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CARIBBEAN Winter Update

Here are some new selling points to help you kick off 2016 on a lucrative note.

CARIBBEAN SPECIALISTS looking to start the year off on a hot note could find some potential selling points in this latest batch of hot Caribbean news. We begin with the Dominican Republic where a highly anticipated family resort has begun accepting reservations; a family-friendly all-inclusive just added an adults-only zone and a Singapore-based resort company recently opened its second Caribbean property.

Nickelodeon Punta Cana Taking Bookings for May

Nickelodeon Hotels & Resorts Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic is now accepting reservations for May 2016. The TV network's first-ever international hotel property, providing both family entertainment and

Karisma's "Gourmet Inclusive" experience, will begin accepting reservations as of now at 1-844-SEE-NICK and www.nickresortpuntacana.com. Guests who book early can take advantage of "Sun, Slime & Savings!" — discounts of up to 45 percent valid for bookings now until January 31. Additionally, kids under 13 years old Stay, Eat and Play Free with a minimum four nights' stay.

The upscale resort, fronted on Uvero Alto beach, has a sleek, modern design and 208 oversized suites in seven styles to cater to a variety of tastes, from intimate Jacuzzi Pads and Flats to Swim-Up Suites.

Clients may also choose to book one of four exclusive, two- and three-bedroom "Super Villas," providing upwards of 2,200 square feet of space each,

including the "Pineapple Villa," inspired by the popular SpongeBob SquarePants Nickelodeon character.

Suites will include such features as Jacuzzis, private patios, wrap-around terraces or balconies, and 24-hour in-room dining options. Plus, all guests will enjoy "Got You Covered" amenities like complimentary baby food, strollers, cribs, kids' spa robes and baby bottle warmers for infants and toddlers.

There will be 10 Gourmet Inclusive restaurants, two "Gourmet Corners," four bars and lounges, and the Doppio Coffee Shop, which will offer worldly cuisine. Dining options will range from kid-friendly to elegant.

Nickelodeon Hotels & Resorts Punta Cana will also include an array

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Moon Palace Jamaica Grande is Palace Resorts' first property outside of Mexico.

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of innovative and fun food and beverage options at themed restaurants that reflect the brand, with unexpected colors, imaginative food samples, “Slime Smoothies,” and characters realized through tropical fruits and vegetables.

Adventures can be balanced with relaxation at the resort, thanks to Vassa Spa’s herbal steam room, dry sauna, chromo therapy showers, bubble beds, whirlpool, and arctic and warm water pools. Guests will be able to escape into one of five treatment suites, couple’s suite, luxurious bridal suite, or one of five “al fresco” outdoor treatment areas for those craving a little sand with their spa.

For guests celebrating something special, the hotel will offer character meet-and-greets, character dining, cake and ice cream.