

Trade minister meets developer of \$350m Tobago resort

MINISTER of Trade, Investment and Tourism Satyakama Maharaj yesterday met with property developer Garry Olsen, principal of the \$350 million Elephant Tree Resort and Villas Tobago project.

'Mr Olsen, who first visited Tobago as part of an international hotel consultancy 40 years ago, is spearheading the island's first Tapestry Collection by Hilton resort in Roxborough, slated to open in 2028,' a release from the trade ministry stated yesterday.

The ministry stated that the meeting highlighted ongoing investment opportunities in Tobago's tourism and real estate sectors, with discussions focusing on regulatory facilitation, job creation, and public-private collaboration.

Hilton recently announced plans to develop Elephant Tree Resort and Villas in Roxborough, Tobago, which will join its Tapestry Collection.

'As part of Tapestry Collection by Hilton, the resort will join a distinguished global lineup of nearly 160 independent Tapestry Collection hotels, each celebrated for its unique, vibrant personality and incorporation of local elements and experiences,' Hilton stated.

'Guests and residents will enjoy a comprehensive array of amenities designed to enhance their stay and lifestyle. The resort will boast a modern spa, offering a range of rejuvenating treatments, and a state-of-the-art fitness centre equipped with the latest exercise technology. Three swimming pools, including a multi-level, three-storey waterfall and a splash pool for kids, will provide the ultimate setting for fun and relaxation. Additionally, the resort will feature 400 square feet of meeting space, perfect for hosting weddings, intimate functions and gatherings,' it stated.

According to Hilton, the culinary options at Elephant Tree Resort and Villas Tobago will cater to a variety of tastes and preferences.

'Guests will enjoy the vibrant atmosphere of the beach club, featuring a lively bar and grill nestled along the picturesque shoreline where they can savour delicious grilled specialties and refreshing cocktails while taking in stunning ocean views. The resort's lobby bar will offer a setting for guests to unwind with expertly crafted beverages and light bites, perfect for socialising or relaxing after a day of exploration. The signature all-day dining restaurant will delight diners in both indoor and outdoor spaces offering a serene ambiance and beautiful surroundings,' it stated.

Hilton said with the newly opened terminal at ANR Robinson International Airport, Tobago is the ideal destination for those seeking untouched natural beauty and cultural experiences.

'Elephant Tree Resort and Villas Tobago's prime location will offer guests easy access to nearby attractions such as Argyle Falls, the island's largest and most popular waterfall, reaching a height of approximately 175 feet. Additionally, guests can explore Speyside, a picturesque village on the northeastern coast of Tobago. Known as the dive mecca of the Caribbean, Speyside boasts some of the best coral reefs on the island, making it a popular destination for diving enthusiasts,' it stated.