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Together they make a formidable team determined to bring the lifelong dream of Georgia's father, Mr Panos Papakokinos, a true Seychelles' icon, to life. Many years ago, it was Panos who bought this stunning beachside property with dream-like sea views over the neighbouring islands of Sainte Anne and Cerf.

It is this commitment to her father's dream and their combined skills so suited to bringing this project to reality, that have been the driving force behind Pangia Beach and this couple's passion to succeed is indeed infectious. As partners, they have chosen the acclaimed South African architectural firm SAOTA and, as contractors, Laxmanbhai with over 40 years of experience in Seychelles.

The first thing that strikes me as I enter this cocoon of elegance and sophistication ideally located between Mahé Island's international airport and its capital, Victoria, is how completely Pangia Beach, nestled between the majestic backdrop of the principal island's verdant mountains and its turquoise waters, conspires to make the very best of both worlds.

Divided across four buildings, Pangia Beach has a variety of property sizes from one to four-bedroom freehold apartments, to spectacular three or four bedroom penthouses with direct lift access and their very own infinity pools. In addition, Pangia Beach comes with all the amenities one would expect from a high-end secure complex: direct beach access, a private marina, a club house with entertainment area, an infinity pool and 24-hour access to a modern gym. The first block of apartments together with clubhouse, infinity pool and gym is already complete, with work on the final blocks and marina basin now well under way.

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Proceeding through the elegant, palm-framed entrance to the property, the show apartment on the ground floor provides an eloquent example of what fortunate, future owners can expect. The second, powerful impression one receives is one of fastidious attention to detail; a reflection of Georgia's innate sense of style to articulate a distinctive, modern take on barefoot luxury. It is instantly evident that great pains have been dedicated to achieve the finest design aesthetic. Carefully chosen, high-quality materials are used to craft a calming, relaxing interior to complement the grand ocean panoramas visible through the imposing aluminium-framed, sliding doors. These open out onto a spacious terrace, offering a seamless transition from indoor to outdoor living and one of Pangia Beach's hallmark contributions to the perfect island lifestyle. The state-of-the-art kitchen's marble-like, porcelain slabs, quality fixtures, oak cabinets and specially tropicalised Miele appliances, transitions elegantly into an ample living and entertainment area and is matched only by the graceful sweep of the master bedroom into its ensuite bathroom and shower complete with moveable oak louvers to assure privacy when necessary. Attention to detail is everywhere apparent, even down to providing adequate ventilation for clothing cupboards and the use of energy-efficient technologies by way of LEDs, low-emissivity glass and special, VRF air-conditioning. Not surprisingly, such an eye for detail has earned Pangia Beach two of the highest accolades in the property industry, including Best Residential Development in Africa at the 2017 International Property Awards in London. Pangia Beach also ensures complete home owner security with its 24-hour security, CCTV cameras, single-road access to its fully-gated complex, security alarm system in each apartment and automated, lock-up garages. Undoubtedly contributing to the strong level of interest from buyers is Vincent and Georgia's meticulousness and personal touch in communicating their enthusiasm for their project during the personal tours they conduct for each potential buyer. In addition, buyers also take great comfort from the fact that they themselves will be living there, which would explain their uncompromising standards and determination to build and furnish the finest luxury beach apartments in Seychelles. My visit to this award-winning project convinces me of one thing and that is that Pangia Beach with its stylish design, convenient location and strong security features, heralds a brave new future for Seychelles residential accommodation for which it unquestionably sets a high new standard.

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