Melwa joins with Hilton for a Mega Project

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(L-R): P P Barathakumar, P P Devaraj, P P Barathamanickam and P P Anandharajah, Directors of Melwa Hotels and Resorts; Willam Costley, Vice President, Operations SEA & India, Hilton; Kieran Bestall, Director of Development Asia, Hilton; P P Muruganandhan, Director and Professor Ranjith Bandara, Director Business Development, Melwa Hotels and Resorts

Melwa Hotel and Resorts partnered with Hilton, who will manage the company’s six new hotels in Sri Lanka.

Melwa Hotel and Resorts, a fully owned subsidiary of the Melwire Rolling, signed a pivotol agreement with Hilton to manage their six hotels to be built in Sri Lanka.

It is considered a milestone for the tourism and hospitality industry where a 100 per cent truly Sri Lankan-owned firm undertakes to invest in six hotel projects under the Hilton brand.

The six new hotels positioned in Sri Lanka’s strategic tourist locations are, Hilton Kandy Resort, the Hilton Yala Resort & Spa, Hilton Kosgoda Resort, the DoubleTree by Hilton Nuwara-Eliya, DoubleTree by Hilton Colombo International Airport and DoubleTree by Hilton Negombo.

William Costley, Vice President, Operations SEA & India, Hilton; Kieran Bestall, Director of Develop-ment Asia, Hilton; Professor Ranjith Bandara, Director Business Develop-ment, Melwa Hotels and Resorts and Melwa Group Directors, P P Devaraj P Barathakumar, P P Anandharajah, P P Barathamanickam as well as P P Anandharajah along with the senior management of Hilton were present at the

signing ceremony.



The signing of the agreement between Melwa Hotels and Resorts and Hilton

Mewire Rolling, the holding company of Melwa Group is a leader in the steel industry and a brand led by a strong board of directors and senior management team. The Group now focus on investment areas such as the hotel and leisure sector, real estate and property development, construction and interior solutions as well as plantations, chemicals and paints.

“Today we are making history in Sri Lanka. With Hilton being in the business for 30 years, and having to invest six hotels in a row along with Melwa, we will surely be able to reach the tourism demand here.” said Professor Ranjith Bandara.

Ground work in these six hotels including three five star properties is currently ongoing with the 106-room Negombo Resort and Yala boutique hotel to start operations in 2019. The other four projects, a 97-room hotel in Nuwara Eliya, a 200-room transit hotel in Katunayake, 200-room hotel in Kosgoda and a 150-room hotel in Kandy are expected to be completed by early 2025. The investment for all six hotel projects is 15 billion rupees.

“We at Hilton are honoured and humbled that Melwa Hotels and Resorts have chosen Hilton as their strategic partner in order to develop world class hospitality in key tourist destinations for all travellers.” said William Costley.