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# Minor acquires 50 per cent stake in Per Aquum

Minor Hotel Group (MHG) has invested US\$4m (€3m, £2.6m) in resort and spa management company Per Aguum Retreats, Resorts, Residences. The investment, which equates to a 50 per cent stake, represents a partnership between Universal Enterprises and MHG.

As part of the joint venture, MHG and Universal plan to develop at least five additional properties over the next five years. Per Aquum is part of Universal Enterprises, a Maldivian-based resort operator and owner which

has been in business for more than 35 years.

In 2003, Universal joined forces with husband-and-wife team Tom McLoughlin and Jane Quinn (see Spa Business, issue 1, 2006 p28) to create Per Aquum to manage its luxury



Per Aquum's renowned Lime spa at the Huvafen Fushi resort in the Maldives

boutique properties. As the company's name suggests, spas are central to its concept.

Per Aquum currently operates three properties. The two in the Maldives include Huvafen Fushi, the resort famous for launching some of the first underwater treatment rooms, and Nivama. There's also the Desert Palm in Dubai.

The addition of the three Per Aguum resorts takes MHG's overall portfolio to 91 properties in operation across 12 countries. MHG and Universal will further invest in the brand over the coming years and the planned expansion will mirror MHG's current footprint across Asia, the Indian Ocean, the Middle East and Africa.

Per Aquum's company vision is to create "no two properties alike" and to develop resorts in "desirable

locations using naturally modern, ecologically responsible design". In 2007, it launched the Lime spa concept, which fuses holistic wellness rituals with modern spa therapies. *Details: http://lei.sr?a=A9E4b* 

### **GSWS** to host first global hot spring forum

The Global Spa & Wellness Summit (GSWS) is set to hold the first-ever global gathering of hot springs operators and industry leaders. The event will take place on 7 October during the seventh annual Summit in New Delhi, India.

The Global Hot Springs Forum is expected to attract representatives from India, Japan, China, the US, Europe, New Zealand and Australia to share perspectives on this growing industry sector. The Forum will also address how continuing, significant expansion in hot springs usage will impact resource sustainability. Details: http://lei.sr?a=Foj9s

# Hilton opens spa retreat in India

Hilton has announced the opening of Hilton Shillim Estate Retreat and Spa, a luxury allvilla spa retreat set on privately-owned Shillim Estate, deep in the landscape of the Sahyadri mountain range in India's Western Ghats.

The 99 luxury villas, each with a dedicated butler service, are set amidst rice fields, bamboo plantations and virgin forest.

The resort's 70-acre spa features 17 treatment rooms, a meditation cave, three consultation rooms and a relaxation centre.

Spa facilities will include a yoga pavilion, a spa restaurant, an outdoor heated spa pool, conventional and infrared saunas, steamrooms, outdoor hot tubs and hydrotherapy tubs.

Experiences will be on offer including pranic healing, chakra cleansing, hydro therapy, tai



The 99 private villas are surrounded by virgin forest

chi and watsu. The spa concept at Hilton Shillim is inspired by the healing system of ayurveda and yoga and also incorporates strong reiki, acupressure, aromatherapy and naturopathy traditions.

Programmes are individually customized to offer rest and wellbeing to the body, mind and spirit. *Details: http://lei.sr?a=H4b1x* 

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### Energy company to create hot spring spa

Constellation Energy Corp. (CEC) will develop lakeshore areas near its 20-megawatt geothermal power project in Oriental Mindoro, Philippines into a hot spring and wellness centre. The project in Naujan Lake in Montelago, Naujan, Oriental Mindoro is scheduled to be commissioned in 2014 is aiming to showcase a healthy mix of green energy and green tourism.

CEC chair, Jose Leviste Jr., said: "Green energy is the way to go. Power, tourism and health rejuvenation can mix. This is possible with renewable power energy."

CEC, along with partners Emerging Power Resource Holdings Inc. and IF Technology of The Netherlands, started work on the Mindoro geothermal project, which could have the potential to generating up to 70 MW.

