

**CALL IT GOLF'S ANSWER**  
to basketball's neatly titled Miami  
Thrice or Boston Three Party.

Three of Florida's grandest golf resorts have recently united under the management of Salamander Hotels & Resorts to form the Grand Golf Resorts of Florida, which features Innisbrook Resort near Tampa, Reunion Resort in Orlando, and Hammock Beach Resort in Palm Coast.

The new collection offers 162 holes of golf designed by Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, Tom Watson and Larry Packard. Each of these playing and architectural legends has fashioned a total of nine Signature Designs from the Gulf to the Atlantic – including PGA TOUR, Champions Tour and LPGA Tour event venues, as well as some of Florida's highest rated courses. Grand Golf Resorts of Florida also features the world's only resort-based ANNIKA Academy, an innovative teaching facility designed and developed by Annika Sorenstam.

Salamander has also created the Legends of Golf Trail, which traverses 200 miles between the resorts and across the Sunshine State. There is only a 90-minute drive between each multi-course location, at which Grand Golf Resorts of Florida guests and members enjoy the best rate and value.

"Florida is the world's greatest year-round and most-accessible golf and vacation destination, and we have created an experience unlike any other," says Sheila C. Johnson,

## GRAND GOLF RESORTS OF FLORIDA CREATES A NEW DESTINATION ACROSS THE SUNSHINE STATE

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Salamander's CEO and founder. "This resort concept has never before been accomplished, and because of the unique characteristics of each property, it cannot be replicated. There are numerous synergies between the resorts, and their geographic locations make them natural partners."

Salamander also manages the Grand Resorts at Cap Cana in the Dominican Republic, the Forbes Five Star and AAA Five Diamond Woodlands Inn near Charleston, SC, and is developing the luxurious Salamander Resort & Spa in Middleburg, VA, which will open in 2013 and is just one hour from Washington, D.C.



Located in Orlando, Reunion Resort features 330 accommodations, including luxury condominiums, private villas and deluxe vacation homes surrounded by 2,300 acres of lush landscape and nature preserve. Accommodations are highlighted by the 82-suite Reunion Grande, an 11-story hotel, replete with stunning lobby and bar, exquisite décor, elegantly appointed meeting space, and two restaurants – including the hip Eleven, which features a rooftop pool and nightly views of the fireworks from nearby Walt Disney World. The resort is the only location in the United States with golf courses designed by golf greats Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer and Tom Watson, and also features the exclusive ANNIKA Academy by Annika Sorenstam. Additional facilities include a boutique spa, multiple pools, slides, water playgrounds and a 1,000-foot lazy river.

Currently celebrating 40 years of excellence, Innisbrook Resort is situated on 900 wooded acres of rolling hills in the St. Petersburg/Clearwater area on Florida's Gulf Coast, and is located just 25 minutes from Tampa International Airport. Recently and completely renovated, the resort features four courses of championship golf designed by living legend Larry Packard, 600 spacious guest suites and rooms, four restaurants and three bars, the Innisbrook Golf Academy, 11 tennis courts, the new luxury Indaba Spa with 12 treatment rooms and state-of-the-art fitness center, six heated swimming pool complexes, a nature preserve, and three conference halls with 65,000 square feet of meeting space. The resort hosts the PGA TOUR Transitions Championship at its famed Copperhead Course, and the LPGA-supported Legends Tour Open Championship, held annually at the equally challenging Island Course.

Located along 2.4 miles of spectacular Atlantic beach on Florida's Palm Coast, the AAA Four Diamond-rated Hammock Beach Resort features 320 accommodations, including a 12-story tower of ocean view luxury suites, and an intimate 20-room lodge that features spectacular ocean and golf course views. Hammock Beach is famed for its two spectacular golf courses. The Ocean Course, designed by Jack Nicklaus, is one of Florida's highest rated and plays six holes directly along the Atlantic Ocean. The Conservatory Course was designed by Tom Watson and is one of Florida's longest and toughest layouts, characterized by numerous bunkers and beautiful stone work. The resort also features countless amenities for families and groups, including a multi-level water and swim pavilion, indoor atrium pool, spa and fitness center, oceanfront meeting and function space, and numerous dining choices including the oceanfront Atlantic Grille restaurant.

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**PROPERTIES**

- Innisbrook Resort (Tampa Bay)
- Reunion Resort (Orlando)
- Hammock Beach Resort (Palm Coast)