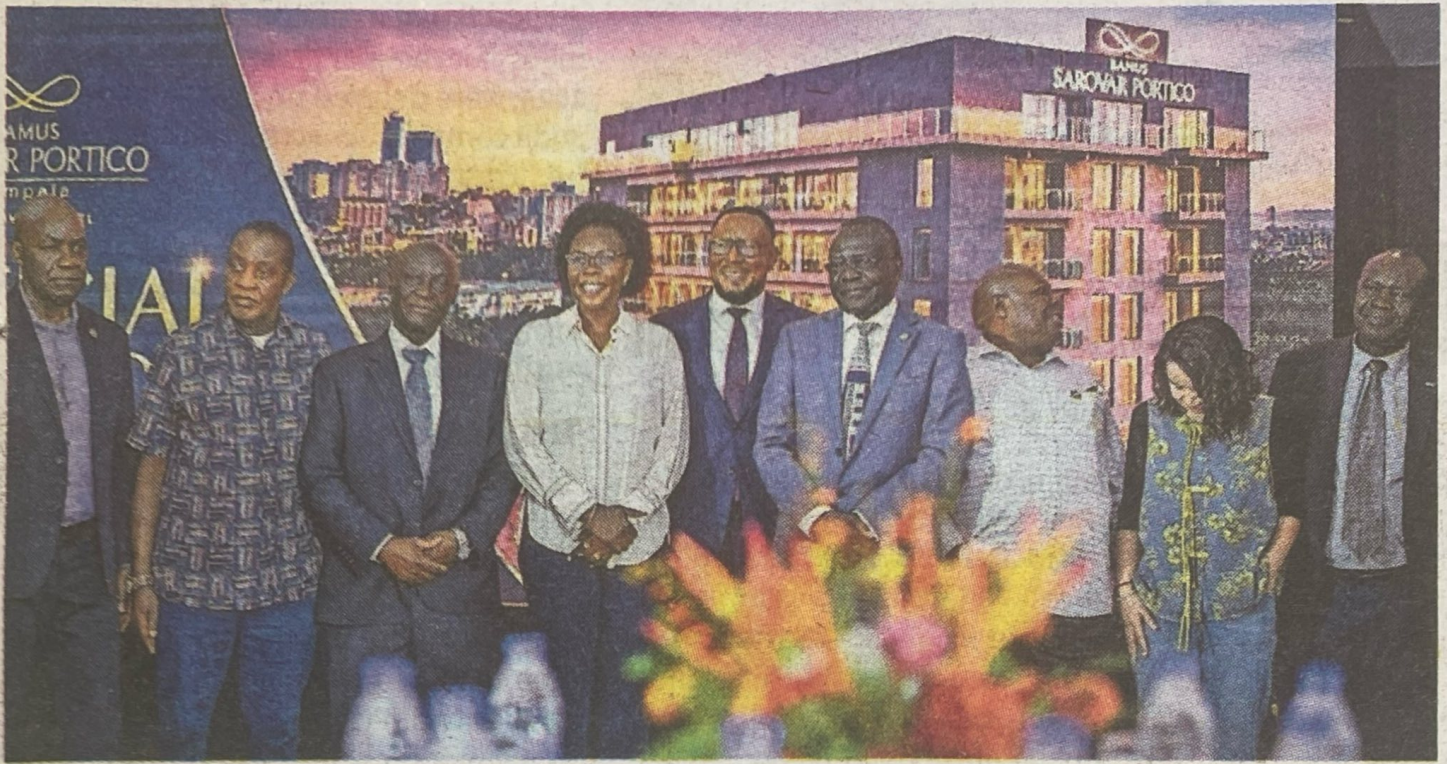




Top tycoons grace launch of Sarovar

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Some of Kampala's most prominent businessmen, government officials, and investors gathered in Makerere on Saturday for the official launch of yet another international hotel chains to rush to Uganda – the Bamus Sarovar Portico Hotel.

Among some notable faces at the event was Uganda's Honorary Consul of Namibia Godfrey Kirumira, businessman Tom Kitandwe, Minister of Investment Evelyne Anite and several financiers, entrepreneurs and diplomats. The

business magnets were here in support of their colleague, Hajj Badru Muwanga of Luuka Plastics as he unveiled the new four-star luxury facility, another jewel in his vast investment portfolio.

The hotel, located near Makerere University, is operated in partnership with Sarovar Hotels, an international hospitality brand with more than 150 hotels across Asia and Africa and is part of the globally recognised Louvre Hotels Group headquartered in Paris, France.

Speaking during the launch, minister Anite praised the project as a strong example of local entrepreneurship driving Uganda's economic growth.

"This is a very exciting day because we are witnessing the grand launch of an investment by a local entrepreneur. Tourism and hospitality can drive growth, create employment, and generate revenue for this

economy," the minister said.

Anite also praised Hajj Muwanga for diversifying his investments from manufacturing into hospitality.

Guests toured the hotel's spacious suites, conference facilities, restaurant spaces, and modern interiors, many of which incorporate Ugandan artwork and local design.

In a light-hearted moment, the minister invited several wealthy Ugandan businessmen for a group photo, saying their success proves that Ugandans can build wealth through legitimate business and disciplined investment.

The Bamus Sarovar Portico adds to the growing list of international hotel brands entering Uganda, joining chains such as Marriott, Hilton, and Mövenpick as investors increasingly position Kampala as a rising regional tourism and business hub.