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Dusit plans hot springs resort in China

Dusit International has announced plans to develop a large spa and wellness resort in Hainan province, China.

Dusit Devarana Hainan will be located within rare natural hot springs – called Baoting's "Seven Fairy Mountain" – and the 300-bedroom resort is scheduled to launch in 2013.

The resort will be designed as a low-rise complex of villas and deluxe rooms featuring dozens of crafted spring-water bathing pools of varying sizes and temperatures.

Hot and cold spring water will be supplied to guest bathrooms across the resort and also used in the resort's large spa. Dusit will manage the site on behalf of owner, Hainan Yuan Qi Investment Company Limited.

Chanin Donavanik, chief executive of Dusit, said: "Our unique hot springs resort in Hainan reaffirms Dusit International's strong commitment to expansion into China."



The resort will be located among rare natural hot springs in Hainan

The company previously announced its inaugural resort in China, Dusit Thani Hainan, in 2011 and has aggressive expansion plans underway in China and throughout the region.

The three other properties under the Dusit Devarana brand concept are in India; Dusit Devarana New Delhi (2012), Dusit Devarana Jaipur and Dusit Devarana Rishikesh, both due to open in 2014. Dusit was founded in 1948 by Thanpuying Chanut Piyaoui.



All three new hotels will have large luxury spas

Hyatt plans three new spa hotels for Saudi Arabia

Hyatt Hotels Corporation has secured an agreement with Naseel Holding Company to open three branded hotels in Saudi Arabia within the next four years.

The deal means that the operator has six properties under development across five brands in Saudi Arabia, with Park Hyatt Jeddah - Marina, Club and Spa its sole hotel to have opened. All three properties will have spas and the first to open will be the Hyatt Regency Jeddah in 2015, designed by Skidmore, Owings and Merrill.

Vivanta by Taj expands portfolio in India

Taj Hotels and Resorts' Vivanta brand, which launched in September 2010, has expanded its portfolio with the opening of a new 181-bedroom hotel in Begumpet, Hyderabad.

Located in the corridor between Hyderabad and Secunderabad, the property is the fifth Taj to open in the region and is situated close to the business district and transport links.

Vivanta by Taj - Begumpet, Hyderabad incorporates a spa and a fitness centre, as well as a number of dining options - such as Viva, with live interactive cooking, and The Grill.

A.W.Lake to draw up Dubai Pearl strategy

Consultancy A.W.LAKE Spa Concepts (A.W. Lake) has been appointed master spa strategist for the US\$4bn (€3bn, £2.5bn) Dubai Pearl development in Dubai.

The company has been tasked with designing the strategy for all of Dubai Pearl's world class spas, which include international brands such as Baccarat, Bellagio, and MGM.

When completed, the 1.86 million sq m (20 million sq ft) destination will feature 1,500 luxury residences; five-star hotels; more than 60 restaurants; art galleries and theatres as well as office and retail space.

The number of spas is yet to be confirmed, but A.W. Lake will position each within their



Dubai Pearl will include a number of branded spas

brand while aligning them with the overall vision of Dubai Pearl.

Located within the Dubai Media and Technology Free Zone (TECOM) overlooking Palm Jumeirah, Dubai Pearl will be owned by Pearl Dubai FZ LLC, a consortium of investors led by the Al Fahim Group.

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Marriott prepares for Dubai launch

The new 1,608-bedroom JW Marriott Marquis Dubai will become one of the world's tallest hotels at a height of 355m (1,164ft) when it opens later this year.

Due to launch in the fourth quarter, the new property is just 26m (85ft) shorter when compared with the Empire State Building in New York, US, and will open in two phases.

Facilities will include the 1,500sq m (16,146sq ft) Saray Spa, which has been inspired by the caravanserai silk route and will offer treatments aimed at mind and body renewal.

The spa will incorporate separate relaxation areas for men and women; a yoga room and an aerobic studio; a VIP treatment rooms; and 10 further treatment rooms.

