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Olson To Develop \$42 Million Resort in Anaheim

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R. D. Olson Development has sold six-acres of land in the Anaheim Resort Zone for \$7.1 million to Bass Hotels & Resorts of Britain and is under contract with them to develop a \$42 million resort.

This will be the first new major hotel development to break ground within the Anaheim Resort Zone.

The 258,000-square-foot flagship hotel complex is located at 1901 Manchester Ave., just south of Katella Ave., at the south entrance of the zone. It will be home to a seven-story, 143-room Staybridge Suites and nine-story, 264-room Holiday Inn, both owned and operated by Bass.

"We're proud to be a leader in developing this area and making it an even more attractive environment for residents and tourists," said Bob Olson, president of **R. D. Olson Development**.

Because of its close proximity to Disneyland and the Anaheim Convention Center, the 405-room resort will serve as a depot for the park's guests and conference center for local and traveling business executives.

R. D. Olson Construction is contracted to build the hotels - designed by Lee & Sakahara Architects - at a project cost of \$26 million. The two hotel towers will include conference rooms, swimming pools, spa and sports courts, surrounded by exclusive water features and towering palm trees.

Olson Development has acquired a conditional-use permit and planning approval for the resort. Final drawings are under way. The company expects to break ground in June. The hotels will open in July 2001.

Founded in 1998, **R. D. Olson Development** has developed properties throughout the country including the Marriott Residence Inn in Irvine; Pacific View Corporate Center, San Clemente; Los Angeles County Exposition Center, Los Angeles; and Sandy Ridge Polo Field, Las Vegas.

Photograph: The seven-story Staybridge Suites in Anaheim will have 143 rooms. The hotel is scheduled to be completed in July 2001. Photograph: Construction of the \$15 million Holiday Inn in Anaheim will begin in May.

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