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Evian public spa reopens after seven-month revamp

The Evian-owned public spa in Évian-les-Bains, France, Les Thermes d'Evian, is now back up and running after a seven month overhaul.

Designed by architect Olivier Chabaud, the spa has been themed around water as an essential element and source of life. The renovations make it more comfortable and functional. White triangular spaces feature throughout the spa, which symbolise the snow-capped Alpine summits.

Colours have been influenced by the different colours of water and the evian brand. On the lower floor, slightly curved walls feature water marks, while clouds in shades of blue float on the French windows by the pool.

Three programmes are offered: get into shape, a sporty programme. Relax and 'let go' with a focus on revitalisation and finding balance. Renew is about regeneration and uses the



The spa was designed by French architect Olivier Chabaud and is themed around water

therapeutic benefits of water to aid cell healing and regeneration.

The spa has been zoned into three areas. The Aqua area, where the water treatments take place, comprises 26 hydrotherapy cabins, two pools, a sauna and a hammam. Unbescheiden has supplied Vichy showers and bath tubs which provide underwater massage.

The wellness area for treatments has been

redesigned to allow in natural daylight. All the treatment rooms are named after old French words for water, such as aqua and woda. Skinceuticals, Terraké and After the Rain are the product brands.

The fitness area has been relocated so guests can enjoy views of the lake and grounds, with a separate entrance and changing rooms. Les Mills has put together the spa's exercise class programme.

Evian owns three spas in the town, with sites at Hôtel Royal and Hôtel Emritage, within The Royal Park Evian. The spa at Hôtel Royal is also in line for a rebrand to evianSpa.

The concept has just debuted at the Palace Hotel Tokyo (see interview in Spa Business Q4 with Laurent Houel, global brand development director at Evian).
Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=L3j7r>

Golkonda Resorts launches Angsana Spa

Golkonda Resorts' first Angsana Spa in Andhra Pradesh, India is now up and running at the resort in Gandipet.

Situated next to the Osman Sagar Lake, the Angsana Spa has six treatment rooms, including a double deluxe room with a bathtub, and a relaxation area.

Treatments on offer include a mix of ayurvedic treatments, such as shirodhara, and international contemporary treatments including shiatsu and Swedish massage.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=E7d7S>

First Indian site for Banyan Tree

Banyan Tree Hotels and Resorts is to make its Indian debut, with Banyan Tree Kerala set for launch in the first quarter of 2013.

Located on the private island of Nedyathuruthu, the resort is framed by typically Kerala palm-lined backwaters, with all 59 villas having water views and a private pool.

The villas will reflect the local architecture, with carved wooden facades and indigenous materials such as coir, and Kathakali art from the area. Kerala is the birthplace of ayurveda, so this site will feature the world's first dedicated ayurvedic centre, with personal consultations with ayurvedic doctors, who



The Kerala resort is located on a private island

will recommend tailored treatments. There will be four ayurvedic treatment rooms and six spa pavilions, a gym and a yoga pavilion.
Details: <http://lei.sr?a=E6N8K>

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Sofitel Abu Dhabi Corniche opens

The first So Spa in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) is now open at Sofitel Abu Dhabi Corniche.

It offers four single treatment rooms, each named after traditional Arabic and French fragrances and one double private spa suite. Both male and female areas feature a separate hammam, scrub room and spa pool.

"This is an urban sanctuary where people can detach then reattach from the world. Our bespoke and customised treatment service means you can do this in the space of your lunch break or over a day of pampering," said spa manager Hannah Dowd.

Natural materials such as stone and wood feature throughout the spa for a comforting feeling. The spa menu includes starters (45 minutes), mains (60 to 90 minutes) such as reflexology, sides (15 minutes) such as eye treatments and masks, and desserts (60 minutes) treatments for hands and feet. 'Spa butlers' are



The treatment rooms are named after French and Arabic fragrances

on hand to help guests decide which treatments to opt for from So Spa's product partners; Carita, Cinq Mondes and Shiffa, the local line of natural products. Slimming treatments are also on the menu.

In addition to So Spa, Sofitel Abu Dhabi Corniche is also home to Sofitel's So Fit concept with fitness and wellness equipment by Technogym, plus steam room and dry sauna.

Conrad Algarve launches in Quinta do Lago

Conrad Hotels & Resorts has launched the 154-bedroom Conrad Algarve resort in Quinta do Lago, Portugal.

