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CANOE COVE

A Sportsman's Simplicity

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"The idea was to break the rules of formal spaces," says Michele Subaran the interior designer

As you meander down the winding driveway, well before you even reach the front door, it's obvious that this property is going to be one-of-a-kind. Lining either side of the road, situated among the hand picked trees and meticulously plotted landscape features, a series of sporting amenities begin to roll out: a Har-Tru clay tennis court, a putting green, a basketball court, a gym cottage and the curving path of a ¼ mile jogging trail loop – not to mention (although not visible from the road) the 75 foot junior Olympic pool with swimming lanes on the seaside of the villa. "I wanted to create a place comfortable enough that if you really wanted to relax all day, you could, but if you wanted to be active, you had everything you would need available to you," says the villa owner.

Set on three acres of land in Old Fort Bay, St Ann, Canoe Cove has been a labour of love for the villa owners who worked alongside architect Jeremy Millingen, landscape designers Charles Rulick and Stephen Jones, and interior designer/project manager Michele Subaran to create a whole property development in line with their unique vision of what they have dubbed "a sportsman's simplicity". Subaran says, "The owners wanted a high-end villa with a real outdoor feel incorporating multiple sporting amenities." According to Subaran, the key design elements



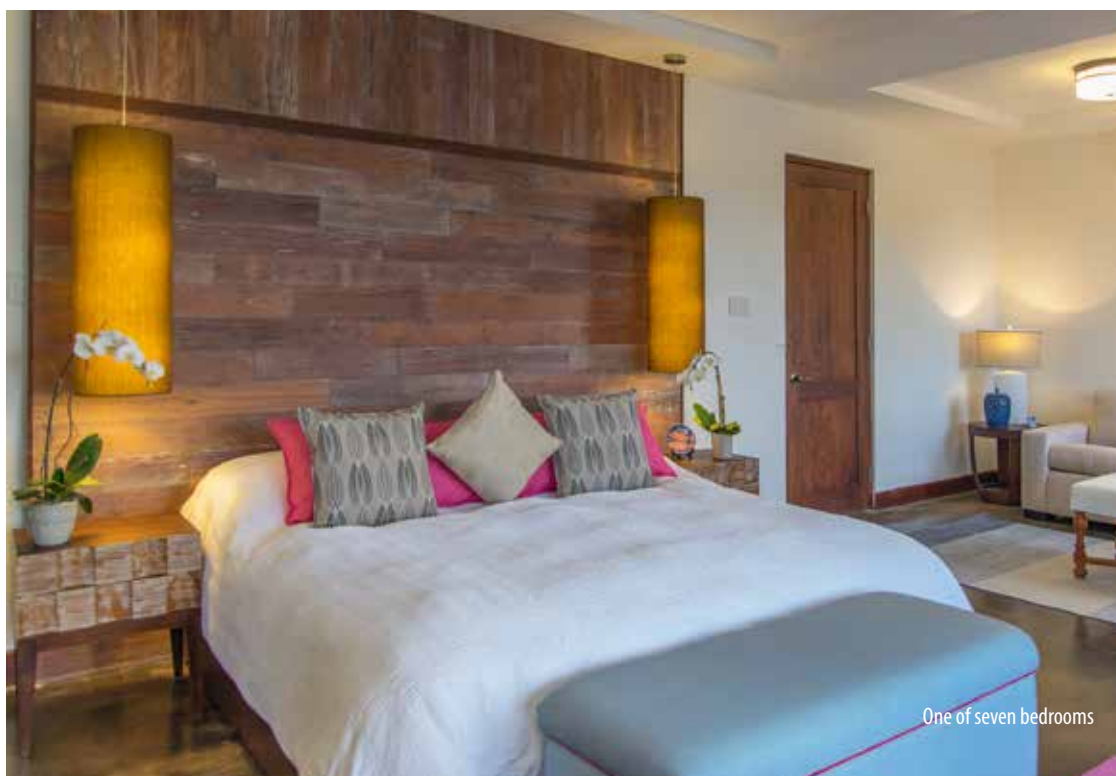
A Har-Tru clay court



Canoe Cove is a 3-acre estate
in Old Fort Bay, St Ann



The comfortable living and dining rooms



One of seven bedrooms



An indoor/outdoor shower

included no “inequality of spaces.” Six of the seven rooms (which feature king size beds, some with large indoor/outdoor bathrooms) face the sea and avoid any typically placed, but often unused, living areas generally found in villas. “The idea was to break the rules of formal spaces,” Subaran states of the architectural challenge Millingen faced. As such, entering the house through the “great room,” the only indoor living/dining space, is more like walking on to a large covered verandah – with no complete walls, awnings (as necessary) for windows, landscaped corridors, artistically inspired grills, and sliding French doors that when slipped one into the other open the front of the house completely to the sea.

Of what this property means to the owners, Subaran explains, “the family history here is strong, so were the design concepts that really reflect the personalities of the owners...it’s not just another villa development, it’s more sentimental...it’s a home that the family will enjoy for years to come.” △

Canoe Cove can be rented through Jamaica Villas by Linda Smith www.jamaicavillas.com





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Canoe Cove's expansive beachfront



The kitchen, where all the villa magic happens

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