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## Four Seasons and Cisneros Real Estate Announce New Resort and Luxury Residences in the Dominican Republic

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Four Seasons and Cisneros Real Estate (Cisneros) announce plans for the development of the Four Seasons Resort and Residences Dominican Republic at Tropicalia, a sustainable luxury destination located on 24 hectares along Playa Esmeralda in Samaná Bay, northeast of the Dominican Republic. The project will combine Four Seasons' hospitality experience and Cisneros' tradition of business and investment in the Dominican Republic, Latin America and the United States. With works in progress, the project is scheduled to open in early 2026.

Featuring a tropical modernist design project by Brazilian architect Isay Weinfeld, the Four Seasons Resort and Residences Dominican Republic at Tropicalia will set a new standard of natural and sustainable elegance for sophisticated travelers around the world. The property will include a 95-accommodation resort and 25 three- and four-bedroom private residences, all located just steps from the beach. A place of stunning natural beauty, Tropicalia is the private estate of the Cisneros family with a diverse ecosystem of white sand beaches, crystal clear waters and coral reefs, mountains, forests, mangroves, lagoons and rivers; plus an active coconut plantation and an organic farm.



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Adriana Cisneros, CEO of Cisneros, notes that the company's nonprofit Tropicalia Foundation has dedicated more than a decade to the region's well-being through a range of educational, socioeconomic and community programs. "Tropicalia reflects our family's cultural values," says Cisneros. "More than 10 years ago, we embarked on a journey to support social sustainability through innovative projects in agriculture, gender equality, education, environment, entrepreneurship and microfinance. Our goal was to create a luxury destination that is in balance with both nature and the local community. We are pleased that Four Seasons shares our vision, both for Tropicalia and the future of tourism."

"We are excited to welcome Four Seasons to the Dominican Republic, a market we have long focused on as a luxury travel destination," said Alejandro Reynal, president and CEO of Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts. "We are proud to bring this project to life with our partners at Cisneros, who share our values of supporting environments and communities. We admire the work of Tropicalia and together we will continue to focus on these values as we become stewards of this beautiful destination."

The Minister of Tourism of the Dominican Republic said: "The arrival of the Four Seasons brings great pride to Dominicans, especially when it arrives hand in hand with the Cisneros, a family that has placed its trust in our country and values the love and effort that this government has been involved in promoting tourism." Minister Collado further added: "this project, which will have the highest standards of luxury, will further diversify the types of travelers arriving in our country and reaffirms Tropicalia's commitment to the sustainable development of the country's tourism, allowing us to continue being a model destination for the world."

**The Four Seasons Resort and Residences Dominican Republic at Tropicalia**

In addition to the 95 rooms and suites, the Resort will have a spa, fitness and wellness facilities, including a yoga pavilion; a variety of beach activities and water sports; racket sports such as tennis, padel and pickleball; a Kids For All Seasons kids club; and event spaces. On-site dining offerings will include several restaurants and bars, including a beachfront grill, ceviche bar, juice bar, market and sundry shop, coffee shop and rum bar.

Water activities available nearby include scuba diving, catamaran trips, sailing, watching sea turtles in their natural habitat, and seasonal whale watching excursions around Samaná Bay, a famous marine sanctuary where humpback whales and leatherback sea turtles are found. return to give birth to new generations. Shore excursions include Los Haitises National Park, an explorer's paradise with limestone hill formations, ancient caves with pictographs and petroglyphs of the pre-Columbian Taíno people, and abundant wildlife. Tom Doak Golf Course will open upon completion of the new Four Seasons Resort.



**New resort will bring the concept of luxury and sustainability to the Dominican Republic.**

#### **Design, construction and sustainable development**

The design of the Four Seasons Resort and Residences Dominican Republic at Tropicalia was created to receive LEED certification for “green” buildings, being the first of this caliber in the country. Isay Weinfeld’s design is naturally low-impact and takes inspiration from the island’s native materials and colonial-era cities. The modernist project integrates nature into the interior, with open and airy spaces and the use of native species.

The residential and guest buildings will be located on the beachfront of Playa Esmeralda, overlooking Samaná Bay. Rooms will be spacious and designed with Four Seasons guests in mind, including private terraces and cutting-edge technology, with green spaces and internal gardens prioritized throughout all rooms and common spaces.

#### **Social responsibility**

With a focus on socioeconomic inclusion and sustainable development practices, the Tropicalia project will seek to share and inspire local cultural experiences, inviting visitors and residents to help sustain the community and surrounding environment. One of the activities includes the PROTORTUGA project, created to preserve leatherback turtles in the coastal area of Miches.

Guests and residents will also enjoy a symbiotic relationship with the land and sea, working closely with the Cisneros family’s sustainable organic farm, Estancia La Querencia. The farm is certified in organic cocoa production, providing local farmers with year-round food and training in organic production.



**Travelers will enjoy a symbiotic experience between land and sea.**

Tropicalia is owned by Cisneros Real Estate, the real estate arm of Cisneros, a diversified business group with nearly 100 years of history in media, real estate, consumer products and social leadership. Cisneros is committed to the long-term ownership as a legacy project and is dedicated to the success of the new Four Seasons resort and residences, as well as the socioeconomic sustainability of the community, region and country.

In 2010, Tropicalia committed to the United Nations Global Compact and aligned its business strategy with fundamental concepts of human rights, labor, the environment and the fight against corruption. Thus, the foundation has invested millions of dollars, sponsoring a wide range of programs that promote education, diversity and gender equity, combating hunger and climate change. The project has been recognized worldwide for its innovative economic development programs, including as a finalist at the United Nations World Trade Organization (UNWTO) for Innovation by Non-Governmental Organizations.

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