Spread over six floors, facilities at the luxury resort include a Conrad Spa and the signature Gusto open plan restaurant headed by Michelin-starred chef Heinz Beck. The luxurious Conrad Spa is described as "embracing and blending a modern holistic approach in a contemporary way".

It houses five spacious treatment rooms, each with its own outdoor cabana - blending an alfresco element to the spa experience.

With its design inspired by local culture and the resort's surroundings, the Spa includes signature experiences from Aromatherapy Associates and Intracuticals with bespoke treatments combining products and techniques to ensure a restorative and rejuvenating journey.

Conrad Spa's Sensory Zone features a tranquil sun terrace with views across Quinta do



The 154-bedroom Algarve resort includes a Conrad-branded luxury spa

Lago and includes a sauna, steamroom, hydro massage heated pool, sensory showers, plunge pool and ice fountain.

The comprehensive wellness facilities also include a selection of pools where guests can unwind, a fitness suite equipped by Technogym and tennis courts. A golf concierge service is also available.

Conrad Hotels & Resorts collaborated with architectural firm Sigma and Portuguese interior designer, Miguel Cancio Martins for the design of the resort.



Budget spa chain plans 1,000 sites

Allie Mallad, founder of US franchise spa chain Massage Green, has announced plans to have 1,000 spas open within eight years.

The Michigan-based chain, which was founded four years ago, currently has numerous units in California, Michigan, Florida and Texas.

Designed and built mostly out of environmentally friendly materials and employing up to 30 people at each spa, the brand's values are to offer the customer 'affordable luxury' that works for their budget, schedule and can easily be part of their lifestyle.

The spas, which aim to be a green friendly spa experience, offer therapeutic massages such as Swedish, deep tissue, sports reflexology, trigger point, cranial sacral, reiki, and prenatal plus hot stone and aromatherapy and express massages.

Mallad has previously owned more than 150 Little Caesar's Pizza franchise stores and worked within and owned 10 different franchise brand names.



Massage Green was founded four years ago and offers 'affordable luxury'

He expects Massage Green to have opened about 25 corporate stores by the end of 2012 and approximately 75 corporate units by the end of 2013. He also expects to sell more than 300 franchises in 2013.

"Massage Green is being organised and grown to be the largest chain of spas in the fast growing health and wellness segment of our economy," he said. "We're a green, friendly, socially responsible concept, which is also a fast growing part of our society. We will offer consumers affordable luxury and our franchisees an amazing business model."



There are currently 31 Red Door Spa locations

Elizabeth Arden spa brand set for further growth

The Elizabeth Arden Red Door Spa brand looks set for accelerated development, following the news that Elizabeth Arden has partnered with J.H. Anderson Holdings to invest in Red Door Spa Holdings, which is owned by North Castle Partners.

Global cosmetics company, Elizabeth Arden and spa developer and consultant, John Anderson of J.H. Anderson Holdings have collectively invested GB£12m (US\$19.3m, 15m euro) for a minority interest in Red Door Spa Holdings. The company currently has 31 Red Door Spas in freestanding locations and upscale resorts and hotel properties in the US, as well as Mario Tricoci Hair Salons in the Chicago metro area.

According to Alison Minter, managing director of North Castle Partners, the involvement and investment of these companies will strengthen Red Door Spa Holdings leadership position in the day spa market. *Details: <http://lei.sr?a=4q4t>*

W Hotels opens at Sentosa Cove, Singapore

W Hotels Worldwide expansion in Asia gathers pace with its first site in Singapore, at Sentosa Cove. It is managing the 240-bed hotel on behalf of owners, City Developments. Facilities at W Singapore include an Away Spa with six rooms, three suites and five private treatment rooms, a relaxation space and extensive wet areas, which have been designed by AW Lake.

Further to this there are two signature restaurants, a destination bar, pool and extensive meeting and conference space.

Executive chair of City Developments, Kwek Leng Beng says: "W Singapore will add to the vibrancy of Sentosa Cove by providing residents and visitors with a marina lifestyle haven unlike ever before." *Details: <http://lei.sr?a=J2y9k>*

Next GSWS in India set for September 2013

Next year's Global Spa and Wellness Summit (GSWS) is likely to be held either at the end of September or the beginning of October 2013.

The gateway city will be New Delhi, North India and the host venue will be announced later on.

GSWS chairman and CEO Susie Ellis said: "While our previous gatherings have been in May or June, it is over 100°F/38°C and very humid in India at that time. The end of September is still warm but much more comfortable."

