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## Introduction

Our best news all year? Savannah East, our newest corporate address, which is in the process of being LEED-certified, is on the market and ready for rental!

As Trinidad and Tobago's first green building, we're proud to say that Savannah East really is the ultimate workspace. We spared no detail in creating a better, more comfortable work environment and in this edition of our newsletter, we tell you what you need to do in order to be part of our new Savannah East family.

In July and August, many of us travel overseas – but with the current conservative economy, many of us are choosing to

stay at home – so we've rounded up a list of domestic tourism attractions for you to choose from if you're staying to get away!

Finally, we've rounded up a few instructive quotations about beautiful spaces and places – maybe you'll keep them in mind as you enjoy your vacation and aspire to even greater heights by giving your business a new, elegant address – Savannah East!

## Make your mark on Savannah East!

**OLGA MAVROGORDATO, WHO LIVED UNTIL HER DEATH IN HER BELOVED HOME JUST OFF THE QUEEN'S PARK SAVANNAH AT THE BOTTOM OF CIPRIANI BOULEVARD, WROTE IN HER BOOK, VOICES IN THE STREET, "IT IS NOT EASY TO IMAGINE PORT OF SPAIN WITHOUT THE SAVANNAH. IT PLAYS A VERY IMPORTANT PART IN THE LIVES OF ALL OF US."**



RGM is confident that corporate Trinidad and Tobago will feel the same way about its newest signature property, Savannah East. Located on the eastern end of the Queen's Park Savannah, this modern building is in the process of becoming the country's first LEED-certified structure. LEED is an internationally recognised 'green' building designation; the organisation is currently reviewing RGM's submission and the outcome looks very positive.

It's also good news for progressive local and multinational companies, since research has proven that this ecologically

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## Savannah East (cont'd.)

responsible type of design, construction and outfitting translates into vast reductions in the cost of utilities, more efficiently functioning amenities, higher productivity, lower staff turnover and increased profits.

Even during construction, the response was so positive that RGM decided to add another 15,600 square feet of rentable space to the original 63,000 square feet, spread over six storeys. There is access flooring throughout the office areas and a marked increase in the number of parking spaces thanks to stacked parking arrangements.

The expansion included the covered roof section of the building as well as the rooftop entertainment area. This stunning rooftop terrace has a green area that tenants and their staff can use as an indoor/outdoor lounge for coffee and lunch breaks and informal meetings. It also houses a gym, the footprint of which was increased to accommodate improved exercise facilities. For those who prefer a quick jog around the Savannah, there are shower and changing room facilities conveniently located on the ground floor. The ground level will also offer additional conference and training facilities.

### Enjoy superb spaces

Leading the way to the lobby is a 40-foot Living Wall, adding both aesthetics and environmental awareness to the entrance area. It is complemented by a 25-foot-high Carlisle Harris mural and a media wall that will broadcast informative videos about sustainability and safety.

The building lets in generous amounts of natural light, thanks to double-paned, energy-efficient windows. Each of the main floors has its own balcony overlooking the Savannah and thanks to the raised flooring, there is much easier access for installing cable and data lines in simple, stress-free reconfigurations.

### Work better

Modern businesses need spaces for meeting, training and other types of collaborative interactions. For organisations that have temporary need for such spaces, it can be unproductive and

expensive to either create their own or rent remotely – so Savannah East includes its own furnished, on-site training and meeting areas, complete with multimedia facilities, for tenants' exclusive use. The building's rooftop can also host smaller meetings in a relaxed and uplifting environment. The views – which go nearly 360 degrees around the entire building – are spectacular, and the Savannah vista acts like an infinity edge green space complementing the rooftop area.

### Network

The Savannah East rooftop is an exquisite area for corporate entertaining. There is a large indoor/outdoor area to host intimate gatherings or larger corporate functions for as many as 270 guests, complete with a bar, catering station, large open seating areas and high-quality bathrooms.

### Get fit for life

RGM is committed to providing spaces for living well and sustainably; Savannah East tenants can easily incorporate fitness into their daily routine: a state-of-the-art rooftop gym equipped with commercial aerobic machines; areas for weight and cardiovascular workouts; and locker, washroom and shower facilities.





## Beautiful places in **Trinidad and Tobago**

**IN THE MIDST OF A SLUGGISH ECONOMY, MANY PEOPLE ARE CHOOSING ‘STAYCATIONS’ INSTEAD OF GOING ABROAD FOR THE AUGUST HOLIDAYS...SO WE THOUGHT WE’D OFFER SOME SUGGESTIONS ON BEAUTIFUL LOCATIONS AND SIGHTSEEING ATTRACTIONS TO VISIT THROUGHOUT TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO...**

