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Four Seasons to debut in Dominican Republic by 2026

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The joint development, which prioritizes sustainability, is currently underway along the southern edge of the country's Saman Bay. Image credit: Four Seasons

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Hospitality group Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts is expanding in the Caribbean.

Announcing the impending arrival of the Four Seasons Resort and Residences Dominican Republic at Tropicalia, a joint development between the hotel company and American real estate firm Cisneros is currently underway. Located on 60 acres of beachfront property along the southern edge of Saman Bay, the project prioritizes sustainability and is set to further bolster Four Seasons' presence in the market upon its planned opening in early 2026.

"We are thrilled to expand Four Seasons global portfolio in the Dominican Republic, a market that we have long been focused on as a luxury travel destination," said Alejandro Reynal, president and CEO of [Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts](#), in a statement.

"We are proud to bring this project to life with our partners at Cisneros, who share our values of supporting the environments and communities in which we operate, and who we deeply admire for their work with Fundacin Tropicalia," Mr. Reynal said. "Together, we will remain focused on these values as we welcome guests and residents alike in 2026 and become stewards of this beautiful destination."

Tropical sustainability

Situated on the beachfront of Playa Esmeralda in the northeastern Dominican Republic, the 95-room resort, and accompanying 25 private residences, will feature a modernist design spearheaded by Brazilian architect Isay Weinfeld.

Guests of The Four Seasons Resort and Residences Dominican Republic at Tropicalia will be able to indulge in a number of on-site amenities including a spa, yoga pavilion and other fitness and wellness facilities, plus a variety of watersport options, numerous dining venues and multiple event spaces.

Sustainability is at the core of the vacation destination's launch strategy.

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The hotelier shares that construction materials are locally sourced from nearby towns and areas. On top of this, the Four Seasons is eyeing a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification, a globally recognized sustainable building credential given out by Green Business Certification Inc. obtaining the title would make its investment the first building in the Dominican Republic to achieve the accomplishment.

Internal environmental management systems are already guiding the hotel's construction, as groundskeepers prep the same programs for enactment during the venue's eventual operation. Various tools will monitor biodiversity, waste and water management, air quality and greenhouse gas emissions.

Besides the Four Seasons' efforts in preserving the surrounding sights, guests will be invited to participate in activities that benefit the local community throughout their stays, in an attempt to holistically support the area.

Owned by Cisneros, the **Tropicalia** property's development is in its first phase, headlined by the Four Seasons resort, according to the real estate brand.



The operation is planned to open to the public in 2026. Image credit: Four Seasons

"Tropicalia reflects our family's cultural values," said Adriana Cisneros, CEO of Cisneros, in a statement.

"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," Mr. Cisneros said. "Our goal was to create a new kind of luxury destination that is in balance both with nature and with the local community.

"We're pleased that Four Seasons shares our vision, both for Tropicalia and the future of tourism."

The travel industry has seen a tremendous amount of openings in recent months.

Among the most prevalent is hospitality group InterContinental Hotels Group's Vignette Collection return to Portugal, unveiled late last month ([see story](#)).

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