to leading experts in each particular field throughout the world. This year's judges included Luke McKend, industry head property markets of Google UK; Peter Bolton King, group chief executive of the National Federation of Property Professionals; Christopher Hall, president elect of FIABCI; Thijs Stoffler, International Consortium of Real Estate Agents Association; Fiona Nixon, chairman of the Australia Institute of Architects, Hendrik Nelde, president of FIABCI Belgium; Helen Shield, editor-in-chief of International Homes Luxury Collection magazine and Sven Johns, CEO of the German Real Estate Association.



Cove Spring House in the portfolio of Island Villas.

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The awardees were also praised by Stuart Shield, chairman of the International Property Awards, who said: "In our quest to find the most outstanding projects and property professionals from around the world we were fascinated to discover that the total value of the award winning projects was over \$100 billion.

"This helps to contrast with the 'bear' market approach to the property market in general. There are some incredibly strong roots being established for the future growth and generation of properties that are more attractive to look at, safer, kinder to the environment, smarter and able to deliver a better quality of life for those who live and work in them."

Island Villas considers this award as motivation to continue its success in the New Year.

"Right now, we are looking forward to a busy season and are planning to expand our environmental and philanthropic efforts," says Eames.

Training of Trainers

Another group of persons will head to the classroom early next year, when the fourth Training of Trainers course of the Parent Education and Support Programme is hosted by the Ministry of Family, Culture, Sports and Youth.

Classes will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., beginning January 10, and running until April 25. The training will be conducted in the main conference room of the Ministry of Education and Human Resource Development, Elsie Payne Complex, Constitution Road, St. Michael.

Persons interested in being trained should immediately contact the Ministry of Family at telephone numbers 430-2915 or 430-2917. Community, sports and youth groups, as well as church members are also encouraged to register for the training.

This programme is aimed at developing a cadre of well trained and competent individuals who will deliver training to parents and prospective parents, so as to ensure they are equipped with the necessary skills and knowledge to have healthy relationships with their children.

At the end, participants should be able to identify and utilise the positive parenting traits they have learnt in an effort to enhance the quality of family life across the island.

The five modules to be taught during the session are: Parenting, Coping and Managing, Finding Self, Seeking Help and Action Planning. Over 50 people have already been trained and they are delivering a series of seminars in the community on Positive Parenting Skills. (BGIS)

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Friday, December 24

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 Big B - 10:00am to 7:00pm

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 Somerley - 8:00am to 5:00pm
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