

# Robb Report

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While designing the new Belle Mont Farm resort on St. Kitts, Bill Bensley—the Bangkok-based architect behind such retreats as the Siam in Thailand and Amanbagh in India—spent more than eight years studying the British West Indies island. His research has paid off in the form of a casually luxurious retreat that captures St. Kitts’s homegrown appeal.

Belle Mont Farm opened in December within Kittitian Hill, a 400-acre development set along the northern slope of Mount Liamuiga. Guests are transported through a tangle of tropical forest filled with mango trees before settling into one of 84 cottages modeled after traditional chattel houses. Oversize daybeds and claw-foot bathtubs adorn the interiors, and expansive decks—most with infinity-edge pools—afford views stretching beyond Saba and St. Eustatius.

Guests can explore Belle Mont Farm's surrounds with a hike to the crater of Mount Liamuiga, a stroll through the on-site farm, or a round of golf at the 18-hole Irie Fields (named in part for the cannabis field that previously occupied the site). In the Kitchen restaurant, goat stew and dasheen risotto are among the many Kittitian delights. ***Belle Mont Farm***, 855.846.3951, [\*\*\*bellemontfarm.com\*\*\*](http://bellemontfarm.com)

