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Boutique spa resort to open in Panama in early 2013

The first phase of Amble Resorts' Isla Palenque resort in Panama, which features a 16-room boutique hotel with 12 beaches and a luxury spa, will open in early 2013.

Isla Palenque is an island of tropical jungles and volcanic beaches in the Gulf of Chiriqui. Six of the 16 rooms will be estate rooms, built between old growth trees to blur the line between built space and the natural surroundings with floors and decks of hardwood and bamboo. Ten of the rooms will be tented suites, with the aim of providing a luxury camping experience in the wild jungle. The only walls surrounding the outdoor living room are the leaves of heliconia, palm and tree trunks.

The spa, located off Playa Palenque, the largest beach, will use locally sourced mineral clays,



The resort is located on an island of tropical jungles and includes a luxury 'beach spa'

aromatic oils, and fresh botanicals. Treatments on offer include an arrival day massage that aims to replenish travel fatigue and a morning massage to 'align' the body. Also available are pre- and post-hiking and adventure massages as well as couples' massages and wraps

featuring natural ingredients and techniques inspired by local wellness practices.

Other facilities include an infinity pool, gourmet beach dinners and cooking and cultural classes as well as several miles of hiking trails in the jungle preserve.

Dining options include Edén, serving Panama cuisine with a modern edge and Las Rocas, a beachside restaurant serving fire-grilled food and cocktails. There are

around 25 custom tours available to guests including island

hopping, scuba diving, snorkeling, hike to waterfalls and jungle fitness. The resort is the first phase of a 10-year development process. Upon completion of all phases, the project will have 220 homes in more than 400 acres.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=s1H8a>

Rotana to expand African portfolio in 2014

Hotel operator Rotana is set to open a luxury hotel in Nouakchott, Mauritania, at the end of 2014.

After signing a management contract with the Mauritanian Investment Group, Rotana will open the hotel under its Rayhaan Hotels & Resorts by Rotana brand.

The property will be located on the southern sea-front of the mixed-use Ribat al Bahar project and will have more than 230 rooms. Details of the spa are yet to be confirmed but other facilities will include specialised restaurants, a health and fitness club, swimming pools and meeting rooms.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=A8U5Y>

Ski and spa hotel concept for St Moritz

The Kulm Hotel St Moritz is being launched in time for this year's ski season and will combine two strands the resort is famous for: skiing and wellbeing. The resort's healing heritage goes back almost 3,500 years and was popular with Brits who enjoyed the therapeutic mountain air and glorious sunshine.

The CHF12m (£8m, €10m, US\$12.8m), 2,000sq m (21,500sq ft) spa will have an indoor pool, whirlpool, open air heated pool, salt grotto, steam bath, Finnish sauna, Kneipp footpath, children's pool and 12 treatment rooms.

A private suite for two people will have a steam bath, bio sauna, water jet bath tub, heated water bed and lounge. Champagne and nibbles will be served in this suite and treatments will also be aimed at men and teenagers.



The caldarium at the newly launched Kulm hotel

The spa philosophy is relaxation, detox/purification and regeneration. Product lines include Niance, a Swiss premium anti-ageing brand and Alpienne, which is made from wild Alpine plants. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=Q3N9F>

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Caudalie spa for Shangri-La Toronto

Hotel operator Shangri-La has opened a luxury hotel and spa in Toronto, Canada.

Shangri-La Toronto has 202 rooms with 49 suites and is located within the first 17 floors of a new 66-storey tower on the city's grand ceremonial boulevard.

Facilities at the resort include Miraj Hammam Spa, an independently operated vinotherapy spa in partnership with French wine-based skincare supplier Caudalie.

The spa has nine treatment rooms including two couples suites and two hammam rooms.

Treatments on offer include Crushed Cabernet Scrub, Honey and Wine Body Wrap, the Vinoperfect Facial Treatment and several others, some using fresh grapes.

The signature Vichy Shower Merlot Friction Scrub involves a rainfall of soothing water followed by a massage performed using grape-seed and essential oils as well as a warm application of bentonite clay. There is also a range of massages on offer including



Facilities at the Miraj Hammam Spa include nine treatment rooms

Swedish massage, personalised massage and deep tissue massage.

Other facilities at the resort include a 828sq m (9,000sq ft) health club featuring a private enclosed studio, an open concept room and a 20m (64ft) salt-water lap pool.

The resort has a range of dining options including Bosk, a globally inspired menu with Asian influences and the Lobby Lounge offering guests a south-east Asian inspired all-day menu. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=Y3Vol>

WTS International joins forces with Blu Spas

WTS International has acquired Blu Spas, creating a company designed to offer a complete turnkey solution for spas. WTS specialises in pre-opening and contract spa management services while Blu Spas focuses on spa concept, design and project planning. Speaking to *Spa Opportunities* at the International Spa Association (ISPA) Conference & Expo in Orlando in October, president and founder of WTS, Gary Henkin, said that although Blu Spas has been acquired it will be a 'meeting of equals' and a 'grown-up partnership'.

"We are very excited to introduce to the market the combined strengths of WTS's management services and Blu Spas' concept, design and project planning reputation," he said.

"Going forward, the merger will allow exciting innovations to be brought to the market and allow a broader range of services to be delivered more quickly and cost-effectively."



Gary Henkin told *Spa Opportunities* about the plans at ISPA last month

Cary Collier, Blu Spas' principal and lead designer, added: "This alliance of friendly competitors is a brilliant union of complementary skill sets."

"We have the opportunity to introduce our innovations in concept and design to a much broader audience and we gain the invaluable benefit of WTS's extensive operational and management infrastructure." Details: <http://lei.sr?a=Y7qst>



Rancho Valencia revamp completed

Rancho Valencia Resort and Spa in San Diego, US has reopened its doors following a \$30m (£18.7m, €23.2m) redevelopment of its facilities.

