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BRITISH HOTEL GIANTS HAVE BIG PLANS FOR InterContinental Hotels

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OME of Britain's biggest companies are making massive investments on Majorca showing that Brexit has not dented the island's attraction for British investors.

InterContinental Hotels, through their Kimpton brand, are developing a 78 room hotel on the site of the fomer Santa Ponsa Coun-



The new Kimpton hotel which is under construction in Santa Ponsa Photo: GRAS REYNES ARCHITECTURE STUDIO/WEBSITE

try Club. It will also have extensive sporting facilities and work is well underway. Sir Richard Branson´s Virgin Hotels will soon be opening a new 29-room hotel at the Son Bunyola estate in Banyalbufar.

Also, a British company is planning to transform the Casa Roca store in Palma into a luxury hotel.

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- Virgin Hotels will soon be opening a new 29-room hotel at the Son Bunyola Estate in Banyalbufar.
- British company plans to open hotel on site of iconic Palma store.

Spanish region suspends Covid jab

Madrid.—A regional Spanish health authority said yesterday it had suspended Astra-Zeneca COVID-19 shots pending a European Medicines Agency (EMA) safety report, though the national government said it would continue to use the vaccine for now.

The Castile and Leon region will review

whether to use the vaccine after EU and national health authorities make a decision based on the EMA safety report, the regional health service said on its website.

EMA experts have reviewed to what extent some cases of blood clotting in adults who had recently received the AstraZeneca vaccine may be linked to the injections.



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