Emerging Power project chief executive Antonie de Wilde De Wilde said the project would be similar to the well-known Blue Lagoon Spa in Reykjavik, Iceland



CEC will develop its own hot springs as part of a new wellness centre

where geothermal seawater, with its minerals, silica and algae, is tapped to provide a rejuvenating spa.

"The hot spring resort will boost Oriental Mindoro's economy and tourism," said Leviste who also stated that while a law was passed declaring the Montelago hot springs a tourist resort, the place had not developed much for lack of investors willing to pump in money into barangay. *Details: http://lei.sr?a=U7h3Z* 

#### Four Seasons unveils first hotel in Russia

The "House with Lions" situated next to St. Isaac's Cathedral in St Petersburg, Russia, has reopened as the Four Seasons Hotel Lion Palace following a multi-million redevelopment.

This unique project is a modern replica of the famous Hotel Moskva from the 1930s, with an identical façade constructed on the site of the original building, which was demolished in 2002.

The hotel will offer 175 rooms and suites and a fourstorey spa complex that will open late 2013.

Constructed within a triangular courtyard of the original palace, the spa is dedicated to relaxation and rejuvenation.

The Luceo Spa will offer eight treatment rooms - including a deluxe couple's suite with private lounge – a salon, 24-hour fitness centre and a glass-topped year round pool.

The changing rooms each feature an experience shower, dry sauna and steamy Russian-style sauna, complete with birch



The hotel is inspired by renowned Hotel Moskva from the 1930s

branches to invigorate the skin. The hotel's 24-hour fitness centre provides cutting-edge equipment for cardio and weight training.

Other facilities include two restaurants plus tea lounge, bar and poolside café; and event and meeting spaces.

The opening of the first Four Seasons in Russia will soon be followed by the second: in 2014, Moscow will open a Four Seasons. Details: http://lei.sr?a=g3f8m



# Park Hotel Vitznau unveils new spa

Park Hotel Vitznau on Lake Lucerne in Switzerland has re-opened following an extensive three year renovation of the hotel and a complete redesign of the spa facility.

Situated between Mt. Rigi and Lake Lucerne, the resort is surrounded by hundred years old walls that enclose the interior of the hotel to create a place with a feel of protected privacy.

The facilities on offer at the new spa include a large infinity outdoor pool, spa pools with recliners, indoor whirlpool, Finnish sauna, sanarium, tepidarium, steam bath, sun bathing lawn,

Kneipp foot bath, ice grotto, plunge pool and a relaxation room.

The spa will offer a full spa menu including luxury treatments from Swiss-based Niance skincare and a range of treatments specifically targeting men in addition to two rooms for facial and body treatments, a hair salon and a manicure and pedicure parlour.



Park Hotel Vitznau has undergone a complete revamp over three years

The renovation was characterised by the three themed areas: Wine & Dine, Art & Culture; and Health & Wealth.

The interior of its residences, suites and junior sites has been decorated in accordance with these themes individually. The restaurants Focus and Prisma have also been revamped as well as the six champagne and wine cellars. *Details: http://lei.sr?a=J4Y5U* 

## New airport is key for St Helena tourism drive

The island of St Helena is undergoing a historical change as it attempts to kick-start its tourism industry following the recent announcement that the island's first airport will be operational by 2016.

The 47sq m (121sq km) island has seen major reforms to its immigration, investment, land development and tax regulations in an attempt to attract foreign investors to the remote island.

Plans have already been announced for a £70m hotel,

villa and golf course project by UK-based architecture firm Purcell with further investment being sought for the island – one of the most remote locations in the world with the only way at present to get there being a five day journey by postal ferry.

Also announced is the Jamestown Hotel initiative – a 70-room, £7.5m hotel that will be made up of five converted historic buildings.

The island has had interest from several South African hotel groups, including the



St Helena is one of the most remote locations in the entire world

Mantis Collection and also British consortium SHELCO, who are planning to build "the world's greenest hotel".