- 1. Show some fortitude.** Our colonial history has bequeathed us several forts, perhaps the most impressive of which are Fort George in Trinidad and Fort King George in Tobago. After snagging Trinidad from Spain in the late 18th century, the British built Fort George in 1804. To this day, the site offers breathtaking views of Trinidad’s west coast and capital city. Tobago, in the late 18th century, was occupied by the French, who built the fort; when Britain seized the island, they renamed it after King George III. Today, it is a beautifully maintained heritage park, complete with a museum, gift shop and immaculate gardens overlooking Scarborough.
- 2. Get wild.** Visit the Pointe-à-Pierre Wild Fowl Trust and appreciate how well nature and industry can coexist. Nestled on the grounds of the Petrotrin oil refinery, the Trust promotes appreciation for the environment and a deeper understanding of the effects of human activities on nature. It’s a great excursion, especially for bird watchers, who can get a close-up look at many bird species (some free and others in cages), including the Scarlet Ibis – which, if you want to see in its nesting ground, you can also visit the Caroni Swamp for boat tours.
- 3. Think Wright.** Asa Wright Nature Centre, that is. Located in the Arima Valley, the nation’s most popular birding site sits on 1,500 acres of protected rainforest in the Northern Range. It is an important wildlife habitat that offers guided day tours on lush hiking trails, after which you can take a dip in the sparkling Clearwater Pool. Prefer to relax? The old estate house offers an elegant dining room and tea verandah that serve the most delicious local food while you relax and watch hundreds of birds flit about. The best rainforest tour in Tobago is at Main Ridge, the oldest protected forest in the Western Hemisphere.
- 4. Cave in.** The Gasparee Caves, located on Gaspar Grande off Trinidad’s northwest coast, are really worth the trip. A short boat ride from Chaguaramas gets you to these amazing limestone caves full of stalagmites and stalactites.
- 5. Reach the beach.** Both Trinidad and Tobago have their fair share of beautiful beaches – from gorgeous Maracas Bay to iconic Pigeon Point, just pick a beach and dive right in!
- 6. Go back in time.** The National Museum and Art Gallery, located around the Queen’s Park Savannah, is chock-full of interesting Amerindian artifacts, Cazabon paintings and displays that are relevant to our communal Caribbean experience.
- 7. Hear a sermon on the Mount.** Or at least visit Mount St. Benedict, a Benedictine monastery located in St. Augustine that offers delightful views of central Trinidad. Apart from the chapel, which has regular masses and welcomes people of all faiths, there is a yogurt factory, a gift shop and a guesthouse that serves tea most weekends.
- 8. Walk on water.** A Hindu temple built by Siewdass Sadhu on an island he constructed himself in the 1940s, the temple literally looks like it is floating on the Gulf of Paria. The story of its creation is also inspiring – denied the land to build a place of worship, he built the temple on the sea, because the ocean belonged to no one. The area is surrounded by colourful prayer flags, and you may even see an occasional funeral taking place on the nearby cremation grounds.
- 9. See the light.** Or at least, the lighthouse. Towering above Point Galera, one of the most interesting things about the Toco lighthouse is the fact that overlooking the bluff, you can see the actual point at which the dark, churning waters of the Atlantic Ocean meet the Caribbean Sea with its softer shade of blue. The rocks below the lighthouse offer amazing views of the open sea and coastline (there are tales of many shipwrecks off this coast) and if it’s open, you may even be able to climb to the top of the lighthouse.
- 10. Climb to the summit.** For one of the most all-encompassing views of Trinidad in all its glory, take a hike to the country’s second highest peak – El Tucuche – which sits at over 3,000 feet above sea level. It will take you about four hours each way, but the views are completely worth it.



## Get inspired!

Here are a few uplifting thoughts – an homage to beautiful spaces – indoors and out!

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Design is in everything we make, but it's also between those things. It's a mix of craft, science, storytelling, propaganda, and philosophy.”

– Erik Adigard

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When you leave a beautiful place, you carry it with you wherever you go.”

– Alexandra Stoddard

The beautiful rests on the foundations of the necessary.”

– Ralph Waldo Emerson

## We've got space!

LOOKING FOR A BEAUTIFUL, EFFICIENT, FUNCTIONAL AND SECURE OFFICE SPACE FOR YOUR BUSINESS? LOOK NO FURTHER – RGM HAS A-CLASS CORPORATE LEASE SPACE AT THREE OF ITS IN-DEMAND PORT OF SPAIN PROPERTIES:

### SAVANNAH EAST

RGM's most recently constructed flagship building is now in line for LEED certification, which would make it the first 'green' building in Trinidad and Tobago. Savannah East's finishes (natural light, energy-efficient windows and fixtures, raised flooring for easy data configurations) support services (training and collaboration spaces, safety and security) and amenities (in-house gym facility, green spaces, entertainment areas), not to mention the stunning Savannah views, are top notch, with an unbeatable location for convenience and easy access. There is substantial visitor parking should clients need to come to you.

• 77,901 sq/ft

• 7 floors

• Parking ratio 1:500, visitor parking

### ALBION PLAZA

One of the most instantly recognisable buildings in the capital city, this art deco gem of a building has various sizes of space available. The building is impeccably maintained, runs smoothly and efficiently and, like all other RGM properties, places great emphasis on HSSE.

• 8th floor – 5,511 sq/ft

• 9th floor – 2,233 sq/ft

• 10th floor – 921 sq/ft

• Parking ratio 1:500, visitor parking

### PRINCES COURT

Located at the top of Pembroke Street in Port of Spain, this landmark property, which acknowledges our country's colonial architecture via its full-scale glass etchings, offers tenants the royal treatment! As with its other commercial lease spaces, RGM takes its facility management of this

building very seriously, so support and safety services are always up to par.

• 11,372 sq/ft

• Parking ratio 1:735, visitor parking

Perhaps the biggest benefit in having your office located in an RGM building is that you are assured of a level of professionalism that allows you and your staff – and, by extension, your clients and suppliers – to focus on what you do best. Why? Because RGM is focused on what we do best – creating and maintaining the calibre of spaces that boosts our tenants' productivity and profits.

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