Meanwhile, Alexandra Plessier will replace associate executive director Dulcy Gregory, who will be leaving the organisation this month.

- To read a review on the GSWS 2012 event, held in Colorado earlier this year, visit *Spa Business Q3 2012*, pp. 54-58: <http://lei.sr?a=a0B9r>

- Last month, GSWS released a new report examining the difficulties the industry



Susie Ellis, chair and CEO of the Global Spa and Wellness Summit

faces in hiring qualified management personnel. Conducted by research company SRI International (founded as Stanford Research Institute) for the GSWS, the report identifies the root cause of a high demand for talent and proposes recommendations to address the workforce gap. *Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=O3j5X>*



The Grand Bohemian Hotel in Orlando, Florida

Three Kessler hotels sold off

Three American luxury hotels, created by Richard Kessler, are to be acquired by Inland American Lodging Group, a subsidiary of Inland American Real Estate Trust. The Grand Bohemian Hotel Orlando, Bohemian Hotel Celebration, both in Florida, and the Bohemian Hotel Savannah Riverfront in Savannah are all founding hotels in the Marriott Autograph Collection. The sale of the Savannah hotel was closed in August and the other two sales are expected to complete in December and January.

Marcel Verbaas, president and CEO, Inland American Lodging Advisor, said: "This transaction gave us the opportunity to add three high-quality, market-leading luxury hotels in excellent condition to Inland American. The acquisition of these assets further exemplifies our strategy of continued improvement of our portfolio, while adding hotels that give us superior yields."

The properties will continue to be managed by Kessler Collection Management under a 10-year management agreement.

Hilton to open Rio spa hotel in time for 2016 Olympics

Hilton Worldwide has signed a management agreement with Carvalho Hosken Hotelaria for its first hotel in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, the Hilton Barra.

Under construction and expected to open in June 2014, the hotel is in the fast growing Metropolitan Center and will be walking distance from the 2016 Olympic Park. The 298-bed hotel will have a spa, 14,000sq ft of meeting space and a business centre.

Dave Horton, global head, Hilton Hotels & Resorts, said: "We are experiencing a period of tremendous global growth and this project brings our name to one of the most important cities in Latin America."

Hilton Worldwide is pursuing other Latin American opportunities, with a pipeline of sites in Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Mexico, Panama, Peru and Uruguay. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=n7D2G>

Marriott reveals Panama resort plans

JW Marriott Hotels and Resorts is set to open its fifth property in Panama with the launch of the JW Marriott Panama Golf and Beach Resort. The group will convert the existing 118-room Bristol Buenaventura property into a luxury resort, which will include an 18-hole Jack Nicklaus-designed golf course, a luxury spa, extensive health and fitness amenities and five restaurants.

Exact details of the spa and other leisure facilities – as well as the hotel's opening date – are yet to be confirmed.

Nestled within an area of 1,000 acres, the property is located within the master-planned Buenaventura beachfront community, one of Panama's most exclusive resort communities, approximately 80 miles southwest



The 118-bedroom spa hotel will be Marriott's fifth in Panama

of Panama City on Panama's Pacific coast. Laurent de Kousemaeker, chief development officer for Marriott's Caribbean and Latin American operations, said: "The Pacific coast of Panama has all of the ingredients to become a world class resort destination and we are excited to be at the forefront of that effort with our flagship brand."

Park Hyatt Chennai, India, opens its doors

Hyatt has announced the opening of Park Hyatt Chennai, the first Park Hyatt hotel in the city, known as the gateway to southern India.

Designed as a retreat for business travellers, Park Hyatt Chennai marks the 30th hotel in the Park Hyatt collection and is located next to the Governor's residence, adjacent to the Guindy National Park.

A 15-minute drive from the city's domestic and international airport, Park Hyatt Chennai is near the new developments of OMR (Old Mahabalipuram Road), Sri Perumbudur and the Guindy Industrial Estate.

It features 201 guestrooms, including 20 suites, and in early 2013, will be home to The Flying Elephant speciality restaurant.

Its Antahpura Spa provides holistic wellness therapies inspired by the traditions of Chettinad and features a rooftop infinity pool



The Antahpura spa menu includes traditional Indian treatments

and fitness centre with views of the city.