A limit of 30,000 people has been put on the number of visitors by the government to protect the environment. The aim is to bring in low volume, high value, luxury tourism to make St Helena - which is at the moment completely reliant upon grant aid from the UK government - self-dependant. Details: http://lei.sr?a=s414G



The Luxury Collection is set to debut in Odessa

# Luxury Collection Hotels & Resorts to debut in Ukraine

Starwood Hotels & Resorts has announced that Hotel Bristol in Odessa, Ukraine will join The Luxury Collection portfolio.

Jointly owned by Vertex Hotel Group and Bristol-Krasnaya LLC, Hotel Bristol, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Odessa will mark the brand's entry into Ukraine when it opens early next year.

Built in 1898 and designed by Alexander Bernardazzi and Adolf Minkus, the 112room Hotel Bristol is a showcase of renaissance and baroque architecture styles.

The hotel is situated on the famous Pushkinskaya Street, across from Odessa's Philharmonic Theatre.

Following the renovation, the property will offer leisure facilities, including an indoor pool, spa facility and fitness centre.

In addition to this a signature restaurant and a destination bar, 10,000sq ft (930sq m) of event and meeting space. Details: http://lei.sr?a=yoOgr

# Spa apologises after ejecting customer over sexual orientation

A Korean spa and wellness centre in northern Virginia, has apologised after "miscommunication" led to it ejecting a customer for "abnormal sexual behaviours and orientation".

The Better Business Bureau (BBB) conducted an investigation after receiving a complaint from Riya Suising.

In a statement, Spa World CEO, Sang Lee, had originally said: "It is our policy not to accept any kinds of abnormal sexual oriented customers to our facilities such as homosexuals or transgenders."

Following the release of the statement, Spa World spokesman, Tim Cho, said the written response was supposed to communicate that sexual activity is not permitted in the spa, blaming the "Korean-English" language barrier for the confusion. Details: http://lei.sr?a=6B8C1



The spa will be the first to open in Times Square

#### Times Square set to get first spa as part of Hyatt Hotel

Times Square, New York, is about to get its first spa as part of the 487-room Hyatt Hotel development.

The 4,200sq ft (390sq m) spa - which will be the only one in the area - will be open to both locals and guests and will include five treatment rooms - one of which will be for couples. The spa will offer a full range of services and treatments, including manicure and pedicure stations. Spa visitors will also have access to the Dry Bar.

Rooms will have an "apartment-like" feel to them, with only 11 per floor. There will be a Presidential Suite featuring a private terrace overlooking Manhattan.

Designed by SLCE Architects and SPAN Architecture respectively, the hotel will also feature a 54-story glass exterior, and rooftop lounge.

Scheduled to open October 2013, other amenities at the Hyatt hotel include a fitness centre and iPad check-in. Details: http://lei.sr?a=f1a6k

#### Second Hyatt Regency coming to Moscow

The new Hyatt Regency Moscow Istra Resort is set to join the Ararat Park Hyatt Moscow, already opened in the city, in 2017.

Located on the shores of the famous Istra Reservoir, the resort will feature 168 guestrooms and 52 extended-stay apartments.

It will also house a spa facility and fitness centre along with a conference centre, a 3,760sq ft (350sq m) ballroom and indoor and outdoor pools.

Additionally, the hotel will offer a range of food and beverage outlets, including an all-day-dining restaurant and a bar, lobby lounge and a specialty restaurant.

Hyatt Regency Moscow Istra Resort will join five other Hyatt-branded hotels currently under development across Russia. Details: http://lei.sr?a=X908I

## Alila Jakarta introduces spa suites

Alila Jakarta resort in the heart of Old Batavia, Indonesia has launched its refurbished Spa Alila Jakarta, which includes new spa suites for dedicated therapies.

