



## FACT SHEET

- OVERVIEW:** Located in Vero Beach, Florida, Costa d'Este Beach Resort provides an exclusive oceanfront oasis with 94 luxury guest rooms including four one-bedroom suites, a signature restaurant and bar, infinity-edge pool and cabana bar, full-service spa and fitness center, as well as elegant facilities for special events.
- Costa d'Este Beach Resort is being developed by the internationally acclaimed singer/producer couple Gloria and Emilio Estefan. The property is operated by Benchmark Hospitality International and is the newest in their burgeoning Personal Luxury Resort™ portfolio.
- OPENING DATE:** Summer 2008
- DESTINATION:** Vero Beach – on Florida’s southeastern “Treasure Coast” – offers endless sandy beaches, balmy weather, fashionable shops, gourmet dining and eclectic entertainment options, all within minutes of urban civilization.
- While the area is recognized nationally as an upscale beach community with an affluent winter population, it is also known for its laid-back atmosphere, friendly residents and year-round art and cultural scene. In fact, Vero Beach has been named one of the 100 best art towns in America.
- ACCOMMODATIONS:** Four-star accommodations include 90 guestrooms and four one-bedroom suites. The design is sleek with marble floors, custom furnishings and headboards crafted from teak that are backlit. Amenities include flat-screen television, i-Pod docking station, Egyptian-cotton bed linens and ocean-view balconies.
- Bathrooms are spa-like with marble floors and countertops and opaque glass doors. Oversized showers are made from tumbled limestone and feature Kohler rain shower head and Hansgrohe hand-held shower, plus a unique porthole window to the room.
- DESIGN:** Costa d'Este Beach Resort exudes a comforting elegance and urban sophistication. Sleek yet sumptuous, the hotel’s design balances substance and style, without being indulgent. An oval reception desk composed of honey-toned teak and backlit onyx welcomes visitors as will modern furnishings wrapped in woven abaca and sea grass.

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### **RESTAURANT & BAR:**

In celebration of the Estefans' heritage, the resort's restaurant *Oriente* features gourmet fare as interpreted by Cuba's Oriente region. Chef David Rodriguez, a Cuban-American, promises a mouthwatering culinary adventure and draws influences from Spanish, Latin and Creole traditions.

The food's bold flavors and textures will be mirrored in the décor and thoughtful architecture, which will include details such as "peek-a-boo" windows for a view into the bustling kitchen. The intimate, 85-seat restaurant will also offer alfresco seating for an additional 24 guests. A house signature will be tapas, or "little plates," which will be available in Oriente's restaurant, bar and cabana bar. Continuous service will be provided in the restaurant throughout the day and well into the evening.

Oriente's wine cellar is stocked with South American, Spanish and Californian selections, as well as French, South African and Australian vintages. The bar features a customized cocktail menu with Cuban, Spanish and Caribbean favorites, plus sought-after micro brews and homemade sangria. Cuban coffee drinks are also served throughout the day.

### **RECREATION & ACTIVITIES:**

Clean, sandy beaches, a gorgeous swimming pool and plenty of sunshine are the perfect ingredients for a relaxing retreat. The resort also features a state-of-the-art fitness center with cardio, circuit- and strength-training equipment, as well as free weights.

The resort is also within easy access to world-class tennis courts, championship golf, sport fishing, snorkeling, and scuba diving. Additionally, Vero Beach is a 90-minute drive to Orlando's many and varied attractions, including Disney World, Epcot and Universal Studios.

### **SPA AT COSTA D'ESTE:**

The bi-level Spa at Costa d'Este is a stunning facility with sea-grass and Mother of Pearl mosaic tile wall coverings, limestone surfaces, walnut furnishings and marble and wood-plank flooring. There are four luxurious treatment rooms, where guests can enjoy a variety of signature treatments and holistic products. Soothing and restorative sounds of water rippling contribute to an aura of calm and serenity.

### **EVENT SPACE:**

The resort features a 1,170-square-foot function room, ideal for meetings and events up to 70 people. A patio complements this space to provide a variety of outdoor options for social occasions and corporate functions. With its beachfront location Costa d'Este Beach Resort is the ideal site for weddings on the beach and special group events "under the stars." Audiovisual equipment, wireless Internet and a business center are available.

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**MANAGEMENT COMPANY:** Costa d'Este Beach Resort is operated by Benchmark Hospitality International, an independent hospitality management company based in The Woodlands (Houston), Texas, which also operates resorts, hotels, conference centers and condominium resorts both domestically and internationally. For locations of Benchmark Hospitality properties and for additional information, visit Benchmark's website at [www.benchmarkhospitality.com](http://www.benchmarkhospitality.com)

**OWNERSHIP:** The same passion and drive that have made Gloria and Emilio Estefan international stars in the music industry, inspires their investments in the hospitality industry. The couple own and operate the Cardozo hotel in South Beach, the world-famous Art Deco district of Miami Beach, Fla. The Estefans also own four popular restaurants: Larios on the Beach and Oriente, both in South Beach; Bongos Cuban Café in downtown Miami; and a second Bongos at the Walt Disney Resort in Orlando.

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**LOCATION:** Vero Beach is 135 miles north of Miami and 109 miles southeast of Orlando. Commercial flights service Melbourne International Airport (MLB) – 39 miles, Palm Beach International (PBI) – 80 miles, and Orlando International Airport (MCO) – 110 miles. Vero Beach Municipal Airport (VRB), just four miles from the resort, offers full-service for private planes.

Costa d'Este is easily accessed from Interstate 95 at exit 147, on to State Road 60 east, which traverses through the heart of the city to the Atlantic Ocean, and right onto Ocean Drive.

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