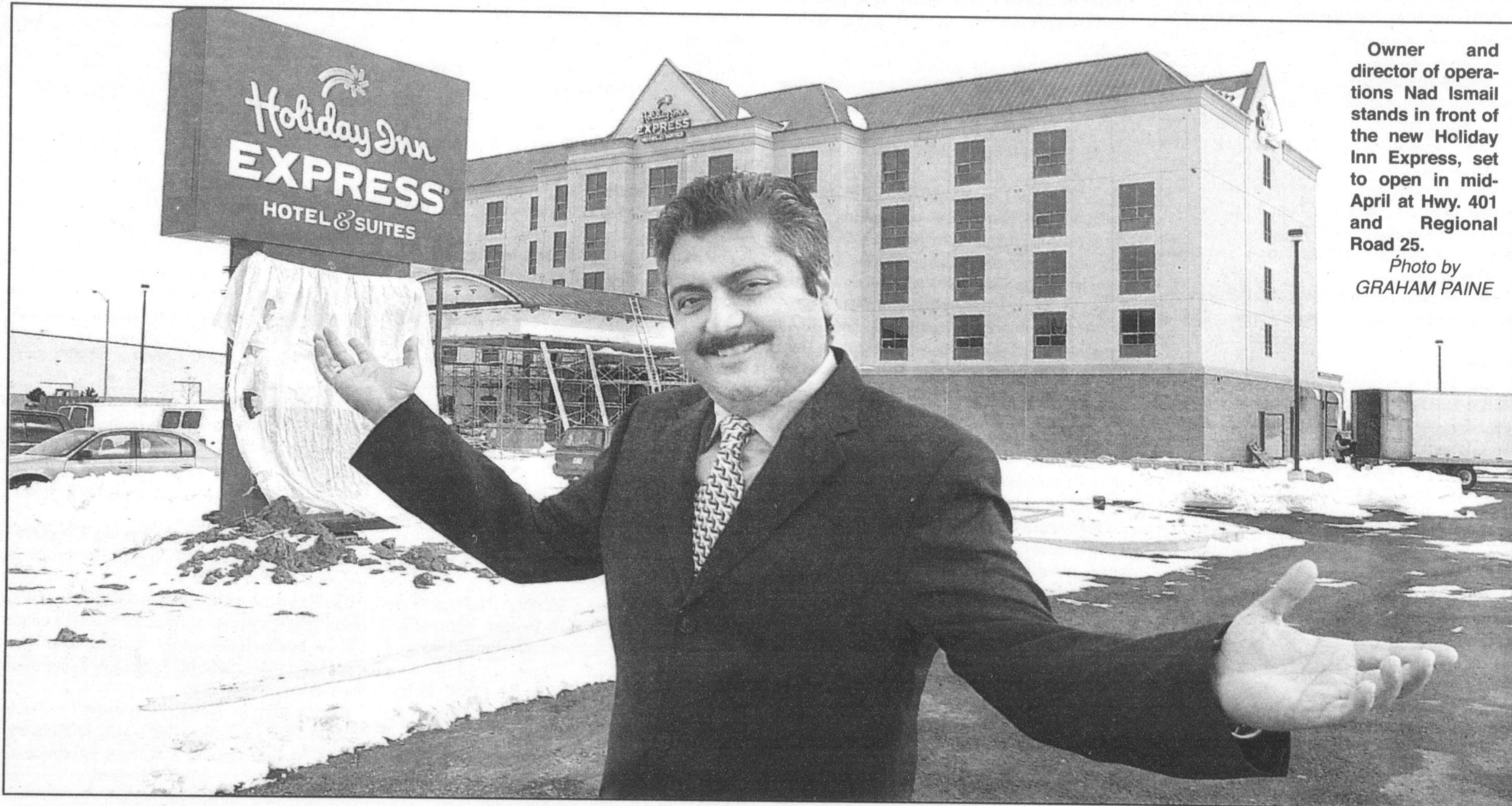


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Owner and director of operations Nad Ismail stands in front of the new Holiday Inn Express, set to open in mid-April at Hwy. 401 and Regional Road 25.

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## Holiday Inn Express set to open here soon

By MELANIE HENNESSEY

The Champion

At home away from home for the business traveller is what Milton Holiday Inn Express owner Nad Ismail is hoping to create when the hotel opens its doors in town shortly.

The five-storey facility, located on High Point Drive in north Milton, will feature 92-rooms, some of which will be Jacuzzi suites and a few designed like small studio apartments with full kitchenettes.

"Holiday Inn Express is catered toward a business traveller," said Mr. Ismail. "It will have all the facilities that a business traveller needs."

One of those amenities, he noted, will be free high-speed Internet access, either wired or wireless. The hotel will also have a business centre available for clients, complete with a computer, fax machine and photocopier.

Mr. Ismail explained the main difference between a Holiday Inn and Holiday Inn Express is that the latter doesn't have an on-site restaurant. But that doesn't mean those who stay at the new Milton hotel will be going hungry.

"All our guests will get a complimentary deluxe continental breakfast," Mr. Ismail said, adding it will be a mix of hot and cold foods, such as eggs, sausages, cereal and bagels.

The facility will also have an exercise room, laundry facility, indoor pool, whirlpool and meeting and banquet facilities for up to 250 people.

Each room will come equipped with a mini-fridge and microwave, and Mr. Ismail said some of the larger executive suites will have plasma screen TVs.

He added there'll also be a gift shop that will carry everything from gift items to frozen food.

Mr. Ismail explained there's multiple reasons why the Holiday Inn Express wanted to set up shop in Milton.

"With Milton growing and the new development of houses, we felt that there's a need for a new hotel in this area," he said.

He said the company also heard that individuals looking for a Holiday Inn facility were passing by Milton to stay in Mississauga, noting the new hotel will help meet the needs of corporate and leisure travellers taking Hwy. 401 between Toronto and London.

"We're very excited that we're coming to Milton," he said. "It's a very nice community."

Mr. Ismail, who's been in the hotel industry for 15 years, said he's looking forward to meeting new people and corporate clientele and discussing how they operate their businesses.

The Holiday Inn Express is expected to open in mid-April, and Mr. Ismail said while they've already hired some employees, they're still looking for customer-oriented individuals for all positions. To submit a resumé, e-mail nad@bwadmira.com or fax (905) 795-1712.

Holiday Inn Express has almost 1,500 locations around the world and is part of the InterContinental Hotels Group. For more information, visit [www.hiexpress.com](http://www.hiexpress.com).

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