

BRADENTON BEACH - Developer David Teitelbaum & partners are expanding their Bradenton Beach resort portfolio. Last week, they purchased the Tropic Isle Beach Resort at 101 22nd Street, located across from their SeaSide Inn Beach Resort.

The 15-unit Tropic Isle was purchased from Iberia Bank on December 2, 2011 & cost \$1.2 million. Plans include spending about one-half million for a complete “make over”. “We will bring Tropic Isle up to the high standards of our other resorts” according to Teitelbaum. “Opening is scheduled for mid-February”.

Tropic Isle will become the fifth Bradenton Beach Resort under Teitelbaum’s Anna Maria Island Resorts – a full service resort & condominium management company that includes: TradeWinds Resort, SeaSide Inn Beach Resort, Old Bridge Village & Tortuga Inn Beach Resort

In mid-January 2012, Anna Maria Island Catering (another Teitelbaum & partners company) will open a new restaurant called *Le Petite Café & the Tortuga Shop* at Tortuga. *Le Petite Café* will be managed by the highly successful *Island Creperie* on Bridge Street & will provide takeout & delivery of breakfast, lunch, dinner, beer & wine for Anna Maria Island Resorts guests. A new Tortuga reception area & commercial laundry facility was installed last month.

All Resorts are installing large, flat-screen televisions in every room of every apartment. These “computer televisions” will be hooked to a central computer & provide guests with full-time concierge services. Large bandwidth will provide free domestic

& international calling & will ask guests what they want to do & where they want to go. Customers will be able to rent hundreds of movies and/or video games in their apartments & schedule their complete vacation in advance. A wide-range of activities will be available, including: renting Jet Skis, Parasail, boats, horse-surfing, scooters, bicycles, sight-seeing & fishing trips, attending Island & mainland events, etc. etc.

“Anna Maria Island Resorts has a customer list of over 50,000, and receives about 400,000 website visits each year. We know our customers & communicate with them frequently. They tell us what they want to do on their vacation. Over the past 10 years, we have created ten new businesses and 50 new jobs – half of them part-time. We intend to add 25 more jobs with these new projects”. According to Teitelbaum. “We are continuing to expand here,” he said. “This is the Last Great Place!”