The new Reflex Room, which has been created exclusively for "on the go" travellers, provides space for relaxation, stress recovery and recharge with a range of short effective therapies from 15 to 60 minutes. These individual

spa treatments are focused on reflexology, acupressure and light oil head massages.

The urban interiors of the Reflex Room are done in dark wood with aged wood art pieces and hardwood floors to calm and soothe guests. Fully reclining reflexology loungers with privacy screens provide are provided to create an intimate space for relaxation. The new Spa Suites were designed in a



The reflex room has been created exclusively for "on the go" travellers

cocooning environment for couples, groups and individuals. The couples' spa suites feature a relaxation daybed, treatment beds, foot wash stations, private steamrooms, showers, and private vanity bathtubs.

The spa menu has also undergone a major revamp and now boasts therapeutic beauty treatments using 100 per cent natural Alila Living products. *Details: http://lei.sr?a=1y5E*3

### Spa Strategy launches new financial model

A new financial model for spas, created by Spa Strategy, has been launched with the aim of making it easier to monitor both good performances and identify any areas requiring attention.

SpaVI is designed to assist operators, owners and financiers of spas. For operators, the model can help to improve the performance of their spas to increase revenues. For owners, it can help to assess the value of their spas and to help

configure the best format in any new builds. Finally for financiers, it will give them the ability to assess the validity of a spa lending or investment opportunity.

SpaStrategy benchmark the spa's actual or projected performance in the four key areas of customer capture, sales effectiveness, efficiency



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of staff performance and property utilisation. The process is designed to identify both good performances in addition to areas that require attention.

It combines benchmarking, scenario modelling and capital value assessment for realistic solutions. Details: http://lei.sr?a=v1P8Z

#### Paris and London lead hotel performance for May

Paris leads the way for European hotel performance in May, followed closely by London, with the two capital cities generating significantly more revenue than any other city in Europe.

While Paris finished fourth in room occupancy (82.4 per cent), It had the

highest numbers in average room rate (€327.11) and Rev Par (€269.67).

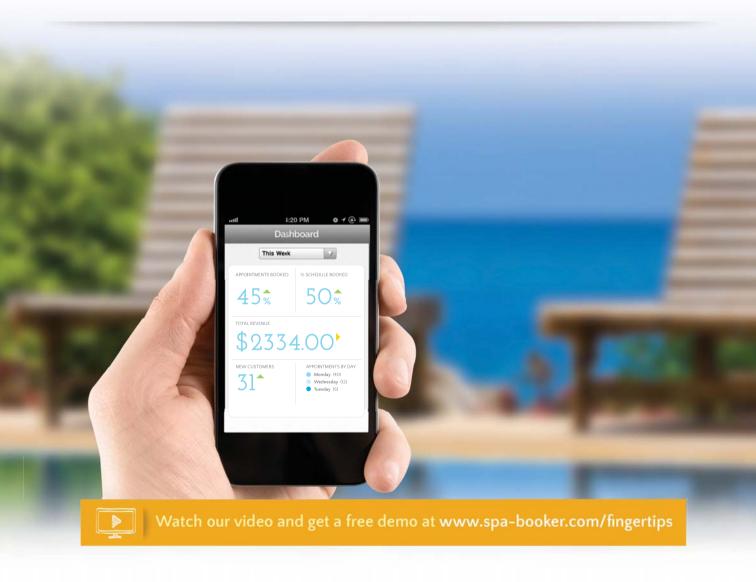
London had the highest occupancy (85.5 per cent) but came second in average room rate (€204.98) and revenue per room (€175.31). The two cities were the only to have Rev PAR of over €150. Details: http://lei.sr?a=M5v5D





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#### Sharjah beach resort opens after major revamp

The Oceanic Khorfakkan Hotel and Resort in the Emirate of Sharjah, UAE, has undergone a AED200m (£35m, €41m, \$54m) upgrade and expansion.

Owners of the resort, Sharjah National Hotels Corporation, said the upgrade included redesign, renovations and redevelopment of the hotel's existing buildings and facilities, as well as incorporating new accommodation such as villas and chalets.