A ladies and gents hairdressers and Turkish Hammam steam baths will also form part of the Saray Spa, which will be among the facilities to open in the first phase at the hotel.

A pool deck will occupy the seventh floor of the JW Marriott Marquis Dubai and comprise a 32m swimming pool, while facilities also include nine restaurants and five lounges.

Among the restaurants and lounges will be The Vault lounge on the 71st and 72nd floors; an unnamed late-night music venue; Prime 68 boutique steak house; and an Arabic eatery.



The iconic hotel's spa will have 10 treatment rooms

General manager Rupprecht Queitsch said: "The potential to cater for the growing needs of the global business community is huge and we believe the JW Marriott Marquis Dubai is uniquely placed in that regard.

"We truly believe this iconic new property will set a new standard in hotels."

Hilton to open four new hotels in Turkey

Hilton Worldwide has announced that it has signed development agreements for four hotels across Turkey, which expands the company's pipeline in the country to 13 properties.

The number of Hilton hotels either operating or under development in Turkey now stands at 33, with eight unveiled in the past year and a further 10 due to open in the next 12 months.

DoubleTree by Hilton Malatya is the first of the four new signings to open following a deal with MGC Malatya Girişim Grubu Tekstil Turizm Enerji İnşaat ve Ticaret. Due to open later this year, facilities at the 157-bedroom hotel will include a spa and a health club, as well as an all-day dining restaurant and 1,000sq m (10,764sq ft) of event space.

The 144-bedroom Hampton by Hilton Samsun will open in early 2013 and is the result of a management agreement with Omsa Otelcilik Turizm ve İnşaat Sanayi Ticaret.



DoubleTree by Hilton Kusadasi will open in 2013 and includes a spa

Elsewhere, a spa and health club with indoor and outdoor swimming pools will be included as part of the new DoubleTree by Hilton Kusadasi once launched in late 2013.

The 88-bedroom hotel will also feature 385sq m (4,144sq ft) of event space after a franchise agreement was signed with Goctur Turizm Yatirim ve Ticaret.

Hampton by Hilton Istanbul Atakoy is the last of the new signings due to open, featuring 89 bedrooms.



Regent to operate Porto Montenegro

Regent Hotels and Resorts has been appointed to operate the first hotel to be built as part of the Porto Montenegro marina destination in the on the Adriatic coast in Montenegro, which is due to open in 2014.

The property, located in the village of Porto Montenegro, will have 34 guestrooms and 46 serviced residences, has been designed by ReardonSmith Architects in keeping with the style of houses along the Adriatic coastline.



The 34-bedroom boutique hotel has been designed by ReardonSmith

Located on the Boka waterfront with the Venice Square Basin adjacent to it, the new hotel is to incorporate the Regent Spa with indoor swimming pool and the Regent Yacht Club. Although the design has yet to be finalised, the spa area will span approximately 660sq m (7,104sq ft) and will have at least two or three treatment rooms on site. Additional treatment areas are also planned off-site.

Work has already started on-site, with Pisano Atelier behind the interior design of the hotel. The construction of the property also coincides with an expansion of the marina.

ReardonSmith Architects associate director Ross Blunt said: "The four years since we began to masterplan Porto Montenegro, transforming a decommissioned naval base into a world-class destination, have been engrossing and enormously rewarding. Seeing our vision become a busy and vibrant marina town is tremendously exciting."

• To read an article by Terry Stevens on the potential for spa development in Montenegro, see **Spa Business 4 2010, p.68** (<http://lei.sr?a=F3Pi1>)



The resort is surrounded by natural beaches

Caribbean resort unveils conservation initiative

Eco Serendib Villa and Spa on the island of St John, US Virgin Islands, has launched a new conservation programme to protect local beaches from erosion.

The recently-opened resort is working with Friends of the Virgin Islands National Park on the scheme, which will see indigenous trees and shrubs reintroduced to the area. Eco Serendib Villa and Spa already incorporates a range of environmentally-friendly measures such as energy-efficient appliances and rainwater harvesting in order to offer "eco-friendly luxury".

