

Karakter (character)

[LOT1038](#) is named after 2 things: The first LOT we ever bought on Curacao, had # 1038. The second reason is our daughter Lotje. Together we thought it was creative, unique, international and commercial enough to give our company this name. In the meantime we know that people call us just LOT. Apparently enough information for the other one on the phone to know where you are hanging out.

Our little Caribbean rock is beloved for many things. For instance the colorful houses, its many cultures, the weather and of course the beaches. Curacao does not have one long beach, but many smaller and bigger -but above all cozy- bays. One of these bays is called Rif St. Marie, near St. Willibrordus located in the middle of our cherished Island.

The land side around Rif St. Marie is [Coral Estate](#), a high-end resort with beautiful lots and villas, # 1038 is there as well. When you go down the hill you will arrive @ the Coral Estate Center. Even further down to the seaside you arrive @ [Karakter](#), a brand new beach restaurant.

Karakter is not new in the Caribbean. Their first steps in the world of beach clubs were set on St. Maarten in 2006. In 2011 [Karakter St. Maarten](#) received the certificate of Excellence from Tripadvisor. Respect.

Q3 2011 we were contacted by the project developer of Coral Estate to give our opinion about the Coral Estate Center and its future plans. The first step was our total view feeling & atmosphere about the center. I cannot tell you too much about the total yet, but it will be great. Our view met the view of the project developer, so we moved on.

A derivative of the total concept was the beach club/restaurant Karakter. The building, designed by Architect Henk Bolivar, was in construction already. Our job was to take care of the interior design advice about the entire atmosphere, colors & feel, and supply the goods. We wanted Karakter to get a real "beachy" feel, not too fancy, or state of the art, but warm, easy accessible for everyone and cozy. Colors: brown, beige and light colors, like the white wash wooden floor, and blended with some red as the Karakter "home color". Materials: preferred natural materials like wood. Close to the sea you really have to be very careful with the materials if you want to avoid purchasing every year.

Looking at the building it's a fantastic palm tree leaf rooftop, the cozy but a so famous director chair, and the unforgettable ultimate beach stairs. Don't forget to take a look in the toilets with a beautiful blow up picture of the St. Maarten establishment.

