

have been living on the coast for some thirty years and have driven past the resort named Dominion Beach a thousand times, never thinking of stopping to take a quick look. It's appearance from the CN 340 motorway, I must say, looked impressive but it never warranted a second thought, until one summer's evening this year in our office in Puerto Banús, when someone pointed out a new listing for a 2 bed beachfront apartment with a large terrace for under D400.000 in the Dominion Beach complex. Some 20 minutes later, I was on my way from

Some 20 minutes later, I was on my way from The Port with friends of mine from London to take a look - purely out of curiosity at this point. Beachfront at that price, surely there must be a catch?

What was to happen next was so unexpected, so incredible, it completely took me off guard. I found myself walking into one of the best urbanisations I have ever seen anywhere and I have been to them all.

The Oasis Club on Marbella's Golden Mile was

famous for the restaurant and the man who put it on the map with nothing less than his heart and soul: Toni Dalli. Dominion Beach had this same special feel as soon as I entered its iron gates - like someone had put their heart and soul on the line and when I met the man responsible for this turn around, Melvyn Langley, a Ferraridriving company doctor and certified chartered accountant from The UK, I knew that he had that special something, a charisma and business acumen that brings people together and turns around a community that, seven years earlier, looked neglected and at war within itself. He is ably backed-up by a competent team, including the Administrator, Samuel Rodríguez and multilingual Secretary, Maria, who oversee concierge services assisting all owners. A template which other developments would be well advised to follow as an example.

Dominion Beach seven years down the line has so much going for it that the list runs too long: its prize-winning gardens, fountains and pool are the most impressive you will come

across, there is so much room and natural light that you just want to live there. I could not get off my phone calling my clients and telling them of my discovery, because as far as I am concerned, Dominion Beach is a development that has risen from the ashes of bankruptcy and transformed itself into a resort that surely leads the way in Mediterranean living. It's simply a lovely place to enjoy life and, with the new San Pedro tunnel, it's only 10 minutes from Puerto Banús.

The price range for property in this gated, well-organised paradise with 24-hour security seems more than reasonable, it's unbelievable, but for sure it's only a matter of time before people clock on to this gem and property values shoot up. Well, I presume they already are, as 26 units have changed hands in the last 16 months, but it's not like people are selling because they are not happy. It's a new generation of people taking over with an idea of what the good life should be all about, and you only live once! By the way, Melvyn's A.G.M.s last half an hour and are finished off with cocktails by the pool. Nuff said.







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