Among the resort's facilities is a full-service spa offering treatments either in-room or in an outdoor canopy. The spa also includes a far infra-red sauna and a relaxation area.

US\$2.4bn Revel resort to preview in the US

Revel, a new USD2.4bn (€1.8bn GBP1.5bn) resort development with more than 1,800 guest rooms in Atlantic City, New Jersey, US, is to hold an eight-week preview commencing on 2 April.

The 47-storey beachfront destination covers 6.3 million sq ft (585,289sq m) overlooking the Atlantic Ocean and will comprise a 31,000sq ft (2,880sq m) spa area among its facilities.

The development is owned – and will be operated – by Revel Entertainment Group, a private company headed by chief executive Kevin Desautels.

Housed in an iconic glass tower, the experiences at the resort will include Revelry – located 61ft (19m) above sea level and boasting a 700-seat performance space and a 150,000sq ft (13,935sq m) casino.

Meanwhile, The Lobby at 114ft (35m) above sea level features nearly 2 acres (0.8-hectares) of outdoor space and will be anchored by the



The 47-storey, futuristic beachfront hotel overlooks the Atlantic Ocean

SkyGarden and the InOut Pool. A "progressive" timetable of openings is planned for the preview, which will allow visitors to experience seven of the 14 restaurants from a number of acclaimed chefs.

A Revel spokesperson said: "Revel faces the ocean, choosing a graceful glass facade that reflects the waves, literally and figuratively." Details: <http://lei.sr?a=G9f5n>

June relaunch for London's Café Royal hotel and spa

London's historic Café Royal will reopen in June as a member of The Set, a newly-unveiled hotel collection established by Alfred and Georgi Akirov, following an extensive renovation.

David Chipperfield Architects and Donald Insall Associates have overseen a comprehensive facelift of the Regent Street property, which has been carried out over the last three years.

Among the new additions to the 159-bedroom hotel is the 800sq m (8,615sq ft) Akasha Holistic Wellbeing Centre day spa, which spans two floors and has its own dedicated entrance from Piccadilly Circus. A 19m indoor swimming pool will be at the heart of the lower floor of the well-being facility, with five treatment rooms also included – three of which will feature whirlpools. The lower floor will also offer a wet room; hammams; a dry sauna; a watsu pool; and a yoga studio.



The MGM resort will have no gaming elements

WATG-designed MGM Grand opens in Sanya, China

MGM Grand has officially opened its newest resort in Sanya, China.

Designed by WATG, the 675-bedroom hotel will be the first MGM to not include any gaming elements and is part of the company's strategy to create a portfolio of non-gaming resorts across Asia.

Facilities at the resort include Sho: The Spa at MGM Grand Sanya and six restaurants as well as a range of nightclubs.

Sho: The Spa has been designed exclusively for the Sanya property and the interior centers on a core bathing circuit surrounded by twenty treatment rooms.

Other facilities include extensive wet areas, saunas, steamrooms and a relaxation area. MGM Grand Sanya will be operated by Diaoyutai MGM Hospitality - a joint venture between the property's owner, Diaoyutai State Guesthouse of China, and MGM Resorts International.

Sanctuary at The Suites opens in Edinburgh, Scotland

A new day spa has been launched at Princes Street Suites, an exclusive collection of serviced apartments located in central Edinburgh, Scotland. Sanctuary at The Suites has two dedicated treatment rooms provide a wide range of therapeutic and remedial treatments for male and female guests, which include hot stone therapy and a two-hour full body essential oil experience.

The new spa, which is a start-up business owned and managed by Paul Lindsay, is the first in Edinburgh to offer treatments from natural skincare institution MONU that have been developed by Susan Molyneux.

Lindsay said: "The team of therapists has been hand-picked for their expertise and reputation within the industry, and we pride ourselves on creating a very personal experience for each customer."

First stand-alone spa for Centara

Thailand-based Centara Hotels & Resorts will open its first stand-alone Spa Cenvaree during Q1 of 2012 at the Arcon Arcade in Goa, India.

