

**P R E S S   R E L E A S E****GRUPO PIÑERO PRESENTS ITS UPCOMING BAHIA PRINCIPE  
INAUGURATIONS IN SAMANÁ AT FITUR**

At Fitur, Grupo Piñero presented the four luxury hotel complexes it will open in Samaná (the Dominican Republic) under the Bahía Príncipe brand.

The press conference, held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January as part of Fitur and organised by the Ministry of Tourism of the Dominican Republic, enjoyed the presence of the Managing Director of Aerodom (Dominican Airports of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century) and the Marketing Director of Bahía Príncipe. The Minister of Tourism and the Aerodom Director announced the opening in November this year of the new Samaná International Airport, which together with the inauguration of Grupo Piñero's four luxury hotel complexes will encourage tourism in this region in the northeast of the country, with the aim of becoming the latest reference point for Caribbean tourism.

The Minister of Tourism of the Dominican Republic, Félix Jiménez, underlined that "this paradise of virgin countryside and extraordinary eco-tourism resources will be accessible to the whole world from this year on thanks to the new airport located in El Catey (Samaná), in which 70 million dollars have been invested".

Aerodom's Managing Director, Astrid Díaz Menicucci, explained that "the new airport will have a two-storey passenger terminal covering 90,000 square metres and 3 kilometres in length with access for large aircraft. This terminal has a capacity to manage an average of 1,500 passengers per hour, leaving and arriving simultaneously".

**Grupo Piñero consolidates its presence**

In winter 2006-2007, Grupo Piñero will inaugurate four luxury hotel complexes in Bahía de Samaná under the Bahía Príncipe brand: Gran Bahía Príncipe Cayo Levantado (Grand Luxury five star), Gran Bahía Príncipe Cayacoa (five star), Gran Bahía Príncipe Samaná (five star) and Gran Bahía Príncipe El Portillo (five star).

The first three hotels are located between Bahía de Samaná and Bahía Escocesa, two of the most beautiful locations in the world and with a great natural appeal, as from here you can catch sight of the famous humpbacked whales that choose these waters to mate from December to March.

The hotel Gran Bahía Príncipe Cayo Levantado will have a capacity of around 191 rooms, including superior junior suites located in 12 villas with 8 bedrooms; suites; Villas Playa rooms, located right next to the beach and with an outdoor jacuzzi on the porch overlooking the sea, and standard rooms. All suites can also enjoy steward service. This establishment will have four restaurants, four bars, two tennis courts, a paddle tennis court and a heliport.

Gran Bahía Príncipe Cayacoa, on the other hand, will have around 223 rooms, including junior suites with sea views, suites with sea views and standard rooms. The hotel also has two panoramic lifts to access the beach.

The Gran Bahía Príncipe Samaná, located opposite the island of Cayo Levantado, will have around 103 rooms with all the services and facilities people now expect from Bahía Príncipe Clubs & Resorts.

The chain currently has two hotel complexes in the Dominican Republic: Bahía Príncipe San Juan (at Playa Grande, in the north of the country) and Gran Bahía Príncipe Bávaro Resort (in the east of the country), which includes two five-star hotels (Gran Bahía Príncipe Punta Cana and Gran Bahía Príncipe Bávaro).