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PUBLISHERS NOTE

Dear Reader!

While preparing this *NEWSFLASH* edition, we hold firm to our decision of delivering the *whole* story to your inbox, rather than just a headline, so continue to scroll. Of course, we could shorten the edition, but the decision on what interests should be up to you. We appreciate your feedback and you are of course very welcome to forward this edition to other interested readers.

Have you seen the latest SITE Statistics and the very positive trend indicators recognised by both buyers and suppliers? We have pointed out 4 key indicators, but of course, these are just the highlights. Please see the full Executive Summary on the [SITE Index](#).

Are you planning events for Thailand? Notice the special rewards packages, and the financial advantages for organisers, offered by the Thailand Convention and Exhibition Bureau (TCEB).

Looking at Australia? Don't miss the update on upcoming key venues in Sydney.

And speaking of updates, you'll see the latest on Jamaica hotels in the right column.

MITM Euromed, taking place in Cadiz, Spain in June, has announced their post-show tours, [click here to apply](#).

A series of Hosted Buyer programs for North American buyers has been published by DESTINOSmice starting with a Hosted Buyer Program to Brazil, April 21-27 and a combined AIBTM with a post program to the Dominican Republic. Contact Barbara Shapiro, barbara@globalsiteinspections.com or follow the registration link.

Best regards

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SITE – STATISTICS: OPTIMISM FOR INCENTIVE TRAVEL IS AT A FOUR –YEAR HIGH

The Site Index Annual Survey is conducted since 2010 to compile and compare data meaningful to the incentive travel and motivational events industry. It examines internal and external challenges to the sector and their impact on the stability and growth of the market and addresses behaviors of both buyers and suppliers providing leading indicators for future trends. This year the study confirms that incentive travel continues to be on an upswing and is predicted to grow significantly through 2016.

Key observations:

- 87% - Optimism for incentive travel is at a four-year high The majority of survey respondents indicated that the use of incentive travel will increase or substantially increase in the next 1 to 3 years with 48 % of respondents more optimistic about the short term; the next six months. This is a growth +15% compared to 2012.
- 79% - Planners are under increasing pressure to deliver results The study confirmed increasing pressure on planners to measure ROI and/or ROO. 79% of respondents expect this requirement to grow in the next 12 months; 82% expect significant increase over the next 1 to 3 years
- 72% - Convergence of business meetings and incentive travel will increase 72 % of survey respondents predict there will be an increase in the convergence of business meetings and motivational events over the next 12 months (+11% vs. 2012); 77 % say it will increase over the next 1–3 years.
- 80% - Technology and social media are vital to motivational event marketing The use of mobile technology has increased dramatically in the past year with 80 % of respondents saying it is important or very important, (+11% vs. 2012). Platforms currently used are
 - o 65% LinkedIn is currently the most widely used social media platform
 - o 58% Facebook
 - o 47% Twitter

with a predicted growth of Twitter and Facebook use.

The Executive Summary of the Site Index Annual Analysis and Forecast of the Motivational Events Industry is available at [Site Index](#).

www.siteglobal.com

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HOSTED BUYER EVENTS

Spain - MITM Euromed announced very interesting Post-Tours of Cadiz for Participants

The 18th edition of MITM Euromed, Meetings and Incentive Travel Market, will take place this year in Cadiz, Spain, June 11th to 13th, sponsored by its Provincial Council and Convention Bureau. During the weekend prior, the hosted buyers and press will be able to enjoy the 2 magnificent post-tours that Cadiz has organized through its province and where they will be able to visit wonderful places such as the Cadiz Bay Natural Park, Jerez de la Frontera, Yeguada de la Cartuja, Vejer de la Frontera or Dehesa Montenmedio, etc. MITM Euromed is known as the oldest MICE travel fair held in Europe, pioneer in the B2B appointments system and with an exceptional networking program that makes possible the direct contact between all the attending exhibitors and buyers. The fair consists of two days of business appointments and networking in which all the participants, mostly from European countries, interact between them.

[See more details!](#)

Latin America & the Caribbean - DESTINOSmice.com Hosted Buyer program 2014 published!

DESTINOSmice has published its' 2014 Hosted Buyer Programs for buyers located in North America.