The facility will be branded as Spa Cenvaree, the operator's spa brand which it launched in 2000 throughout its resorts in Thailand, the Philippines, Vietnam and the Maldives.

Located at the beach resort of Candolim, in northern Goa, the new Spa Cenvaree Goa is located within the popular lifestyle and shopping complex of Arcon Arcade.

The spa features 13 treatment rooms and a couples spa suite with private en-suite facilities including a sunken spa pool. Other features include a nail and hair salon, a Zen garden with relaxation lounge, vichy rain shower, steam bath and hot air sauna. The treatment menu at Cenvaree spas will place great emphasis on the

innate wisdom of the body and blending elements of native herbs with massage to provide guests with a unique Thai spa experience.

The Goa opening is part of Centara's planned expansion of the Cenvaree brand, which will see new openings in Mauritius, China, Sri Lanka and Bali.



Centara has set a target of having 40 Cenvaree-branded spas by 2013

Gran Meliá to unveil new Rome property

Majorca, Spain-based Gran Meliá Hotels and Resorts will open its "most luxurious hotel to date" alongside the River Tiber in the centre of Rome, Italy, in early April.

The 116-bedroom Gran Meliá Rome Villa Agrippina will incorporate a 350sq m (3,767sq ft) YHI Wellness-branded spa comprising four treatment rooms, a relaxation area, and a vitality pool.

A contrast zone with sauna and steam bath and a fitness area with personal trainer service are also part of the YHI Wellness area, while treatments will be available on an in-room basis. Elsewhere, facilities will include the Roman-inspired Vivavoce restaurant; a Roof Garden with 360-degree views overlooking the city; and a pool lounge.

A Gran Meliá spokesperson said: "The hotel embraces the rich local history and stands on what was once Villa of Agrippina. The archaeological remains unearthed during construction will be on display throughout the hotel."



The hotel will have a spa but will also offer an inroom treatment menu

endota joins forces with clothing brand Witchery

Australian day spa chain endota has joined forces with iconic clothing brand Witchery as part of a strategy to attract more young women to try treatments.

All guests who have an endota treatment will be given an AU\$30 (US\$32, €24, £20) gift

voucher to spend on Witchery clothing, as well as a Witchery VIP card entitling to a 10 per cent discount on all designer wear for a year.

Endota, which was launched by entrepreneurs Melanie Gleeson and Belinda Fraser in 2000, now has more than 60 spas around Australia.



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The hotel's design will make it a Bangkok landmark

Central Embassy project in Bangkok to include luxury spa

Hyatt Hotels Corporation has announced that one of its affiliates has signed a management agreement for Thailand's landmark Park Hyatt Bangkok, which is due to open in 2014. The deal has been signed for Central Embassy – a wholly-owned mixed-use scheme owned by the Central Group of Companies – and will see the hotel located in the heart of the city.

Park Hyatt Bangkok will be housed in an iconic building and is one of 18 Park Hyatt hotels in the development stage around the world – the first to be built in Thailand.

Facilities at the 222-bedroom hotel will comprise a spa, a fitness room and a swimming pool. However, further details relating to the resort's spa element are yet to be confirmed.

Hyatt's head of real estate Stephen Haggerty said: "The 'twisted coil' exterior design of this hotel will become a stand-out in Bangkok's skyline."

UK art gallery to be converted in to day spa

A new spa including seven treatment rooms and relaxation areas is to open in Suffolk, UK, after proposals to convert an existing art gallery were given the go ahead by the local authority.

Lavenham's Wildlife Art Gallery is linked to the historic Swan Hotel building and is to be transformed into the 528sq m (1,732sq ft) spa, with the gallery to move to another site. The scheme also incorporates two two-storey extensions to the listed property.

The spa will also include a crystal steam room, heated loungers, changing areas and an ice fountain. Roger Balmer Design drew up the plans on behalf of applicant Thorpeness and Aldeburgh Hotels, which has been given the green light by Babergh District Council.

