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## **Cambria Suites building \$25M hotel next to Consol Energy Center**

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A \$25 million Cambria Suites hotel will be the first development spurred by the Consol Energy Center, the new Uptown home to the Penguins beginning next year.

Framed by the Penguins' future home — covered in purple and silver insulation — and the city skyline, Penguins CEO Ken Sawyer joined city and county leaders Wednesday for the groundbreaking of the 142-suite hotel on Centre Avenue between the new arena and Washington Plaza apartments. It is expected to open next fall shortly after the arena opens.

"This is a great day for us to be able to make the first additional development for this part of the city," said developer Rodney Piatt, CEO of Horizon Properties Group.

About 200 jobs will be created to construct the seven-story hotel and more than 100 part-time and full-time employees will work inside once it's complete, Piatt said.

Because of the "community benefits agreement" agreed to last year by city, county and Penguins officials, Hill District residents will get first crack at those hotel jobs. The agreement also guarantees the community, among other things, \$2 million for a grocery store, first crack at jobs spawned by other arena projects, and a job resource center, which opened this summer.

Kevin Lewis, president of Cambria Suites, said the hotel will "resonate with travelers looking for upscale accommodations."

Each room will feature separate work and living areas, two flat screen televisions, a CD/DVD player and free wireless Internet. The hotel itself will feature a 10,000-square-foot restaurant, a 24-hour convenience store, spa, pool and fitness center.

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