

# Kempinski hosts inaugural women's summit

## ...To celebrate International Women's Day

### News Desk Report

KEMPINSKI Hotel Gold Coast City Accra has held an "Inspiring Women at Kempinski" summit to celebrate the achievements and contributions of women from all walks of life to commemorate the 2024 International Women's Day.

Under the theme: "Inspire Inclusion, Invest in Women, Accelerate Progress", the summit highlighted the role of women in shaping the future of the hospitality industry and beyond, bringing together prominent women in society who were making strides in key sectors, including Science and Technology, Education, Hospitality, Beauty, Health and Wellness, among others, and embody the spirit of empowerment, leadership and inclusivity.



• Panel discussions with the Leading Ladies in Kempinski: (from left) Rozlaine Hakiki - Hotel Manager; Barbara Amissah - Director of Human Resources; Melissa Bediako - Director of Sales & Marketing; Gladys. A. Pratt-Myers - Training Manager; Ellen Theresa Onyame - Electrical Engineer)

A performance by the legendary Akosua Agyapong of her 1990 hit song, *Obaa*, set the tone for an engaging afternoon where over 100 participants, including business partners, staff of Kempinski and students of Ashesi University and

Accra Technical University, were inspired to unlock their potential and break the invisible glass ceiling of social and systematic barriers that hinder their potential.

In his opening address, the General Manager of the Kempinski

Hotel, Hanno Barkhoff, said the hotel was dedicated to creating an inclusive environment where every woman felt empowered to succeed.

"Our focus is on providing equal opportunities for career growth, mentorship and leadership

development, ensuring that all team members receive the support they need to thrive in their roles," he said.

"We honour the resilience, creativity and unwavering commitment of women who have made strides in various sectors, breaking barriers and paving the way for future generations. Your passion and expertise inspire us all, and we are deeply grateful for your invaluable contributions," he added.

To support the oncology training of health professionals and help to facilitate the treatment of breast cancer patients, Kempinski Hotel then presented a cheque for GH¢105,000 to Dr Wiafe Addai of Breast Care International Ghana.

The partnership was forged a year ago during the launch of the hotel's flagship corporate social responsibility programme, BE Health, which aims to support the provision of quality breast health education, screening, counselling, research, treatment and intensify breast cancer awareness.