- Brazil, Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro with an option to visit World Travel Mart Latin America April 21-27, 2014
- USA, Orlando AIBTM and a post program with SITE to the Dominican Republic June 10-16, 2014
- Argentina, Buenos Aires and Mendoza with an option to visit ExpoEventos Aug 11-17, 2014

KUALA LUMPUR CONVENTION CENTRE - MORE THAN YOU CAN IMAGINE

The Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre is a purpose-built convention and exhibition facility strategically located in the Kuala Lumpur City Centre overlooking the iconic PETRONAS Twin Towers and the 50-acre KLCC Park.

Spanning over 7.3 acres, the five levels venue encompassing a total 22,659 sqm/ 243,898 sq ft of flexible function space consists of two auditoria (seating 3,000 and 500 respectively), 12,310 sqm/ 132,503 sq ft of Exhibition Halls including a 2,600 sqm/ 27,986 sq ft standalone marquee, a Grand Ballroom which seats 2,000 diners, Banquet Hall for 500, Conference Hall for 1,800 and 20 other meeting rooms.

Boasting the latest in wireless, 3G telecommunications and digital audio-visual facilities, the venue comes with a list of impressive features plus a 51-strong culinary brigade meeting the needs of all types of events.

www.klccconventioncentre.com



- USA, Las Vegas with attendance of IMEX America October 14-16, 2014
- Mexico, Mexico City with an option to attend ICOMEX November 4-10, 2014
- Spain, Barcelona with SITE and attendance of EIBTM November 17-24, 2014

Programs are coordinated by Global Site Inspections. Registration or pre-registration is available at www.globalsiteinspections.com

[See more details!](#)

MICE PROMOTIONS

Asia - Hong Kong - Harbour Plaza 8 Degrees, Kowloon

In need of a meeting room during your visit to Hong Kong?

Harbour Plaza 8 Degrees, Kowloon, Hong Kong announced the 2014 conference packages for 10+ persons meetings. Rates per person include

use of meeting room and 1 LCD projector, unlimited tea and coffee, refreshment break(s), valet parking.

Half day without lunch HK 280 (appr. USD 36/ EUR 26)

Half day with lunch HK 390 (appr. USD 50/ EUR 36)

Full day HKD 480 (appr. USD 62/ EUR 45)

[See the details!](#)

Russia, Sochi, Radisson Blu Paradise Resort & Spa

GROUP PROMOTION MARCH - JUNE 2014

Including: Super breakfast buffet; VAT; access to spa world & thermal zone; indoor and outdoor pools; tea and coffee facilities; free WIFI; iron & iron board; water; 24 hour GYM; parking and 10% agency commission. Minimum 10 pax. Rates start from 125EUR sgl /150EUR dbl.

DDR PROMOTION MARCH - JUNE 2014

Including morning coffee break; lunch; afternoon coffee break; room rental; WIFI; pens and flipchart; M&E assistant and parking. Minimum 15 pax in meeting room. Rates start from 80EUR/person.

Contact Mr. Tomas Gregor, Director of Sales,

tomas.gregor@radissonblu.com, Tel. +7 964 945 8899 to discuss your project.

[See more details!](#)

IT - ACTIVE NETWORK BUSINESS SOLUTIONS GROUP JOINS FORCES WITH LANYON

ACTIVE Network Business Solutions, a leader in event marketing and Strategic Meetings Management technology, and Lanyon, a leader in transient hotel program technology, announced the completion of a merger. The combined company, which will operate under the name Lanyon, serves meeting planners, travel planners, buyers, event marketing teams, as well as hotels and meeting suppliers, providing each group with the next generation of tools and data to create and manage smarter meetings and events.

For corporate buyers, this merger provides access to a comprehensive suite of solutions for meetings and events management, as well as hotel spend. Additionally, it drives measurable value by providing integrated data and analytics, enabling visibility across all of an organization's hospitality, and meetings and events activities. This visibility improves the bottom-line efficiency of these programs while driving top-line growth for the larger business.

With over 40 years of industry experience, the combined Lanyon serves 70% of the Fortune 500 and 80% of the BTN Corporate Travel 100. In addition to those enterprise clients, the combined Lanyon also serves thousands of medium-sized businesses, small businesses, and association partners that have chosen Lanyon and ACTIVE Network Business Solutions technologies to power their transient hotel programs, as well as meetings and events management.

www.lanyon.com | www.ACTIVENetwork.com

ORIENT-EXPRESS HOTELS TO LAUNCH BELMOND BRAND

From March 10, 2014 Orient-Express Hotels Ltd. will operate the Company's collection of luxury hotels and travel experiences under the new brand name, Belmond.