Peter Fulton, manager director, Hyatt Southwest Asia said: "We are proud to expand the Park Hyatt brand in India with the opening of Park Hyatt Chennai, which joins the newly opened Park Hyatt Hyderabad, as well as Park Hyatt Goa Resort and Spa. This opening is reflective of the thoughtful growth we're experiencing in India, as well as the growth of the brand." Details: <http://lei.sr?a=QoF5Z>

Work starts at new Nordik Spa in Winnipeg, Canada

Work has begun on a new Nordik Spa in the Canadian city of Winnipeg, Manitoba.

The spa, which is being built by Nordik Spa-Nature, is set to open in spring 2013.

The budget has been increased from US\$6.5m to US\$8.5m (6.5m euro, £5.2m)

following a revision of the plans, which has also delayed the start of the construction and the open date. Nordik Spa-Nature say the spa will create more than 50 new jobs as well as benefiting local companies and suppliers. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=j8e7G>



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De Vere invests in Urban Resorts and new spa concept

De Vere Village Urban Resorts has announced the further development of the brand, with a new site in Portsmouth and two in Scotland.

Work will begin in Portsmouth within the next few months, with the launch slated for end of 2013. The sites in Aberdeen and Edinburgh will be launched in 2014.

De Vere Village Urban Resorts target both the leisure and corporate/business traveller, with a pool, Velocity health and fitness club, Viva Urban spa, conference facilities and a selection of restaurants.

In June, De Vere announced its new Viva Urban Spa concept – in collaboration with ESPA and Dermalogica – as part of a relaunch of De Vere Village Urban Resorts.
Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=igd8p>



The Kempinski spa has six treatment rooms

Kempinski Hotels launches first hotel in the Baltic

Kempinski Hotels has launched its first property in the Baltic States and restored a grand hotel to its former grandeur in Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania.

The listed building, which overlooks the cathedral, has 96 rooms and suites, each with individual character, featuring parquet floors, subtle lighting and a colour palette which blends traditional Lithuanian and contemporary décor.

Kempinski The Spa has six treatment rooms and Elemental Herbology and Daniele de Winter cosmetics are exclusively available. Facilities include a fitness area, indoor pool, sauna and steamroom.

Targeting business and leisure guests, the hotel also has a restaurant featuring a mix of European and Lithuanian dishes, a lobby bar and lounge, a conference centre and ballroom/events space.
Details: <http://lei.sr?a=Y5T7L>

Pop-up spa and bar for East London

A new affordable pop-up spa and bar in East London, UK has been created to help Londoners feel 'happy and relaxed'. The Barking Bathhouse, built by Something & Son, in Barking provides affordable spa treatments as well as a free social space for people to meet.

The spa is part of mayor Boris Johnson's Outer London Fund projects for Barking and Dagenham Council and combines a spa with a healthy cocktails bar under a canopy of growing cucumbers.

Visitors can sunbathe in seaside-inspired pebble bays and spa treatments, including massages, body treatments, manicures and pedicures, use natural produce grown by local allotment gardeners.

There is a traditional wooden sauna and a cold room lined with ice blocks to bring the traditional bathhouse rituals to the experience plus a series of massage and treatment rooms and a relaxation area with loungers. To reduce excessive water use the Bathhouse



The spa will offer Londoners affordable spa treatments and social space

doesn't have communal pools or hot tubs. Shingle dunes provide space to relax and unwind between treatments.

In the bar, cocktails, smoothies, snacks and spa treatments are offered on the bar menu and the cucumber canopy above the bar provides fresh produce for use in beauty treatments.

The purpose-built design of the Bathhouse is inspired by 20th century working men's bathhouses, ultra modern spas and Barking's industrial heritage.
Details: <http://lei.sr?a=s2j7T>

Sheraton opens first phase of integrated resort

Sheraton has launched the first phase of its largest hotel to date and the largest hotel in Macao, at the Sands Cotai Central integrated resort.

The development is part of a push to make Macao Asia's leading business and leisure destination. Facilities at the 3,896-bed hotel include a 53,000sq ft ballroom and three outdoor swimming pools, a fitness centre, business centre and kids zone, as well as a selection of restaurants.

The Shine Spa for Sheraton, has 15 treatment rooms, including five couples' rooms and is also the largest Shine Spa in Asia Pacific.



The Sands Cotai Central Sheraton has a spa with 15 treatment rooms

A fusion of east and west, it has some signature Macau treatments and uses Germaine De Capuccini products. A second tower will open early next year.

