

# Editors' CHOICE

## *The Regent Bal Harbour*



OPENED IN MARCH 2008, THE REGENT BAL Harbour ([www.regentbalharbour.com](http://www.regentbalharbour.com)) is set on the northeastern tip of Bal Harbour Village, Florida, with stunning views of Baker's Haulover Inlet and the Atlantic Ocean.

The first luxury hotel to open in Bal Harbour Village in more than 50 years, the Regent Bal Harbour features a stylish two-story lobby and 124 spacious guest rooms – including 61 studios, 60 executive suites, 2 grand suites, and 1 presidential suite – in four towers, as well as 750 feet of sandy beaches, an infinity-edge pool, and cabanas. The stylish hotel was recently honored as one of the “15 Hotels to Watch” on *Travel + Leisure's* World's Best List 2008, one of the “30 Best New Hotels Around the Globe” on *Travel + Leisure's* It List 2008, as well as one of the “40 Must-See Properties” on *Travel Agent's* 2008 “Hot New List.”

No guest can miss the Regent Bal Harbour's private art collection, assembled by California-based art consultant and in-house curator Joan Warren-Grady and appraised at \$4 million in 2002. Pieces are on view throughout the hotel's public areas and guest rooms. In the lobby, guests are greeted by a larger-than-life abstract oil painting by Ed Moses. The eclectic collection also features the work of both new and established

*The lobby with a painting by Ed Moses (left); the beachside location of The Regent Bal Harbour (top); a room at the Guerlain Spa (bottom)*

artists, including sculptor Guy Dill and painters Jay McCafferty and Darren Waterston. Dill, famous for his Bronze Angel series, displays his stunning 30-foot bronze sculpture overlooking Baker's Haulover Inlet. McCafferty's contemporary “solar burning” works feature pastel on paper, which is then burned with the sun's rays using a magnifying glass. Waterston's distinctive *glicées* adorn the walls of guest rooms throughout the hotel.

A work of art in its own right, the 10,000-square-foot Guerlain Spa at the Regent Bal Harbour is located on the beach-access level and highlighted by a 10-foot, bush-hammered limestone water wall with a floating teak floor. Bamboo flooring, neutral-colored stones, and

earthy textures impart serenity upon the spa's clientele. The spa features 15 treatment rooms as well as private en-suite bathrooms, a foot therapy lounge with private stations, specialized hydrotherapy and Vichy body treatments, men's and women's sauna and steam rooms, and an extensive treatment menu. An exclusive beach-front treatment cabana with private terrace offers the ultimate spa sanctuary. With the combination of luxurious accommodations, a world-class spa, and a signature art collection, the Regent Bal Harbour is a delight for all of the senses. The new property is sure to delight discerning travelers, just as it has the staffs of some of the world's most renowned travel publications. ●