

CHARLES & LINDA HICKOX HOST TRAVEL INDUSTRY LEADERS

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L-R: Linda Hickox, Charles Hickox, Bill Fischer – Fischer Travel, Susan Melnick – Professional Travel Associates



Charles Hickox, Marty and Gloria Greenstein – Pro Travel



Debra Weinberg – Pisa Brothers, Linda Hickox, Lynn Goldfine – Tzell Travel, Carla Gaita – Signature Travel Network



Carlos Lopes, Charles Hickox, Martin Rapp – Altour International



Valerie Wilson – Valerie Wilson Travel, Charles Hickox, Linda Hickox

In honour of the 25-year anniversary of Cap Juluca, Charles and Linda Hickox – the original and current owners of the iconic Caribbean resort – recently hosted a special event for some of the country's top travel agents in their New York City home.

More than 80 industry heavyweights including Bill Fischer, Valerie Wilson and Martin Rapp – convened at the Hickox home and enjoyed fine tropical drinks as well as inventive cuisine catered by Peter Callahan. Many of the agents who attended have booked guests at the resort – recently named the #1 hotel on Anguilla and one of the best hotels in the Caribbean by U.S. News & World Report – for years.

Charles Hickox warmly welcomed the crowd and spoke about the resort's genesis. "It is a great pleasure for Linda and me to welcome you to celebrate Cap Juluca's 25th anniversary," he said. "Our wisdom began in 1984 when we were on vacation in Anguilla and were invited to visit Maundays Bay and were struck by the powder white sands and bright turquoise waters. We fell in love with the prospect of creating the most beautiful resort in the world on the most beautiful beach imaginable."

Angeles architect Oscar Farmer – famed for his work on the Los Angeles Coliseum, venues for the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics and the Bing Cosby Estate in Palm Springs, among others – began designing their dream resort in 1984. Pimms was constructed as a freestanding restaurant on the property. In 1988 the first villa was opened, and by 1991, 18 villas and the main home were complete.

The Hickox family owned and operated the resort from 1987 until 1997, working with the hotel management firm Unique Hotels to focus on elevating the iconic Caribbean retreat to even higher levels of excellence, and investing \$15 million to upgrade rooms, restaurants and public places.

Highlights of the redo include the newly-refurbished Spice Lounge, Blue and Maunday's Bar dining venues, as well as the addition of the new 3,290-square-foot Jonquil Suite, a beautifully appointed luxury villa with two master bedrooms, a sitting room, a full-service kitchen, an ocean front dining terrace, a Jacuzzi and a private, freshwater infinity pool. Situated within 15 striking whitewashed villas, all guest rooms and suites have also been refreshed – with vivid splashes of colours, abstract art and new soft goods.