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Fact Sheet

Opening Date:	Soft Opening: March 2005 Grand Opening: Spring 2006
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Management:	The Houston-based Prohotel International also manages Sublime Samana Hotel & Residences in Las Terrenas, Dominican Republic; Casa Bonita Tropical Lodge in Barahona, Dominican Republic; and The Lodge at Pico Bonito in La Ceiba, Honduras.
Key Personnel:	General Manager – Philip Vidal Executive Chef – Noe Bernardo

Description:

Brought to life by its natural surroundings and elements, “Esencia” explores all of life’s most unique pleasures touching on each individual’s senses. Set on one of the best beaches in the Riviera Maya, Esencia, a member of *Small Luxury Hotels of the World*, offers the soothing sound of the water with incredible views, sophisticated cuisine with rustic simplicity, personalized butler service and luxurious amenities.

Location:

Located on Playa Xpu-ha, approximately 60 minutes south of Cancun, on 2 miles of white sand beach and 50 acres of lush green gardens.

Accommodations:

Choose from **29 ocean and garden view guest rooms, suites and cottages**. All accommodations feature furnishings crafted from native woods, bright and airy white walls and floors, twelve foot high ceilings and mahogany louvered doors and large windows that frame tropical garden and sea views. Other features include 600-thread-count Egyptian cotton sheets, duvet covers, glorious down pillows and Molton Brown amenities; extra-large bathrooms with double rain-shower heads; and private chef and butler service for those who wish. Décor is all in white, simple and elegant, with deep colorful accents and ‘tapete’ stone inlays on the floor.

Casa Principal (Main House):

Centerpiece of the 50-acre resort is this spectacular three-story, nine-suite main house. The former home of an Italian Duchess, it features a unique Catalan dome brick roof, perfect beachfront location, salon and private dining room with a state-of-the-art kitchen and chef’s tables. Wi-Fi is available in the main house and by the two main swimming pools.

Rosa’s Suite – The ocean view master suite is the resort’s largest suite, located in the main house. It boasts an enormous balcony, private solarium and plunge pool. An adjoining suite, which cleverly connects through the bathroom, is known as the “Jaguar Room” and has its own private terrace and entrance.

Deluxe Ocean View, or “Torre”, located in the main house, boasts a 360 degree view of the sea and garden from a penthouse perch.

Ocean View Room and Suites are located in the main house and feature spectacular ocean views, spacious living areas, walk-in closets and an expansive terrace.

Located in the garden area, are the **Garden Suites**. Features include a terrace, plunge pool, sitting area, spacious bathroom with his and her sinks and large walk-in closet.

Esencia also offers two **Cottages** with garden views; the perfect option for families. Each two-story cottage has a large living room, kitchen, state-of-the-art media room including flat screen TV and surround sound and a large private pool. The upstairs master bedroom features a huge terrace and the second bedroom has its own bathroom. On request, the second bedroom can be outfitted with two beds for children. Cottage guests have the option of butler service upon request. Cottages feature a gourmet kitchen to be used by the personalized resort chef upon request.

Next to each cottage are four **Garden Rooms**, in a separate building. The Garden Rooms can be booked in conjunction with the cottages or separately. Garden rooms feature one or two beds.

The combination of a cottage and four garden rooms can accommodate up to 12 persons, ideal for a reunion, friends' getaway or Board of Directors meeting.

Check in: 3:00 P.M.

Check out: 12:00 P.M.

Children: Children are permitted

Credit Cards: American Express, Visa & MasterCard

Reservations & Deposit: Two-night charge at time of booking will be made to credit card and is non-refundable within 14 days for high season (January 1 to April 30) and 7 days during summer season (May 1 to December 20). Special promotions and packages have different policies; please refer to them when booking.

In-Room Amenities:

In-room entertainment center includes, DVD player, CD player with a selection for your listening pleasure, satellite cable plasma T.V., automatic black out shades, hair dryers, safety deposit boxes, unobtrusive high-tech audiovisual equipment and lighting with dual bedside controls and iPod docking stations. iPod minis are available for use upon request. Sub-zero, full-sized bottle refrigerators with complimentary water, soft drinks, beer and separate freezer are also offered.

Although a room number is given, guest rooms and room keys are not labeled with a number fostering a truly unplugged atmosphere. A welcome amenity greets guests upon arrival. Guests receive a complimentary continental breakfast delivered to their room terrace each morning.

Restaurant Facilities:

Sal y Fuego, meaning salt and fire, specializes in international modern sophisticated cuisine with a Mexican flair. The atmosphere is enhanced by its view, which overlooks a cenote, an underground fresh water pool that is illuminated at night. Chef Noe Bernardo uses fresh seafood and naturally grown products from the area to create a light bliss for the palate. The menu highlights Meso-American cooking with key dishes. Certain meats and seafood dishes are simmered in banana leaves deep below the earth, resulting in rich flavors and buttery soft textures. A Chef's table can be set up at the guest's preferred location – whether at the restaurant or on the beach.

Sal y Fuego offers a wide variety of world-renowned wines, liquors and special cocktails at the bar. Wines from Spain, France, Chile, South Africa and Australia bring the essence of their origin with the flavors of their environment. Evenings will come alive with the spirit selection.

Esencia hosts gatherings by the beach, pool or garden with full service and entertainment. Special menus can be tailored to please each event. Restaurant hours are from 7.00 a.m. to 11 p.m. The bar is open from 11.00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Restaurant reservations are recommended.

Spa:	Guests at Aroma can enjoy the first pampering organic spa in the Riviera Maya offering an array of face and body treatments and therapeutic baths incorporating pure indigenous fruits, plants and herbs. All spa products are organically certified and chemical-free. An herb garden near the spa is the main source for body treatment ingredients. The 2,500 square foot, palapa roofed spa offers six treatment rooms for individuals and couples, four Jacuzzis and two Mayan-style domed steam rooms. Guests can enjoy complimentary teas and the juice of the day before and after their treatment. A beachside Temazcal Mayan Sauna is also featured. Complimentary group yoga and meditation classes are available with an instructor in the main house terrace or garden area.
Services:	Room service, nightly turndown, concierge service, multilingual staff, valet service, party / wedding coordinator, Chef's tables, personalized in-suite chefs, house butlers, multi-lingual Nannies, yoga and scuba instructor.
Pools:	Esencia offers two main pools, one for families and one for adults-only; two private pools for the cottages and 12 plunge pools.
Activities:	Enjoy miles of white sand beaches, horse back riding, fishing, boating, snorkeling, wind surfing, cenote diving, parasailing, golf, bird watching, nature walks, tennis, jungle tours and adventure trails. Scuba diving outings and certification are available through the concierge.
Nearby Attractions:	Xcaret, Cozumel Island, Xel-ha, Tulum, Cancun, Coba, Isla Mujeres, Sian-Khan, Chichenitza, Akumal, Playa del Carmen and Uxmal.
Private Transportation:	Private transportation available to and from the Cancun International Airport.
Driving Instructions:	60 miles south of the Cancun International Airport. Drive towards Tulum passing Playa del Carmen, upon arriving into the XPU-HA area turn left at XPU-HA 2.

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