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## MAYBE PARADISE

*Abaca Resort in Cebu ensures  
the luxury of pampering*

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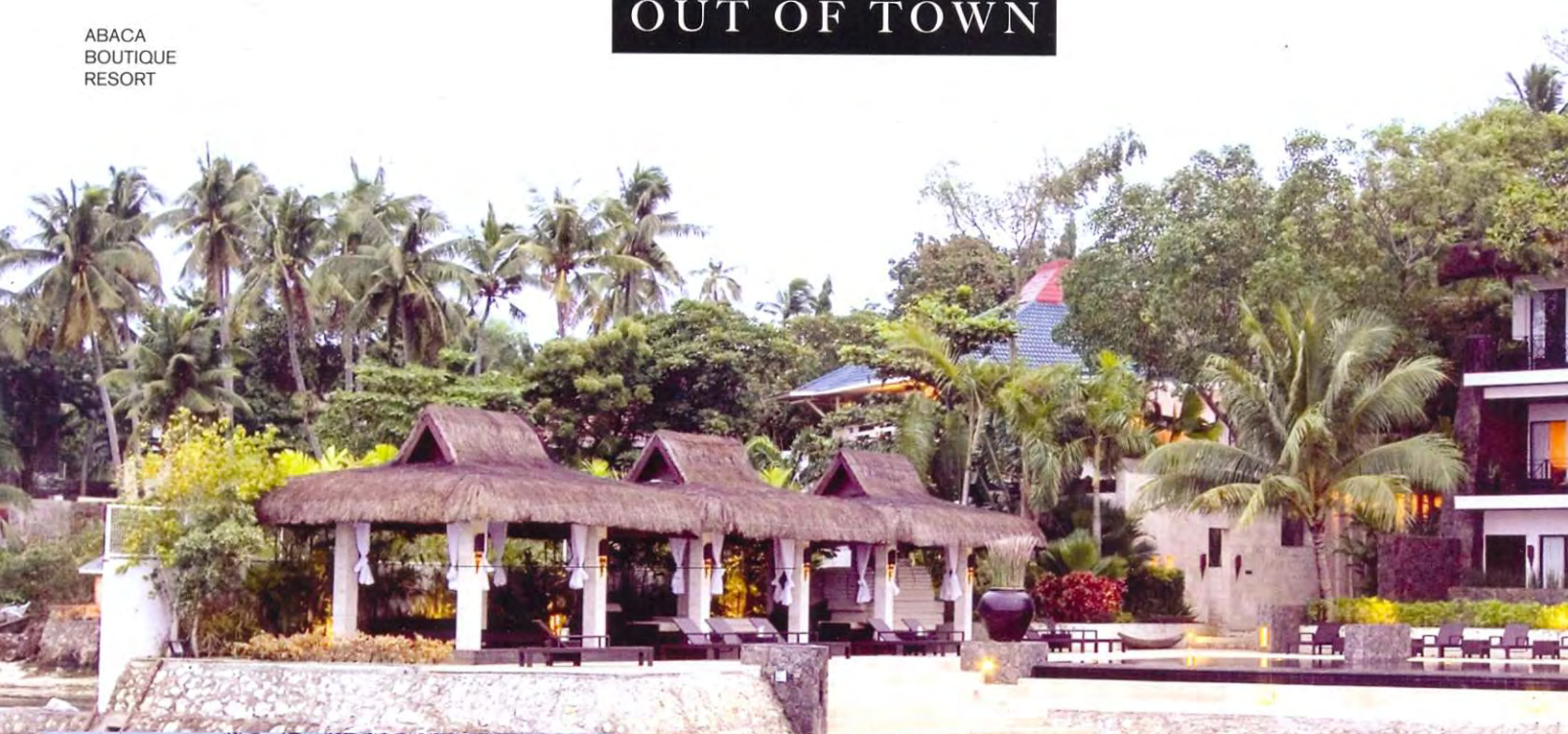
*A* baca Boutique Resort is the uber exclusive establishment within Engano Bay that nestles amidst lush greenery and tropical foliage. This latest addition to Cebu's hospitality industry takes luxury another step up for a pampering experience par excellence. Privacy and quietness are part of the package. Throw in breathtaking seascapes and these are just for starters.

# WELL



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ABACA RESORT'S SWIMMING POOL OPENS UP TO THE OCEAN



THE OCEANFRONT  
SPA VILLA



GARDEN  
POOL VILLA



THATCHED  
CABANAS BY THE  
BEACHFRONT



BASK UNDER  
THE SUNBY



SPA TREATMENTS ARE CUSTOMIZED FOR EACH CLIENT



The design of the facility has a modern Asian feel which combines natural materials and fibers. The use of warm colors blends well with the natural surroundings. Amenities in each suite intimate the personal attention owners Jason and Anna Hyatt have given to detail.

The resort has six deluxe suites and three villas, which overlook the oceanside. There are private pools in two of the villas and a slated infinity saltwater pool with water warmed to a comfortable temperature. Thatched cabanas surrounding the thermal waters invite an afternoon nap or a leisurely read of a favorite book. A personal butler's unobtrusive presence insures that whim or wish will be addressed.

Promotional packages are available depending on the season. The Paradise Spa and Dining Package anticipates needs of discriminating clients. It includes Anna Hyatt's specially formulated organic spa products, bamboo body polishes, seaweed body wraps, Abaca's signature massage and everlasting facials. Couples can avail of these together or separately, spaced out over the course of their stay or altogether as they prefer. Breakfast in bed serves generous portions and four course wine dinners are inclusive to this particular package.

The Abaca experience includes dining in the award-winning restaurant, adjacent to the resort. The menu is Chef Jason's domain, he who honed his skills in France, California, and Hong Kong. The kitchen uses a wood burning brick oven from which whole roasted seabass Barramundi, savory flat bread pizzas, and fresh ciabatta bread come. Entrée favorites include Herb Papperdalle enveloped in wild mushrooms, braised veal and parmesan cheese, and a Chilled Angus Ribeye served with Tobacco Road Onions and Dirty Mashed Potatoes.

Chef Jason remarks that simple, basic food cooked properly is anything but simplistic. His Chocolate Pot de Crème is a stellar example. Although it may look easy and straightforward, it takes great skill to produce the velvety dessert that compels repeated servings during the course of the stay.

Piped in lounge music, dim lighting and ocean breeze orchestrate an atmosphere conducive for forgetting all other realities. This is a hideaway to nourish and recharge and for a few days, believe that possibly, this is what paradise was all about. □

Abaca Resort is located at Punta Engano Road, Mactan Island, Lapu-Lapu City, Cebu. For inquiries and reservations, phone (32) 495 3461 or (32) 236 0311, email <relax@abacaresort.com> or visit <abacaresort.com>.