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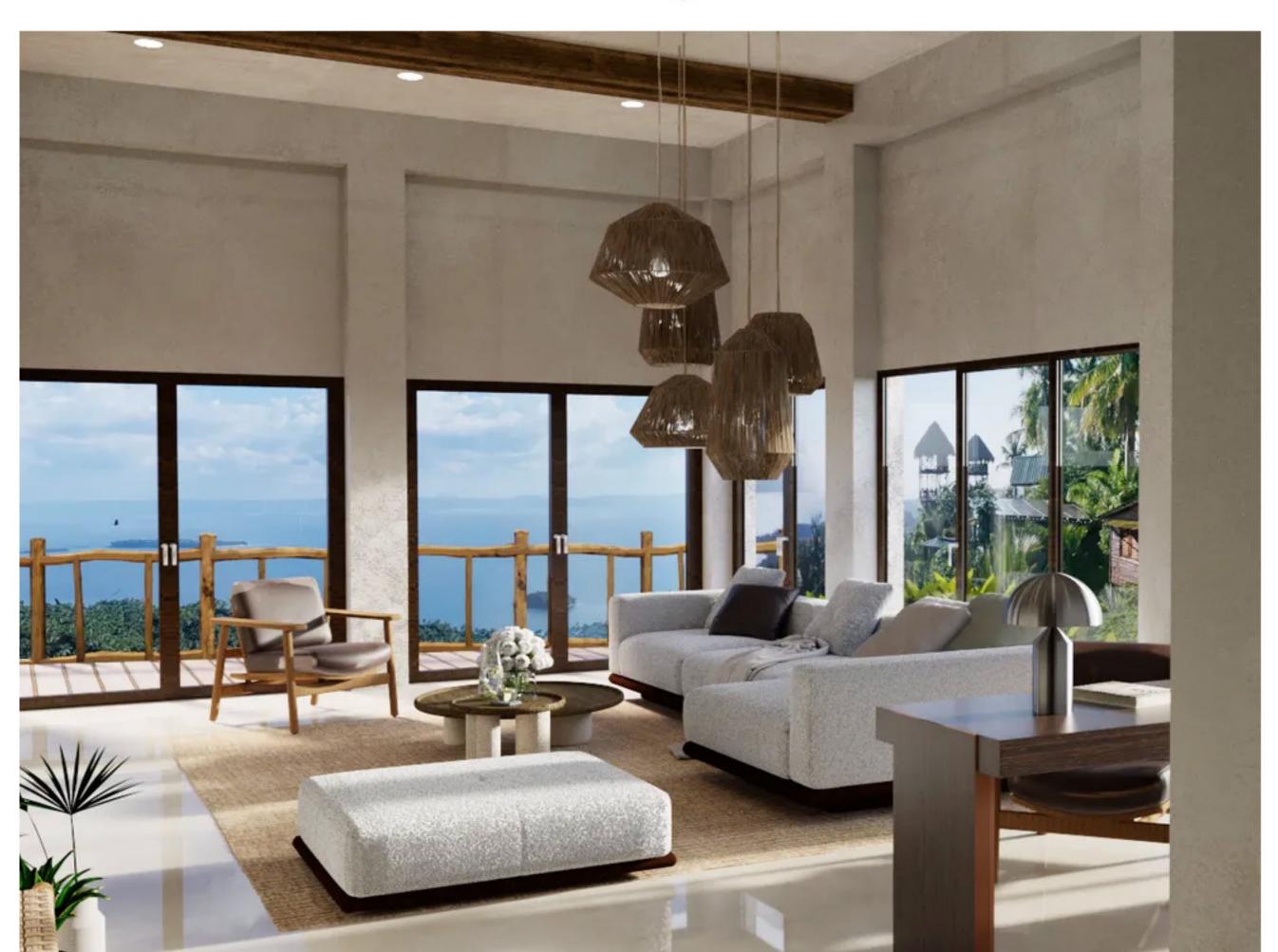
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Marek Zmyslowski Opens Dominican Republic **Real Estate Crowdfunding Round**

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Interior of Samana Group property in the Dominican Republic Marek Zmyslowski

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With a background in "private cities" in the United States, Samana Group is using a tech-enabled crowdfunding platform to enable international investors to benefit from the potential growth in resort towns in the country.

The crowdfunding will be open to a range of investors at varied ticket sizes. The properties will be part of privately managed cities which makes them different to typical properties.

Aimed at accelerating the nation's infrastructure and housing growth, this round provides investors with an opportunity to be a part of the Dominican Republic's rapid urbanization and development.

Real Estate is a growth catalyst in the Caribbean: As the Dominican

Republic continues to experience robust economic growth, increased tourism, and ongoing political stability, the demand for residential and commercial properties is surging. This funding round comes at an opportune moment when many believe the country stands at the brink of a real estate boom, driven by both local and international demand.

The properties will be unique and will protect the unique Dominican character from the dangers of over tourism that are evidenced elsewhere in the Caribbean.

The projects will be based on sustainable growth, using sustainable building practices, ensuring that developments will not only be profitable but also environmentally responsible.

The team is also proud of its local expertise. With deep roots in the Dominican Republic, the project provides unmatched local market insights, ensuring that every investment is strategically positioned for growth.

The crowdfunding model will allow the projects to attract target investors, who they describe as "healthy, wealthy conscious" to put sustainability ahead of profit maximization. As Project Lead Marek says: "There are lots of retail investors in the US and Canada who would rather be part of something healthy, somewhere they can invest in as well as live in, and would rather have 15% returns from something they believe in than 50% returns from something that destroys the local ecology and community."

"Our 'private city' model is an emerging asset class that can really make a

difference" Investments start at just \$10,000 in the form of a convertible note, making

this accessible to a broad range of investors. More committed investors can convert their investment into real estate ownership at a later time.

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