

Park Hyatt St. Kitts Phase 1 to generate 350 jobs



St. Kitts and Nevis (WINN): Ground broke for the construction of the luxury vacation property Park Hyatt Hotel at Banana Bay on Monday afternoon. This is the first Park Hyatt property in the Caribbean. Phase 1 of the project is expected to be constructed by the end of 2015. Mohammed Asaria, CEO of Range Developments, one of the partners of the project at the ground breaking ceremony, said the first phase of the project will generate some 350 jobs.

“Today is a new development of the chapter in the development of Park Hyatt St. Kitts, because from tomorrow, jobs would be created for the local economy. We estimate that Phase 1 will create 350 jobs in construction and directly associated activities for the island and people of St. Kitts,” said Mr. Asaria. He added: “The project is yours. Your project director, he is a new citizen of St. Kitts, but he is a citizen and he believes adamantly and vociferously that this is a project for the people of St. Kitts who should benefit and become our partners in developing the Park Hyatt St. Kitts.”

The Range Developments CEO said the Park Hyatt project is a classic example of the successful Private-Public Partnership. “Capital by the private sector, incentives by the government and working together to ensure that in this difficult economy, a major 5-star luxury hotel can be built which would rival any resort in the Caribbean,” he said. The St. Kitts Park Hyatt Hotel is being developed by Dubai-based Range Developments and Kiawah Partners where capital for the project is being raised through the Citizenship by Investment Program. The programme has been promoted extensively in Dubai recently, with the establishment of a Consulate in that country. In light of these developments at Monday’s ground breaking ceremony, Prime Minister Dr. Denzil Douglas officially announced the appointment of Alex Woodley as the Consul General to Dubai.

The Prime Minister noted he expects fruitful cooperation with Range Developments and Park Hyatt for the timely completion of the Park Hyatt St. Kitts. Meanwhile, Tourism Minister Richard Skerritt gave a brief historic view of the Southeast Peninsula Development and particularly the Banana Bay property, the site of the Park Hyatt Hotel. He also noted that it is through the hard work of this government that has attracted tourism developments on the Southeast Peninsula.

Park Hyatt St. Kitts will encompass 200 hotel rooms and 50 branded residential condominiums on Banana Bay. The beachfront site was chosen by the developer for its quintessential Caribbean aesthetic – a white-sand beach, calm waters, gentle winds, and exceptional views of sister island Nevis.

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