The Company will retain its long-term license agreement with the French railway company SNCF owning the Orient-Express trademark, for the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express train. Other use of the currently existing Orient-Express license will terminate.

Owned and operated by Orient-Express Hotels Ltd., Belmond will be the global brand of exceptional hotel and luxury travel adventures in some of the world's most inspiring and enriching destinations. Established over 30 years ago its unique and distinctive portfolio now embraces 45 hotel, rail and river cruise experiences in many of the world's most celebrated destinations. The collection includes Grand Hotel Europe in St. Petersburg, Copacabana Palace in Rio de Janeiro, Maroma Resort and Spa on Mexico's Riviera Maya, and El Encanto in Santa Barbara; but also encompasses safaris, six luxury tourist trains including the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express and three river cruises. Orient-Express Hotels Ltd. also operates '21', one of New York's most storied restaurants.

The website www.orient-express.com will be redirected on March 10 to www.belmond.com

AUSTRALIA: SPOTLIGHT ON SYDNEY

2014 is a strong year for business events in Sydney with close to 53,000 delegates expected to spend over 230,000 days in the city delivering an economic impact (EI) of close to USD 179/ EUR 131 million to the New South Wales (NSW) economy. The related events will take place across Australia's leading business events destination's diverse and flexible event spaces.

As Sydney's development relative to the MICE market is vast, please find an update on upcoming Key Venues in Sydney:



MICE SCHEDULE - UPCOMING SHOWS

10th International Moscow Mice Forum

17 March 2014, Tishinka Trade and Exhibition Center

Moscow, Russia

The Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions business in Russia is expanding fast and the Moscow MICE Forum provides a professional and cost effective platform for International suppliers to meet the key players in this rapidly expanding section of the Russian tourism industry.

The Moscow MICE Forum is organised for MICE Professionals by Professionals. We fully understand the specialised nature of this segment of the market and ensure a high level for our International specialists and the Russian buyers.

Buyer registration is open.

[See more details!](#)

GIBTM

24-26 March 2014, ADNEC, Abu Dhabi, UAE

The 8th edition of GIBTM is set to welcome over 3,000 industry professionals from the Middle East and across the globe and 300 top level international and Middle East Hosted Buyers.

More than 300 Middle East and International exhibitors representing Hotels and Venues, National / State Tourism Organisations and Convention Bureaux, Technology and Events Services, Business Travel and MICE related suppliers are available to respond to your business needs. Hosted Buyer registration is open.

[See more details!](#)

ICC Sydney, Darling Harbour

Due to open in late 2016, the new ICC Sydney will be one of the jewels in the city's transformation. Set amongst hectares of parkland with links to the city's innovation hubs and cultural precincts, it will feature Sydney's largest ballroom catering for up to 2,000 people and a diverse array of flexible spaces, all within a five-minute walk to the city centre. The development will also include a new premium hotel with up to 650 rooms.

Four Points by Sheraton, Darling Harbour

Australia's largest hotel, with over 680 guest rooms has released plans for USD 143/ EUR 104 million redevelopment that will complement the revitalisation of Darling Harbour as a dynamic convention precinct. Commencing in early 2014, the expansion will include a third tower featuring additional 230 rooms, over 4,800 sqm/ 51,667 sq ft of pillar-less convention, exhibition and function space, and boutique office space. Completion is scheduled for 2016.

Barangaroo, Sydney CBD

Barangaroo is an ambitious urban renewal project that is currently underway. The development will transform a former harbour-side container port into a vital \$6 billion extension of the central business district. It will include a new iconic landscaped Headland Park, spectacular public waterfront walks, parks, shops, cafes and restaurants and commercial office towers, as well as proposed new event spaces and a world-class hotel.

University of Technology Gehry Building

UTS has commenced a multimillion dollar expansion of its campus, including the redevelopment of its business school that will be housed in a new Sydney landmark -- the new Frank Gehry building. Within a 2 km radius of this campus, there are 100,000 students and 80 % of Sydney's creative industries. The UTS campus is on the doorstep of the Darling Harbour Live development. Expected completion: August 2014.

The Pavilion, Darling Harbour

The soon-to-be-opened Dockside Pavilion Darling Harbour is a custom-designed event venue that sits proudly on an anchored floating pontoon in the heart of the harbour city. Accommodating up to 2,000 guests, the venue boasts impressive water and city views, Dockside Group's famous hospitality, world-class event expertise and delicious cuisine options.

