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One of the most closely watched developments on Mauritius has sold out “95 percent” of its first phase of 132 villas, accord

[Villas Valriche](#) is part of the redevelopment of Domaine de Bel Ombre, a former sugar plantation which will eventually includ range from about \$874,000 to \$2.2 million (€600,000 to €1.5 million).

The project is included in the Mauritius government’s Integrated Resorts Scheme (IRS), which tightly controls the amount of designated freehold property. Due to “strong pent up demand,” a “limited number of villas” in the second phase of Villas Val from the sales agent, [Cluttons Resorts](#).

Villas Valriche was featured in "Raising the Roof" last December, including an interview with project C.E.O. Anton de Waal.



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This new initiative of the Mauritian Government is excellent, but should continue to be managed with the utmost care. The p Twain that "God created Mauritius first and took it as a model for creating paradise". The comment is not without substance since Mark Twain's days, even with the development of similarly-endowed near-paradises on the Canaries Island Drakensberg valleys of South Africa, on Spain's Costa del Sol, etc. The Mauritian landscape, beaches, people, mix of culture far surpasses anything that the other near-paradises that I have mentioned have to offer.

Nonetheless, the Government would do well to keep a constant watch on at least two key factors : (1) there should be a cap on the number of projects that can be earmarked for similar projects, not only because overcrowding will cause overuse, environmental damage, including well as a sharp deterioration of facilities, but also because the local population is very much attached to its judicious mix of traditional sense of hospitality and sincere human warmth being key aspects of that *joie de vivre*; (ii) the land-owning magantes should realise that such a real-estate-development set of projects cannot be sustainable if a decent, morally adequate part of the land is left with the wider population, who will thereby be empowered to also adjust their lifestyles and consent the additional efforts and qualities that make Mauritius such a unique paradise require.

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