Owners of Mezzanine and La Zebra make waves with new Tulum boutique hotel

TULUM, Riviera Maya (Nov. 18, 2008) – Beach goers searching for intimate hotel experiences along Mexico's stunning Mayan Riviera in the bohemian town of Tulum now have a new little hotel to dive into.

Nov. 21, 2008 - <u>PRLog</u> -- The owners of hip Tulum hot spots, Mezzanine and La Zebra, have opened a splashy new six-room oceanfront boutique hotel, called Pez Ocean Palace in a secluded rocky cove overlooking private lagoon, Punta Piedra, and a short walk from the Tulum beach village. The hotel's spectacular private inlet is protected by amazing rock formations, and draws testament to the ancient Mayans, who also held the place as sacred.

"We decided to call it 'ocean palace' as a grand statement to the genius, history and culture of the Mayan palaperos, a dying breed of artisans that build these amazing roof structures from nothing more than wood, grass and palm leaf fronds," explains U.S. owner John Kendall. Kendall also conceived of La Zebra, a 14-cabana escape featuring a traditional Mexican beach restaurant and fresh fruit juice margarita bar, and Mezzanine, a nine-room contemporary hotel with an authentic Thai restaurant and bar that has drawn accolades for its packed Friday night DJ parties under the stars.

Full of style and whimsy, all of Pez's six special rooms have ocean views and carry names that reflect beloved sea creatures, including dolphin, parrotfish and mermaid. Rooms feature modern amenities and comforts such as high-speed wireless internet, hot water, 24-hour electricity, private stargazing balcony, bathroom with overhead rain shower and marble sink, daily maid service, and a personal concierge who is delighted to assist guests with vacation ideas. A swimming pool sits amid landscaped gardens overlooking the turquoise Caribbean sea, and guests can spend their days gazing at the amazing local bird life that soars overhead – pelicans, eagles and even the occasional pink flamingos – while local fishermen cast their hand-woven nets into the cove from the guardian rock formations. During the summer months from July to September, giant sea turtles can often be seen at night digging their nests in front of the hotel and laying hundreds of eggs, which hatch into November.

Pez's restaurant theme of Oriental-Mexican fusion is set to be yet another winner that rounds out the trio of fabulous dining created by Mezzanine's Thai restaurant and La Zebra's traditional Mexican beach cantina. The Pez menu boasts incredible fresh seafood dishes, as well as Asian-inspired noodles, dumplings and tempura with the flavors and passions of Mexico. The champagne bar serves up bubbly cocktails as the house special with fresh tropical fruit juice twists. Restaurant and bar open at 5 pm for public service, ensuring maximum privacy for guests to have the run of the house during the day.

Room rates start at \$260 US per night. Check www.tulumhotelpez.com for availability.

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"Pez is a new Tulum hotel with six "ocean-chic" rooms. Situated right on the ocean along the famous Tulum beach between Zamas and Maya Tulum, Pez is a boutique oceanfront hotel with both a funky restaurant and champagne bar overlooking the beautiful private lagoon of Punta Piedra and the Caribbean

just beyond."

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