

Hilton Panorama in Doha to start construction this month

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Work on Doha's latest luxury hotel project has taken a step forward, with construction of the Hilton Panorama Residence within the Pearl Qatar development set to start this month, it was reported.

To be finished mid-2017, the new 445-room, 41-storey hotel is being developed under a deal between Hilton Worldwide and First Qatar Real Estate Development Company.

It is the second residences style property planned by Hilton Worldwide for the capital and will comprise a mix of quality serviced apartments from small studio units to expansive three-bedroom apartments, penthouses and townhouses.

The hotel will feature three boardrooms, a business centre, a large health club and outdoor swimming pool. Dining options will include a lobby lounge, all day dining outlet, a speciality restaurant and a pool bar.

First Qatar Real Estate Development Company, which will be investing up to a reported \$390m in the project, said construction was set to begin this month, the *Gulf Times* newspaper reported.

Badr Al Meer, acting CEO of United Development Company (UDC), the master developer of The Pearl-Qatar was quoted as saying: "All these new schemes progressing simultaneously at The Pearl-Qatar work together by mobilising significant resources and talents available at UDC, consequently sustaining service excellence and promoting The Pearl-Qatar as a leading mixed-use development of world-class standing."

In March Rudi Jagersbacher, president, Hilton Worldwide, Middle East & Africa said it was in addition to its countrywide portfolio, including Hilton Doha, which opened two years ago.

Adding over 32 kilometres to the country's coastline and located 350 metres offshore from Doha's West Bay Lagoon area, The Pearl-Qatar will feature 10 themed districts and, once fully completed, is expected to be home to over 30,000 residents.

Built on a reclaimed pearl diving reef, and designed to resemble a string of pearls, the name of the iconic island pays tribute to Qatar's rich past as a major pearl producer.