Sydney Showground, Sydney Olympic Park

Sydney Showground is a not-for-profit organisation located in the heart of Sydney metropolitan area and is within walking distance to 900 hotel rooms and over 30 restaurants. Its event capabilities are being further enhanced with the expansion of the Southee Complex. The new, purpose-built pavilion, due for completion in March 2014, will be suitable for large-scale and multi-use events and offers over 11,000 sqm/ 118,403 sq ft that can cater for approximately 9,300 visitors.

www.businesseventssydney.com.au

EUROPE GOING GREEN - EUROPEAN CITIES TO AGREE ON NEW STRATEGY FOR SUSTAINABILITY

The ECM Spring meeting in Belfast February 26-28, 2014 was devoted to future challenges for smart cities, green meetings and sustainable tourism.

Green initiatives and eco-tourism seem to fit better with our idea of conserving and protecting the natural environment rather than our urban spaces. National institutions are often the ones charged with providing policies, platforms, agendas and legislation to steer our way through one of the most pressing challenges of our times. However, sustainability is much more than green initiatives.

Two critical factors challenge this approach. Firstly, the world is becoming urban very quickly. According to the United Nations, today 52% of the world lives in cities and by 2020 75% will do so. Secondly, city tourism has become the dominant factor in European tourism. Since 2002 the growth in bed-nights to cities has grown exponentially compared to bed-nights to countries which have matured.

According to a 2013 European Cities Marketing member survey, 89% of their city members consider sustainability to be a critical issue and 58% are working on specific sustainability projects. A further 48% consider sustainability to be a key part of their Unique Selling Proposition.

www.europeancitiesmarketing.com

DENMARK: COPENHAGEN'S NEW HOTEL, MEETINGS, EXHIBITION & CONFERENCE GIANT

The **Bella Center**, Scandinavia's largest convention centre, and the conference hotel **Crowne Plaza Copenhagen Towers** have been brought under joint management past January. The resulting major player in the Danish hotel-, meeting-, exhibition- and conference industry is located just a few minutes from Copenhagen Airport, and only ten minutes from the city centre by Metro.

The merger of the two creates a powerful unit with an impressive 1,178 hotel rooms, 150 meeting and conference rooms, and more than 200,000 sqm/ 2,152,773 sq ft of congress, exhibition and conference facilities with room for more than 30,000 guests and delegates.

Bella Center is integrated with the Bella Sky Hotel, offering 814 rooms, meetings facilities, a sky bar and a spa. The conference hotel, Crowne Plaza Copenhagen Towers, is one of the world's most sustainable hotels and the only hotel in Copenhagen to be ISO 14001-certified.

www.meetincopenhagen.com | www.visitcopenhagen.com

PATA Travel Mart 2014

27-19 September 2014, Diamond Island Convention and Exhibition Centre, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

The Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) will hold the 37th PATA Travel Mart 2014 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, the "Kingdom of Wonder." The Mart is being hosted by the Ministry of Tourism of Cambodia.

PTM 2014 will offer the opportunity to buy and sell Asia Pacific travel products in an emerging destination that has diversified its tourist attractions and attracted double digit increases in arrivals over the last 10 years.

PATAmPower statistics show that in 2013 Cambodia's visitor arrivals increased 8% to over 3.7 million. Tourism accounts for about 16% of Cambodia's GDP, around US\$2.5 billion per year.

PTM 2013 in Chengdu, China, attracted 550 seller and 473 buyer delegates with over 10,000 business appointments conducted over the days. A similar or larger number are expected in Phnom Penh.

Immigration update: Foreign visitors are now able to obtain a Cambodian visa online easily or upon arrival at the airport. Visitors can get an e-visa online. Instead of applying through a Cambodian embassy, the process is quickly done online at <http://evisa.mfaic.gov.kh>

[See more details!](#)



AIRLINE NEWS: NEW SERVICES FROM THE USA TO TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

New services from the New York, Newark and Fort Lauderdale to Trinidad and Tobago and the Dominican Republic

JetBlue Airways announced new connections to Sport of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago. A daily nonstop service from New York (JFK) has already launched. From May 1 there will be an additional departure from Fort Lauderdale.

Also on May 1, the airline will launch new services from

- Fort Lauderdale to Montego Bay, Jamaica
- Fort Lauderdale to Punta Cana, Dominican Republic
- Newark to Santiago, Dominican Republic.

