

Hilton Hotels Corporation Signs Management Agreement for Doubletree by Hilton Hotel in Costa Rica's Capital City

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First Hilton Family Full-Service Hotel in San Jose Represents Fourth Hilton Family Hotel Development in the Country This Year

Hilton Hotels Corporation has announced that it has signed a multi-year management agreement with Desatur Cariari, S.A. for a full-service Doubletree by Hilton(TM) hotel in San Jose, Costa Rica - the Hilton Family of Hotels' fourth hotel development in Costa Rica this year. Prior to its anticipated opening in January 2008, the 222-room Doubletree Cariari by Hilton San Jose, Costa Rica will undergo a series of renovations featuring upgrades to guestrooms, public areas, restaurants, meeting facilities, and more.

'Hilton has made a commitment to grow its family of hotels throughout Central America, and we are thrilled to bring another Doubletree by Hilton hotel to the most visited country in the region. The Doubletree Cariari by Hilton San Jose and Doubletree by Hilton Puntarenas Resort will complement each other and support the brand's recognition as we continue to grow,' commented Danny Hughes, area vice president, Caribbean and Central America, for Hilton Hotels Corporation. 'The full-service Doubletree Cariari by Hilton San Jose will acquaint guests with the diversity that makes this country such a great place to visit for business or pleasure.'

Located in Costa Rica's capital city of San Jose, the Doubletree Cariari by Hilton San Jose is just five minutes from Juan Santamaria International Airport and ten minutes from the city center. The hotel will feature 174 charming guestrooms and 48 suites, including 24 suites with specialized butler service. Recreation options will include two swimming pools, fitness center, and casino, while business travelers will have access to a fully equipped business center, and 11 meeting rooms. The hotel will offer one signature restaurant, a pool bar, and cafeteria, serving everything from local to international cuisine. And, if sight-seeing is on the schedule, the hotel is five minutes from the Plaza Real Cariari shopping center, 30 minutes from the Coffee Tour and Finca de Mariposas (butterfly farm), and one hour from the Irazu Volcano national park.

In January, Hilton Hotels Corporation announced multi-year management agreements to manage a 202-room property in Papagayo and a 410-room property in Puntarenas as the first Hilton and Doubletree by Hilton branded resorts in Costa Rica, respectively. Both resorts are anticipated to open in January 2008. Earlier this year, Hilton also announced the signing of a franchise hotel agreement for a Hilton Garden Inn(TM) hotel in Liberia, Costa Rica, which is forecasted to open in Fall 2008.

'Costa Rica is a thriving destination and we are delighted to bring our second Doubletree by Hilton hotel to this area of Central America,' said Dave Horton, senior vice president - brand management for Doubletree Hotels. 'Doubletree Hotels continues to expand its upscale, full-service hotel portfolio at a solid pace and this newest hotel agreement in San Jose, Costa Rica reinforces our pride in Doubletree being recognized by hotel owners and developers as a dynamic, credible and lucrative hotel brand for hoteliers around the world.'

'We are delighted to be part of the Hilton Family of Hotels and fly the Doubletree by Hilton flag on our property in San Jose, Costa Rica,' said Yukiko Nakayama, president of Desatur Cariari, S.A. 'The Hilton Family boasts a collection of sales, marketing, and technology tools that will complement our product and help deliver great recognition and success for our new hotel. We look forward to a long and prosperous partnership.'

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