

## Gov't signs contract for luxury resort in Cabrits

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The contract was signed at the Fort Young Hotel on Friday

The government of Dominica on Friday officially signed an agreement for the construction of a luxury resort at Cabrits, Portsmouth.

The agreement was signed between the government of Dominica, Range Capital Partners LTD and the Kempinski Group at a ceremony held at the Fort Young Hotel.

Financial secretary, Rosemund Edwards, signed on behalf of the government.

Representative of Range Capital Partners Dominica Ltd, Mohammed Asarla, said the agreement and construction of the resort will create jobs and uplift the island's tourism industry.



Mohammed Asarla of Range Capital Partners

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"Kempinski Dominica will create jobs, direct and indirect, economic impact to the country will be significant," he said. "It will uplift the tourism industry in line with the country's master plan for the tourism development."

According to him, Kempinski is a luxury brand and one of the finest and Range Capital is privileged to be partners with that group.

Asarla said it has taken the company one year to get to this stage and documents have been finalized with the government and initial design work has already been

complete.

He stated further that the Douglas Bay in Cabrits, the site of the new resort, is one of the finest beaches in this part of the Caribbean.

"We believe that Douglas Bay in Cabrits is one of the finest beaches in that part of the Caribbean. It's a site which has privacy and allows for the creation of a unique hotel product, a hideaway resort," he stated. "From today work will start, design work will commence immediately, environmental, which we are very sensitive to, will be undertaken with all sensitivities and ensure that what is designed and built is something which has harmony between land and sea, between waves and wildlife, and ensuring experience from sunrise to sunset..."

He revealed that world-class designers from Spain, Miami and London are already assigned to design the hotel.

"They will work in conjunction with a whole host of local consultants, contractors, sub-contractors at all stages and Range will ensure commitment to what we have agreed with the government with regards to local employment," he explained. "Over the next 12 months, till the anticipated start of construction, tireless work will happen with the design team working night and day to ensure the right product is created. What we are developing we hope will be Dominica's pride and the envy of the region."



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Senior Vice President of Kempinski group, Xavier Destribats, said Kempinski will participate with local teams to ensure the hotel is of high standards, "And to make sure that in Dominica we have the Kempinski spirit."

Kempinski is a renowned European hotel company with at least 73 hotels around the world and the construction of the Luxury Resort at Cabrits will be the first hotel that Kempinski will construct in the Caribbean.

The resort is being constructed under the Citizenship by Investment Program.