LaTour opens resort in Mexico

US-based management group LaTour Hotels and Resorts has announced the opening of the Celeste Beach Residences, Resort and Spa in the southern Mexican location of Huatulco.

The property is the first to carry the LaTour Signature Group private label, which is reserved for five-star locations and is designed to highlight LaTour's signature luxury experience.

International architectural firm HKS were behind the design of the resort, which boasts two- and three-bedroom residences and 21 luxury condominiums in seven buildings.

The spa is still under development and its exact facilities are yet to be finalised, with facilities also to include a wellness centre; a fitness and yoga centre; and a beachfront pool.



The resort will boast a spa with swimming pool and treatment rooms

Sean Zimmerman, founding partner of LaTour's marketing partner SIA Living, said: "This resort and private residence club was designed to carry the LaTour Signature brand and benefits immensely from the exclusive experience of veteran hotelier Tom LaTour." Details: <http://lei.sr?a=8K2n5>

Mövenpick announces 11 new developments

Mövenpick Hotels and Resorts, the Switzerland-based hospitality group, has announced that it will develop 11 new resorts across nine countries as part of its continuing international growth strategy.

The latest developments take the company's total number of operating and planned sites to 100, with new locations to be unveiled in France, Egypt, China and Indonesia among others.

One of the first properties to open will be a Mövenpick-branded hotel in the Red Sea resort of Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, which is being taken over by the operator from April this year. Later this year, Mövenpick will unveil a 26-villa, boutique-style resort in Samoeng, Thailand, and from January 2013, a 282-bedroom hotel in Paris, France, will be run by the group.

The Paris hotel currently carries the Courtyard by Marriott brand and boasts a fitness centre; a secluded garden; and the 58 Bar and Lounge. It will be renovated before reopening. Other projects lined up for 2013 include a 380-bedroom Mövenpick Resort and Spa, Sanya, China, and the refurbishment and opening of a low-rise hotel in Tozeur, Tunisia.

A 255-bedroom hotel on Djerba island, Tunisia will be revamped and opened by



Mövenpick has identified North Africa as a key growth market

Mövenpick next year and the Mövenpick Resort and Spa, Jimbaran will open in Indonesia in 2014. The new schemes also feature the reopening of a 380-bedroom hotel in Marrakesh, Morocco (2014) and a Hirsch/Bedner and Associates-designed property in Chifeng, China (2015).

A new 250-bedroom resort on Pantai Pandak Beach, Malaysia, is due to open in 2015, and a 280-bedroom resort at Cox's Bazar will mark Mövenpick's first move into Bangladesh.

Mövenpick president Jean Gabriel Peres said: "We've always believed in growth, but at a sustainable pace. We've carefully consolidated our global developments to maintain a balanced portfolio distribution."

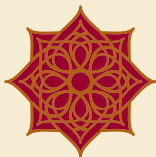


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US consortium plans Irish resort

Northern Ireland environment minister Alex Attwood has granted planning permission for a new £100m (US\$157m, EUR118m) golf resort development on the North Antrim coast.

Located near the villages of Bushmills and Portballintrae, Bushmills Dunes Golf Resort and Spa will incorporate a 120-bedroom luxury hotel with extensive spa facilities when complete.

It is believed that a US-based consortium led by Dr Alistair Hanna is behind the project, which contributes to the executive's Draft Programme for Government to boost visitor numbers to the province.

No details have been revealed regarding the spa facilities, but it will most likely operate as a day spa, hoping to attract both hotel guests and non-guests.



The golf resort will include a spa and accommodation lodges

An 18-hole championship golf course; a golf academy; a three-hole practice facility; and 75 guest suites/lodges are also included in the plans, which were first submitted in 2007.

Attwood said his decision to approve the R Robinson and Sons-designed scheme will offer "significant benefits" to the area's tourism.

Kempinski returns to Latin America

Hotel and resort operator Kempinski has announced its re-entry into Latin America with the signing of a management contract for a new luxury resort in Colón Province, Panama.