Situated on the coastline of Khorfakkan. all 177 rooms were refurbished.

Upgrades were also made to the multipurpose health club for men and a covered one for women as well as a specialised spa.

The beach area has also been redesigned with extensive water sports facilities. *Details: http://lei.sr?a=x9K2H* 



The resort will overlook 1.2km of coastline

#### New One&Only resort to be built in Montenegro

Kerzner International Holdings announced it was building its first property in Europe, with the announcement of a development in Montenegro.

The resort will have 150 rooms, health spa, marina, tennis academy, dining and retail options. The 60 acre (24 hectare) project will overlook 1.2km (0.74 miles) of coastline on the Adriatic Sea.

Kernzer International chair, Sol Kerzner said Montenegro was a perfect location for the first One&Only resort in Europe. "The location for the resort is remarkable and I am very confident it will be well received by our many One&Only guests and new guests alike," he added.

The company has entered into an agreement with Triangle Investment and Development Limited to develop a new resort in Kumbor, Montenegro overlooking Tivat Bay. Triangle is acting as representative for the State Oil Company of Azerbaijan which has been appointed by the government of Montenegro as the preferred bidder of the mixed-use development. *Details: http://lei.sr?a=r7U8c* 

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# Al Bait breaks ground in Sharjah

The Sharjah Investment and Development Authority (Shurooq) has announced the commencement of ground works on the Al Bait Hotel project, a traditional hotel located in Shurooq's Heart of Sharjah, UAE, which is due to be complete in December.

Shurooq announced its plans to develop Al Bait Hotel, a luxury five star hotel - the first traditional Emirati hotel - in the Heart of Sharjah, the region's largest heritage tourism development, in March of

this year in collaboration with General Hotel Management (GHM).

Al Bait Hotel will feature 54 guestrooms, including standard, deluxe, junior suites and suites, a spa and health club, dining areas. Other facilities will include an Arabic tea and coffee house, an Arabic restaurant, and allday diner, a deli, and staff facilities and utility blocks. Souk Al Arsa, one of the oldest souks in the region, will be also be included in the Al Bait Hotel development.



The five star hotel will be developed in the Heart of Sharjah, UAE

Situated on Sharjah creek, the AED100m (US\$27.2m, €21.2m, £18.3m) project is set to spread over an area of 10,000sq m (107,640sq ft) and will provide Arabian hospitality with a focus on preserving Emirati culture.

Yousif Al Mutawa, manager of the Heart of Sharjah, said: "One of the most important aspects of Al Bait's development is the renovation of all of the traditional Emirati houses that form part of the project." Details: http://lei.sr?a=M1Q8s

### Langham Place to enter Haining in 2014

Langham Hospitality Group is to manage the first Langham Place-branded hotel in Haining, in China's Zhejiang coastal province.

The property, which is being developed by Hong Kong-based Mingly Real Estate Corporation, is now scheduled to open in 2014.

The 266-key Langham Place, Haining will be part of an integrated complex comprising a retail shopping centre, commercial offices and residential apartments.

The resort will feature the groups signature Chuan Spa, which will, incorporate the

principles of traditional Chinese medicine and wellness treatments in a meditative setting.

Six private treatment rooms will be housed at the spa and a contemplation lounge, as well as an indoor swimming pool and a fully-equipped fitness centre.

