

## Hann Dev't to build 3 golf courses in New Clark City

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HANN Development Corp. is investing an initial P9 billion in a 450-hectare luxury integrated mountain resort project, which includes three world-class golf courses, in New Clark City (NCC), Tarlac.

The master-planned lifestyle leisure development called Hann Reserve will be 20 kilometers away from Clark Freeport Zone, Pampanga, where the company built Hann Casino Resort.

"Accessibility is important, and NCC in Tarlac is very accessible via NLEX (North Luzon Expressway) and SCTEX (Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway)," Daesik Han, chairman and chief executive officer of Hann Philippines, Inc. (HPI), said during the launch of Hann Reserve's valley golf course on April 14.

HPI is the parent company of Hann Development.

The 18-hole valley course, part of phase two of the project, is designed by South Korean professional golfer KJ Choi.

At the launch event, Mr. Choi told reporters that his course will be user-friendly and will highlight the locale's natural strengths and features.

"I'm making it challenging and accurate [for the use of] many golfers — junior golfers, women golfers, professional golfers," he said.

The golf course is targeted to be completed by 2027.

Development is underway for the first phase of the project, which includes a clubhouse, public park, Banyan Tree hotel, and the first 18-hole mountain golf course by Nicklaus

Design. The first phase is expected to be completed by 2026.

The third golf course will be a river course designed by former world number 1 golfer Sir Nick Faldo, and is slated for completion in 2028.

"We are excited and proud to create a truly world-class golfing experience befitting NCC as an equally world-class leisure and entertainment destination," said Mr. Han.

Apart from the designer golf courses, Mr. Han said the master plan also includes the first Professional Golfers Association of America (PGA)-affiliated player development facility in the Philippines.

Once the entire Hann Reserve project is completed by 2030, it will boast of luxury hotel brands, a mixed-use commercial center and casino, and exclusive residences with an international school.

The total approximate cost of the development is \$3 billion. Around 3,500 local jobs will be created. It also aims to be sustainable in its reuse of water and inclusion of indigenous materials and plants.

According to Mr. Han, Hann Reserve's golf courses will be double the usual cost of golf courses in the Philippines due to the use of high technology — from special grass that consumes less water than Bermuda grass to satellite-powered irrigation that uses up only the right amount of water.

"The most important thing is to strike the balance between development and taking care of nature," he said. "I believe our contribution to the society and economy is going to be very big yet we are not destroying nature. We are spending money to protect it."

# RLC bets on upscale market in Cebu with Mantawi Residences

CEBU CITY — RLC Residences on Friday launched Mantawi Residences, its first premium residential condominium project here, as it bets on the growing appetite for upscale developments in Cebu province.

Mantawi Residences is a premium condominium development strategically located along Ouano Avenue, Mandaue City.

Sitting on a 20,328-square-meter (sq.m.) property, the project will have four towers with 40 floors each. The first tower will have 474 units, including four penthouse units.

Stephanie Anne C. Go, RLC Residences business development and design head, said units at Mantawi Residences offer spacious living spaces and built-in smart home devices.

The first tower of Mantawi Residences will have 310 one-bedroom units (46 sq.m.), 148 two-bedroom units (92 sq.m. and 115 sq.m.), and 12 three-bedroom units (138 sq.m.). There are four penthouse units (207 sq.m.) which will have three bedrooms, a dining area, kitchen, living room, study den, utility room, powder room and balconies.

Mantawi Residences also boasts of a 1.3-hectare amenity

area, which will feature beach-inspired swimming pools, a cascading water wall, a pet park and an outdoor play area.

"The amenity area is one of the biggest, if not the biggest, across RLC projects. The beach-inspired swimming pool is something that we're doing for the first time," Ms. Go said in a press briefing here on Friday.

The property will also have a retail area on the ground floor of the first tower.

Prices of units at Mantawi Residences start at P15 million for a one-bedroom unit to P60 million for a penthouse suite.

John Richard B. Sotelo, senior vice-president and business unit general manager of RLC Residences, said the price points for Mantawi Residences is a "little higher" than the company's other projects since it is a premium development.

"We are guided by what the market is telling us... and the market in Cebu is telling us that it's ready. It's not just the folks in Cebu who are ready and willing to pay, but also Filipinos who work abroad who are willing to make this investment as long as they can get their money's worth," he said during the same press briefing.

