



AT A GLANCE

WHO: The Placencia Hotel, Marina and Residences

WHAT: A complex of tourist hotels and amenities and residential homes

WHERE: Placencia, Belize

WEBSITE: www.theplacencia.com

she says. “They absolutely fell in love with the country and decided to start a small bed and breakfast. At that point, there were no paved roads, there was no electricity in the area, there was no water. So, a lot of infrastructure had to be done before anything could even start.”

Caruso did start his empire with an 18-room hotel, which opened in December 2003. “From there his vi-