The resort will offer guests a variety of dining and entertainment options including an all-day dining restaurant, a casual signature lounge and bar, and fine-dining Chinese restaurant. Other amenities include a pillar-free

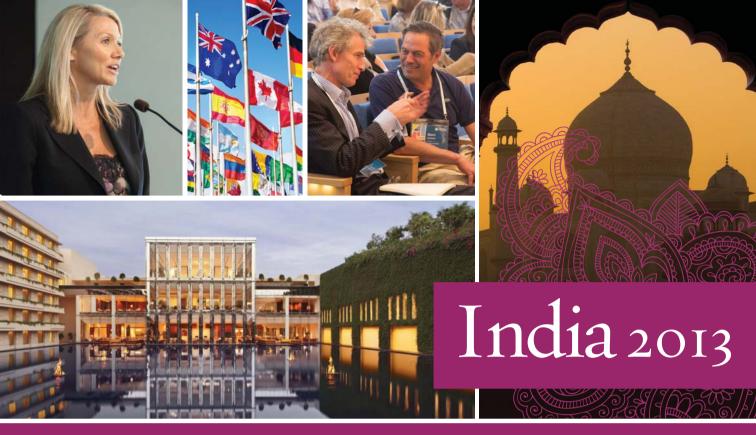


The hotel in Haining, China, will be the first in the Zhejiang province

grand ballroom, a junior ballroom, and eight multi-function rooms as well as a 3,000sq m (32,291sq ft) ceremonial hall.

Langham Hospitality Group's CEO Brett Butcher, said: "Following the successful debut of the Langham Place in Hong Kong with subsequent openings in Beijing and most recently in New York City, we are well on track to grow the Langham Place brand in China and key destinations around the world." Details: http://lei.sr?a=R5v9R

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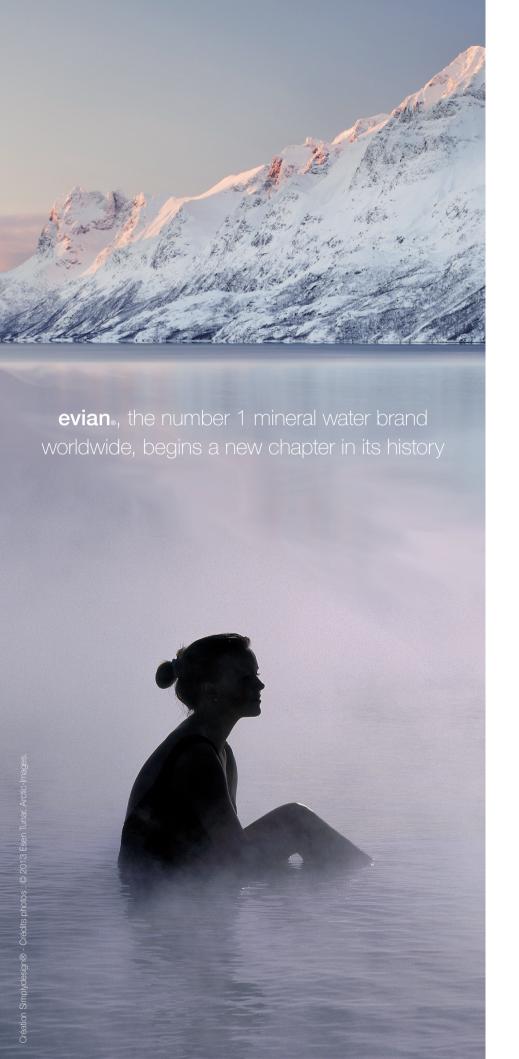






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# Wyndham opens spa hotel in Iraq

Wyndham Hotel Group has announced its entrance into Iraq with the opening of the newly-built Ramada Sulaymaniyah Salim Street hotel and spa in Kurdistan.

The 71-room hotel features a host of leisure facilities including a 26,372sq ft (2,450sq m) full-service spa facility. The hotel's City Club Spa offers a mind and body experience designed to provide physical challenges and mental relaxation.

The spa has seven private treatment rooms including two massage rooms – both

with spa pools. Spa facilities include indoor heated pools, Turkish bath, saunas, steam baths, VIP bath, Snow Room, tepiderium/relaxation area, grand spa pool, skin care area and vitamin bars. A VIP hammam can also be enjoyed, alone or with a loved one and features its own private lounge area.

