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Famed Dorado East Course to Undergo Major Restoration

(DORADO, PUERTO RICO) -- Leading golf course operator KemperSports, in connection with Robert Trent Jones II Golf Course Architects and Dorado Beach Resort, announced Jan. 4 that the famed East course at Dorado Beach Resort and Club commenced a major modern restoration project.

The original Dorado Beach 18-hole golf course was carved through tidal wetlands with wonderful views of the Atlantic Ocean. It was designed by Robert Trent Jones, Sr. in 1958, and was enlarged to the current 36-hole routing in 1966. The East and West courses consistently rank among the best in the Caribbean.

KemperSports, the Northbrook, Ill.-based company that has managed Dorado Beach Resort and Club since 2006, will oversee construction for the one-year restoration project, which began in September 2010. The project philosophy being implemented by RTJ II is recapturing the original design philosophy while uncovering a more flexible and fun course for all players.



Dorado Beach

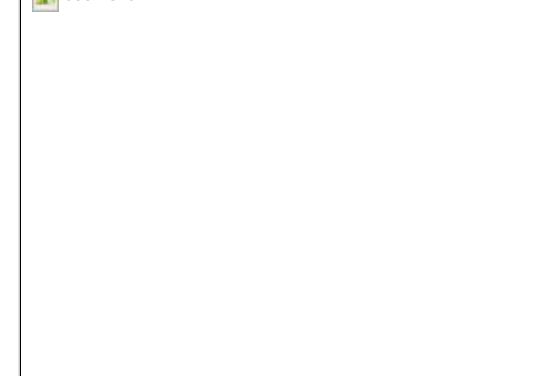
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"The opportunity to be involved in the restoration of such a historic golf course is truly unique," said KemperSports Chief Executive Officer Steve Skinner. "We look forward to working with RTJII in bringing a masterpiece back to its former glory."

The restoration will include the following work: tee adjustments for length and angle; significant pruning and removal of vegetation to highlight views of the Atlantic Ocean and to uncover course features; the re-establishment of the Robert Trent Jones, Sr. design philosophy by recapturing the original green sizes and configurations, as well as restoring the bunkers to their original style and shot value; some bunker repositioning to accommodate technological advances in modern equipment; new areas of fairway to make the course more flexible for a wider range of players by allowing bump and run shots; and the revision of surface drainage patterns to allow the course to be played quickly after rainfall. Lake edges will be cleaned and reshaped to more clearly define the water hazards to the player and enhance the aesthetics. The lakes will also be enlarged to allow for more surface water storage. Selective tree pruning will allow more sunlight on turf-grass for healthy growth and better playing conditions.



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"It's a treat for me at this point in my career to have the opportunity to refresh some of my father's most notable work," said Robert Trent Jones Jr. "I came to Dorado as a teenager when my father was working here and started to realize how exciting golf course architecture is. It was a formative moment at the very beginning of my career.

"To come back to this glorious location and revisit my father's work is especially meaningful. We are extremely excited about our work here, as the course will have greater flexibility and playing conditions, and will enhance the natural beauty, just as my father originally

envisioned."

Robert Trent Jones, Jr., has designed more than 270 golf courses in more than 40 countries over the last 40 years. His award-winning designs include The Prince at Princeville in Kauai, Hawaii, Links at Spanish Bay in Pebble Beach, Calif., and KemperSports-managed Chambers Bay in University Park, Wash., site of the 2010 U.S. Amateur and 2015 U.S. Open Championships.

The Dorado Beach East Course has hosted numerous prestigious events since its opening, including the 1963 Canada Cup, the 1964 Shell's Wonderful World of Golf event, the Senior PGA Tour Championship from 1990 through 1993, the Champions Tour's Tournament of Champions in 1995 and 1996, the PGA TOUR's World Cup of Golf in 1994 and the Chrysler Senior Match Play Challenge in 1999 and 2000. By adding length to the course, Dorado Beach East can once again host world-class golf events.

The resort was once a popular destination for celebrities of the 1960s, including hall of fame baseball players Mickey Mantle and Joe DiMaggio, and former U.S. Presidents Gerald Ford, Dwight Eisenhower and John F. Kennedy.

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Boulan South Beach Condos Open in Miami

(MIAMI, FL) -- Think Properties, one of New York City's most dynamic sales and marketing real estate firms, announced Jan. 4 the grand opening of the newest condominium to grace the shores of South Florida: Boulan South Beach.

Boulan South Beach brings a combination of contemporary lifestyle captured within vintage art deco architecture, creating the perfect ambiance in the tropical setting of South Beach. Surely to be recognized as an architectural masterpiece, Boulan South Beach is designed to entice and seduce its guests while creating a personal sanctuary. Residents and visitors alike will experience its eclectic style and abundant amenities including 24-hour valet, concierge reception, boutique lobby and common areas, a meditation garden and courtyard, fitness center, landscaped roof-top oasis with pool, Jacuzzi and cabana beds, private beach services with shopping and dining in Parc Place Shops located in the lower level.

The six-story development was designed by Zyschovich Architects Inc., a firm founded in 1977 with a presence in 26 different countries that offers an integrated practice of architecture, urban planning, interior design and landscape. The residential building includes one and two bedroom units, ranging from 668 to over 2,000 square feet of bountiful luxury, and penthouse condominiums that feature roof-top access. Boulan's ideal location is just steps away from multiple five-star restaurants, bars, night clubs, fine art galleries, world-class shopping and one of the world's most premier beaches.

"2010 is the perfect time to purchase in Miami," explains author and real-estate expert William W. Teho, Jr., "The market trend shows that the decline of prices in Miami will soon halt and slowly go back to normal. Now is the time to purchase for those thinking about getting a great deal in the city."

Nestled in the heart of South Beach along historic Collins Avenue, Boulan South Beach is ideally located between The W South Beach and The Setai South Beach, an area known to offer a superior and elegant lifestyle. Boulan South Beach is the most suitable location for anyone looking to invest in this progressive market with developer financing available.

Project Developer Bert E. Brodsky has vast knowledge of the real estate industry and over 30 years of related experience. He has founded and grown numerous real estate and development projects which remain in business today, including North East Equity Management, Inc., consisting of 300 apartments in the Greater New York-Metropolitan area and over one-million square feet of commercial space in Long Island. Boulan South Beach is Brodsky's first real estate venture in the state of Florida and he has stated plans to continue developing property throughout the South Florida area.

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