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## Lionstone plans upscale future for The Beach House

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**T**he Beach House Hotel in Isla Verde was recently acquired by Miami-based Lionstone Development, which has an extensive luxury hotel portfolio, for an undisclosed amount.

The beachfront boutique hotel, comprised of 17 guestrooms, La Folie Salon & Lounge and restaurant Café La Plage, was purchased by Lionstone along with the Floris Suite Hotel in Curaçao.

"We are pleased to include The Beach Hotel and Floris Suite Hotel as part of our luxury hospitality portfolio," said Diego Lowenstein, Chief Executive Officer of Lionstone Development. "These are two great additions to our collection of properties in the Caribbean and we look forward to continued success with these acquisitions."

The Beach House's erstwhile general manager and previous owner Gonzalo Graña did not return The STAR's calls before press time.

Lionstone Development, which has 30 years experience of owning,



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**The Beach House in Isla Verde will be converted into a branded, luxury boutique hotel.**

developing, leasing and managing hospitality, gaming and residential properties throughout South Florida and the Caribbean, has plans to turn The Beach House into a chic luxury boutique hotel. They have already revamped the menu at Café La Plage and appointed a new executive chef. There are other renovation plans in mind, according to Maite Vélez-Couto, the public relations person for Lionstone Develop-

ment.

The company specializes in acquiring distressed or underperforming properties with redevelopment potential and pairing them up with globally recognized brands.

Lionstone's portfolio includes The Ritz-Carlton South Beach, the Hilton Curaçao Resort & Casino, Breezes Curaçao Resort and the Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort in Aruba.