Other hotel features include a ballroom catering for up to 700 people as well as a restaurant, café, bar and fully equipped business centre. In addition to launching the Ramada brand in Iraq, the Wyndham group



The Wyndham Hotel Group are going into Iraq for the first time

also opened the Ramada Plaza Beirut Raouche on the same day.

The 144-room hotel in the Lebanese capital of Beirut spans 18-storeys and overlooks the Mediterranean Sea.

With a mix of 119 standard, deluxe and executive guest rooms alongside 25 suites, the hotel occupies a city centre location, opposite the famous Raouche Rock and features a mix of meetings and events space including a 391sq m (4,208sq ft) ballroom and a pool and fitness club. *Details:* http://lei.sr?a=e6E3M

### Hyatt prepares for launch of Maui spa resort

Hyatt is set to open a new resort in Maui - Andaz Maui at Wailea Resort & Spa.

Situated on Mokapu Beach in Wailea, the resort, which is opening this year, will offer 297 guestrooms and suites including seven luxury two to four bedroom villas. The 15-acre resort, designed by architect firm Rockwell Group, will feature a 15,000sq ft (1,394sq m) spa. The spa will house 10 treatment rooms offering a range of body massages, facials and face and body treatments.

Spa facilities will include four infinity pools, a swimming pool and an apothecary shop stocked with spa products.

Restaurants include Morimoto Maui led by celebrity chef Masaharu Morimoto and Poolside lounges will also be on offer serving locally sourced produce cuisine.

More than 15,000sq ft (1,394sq m) of meeting and event space will be available in addition to a fitness centre.



The Wailea Resort and Spa is due to open later on this year

Facilities will also include three on-site bars, a family game room, a media room and an arrivals and departures lounge.

Michael Stephens, general manager of Andaz Maui at Wailea said: "We look forward to expressing the gracious spirit of Hawaii and inviting guests to indulge in their own sense of comfort and style, creating inspiring experiences in Maui." *Details: http://lei.sr?a=T5O3Y* 

# Spa and salon management course is introduced

The London School of Beauty & Make-Up is introducing a new programme awarded by the University of Derby and aimed at those pursuing a future in spa and salon management.

The course was developed by the two educational outfits to fill the need for a professional qualification for both spa and salon managers in the industry above an NVQ level three.

Prospective students must be at least 18 years old, have GCSE's in English and maths and be educated with a level three qualification or have sufficient industry experience. Existing students and alumni looking for further progression may also apply for the course. *Details: http://lei.sr?a=M4j9d* 



Thorsten Ries will oversee the development

# Dubai-based Nakheel launches new leisure division

Dubai Developer Nakheel is expanding its business portfolio with the creation of a new division – Nakheel Hospitality and Leisure.

The unit will focus on the company's growing number of hotels, beach clubs and community recreation centre's.

The new division, headed by newly-appointed Managing Director Thorsten Ries, will oversee the development and operations of Nakheel's hotels and clubs – a key element of the company's curent business strategy.

Nakheel is building a 240-room hotel at Dragon Mart, as part of its major expansion of the China-themed mall, a five-star, 40-storey hotel that will form part of the Nakheel Mall and Hotel complex on Palm Jumeirah and an economy hotel at Ibn Battuta Mall. More hotels are in Nakheel's project pipeline.

The developer also owns and operates a growing number of recreation and leisure clubs, including Jumeirah Islands Club, Jebel Ali Club and the Shoreline Beach Clubs on Palm Jumeirah. Details: http://lei.sr?a=Z4J4G







