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MADAGASCAR'S VALIHA NOSY

UNOBSTRUCTED VIEWS AND OPPORTUNITY

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Valiha Island in the north Mitsio Archipelago is a privatelyowned tropical paradise with all the natural attributes and manmade improvements that lend themselves to the development of a spectacular resort. Formed over eighty-eight million years ago, when a large chunk of land broke away from mainland India, Madagascar and its neighbouring islands, known as nosys, finally settled in the Indian Ocean off the southeast coast of Africa. There, enjoying complete isolation and temperate climes all year-round, the archipelago played host to the development of a unique ecosystem and unparalleled biodiversity.

Lying northwest of Madagascar in the Mozambique Canal, the romantic desert island, Valiha Nosy, provides sanctuary for thousands of plants and animals, including five species of turtles which choose to lay their eggs on the east beaches, unique colorful lizards and rainbow-hued fish which swim undisturbed amongst unspoiled coral formations. In the summer months, majestic hump-backed whales can be spotted playing and performing their mating rituals in the emerald waters surrounding the island before continuing their migration north. Boasting an average of 330 days of sunshine, warm oceans and dense, luxuriant forests of wild tamarind, mango, banana, "satraka " and coconut palms, and mostly nocturnal rain between January and April, Valiha is everyone's dream of the perfect desert island.

With over 950 acres of gently rolling hills affording unobstructed 180 degree views of forests, white sand beaches, protected lagoons, a dramatic mandrake swamp and a magnificent waterfall, Valiha has

the rare potential to cater to both the eco-tourist and the hedonist seeking luxury and privacy, yet is easily accessible by air and sea from Madagascar. The sheer size of the island and its unique topography ensures that any well-sited construction will afford spectacular views. A protected lagoon offers crystal-clear waters for swimming, snorkeling or simply lazing. The temperature of the ocean breaking gently on the white sand and black-pebbled beaches barely fluctuates with an average of 27 degrees in summer and 23 degrees in winter. Valiha Nosy is the perfect location for a high-end, year-round playground.

The current owners of Valiha Nosy have prior experience in high-end development projects and have already considered the best sites for a luxury hotel complex, a private airstrip, protected anchorage and a magnificent golf property. The beaches are being scrupulously cleared, cleaned and restored. Two fresh water lakes, which will supply all the island's fresh water needs for the foreseeable future, are being constructed adjacent to Valiha's natural waterfall. The owners are also presently building a resort in southern Madagascar and have the knowledge and necessary contacts to undertake a project on the scale of Valiha Nosy. In order to proceed to the next stage of development, they are seeking investors, real estate developers or a high-end luxury hotel group with the vision to invest in the huge potential for sustainable tourism in Madagascar.







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