European hotel investment market 'still struggling'

The European hotel investment market continues to struggle amid the scarcity of debt and economic uncertainties within the Eurozone.

Figures from consulting and services organisation HSV London show that the investment market has fallen by 16 per cent during the

first eight months of 2012 and the company expects the stagnation to last "at least until the end of the year".

The first eight months of 2012 saw hotel investment activity in Europe total around 3.5bn euro (£2.8bn).



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Four Seasons continues Chinese expansion

Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts has opened its first property in Beijing.

The 247-bedroom property includes a luxury spa with 11 treatment rooms, a 20m indoor swimming pool and a 24-hour health club.

Offering traditional Chinese therapies – as well as European beauty treatments – the spa is located across the hotel's sixth floor.

The Beijing launch comes just weeks after Four Seasons opened a new 344-bedroom property at the 103-storey, mixed-use Guangzhou International Finance Center. Four Seasons Hotel Guangzhou occupies 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 steam-room. Three VIP rooms feature an oversized vitality tub and a rain shower and have been designed for couples. A sauna and a steam-room are available in men's and women's locker



The Four Seasons spa will offer both Chinese and European therapies

rooms. The Hua Spa will also include an extensive water-based treatment area with a Vichy shower, a rhasoul chamber, a crystal steam-room 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. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=i6V30>

Dusit to open wellness resort in Hainan, 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-room 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, CEO of Dusit International, said: "Our unique hot springs resort in Hainan reaffirms Dusit International's strong commitment to expansion into China."



The resort has been designed as a low-rise complex of luxury villas

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.

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Centara expands select service brand

Centara Hotels & Resorts is rebranding three existing spas under its new Cense by Spa Cenvaree brand, which is now being rolled out at selected properties. Rebranding of the spas at two of the properties, Centara Hotel Hat Yai, and Away Suansawan Chiang Mai, which is part of the Centara Boutique Collection, has already been completed, while the third, at Centara Coconut Beach Resort Samui, will be completed by the end of November 2012.

Cense by Spa Cenvaree was launched earlier this year as a spa concept that focuses on essential treatments for guests who do not require full spa facilities.

Elaine Chua, group director of Spa Operations at Centara Hotels & Resorts, said: "We're very excited to be moving into the operational stage of Cense by Spa Cenvaree. We're tailoring this new value brand to specific markets, such as guests who do not have much time but still want to look and feel their best, and for those looking for affordable luxury."

Cense by Spa Cenvaree at Centara Hotel Hat Yai features seven treatment rooms, while the



The Cenvaree brand was launched earlier this year by Centara Resorts

spa at Away Suansawan Chiang Mai, Centara Boutique Collection has six treatment rooms, a herbal steam room, spa pool and sauna.

The spa at Centara Coconut Beach Samui, which has only recently come under Centara management, will feature two couples rooms, a Thai massage room and a foot massage pavilion. All three feature the Cense by Spa Cenvaree core menu of spa treatments, which offers a selection of body massages, body scrubs and facial therapies, ranging in duration from 45 to 90 minutes, together with a choice of packages that combine treatments and which are a maximum of 120 minutes in duration.

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Como to launch Point Yamu resort in 2013

Como Hotels and Resorts is to open the Point Yamu resort in Phuket, Thailand in mid 2013. The beachside development, owned by Christina Ong, will be Italian architect and designer Paola Navone's first hospitality scheme.

Como Hotels and Resorts is working with property developer Campbell Kane, KS Group and Hotel Properties Ltd on the project, which will feature private residences and a Como Shambhala Retreat spa with eight treatment rooms.

Under the terms of a multi-year management agreement, Como is to provide full branding, sales, marketing and operational services. It is also at the centre of the design process.

A 100m swimming pool and a yoga studio will also form part of the Como resort, as well as an Italian and Thai restaurant and a private beach. It will become Como's 10th property.

Navone's interior designs for the resort are inspired by the sea and aims to encapsulate



The resort has been designed by Italian architect Paola Navone

the atmosphere of "by Como"-branded islands resorts in locations such as the Maldives.

Singapore-based Hotel Properties Ltd has interests in 26 hotels in 11 countries, while KS Group has a portfolio of boutique hotels across the Asia Pacific region.

Campbell Kane has partnered with Lippo Group on a number of Asian schemes - such as the Cape Yamu residential villas designed by Philippe Starck and Jean-Michel Gathy. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=O3X8r>

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