

## SIAM PARK – WORK HAS FINALLY STARTED



View of the project

If they are on time, the work of channelling the public river beds towards the sea on the 174,000 m<sup>2</sup> of land of the future **water park**, at a cost of around €2m, should finish shortly.

After a series of problems, Siam Park finally got planning permission. It is considered another major tourist attraction, and the owners, the Kiessling family, will create 600 new direct jobs when the building work is complete.

With the best water park in the world – as they say – it will boost the whole area of “El Veril” that will receive a totally new asset.

The Kiessling family has already shown that it knows how to roll out interesting projects in Gran Canaria with the **Poema del Mar** that was opened at the beginning of the year.



Poema del Mar – Las Palmas Aquarium

## CLEAN AIR IN LAS PALMAS



According to “Biológicamente” magazine, owner of **Carrefour** shopping centres, after Vancouver (Canada) and Copenhagen (Denmark), Las Palmas is among the 10 cleanest cities in the world.

## THE TAX AUTHORITIES ARE CRACKING DOWN ON HOLIDAY RENTALS

Since the beginning of the year, the Tax Authorities have declared war on fiscally uncontrolled holiday rentals and they are using the shortest route – Internet portals – to analyse properties, occupancy and prices.

Although the legal situation remains unclear on some points, the current situation is that private holiday renting is illegal in most cases.

Irrespective of all this, the Tax Authorities do not want to leave it any longer. In the event of an infraction, the owner of the property faces paying back taxes retroactively, along with a considerable fine. They must also register for IGIC and register a business activity.

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## MASPALOMAS PLANS TO INSTALL FREE WIFI

With the “Maspalomas Smart Destination” project, the Council of San Bartolomé de Tirajana has taken the initiative of providing all visitors to the tourist area of MASPALMOAS Costa Canaria with the comforts of free communication and information using new technologies.

## THE HOTEL RIU OASIS GETS PLANNING PERMISSION FOR ITS ALTERATIONS

After a long struggle between the big players Lopesan and RIU, the Council granted planning permission for up-grading the hotel to 5-stars. Work is scheduled to start after Easter.

## THIS TOO IS GRAN CANARIA



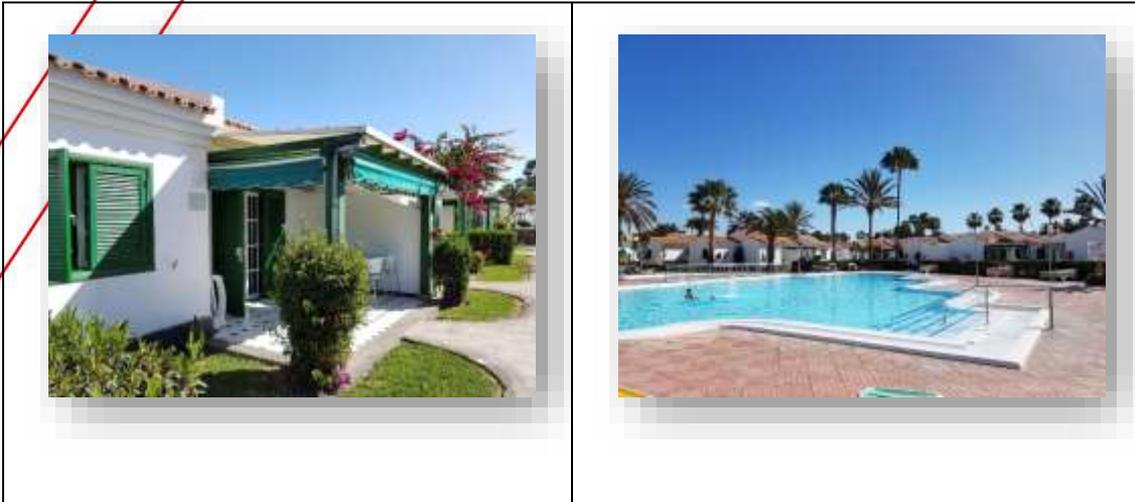
The bad weather and rains at the end of February filled the reservoirs with 12 million m3 of water, forming waterfalls that turned Gran Canaria green.



**Properties of the month:**

**MASPALOMAS** · Bungalow on quiet, well-looked after estate near the Golf Club, heated pool, tennis court, restaurant; 1 bedroom, covered terrace, large storage room, fully equipped.

Ref. 3.509-6 - €150,000



**MASPALOMAS** · Commercial premises for RENT (without a lease), excellent location in Paseo del Faro, 334 m2, large glass frontage, unique views over the beach and ocean.

Ideal for a cafeteria, restaurant, or similar. Ref. L00103 - €8,300/month

