

# AC Hotel San Juan Condado opens with \$45 million investment

SAN JUAN – Following an investment of \$45 million and the creation of 105 jobs, AC Hotel San Juan Condado was inaugurated Wednesday. La Fortaleza called it “cosmopolitan, with an urban flair, designed for creative and enterprising travelers.”

Gov. Ricardo Rosselló participated in the event, where he emphasized the efforts his administration has made to support the private sector, particularly in the tourism industry.

“We created the destination marketing organization, which seeks to promote Puerto Rico abroad, and together with projects such as AC Hotel San Juan Condado we will make the island the preferred destination for many,” the governor said.



Gov. Ricardo Rosselló (Courtesy)

Part of the AC Hotels by Marriott chain, the new establishment occupies the former Ambassador Hotel building on Ashford Avenue. Banco Popular and Hotel Development Corp. financed the project, while Interlink led the rehabilitation of the property, during which 180 direct and 250 indirect jobs were created.

The hotel has entered into a long-term agreement with Marriott International, and will be operated by Highgate Hotels.

“We believe that the combination of the strength of Marriott International, the charm of our island, Puerto Rican talent, this coveted location on Ashford Avenue and the growing popularity of the AC brand create a very promising platform,” said Federico Sánchez Ortiz, president and CEO of Interlink.

The executive director of the Tourism Co., José Izquierdo, said the AC Hotels chain is expected to expand its presence on the island.

The building has 233 rooms, of which 48 are suites, while the lobby and AC Lounge are designed to blend into the surroundings of Ashford Avenue. On the roof of the hotel there is a swimming pool, a bar and the AC Kitchen. The hotel will also include the Sobao by Los Cidrines bakery and the La Bodeguita restaurant.

The hotel's general manager, Reynaldo Rey Fernández; Marriott International's vice president of Caribbean Development, Bojan Kumer; several government officials; and representatives of the tourism industry were present at the opening ceremony.