

Press Release

CARIBBEAN RESORT WILL BE 'MOST HIGH-TECH' OF ITS KIND

A MULTI-MILLION dollar eco-resort in western Belize is looking to position itself as the most technologically advanced health and wellness complex in the Caribbean, when it opens its doors next year.

The \$135 million Destination Mariposa project – which includes two luxury hotels, a full-service luxury spa, a high-end villa complex, adventure park, lagoon and fitness centre – will boast one of the fastest and most secure internet connections in the Caribbean, thanks to a ground-breaking commercial partnership with Canadian telecommunications firm Quanta Networks.

The Ontario-based company has been engaged to design, install and maintain a climate-proofed digital infrastructure across the 145-acre Caribbean resort, which is nestled between the remote Belizean rainforest and the banks of the beautiful Mopan River.

The cable-free network will provide high-speed internet connectivity to guests at Destination Mariposa without the use of cell phone towers. Residents will have the luxury of being the first in Belize to own the first of its kind Quanta Emergency Phone, in a part of the world where natural disasters such as extreme weather can seriously disrupt traditional telecommunications services.

The cutting-edge technology will work by allowing data to bypass traditional fibre optic lines – most of which are strung along telegraph poles or buried underground – and instead making connections through a dedicated wireless network.

This advanced infrastructure will provide residents and visitors to the resort with access to high-speed internet services – at all times and in any circumstances, including extreme weather conditions.

Quanta Networks will also be using their expertise to roll out other smart technology across the resort site, including energy monitors and smart thermostats to ensure sustainability and reduce environmental impact on the land surrounding the new development. An advanced CCTV security system will also ensure that the site is consistently monitored for the safety of guests.

Humerto Varela, CEO at Quanta Networks said: “We are incredibly proud to be a major investor in this exciting project. There is a real need for climate-resilient technologies in the Caribbean and the robust technology infrastructure we’re building at Destination Mariposa will allow guests to stay connected while enjoying their time on the resort. We look forward to the positive tourism impact that Destination Mariposa will have on this beautiful region of Cayo, and the country as a whole.”

Wayne Thomas, CEO at Destination Mariposa said: "Destination Mariposa will be a 'one of a kind' lifestyle destination for people who are passionate about improving their lives through health and wellness. Surrounded by the beauty of the Belizean rainforest, the resort provides a haven for people looking to connect with nature, while also staying connected to the outside world with high-speed internet connections. We are grateful to Quanta Networks for their ground-breaking work to ensure the safety and comfort of our future guests."

Located on the outskirts of the vibrant San Ignacio city, the Destination Mariposa health and wellness resort is set to create over a thousand local jobs when it opens its doors in December 2021.

Its on-site services will include:

- Mariposa Fitness – an all-inclusive wellness and fitness resort
- Mariposa Adventure Park – an action-packed adventure area featuring sports activities like zip lining, ATV tours, river tubing and horseback riding
- Mopan River Spa – a full service spa for resort guests and members of the public
- Cayo Lagoon – a ten acre man-made lagoon in the heart of the resort
- Mariposa Villas – a community of luxury villages, with on site shopping facilities, medical facilities and an organic, solar-powered farm
- Exhale Resort & Spa – an all-inclusive wellness resort
- The Village – shopping and restaurants, a butterfly conservatory and a wedding chapel

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