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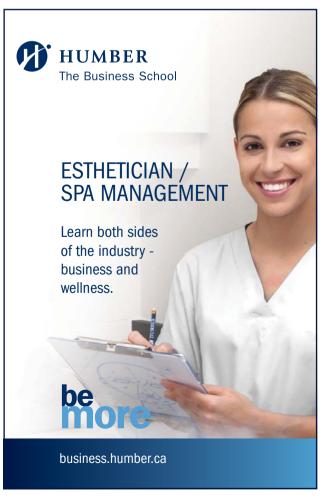
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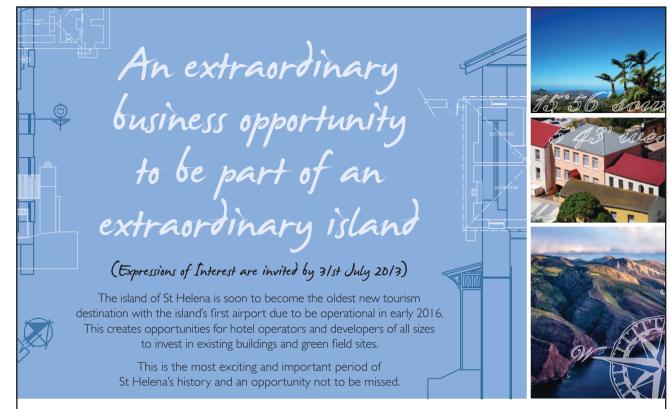
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### GHM to launch three hotels in Taiwan

Hotel management group GHM has inked a management deal for three upscale hotels at the Eutopia hospitality project in Zhudong, Taiwan.

The new property deal is a partnership between GHM and Taiwanese business development company Elements Innovation.

The Chedi Club, The Chedi and The Serai in Zhudong will stand together as the hospitality anchor to Eutopia, a

mountain getaway development less than one hour from Taipei.

Located on the border of Shei-Pa National Park in Hsinchu County with a view of the Wuzhi Mountain, the development is regarded as one of the largest licensed hospitality projects undertaken in Taiwan.

The Chedi Club will feature 25 villas spread throughout a maple forest, while The Chedi will offer 92 guest rooms and suites with mountain-top views, along with restaurants, meeting rooms, a spa, and an infinity pool.

The 200 guestrooms and suites of The Serai will be located nearest to the 500,000sq m (5.4m sq ft) Eutopia development.



The groups Chedi Muscat hotel was also designed by Jean-Michel Gathy

Eutopia will also include a wildlife eco-park, a traditional Taiwanese village with teahouse, a winery, art galleries, live theatre, specialty restaurants, a biomedical spa and a modern open-air shopping mall.

Jean-Michel Gathy is architect behind the Eutopia project. Gathy has designed previous GHM properties including Chedi Muscat and The Chedi Andermatt in Switzerland, slated to open in the winter of 2013/2014.

In April, GHM's Chinese joint venture, luxury hotel brand Ahn Luh, signed management contracts with the Qinshen Group for hotels in Shanghai and Shaoxing. Details: http://lei.sr?a=Y6Q8E

### Seabourn introduces Penthouse Spa Suites

Seabourn has unveiled its first Penthouse Spa Suites on its new trio of intimate ships.

Seabourn Quest emerged from a scheduled drydock boasting four Penthouse Spa Suites located directly above the Spa at Seabourn. The new suites will also be added to Seabourn Odyssey and Seabourn Sojourn during their next scheduled drydocks.

Guests of the Spa at Seabourn can access the new

Penthouse Spa Suites via a spiral staircase in the lobby of the spa and enjoy unlimited access to the spa's Serene Area, as well as spa amenities in the suite itself and the services of a spa concierge during the voyage.

Seabourn commissioned the Norwegian architecture and design firm of Yran & Storbraaten, who designed Seabourn Odyssey, Seabourn Sojourn and Seabourn Quest, to come up with a plan to use the section of Deck 10 directly above the spa for the new

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The penthouse suites are located directly above the Spa at Seabourne

accommodations. The result is four spacious suites with 48-50sq m (517-538sq ft) of inside space along with expansive private verandas. The suites' décor is coordinated with that of the Spa at Seabourn, and all feature a living and a dining area with seating for four, a separate bedroom, walk-in closet, glass door and floor-to-ceiling windows onto the veranda, a bathroom with a tub, special spa shower, and two flat-screen TVs. Details: http://lei.sr?a=E8Z8H

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