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Dominica to get 1st Kempinski Hotel in Eastern Caribbean

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Financial Secretary, Rosemond Edwards signing the contract on behalf of the Dominica government, Mohammed Asaria signing on behalf of Range Developments and Xavier Desribats on behalf of the Kempinski Hotel while Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerit, Tourism Minister Ian Douglas and Dominica's Ambassador to the United Nations, Vince Henderson looks on

Dominica is to become the first Caribbean destination where a Kempinski Hotel will be constructed.

The government of Dominica, Range Developments Limited and International Luxury Hotel brand Kempinski signed contracts for the construction of a one hundred (100) romance suit room hotel at Douglas Bay in Portsmouth.

Kempinski was founded in Germany in 1897 and currently operates over seventy high-end luxury hotels in thirty countries across the globe.

The contract for the construction of the hotel was signed at a ceremony at the Fort Young Hotel on 7 November 2014 by Financial Secretary, Rosemond Edwards on behalf of the Dominica government, Mohammed Asaria, signing on behalf of Range Developments and Xavier Desribats on behalf of Kempinski.

Speaking at the signing ceremony on Friday, Mohammed Asaria said the construction of Kempinski Hotel in Dominica will have a significant impact on the Dominican economy as several jobs will be created from this project.

"Kempinski Dominica will create jobs direct and indirect, [the] 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," Asaria said.

Asaria, who informed that efforts to begin the project has been ongoing over a year ago, said technical due diligence on the construction site has been undertaken and work is expected to commence immediately.



Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerit

"Legal new diligence on the site and initial design work has already been completed and let me tell you about this site, we believe Douglas Bay in Cabrita is one of the finest beaches in this part of this 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 said.

He added that environmental work which they "are very sensitive to" will be undertaken with all sensitivity and ensure that what is designed and built "is something which has harmony between land and sea, between waves and wildlife and ensure an experience from sunrise to sunset which is unrivaled".

Asaria added further, that world class designers from Spain, Miami and Europe have been contacted to design the hotel.

Range Capital Partners are the developers of the Park Hyaat Hotel in St Kitts and recently won an award for the best hotel and construction design in the Caribbean.

Meanwhile Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerit said the new hotel will add to the number of high quality rooms in Dominica, particularly in the north.

"We look forward to fulfilling the objectives of creating high quality direct jobs, opportunities for farmers to sell their produce and for other service providers to create small to medium size businesses to services to the hotel".

The Prime Minister also revealed that the project will be funded under the arrangements of the Citizenship by Investment Programme.