The new property is under development by Two Oceans Group on the coast of the Caribbean Sea, near the town of Portobelo on the Northern Isthmus of Panama.

Scheduled to open in 2015 the beachside resort will feature 106 rooms and suites – all with ocean view – a large spa, outdoor and indoor pools as well as a plaza area featuring restaurants, boutique retail units and entertainment facilities.

A total of 75 private Kempinski Residences are also planned from which 40 are directly located overlooking the sea.



Kempinski's new Panama resort is scheduled to open in 2015

The Panama opening is part of Kempinski's long-term growth strategy for Central and South America with projects in Cuba, the Dominican Republic, and Rio de Janeiro.

Reto Wittwer, president of Kempinski, said: "After an absence of almost 15 years, now is the time to re-enter these growing markets as the region increasingly attracts tourists."

Boutique hotel opens new spa

Wynyard Hall Country House Hotel, in Durham, UK, has unveiled its new day spa.

The spa has four treatment rooms and will offer treatments supplied by Elemis, Karin Herzog, Jessica and bareMinerals. Facilities also include a large relaxation room offering

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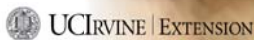


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Four Seasons to open in Guangzhou

Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts has announced that it will open a new 344-bedroom property at the 103-storey, mixed-use Guangzhou International Finance Center in China later this year.

Four Seasons Hotel Guangzhou will occupy floors 69-98 of the Wilkinson Eyre Architects-designed tower, which stands 440m (1,444ft) tall and overlooks the famous Pearl River Delta.

Among hotel's facilities will be the Hua Spa, which will be situated on the 69th floor and will comprise nine treatment rooms including a vitality tub, a private shower and a steamroom.

Three VIP rooms feature an oversized vitality tub and a rain shower and have been designed for couples. A sauna and a steamroom are available in men's and women's locker rooms.

The Hua Spa will also include an extensive water-based treatment area with a Vichy shower, a rhasoul chamber, a crystal



The hotel's Hua Spa will house nine treatment rooms and wet facilities

steamroom and a laconium in the women's area. A herbal steam bath; Swedish and Finnish saunas; and an ice fountain will be on offer in the men's area.

Therapies will include traditional Chinese massage and aromatherapy treatments. Other hotel facilities will feature a 24-hour fitness centre with cardiovascular and free weights equipment and a 25m infinity-edge lap pool - also on the 69th floor - overlooking the city.

Shangri-La secures deal for Qatar hotels

Shangri-La Hotels and Resorts has secured an agreement with Qatar-based Faisal Bin Qassim Al-Thani and Sons Holding Company for the management of two new properties in Doha, Qatar. The Hong Kong-based management company will operate the Shangri-La Hotel, Doha and Traders Hotel, Doha as a result of the deal, with both properties due to open next year.

Al Rayan Tourism Development Company is building the Shangri-La Hotel, Doha, which is located in the heart of Doha's commercial centre and will have a total of 272 bedrooms.

Facilities will include company's signature spa brand - Chi, The Spa at Shangri-La - which draws on the origins of the Shangri-La legend as a place of personal peace and well-being.

A variety of restaurants; a helipad located on the top-floor of the building; and an 840 sq m (9,042sq ft) grand ballroom will also be on offer at the property once complete.

Meanwhile, the 238-bedroom Traders Hotel, Doha is to boast a health club and spa with an indoor swimming pool. A sushi and noodle



The two new Shangri-La-operated hotels are set to open during 2013

restaurant is among its dining options.

Shangri-La International's CEO Greg Dogan said: "The opening of both hotels in Doha reconfirms our commitment to expansion in the Middle East. Our target is to build a regional presence and we are delighted to be opening two hotels in Doha in a prime location."

Sheikh Faisal bin Qassim Al-Thani, chair of Faisal Bin Qassim Al-Thani and Sons Holding Company added: "[Shangri-La] reflects our focus on becoming a major force in the hospitality industry."

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