[See more details!](#)

United Airlines Applies For New York - Santiago, Dominican Republic, Service

United Airlines has announced its plan for a new daily service from its New York hub at Newark Liberty Intl. Airport to Santiago, Dominican Republic starting in summer 2014 (subject to government approval). Flights will take off at Newark at 9:00 am, return flights will arrive in Newark at 5:55 pm assuring roundtrip connectivity with Washington, D.C., and Chicago, IL.

[See more details!](#)

MICE APPS

Star Alliance Navigator App Goes Android

The new Star Alliance Navigator App for Android, provides all Star Alliance travel related information and details of the wide-ranging Alliance services and benefits. Grouped into several categories, these include:

Travel Services

Flight Search - browse the member carrier schedules of more than 21,900 daily flights to 1328 airports in 195 countries.

Flight Status - Track any Star Alliance member airline flight.

Lounge Finder - Details of the more than 1,000 Star Alliance and member airline lounges available worldwide

Airport Information - Weather, City Guides, Lounges and member airlines serving the destination

THAILAND CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION BUREAU (TCEB): ATTRACTIVE REWARDS AND SUPPORTING PACKAGES TO BUYERS.

TCEB has announced the strong performance of Thailand's MICE industry in the first quarter of the 2014 fiscal year. The bureau reported that between October and December 2013, Thailand welcomed 186,864 MICE travellers, contributing more than USD 479/ EUR 348.8 million into the country's economy. Compared to the same period in 2013, visitor numbers and revenue grew a healthy 5.16% and 6.16% respectively.

These figures build on the upward trend established during the 2013 fiscal year, when 1,013,502 MICE visitors experienced Thailand's diverse business destinations, high quality professionals and international standards, while taking advantage of significant business opportunities.

Meetings Bonus – Conventions Bonus – Business Up 2 U – Be My Guest

TCEB has introduced special rewards packages offering organisers generous financial subsidies. Conditions are

- **Meetings Bonus:** for meeting organisers, minimum group size of 200 delegates, minimum stay of 3 nights, attendance of corporate meeting or incentive travel in Thailand.
- **Conventions Bonus:** for associations, PCOs, governments and educational institutions, minimum group size of 300 delegates, attendance of international conventions held in Thailand.
- **Business Up 2 U:** fixed subsidy programme for exhibitions based on their previous years' performance, offering TCEB's guaranteed support.
- **Be My Guest:** financial support for room night allocation for high quality international exhibition buyers and visitors, maximum of two room nights per person per exhibition.

Buyers will see the Thailand CONNECT marketing campaign focusing on the countries key strengths – diverse destinations right at the heart of the fast-growing AEC region – unrivalled business opportunities – and high-quality MICE professionals and standards. Included market promotions packages within Thailand CONNECT are:

1. CONNECT Destinations -- exclusively for meetings and incentive travel groups in multiple cities.
2. CONNECT People -- exclusively for expanding market connections, especially for international conventions.
3. CONNECT Business -- exclusively for 'match-making' at exhibitions in Thailand.

www.tceb.or.th

USA, FLORIDA: NEW, FLEXIBLE EVENT SPACE AT SPACE SHUTTLE ATLANTIS – KENNEDY SPACE CENTER VISITOR COMPLEX

Host your event underneath the historic spacecraft - Space Shuttle Atlantis!

The new, flexible event space is located on the first floor of the 8,361 sqm/ 90,000 sq ft Space Shuttle Atlantis attraction, with the shuttle serving as the spectacular centerpiece. The facility seats up to 300 attendees in a plated dinner format or accommodates large receptions for groups of up to 1,200. Experience the priceless spacecraft and featuring more than 60 interactive experiences and simulators that bring to life the people, passion and patriotism behind NASA's 30-year Space Shuttle Program.

In addition to the new Space Shuttle Atlantis, there are the Dr. Kurt H. Debus Conference Facility and the Apollo/Saturn V Center.

The **Dr. Kurt H. Debus Conference Facility** can be used as a single room or converted into five fully functional meeting spaces (Juno, Jupiter, Vanguard, Atlas, and Redstone) supported by an onsite kitchen and multimedia audio/visual equipment. The conference facility can accommodate groups from 30 to 700 and overlooks the historic Rocket Garden, a full-sized display of eight vintage rockets from the Mercury, Gemini and Apollo space programs.

The **Apollo/Saturn V Center** captures the authenticity of the moon landing missions within a 9,290 sqm/ 100,000 sqft facility. The centerpiece is the gigantic Saturn V moon rocket revealed in all of its awesome stages. There is banquet space available that can accommodate a 300-person plated dinner or a 3,000-person standing reception.

Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex offers state-of-the-art audio/visual facilities and auditorium-style space, including two 400-seat IMAX theaters and the 300-seat Astronaut Encounter Theater.

An **event planning and catering team** of experienced meeting and conference staff provides turnkey planning and execution of events at any level of production or sophistication.

www.KennedySpaceCenter.com

Star Alliance Benefits details the various benefits Star Alliance offers across its global network, such as Frequent Flyer Programme advantages and lounge access, as well as additional benefits for Gold Status customers.

Explore essential travel related information such as flight schedules, airport information, lounges and flight status of Star Alliance Members.

Member Airline Details

Technical Information

A dedicated tablet App for Android is planned for later this year.

[See more details!](#)

JAMAICA - A DESTINATION UPDATE

Following a record-breaking year in stopover arrivals of more than two million in 2013, Jamaica's tourist industry continues on a path towards diversifying its product in order to maintain its competitiveness. A number of new and refurbished hotels, comprising more than 2,000 rooms, have been added to Jamaica's accommodations portfolio. With the expansion, the destination has welcomed some well-known hotel brands including Blue Diamond, Hyatt, Karisma, Marriott, Melia and Riu Palace, as part of its strategy to deliver a world class product.

Ocho Rios

Jewel Paradise Cove Beach Resort & Spa: Recently opened in 2013, this 225-room, adults-only oceanfront retreat in Runaway Bay is centered on an all-inclusive health, spa and fitness theme. Formerly Hedonism III, this is the third Jewel property to be opened in Jamaica by the Sagacor Group and brings the total number of rooms under the Jewel brand to 741.

Montego Bay

Hyatt Ziva Rose Hall: Formerly the Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort & Spa, the Hyatt Ziva Rose Hall will reopen later this year with expanded facilities and more rooms. Hyatt Ziva's all-inclusive resorts capture the fun and vitality of vacation. Playa Hotels & Resorts owns and manages the brand.

Meliá Jamaica: The 226-room Braco Village Hotel & Spa in Trelawny is now undergoing a comprehensive renovation and will reopen as the upscale all-inclusive Meliá Jamaica in November 2014. It will be the chain's first property in Jamaica. Meliá Hotels International adds to the growing list of Spanish hotel operators on the island.

Hotel Riu Palace Jamaica: Located next to the Riu Montego Bay, this newly built all-inclusive, adults-only 238-room hotel opened in December 2013. Riu Palace Jamaica is RIU's most luxurious hotel in Jamaica and the island's fifth Riu hotel. It is the first in offering the chain's exclusive 'Adults Only' service.

Royalton White Sands: This luxury, all-inclusive resort in the Montego Bay area opened in November 2013. Formerly Breezes Trelawny, this extensively renovated hotel offers 352 guestrooms and is being positioned as an "all-in connectivity" resort, offering free in-room calls to North America and most of Europe, with free WiFi throughout the property.

Sea Garden Beach Resort: This 150-room Montego Bay property was completely refurbished and had its reopening mid-December 2013.

The Oasis at Sunset: Formerly the Beach Inn wing adjoining the Sunset Beach Resort Spa & Waterpark, this 124-room section was opened in December 2013 as a separate hotel. Guests enjoy extra pampering, a dedicated concierge, a private beach with an au natural section tucked out of the way, and access to all of the facilities, activities, entertainment, and restaurants at Sunset Beach all-inclusive resort.

Negril

Azul Sensatori Jamaica: Jamaica's first Azul Sensatori hotel by Karisma Hotels & Resorts in Negril has opened its doors, welcoming its first guests in December 2013. The 136-room hotel features separate adults-only and family sections. Azul Sensatori Jamaica is Karisma's first property outside of Mexico and its sixth property overall.

Kingston

Marriott Courtyard Hotel: Ground was broken in July 2013 for the construction of a 130-room business hotel. The five-story corporate hotel, a J\$2 billion investment, is scheduled to be completed in time for the 2015/16 winter tourist season. Upon completion, it will employ an estimated 430 Jamaicans.

Spanish Court Hotel: Kingston's newest hotel is expanding its room stock from 110 to 125 rooms. The new rooms are scheduled to open in February 2014. Guests can visit the recently opened gift shop to take a piece of Jamaica back home or relax in the new lounge area set to be opened in April.

[See more details!](#)