The prices have not appeared to have dented demand, as one of Mantawi Residences' penthouse units was already sold to a Cebu businessman after it was unveiled in late March.

"Based on what we're offering in terms of design, location, amenities and features, I think we kind of hit that 'sweet spot' of offering good value for what you're paying for but still making it affordable for Cebu," Mr. Sotelo said.

Mantawi Residences is located in a bustling area where the cities of Cebu and Mandaue meet. It is just 3.5 kilometers (km) to Cebu Business Park, 2.5 km to Robinsons Galleria Cebu and 5 km from the Cebu-Cordova Link Expressway.

"We know the project is investment-worthy since the location speaks for itself. It's at the heart of the city. The government has a lot of gentrification programs for Mandaue City as well. The economic activities are all in the area," Ms. Go said.

The Mandaue government reportedly plans to turn the Cebu International Port into a docking area for international cruise ships, as well as develop a Metro Cebu Expressway and

Cebu Bus Transit. There are also plans to build a waterfront development with commercial spaces, and to rehabilitate the Mahiga River.

Mr. Sotelo said the company expects to break ground on Mantawi Residences around late third quarter or early fourth quarter.

"We anticipate turnover of the first tower by the fourth quarter of 2029. We expect residences to start moving in by December 2029," he added.

Depending on demand, Mr. Sotelo said the second tower for Mantawi Residences may be launched within a year or a year and a half.

As part of its commitment to sustainability, Ms. Go said the company is planning to secure BERDE and EDGE certifications for Mantawi Residences.

Mantawi Residences is RLC Residences' third project launch this year, after Le Pont Residences in Bridgetowne estate and the fourth tower of Sierra Valley Gardens in Cainta, Rizal.

In Cebu, RLC Residences' projects include AmiSa Private Residences and Galleria Residences Cebu. — **Cathy Rose A. Garcia**

## Robinsons Malls to host job fairs on May 1

THE Department of Labor and Employment (DoLE) selected 37 Robinsons malls to host job fairs on Labor Day (May 1), according to Robinsons Land Corp. (RLC).

"RLC forges partnership with the DoLE to promote job generation and placements amongst the Filipino working class," the company said in a statement.

The partnership was formally signed by Labor Secretary Bienvenido E. Laguesma and RLC Director for External Affairs Irving L. Wu.

The DoLE is encouraging jobseekers to prepare application requirements such as resume, diploma, transcript of records, and certificate of employment for those formerly employed, before going to the job fairs.

## ALLHC breaks ground for Batangas Technopark

AYALALAND Logistics Holdings Corp. (ALLHC) is targeting to complete its new industrial estate, Batangas Technopark, by the second quarter of 2025.

Located in Padre Garcia, Batangas Technopark is ALLHC's second property in the province, after it acquired a 64,000-square meter (sq.m.) facility in Santo Tomas in 2022.

ALLHC in a statement said it recently broke ground on the Batangas Technopark project.

The 55-hectare industrial estate is registered with the Board of Investments. It is intended for light and medium, non-polluting industries.

"This new industrial estate will not only serve as a hub for manufacturing and indus-

trial activities but will also generate new employment opportunities for Batangueños and residents of nearby localities, thus contributing to the local economy. Batangas Technopark is poised to attract local and foreign investors, and we are confident that it will be a key driver of economic growth in the region," ALLHC President and CEO Jose Emmanuel H. Jalandoni said in a statement.

ALLHC said the estate will eventually become a mixed-use development with the addition of ALogis dry warehouse and ALogis Artico cold storage facilities, as well as amenities such as a chapel, restaurants, transport terminal, gas station and an agricultural wholesale market.

Around 1.3 hectares will be allocated for parks and open spaces within Batangas Technopark.

The estate can be accessed through Tiaong-Lipa Road. Coming from Metro Manila, the estate connects via the South Luzon Expressway and the Southern Tagalog Arterial Road. It is also about an hour's drive from the Batangas Port.

The property will also become more accessible after the completion of the Lipa-Padre Garcia Bypass Road, which starts in Barangay Talisay in Lipa and will end in Barangay Bawi in Padre Garcia.

ALLHC is also preparing for the launch of Pampanga Technopark in Mabalacat. The planned agro-industrial hub has a gross land area of 270 hectares.

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