



Developers Of The Ritz-Carlton Residences, Sunny Isles Beach Celebrate Florida Derby In Grand Style

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Event showcasing the “Rich History of Thoroughbred Racing in Florida” will serve as a fundraiser for Give Back for Special Equestrians



As the Florida Derby looks to celebrate its 67th annual race for three-year-olds at Gulfstream Park in Hallandale, Fla. on March 30 -- an all-important prep race on the road to the Kentucky Derby -- the developers of The Ritz-Carlton Residences, Sunny Isles Beach will present a nostalgic look back at the history of thoroughbred racing in Florida with an elegant soirée -- one that will also revive the tradition of the illustrious pre-Derby gala.

Hosted by Fortune International Group and Château Group, the glamorous evening will be held on Thursday, March 28, at The Residences’ state-of-the-art sales gallery, located at 15800 Collins Avenue in Sunny Isles Beach. The event will salute the history of thoroughbred racing in Florida with a distinguished guest list made up of V.I.P.’s and some of the country’s top horse owners and trainers.

Stefan H. Zachar III, whose family owned one of the Florida Breeders Association’s first breeding farms, and whose grandfather, Stefan H. Zachar “Steve” -- a former Gulfstream Park vice president -- designed one of the country’s most famous racetracks, will give a talk during the event about thoroughbred racing in Florida and its decades of history.

His family's deep roots in the sport are chronicled in the book "Florida Thoroughbred." Horseracing silks and other memorabilia will also be on display, courtesy of Gulfstream Park -- an event sponsor and home to the famous stake race.

Yet, not all will be horseplay during the VIP event. The gathering will double as a major fundraiser for Give Back for Special Equestrians, an initiative that provides therapeutic horseback riding scholarships for disabled children and veterans in Florida, New York and Colorado, and aims to become a national fundraising vehicle for thousands of PATH-certified stables nationwide. Co-sponsors of the event include Lalique, Northern Trust, Miami Cancer Institute, Warren Henry Jaguar, Coastal Cares, and Miami Modern Luxury.

"The pre-Derby party is a time-honored tradition and we are so glad to be bringing it back," said Manuel Grosskopf, CEO of Château Group. "It is also an honor to announce our collaboration with Gulfstream Park and Give Back for Special Equestrians, most especially during one of the most important weeks for horseracing in the United States."

"Gulfstream Park is literally in the backyard of Sunny Isles. This is an excellent opportunity to engage our clients and potential buyers, many of whom are, themselves, ardent race fans," said Edgardo Defortuna, President and CEO of Fortune International Group.

Since its inception, The Ritz-Carlton Residences, Sunny Isles Beach have been a draw for well-heeled homebuyers worldwide. The ultra-high-end condominium, which comprises 212 residences, is slated for delivery at the end of this summer. Crafted by Arquitectonica, the project, which will be managed by The Ritz-Carlton, is an area standout – uniquely inspired by its prime location overlooking the ocean and Intracoastal Waterway. Interiors by acclaimed Florentine architect Michele Bönan will complement the exterior, blending the spirit of modern day Miami with its rich architectural past. In addition to a private club level on the 33rd floor, the building will have a beach restaurant, pool deck, kids club, spa, fitness center and wellness center, among other top-line amenities. Residences start at \$2.6 million, with penthouses offered upwards of \$25 million. Additional highlights in each residence -- all of which are smart home technology-ready -- will include walk-in closets, laundry rooms with full-size washers and dryers, and pre-wiring for high-speed internet access and Wi-Fi. Penthouses will feature lush garden terraces spanning 2,000 sq. ft. – 4,000 sq. ft., private pools and summer kitchens, custom-designed Italian cabinetry, service quarters, and well-appointed master suites. For additional information, call 305.503.5811 or visit <http://www.theresidencessunnyislesbeach.com>.

About the Project Developers

Fortune International Group

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development portfolio includes many of the most prominent residential properties in South Florida including Jade Signature, The Ritz-Carlton Sunny Isles, Auberge Beach Residences and Spa Fort Lauderdale and Hyde Resort & Residences Hollywood. In addition, Fortune Development Sales is the premier, exclusive on-site sales and marketing representative for third-party development projects in South Florida, having represented some of South Florida's most successful projects with thousands of sales to date. Led by visionary founder Edgardo Defortuna, Fortune International Group has 18 offices around the world with nearly 1,000 associates. Fortune's international broker network reaches legions of prospective buyers from South Florida to Buenos Aires, Hong Kong to São Paulo, and Manhattan to Paris. www.fortuneintlgroup.com.

The Château Group

The Château Group, founded under the leadership of Sergio and Manuel Grosskopf, has more than 35 years of experience in the development of real estate projects in South America and the United States. Château has participated in several major real estate endeavors over the last several years, Château introduced the concept of Mall in Argentina with the development of Alto Palermo and Alto Avellaneda Malls in Buenos Aires and the entry of Wal-mart and Zara to the Argentinian market. In the residential field, Château Group developed of 1.6 million square feet distributed in the two most emblematic towers in Buenos Aires, Argentina: Château Libertador and Château Puerto Madero. In the United States, Château Group developed Château Beach Residences, a luxury high-rise condominium in Sunny Isles and finished the construction of FENDI Château Residences in Surfside, the first real estate development branded by FENDI worldwide. Other projects in the pipeline include 600 and 700 Biscayne (Miami, FL) and a mixed-use development in Hallandale Beach. In addition, Château Group has positioned itself as a high-end residential market leader in the world-renowned city of Punta del Este, Uruguay through the development of the new FENDI Château Residences, Le Jardin Residences, Beverly Tower, Coral Tower and Millenium Tower.

About Give Back for Special Equestrians

Give Back for Special Equestrians, formerly Give a Buck for Special Equestrians, is a Florida-based nonprofit 501©3. The all-volunteer organization founded by Sissy DeMaria-Koehne, Dr. Heather Kuhl and Isabel Ernst in Vero Beach, Florida in 2013, provides therapeutic horseback riding and equine-assisted scholarships for disabled children and veterans through its partner stables in New York and Florida. Give Back for Special Equestrians aims to share the joy of horses and horsemanship with those facing some of life's most difficult physical, emotional and mental challenges and enable them to experience the life changing benefits of horsepower that heals. Through its Young Ambassador program, youth between ages 7-17 are encouraged to pay forward their blessings through active volunteerism. Young Ambassadors meet monthly during the school year and assist with a variety of fund and "friend" raising activities. For more information please visit www.giveabuckeq.org.



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