

# Luxury resort in Cabrits contract signed with Government

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The people of Dominica will soon see another resort being established on the island with the recent signing of an agreement with the Government of Dominica. The agreement which was signed on Friday will see the commencement of the construction of the luxury resort at Cabrits, Portsmouth.

Signing the agreement on behalf of the Government was Financial Secretary, Rosemund Edwards as the agreement was signed by the Government of Dominica, Range Capital Partners LTD and the Kempinski Group.

Mohammed Asarla who is the representative of Range Capital Partners Dominica Ltd in commenting on the agreement and construction of the resort noted that it will create jobs and uplift the island's tourism industry. He said that it will further help in boosting the country's economy while increasing revenues thus benefiting all.

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

Kempinski expressed the view that the resort is a luxury brand adding that it is also one of the finest and Range Capital is privileged to be partnering with that group. He disclosed that it has taken the company one year to get to this stage noting that 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. He said that with the many opportunities that the site has it will aid in the project being very successful.

"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 stressed.

Asarla disclosed further that a number of world-class designers from Spain, Miami and London are already assigned to design the hotel. He said that the construction will take some 12 months to be completed.

"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. 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," he said.

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

www.oecsnewslines.com learnt that 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. Further the resort is being constructed under the Citizenship by Investment Program. The signing ceremony took place at the Fort Young Hotel.