Located in Ranch Santa Fe, California, the resort spans 45 acres of gardens, nature trails, olive groves and casitas.

The 49 all-suite guest rooms feature walk-in closets, spacious bathrooms with deep soaking tubs and private patios boasting fireplaces and relaxation/spa pools.

The Spa at Rancho Valencia spans 2.5 acres (1 hectare) and also received an update during the works. The outdoor facilities include three temperature-varied therapeutic pools, a Watsu therapy/massage pool, a lap pool and private sundarbans.

Indoor amenities feature 10 treatment rooms with private patios; five with outdoor, deep soaking tubs and rain showers. Two couples' rooms include fireplaces, private patios, outdoor showers and tubs for two.

Spa director Stephanie Baxter has unveiled the new treatment menu including skincare brand Amala; the brand will be available exclusively in San Diego at Rancho Valencia.



The 49-suite boutique resort houses a luxury spa with 10 treatment rooms

Signature treatments include Hydration Vacation, a blend of anti-ageing ingredients including jade, white mulberry and ginseng, and the Rainforest Rejuvenating Facial created by the skin purifying effect of exotic wildcrafted blue lotus and rejuvenating properties of organic cocoa bean.

The fitness facilities have also been expanded with the addition of a 1,000sq ft (93sq m) partially open-air Yoga Pavilion, which will host fitness programmes and is equipped to offer hot yoga. Other changes made to the resort include the resurfacing of 18 tennis courts, a new signature restaurant, Veladora and a new boutique, Sheridan. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=e1BtR>



The spa offers guests views of the Indian Ocean

Luxury spa for Maldivian island of Maafushivaru

A new luxury spa has opened on the island of Maafushivaru in the Maldives. Situated on a quiet corner of the tiny island, on its own jetty, the spa offers views of the surrounding Indian Ocean.

The spa, set in thatch-roofed villas, has just two treatment rooms, each with a shower and its own terrace opening out to the sea. There is also a steamroom, sauna and an open air spa bath.

Asian and European blend massages are on offer and YonKa supplies the product lines. A typical Maldivian island, with lush vegetation and white sand beaches, Maafushivaru Maldives is just 500m long and has its own small island in the lagoon. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=F303G>

Mukul to open on Nicaragua's Emerald Coast

A new luxury boutique hotel and spa on Nicaragua's Emerald Coast, is set to open in February 2013, offering 37 beach villas, a resort spa, restaurants, golf course, pool, nature trails and beach.

The Mukul resort will be marketed as offering "barefoot luxury at its best" with 37 beach villas with wrap around decks, private swimming pools and secret gardens with outdoor showers.

The Spa at Mukul, designed by Angel Vezina Stewart, has six separate areas, each with its own identity, offering a different signature treatment. The treatment rooms are luxury suites, with private steam and tropical showers, relaxation spaces and outdoor pools. Treatments on offer include Ayurvedic treatments, Vichy showers and Indonesian barefoot massage. The US\$250m, (£402m, €193m) 1,670-acre (675 ha) low density beach resort will "put



Mukul will offer 'luxury at its best' with a spa with six individual areas

the region on the world tourism map" according to its founder, Nicaraguan entrepreneur Don Carlos Pellas, who has a number of highly successful businesses.

"We are creating a catalyst that will put our country on the world tourism map," says Pellas. "Mukul will be a game changer for Nicaragua." Details: <http://lei.sr?a=T7b1w>

Kempinski set to operate

North Korea's "hotel of doom"

German hotel group Kempinski has emerged as the potential operator of the gigantic 105-storey Ryugyong Hotel in Pyongyang, North Korea.

Construction work on the property - which dominates the skyline in the heart of the secretive nation's capital city - initially began in 1987 but was halted due to an economic crisis following the fall of Soviet Union in 1992.

The imposing building was left to rot and as a result the colossal, derelict structure was dubbed the 'hotel of doom'.

In 2009, however, Egyptian engineering and construction company Orascom was appointed by the North Korean government to finish work on the pyramid-shaped property for an estimated cost of around US\$2bn (£1.24bn, £1.52bn).

Now, a quarter of a century after work first began, the property might finally open. Speaking at a hospitality forum in Seoul, South Korea, Kempinski CEO Reto Wittwer said the company was hoping to have the hotel partially operational by August 2013. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=x1Tog>



The group announced ambitious plans for China

Marriott expects to double Asia-Pacific portfolio by 2016

Marriott International is on track to double the size of its hotel and resort portfolio in the Asia-Pacific region by 2016.

The group currently has 132 hotels open in Asia and has signed deals for an additional 143 properties. The company hopes to have 265 hotels fully operational within the next three years. China is a particular growth area and the company expects to open on average one hotel per month there for the next five years. In India, 23 hotels are already under construction and Marriott expects to grow from 15 hotels in the country to more than 50 in the next few years.

Simon Cooper, Marriott International's managing director in Asia, said: "We have seen great growth across our portfolio and expect to be launching new brands in the region soon, with the introduction of Fairfield by Marriott in India next year and the launch of our Edition brand in Bangkok, Thailand in 2014." Details: <http://lei.sr?a=17ezh>

SpaFinder adds two new vice presidents to team

SpaFinder Wellness has appointed two new vice presidents to its management team. Dave Walters has been named vice president of technology while Peter Manice will take up the role of vice president of partner development.

Walters, who joins the company from the XO Group, where he was vice president of technology solutions, will play a key role in the company's technology vision and manage the company's information technology infrastructure.

Manice, previously with US-based online retailer ideeli, will be responsible for revenue management, marketing and distribution programmes for SpaFinder's global network of wellness, fitness and spa providers. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=uoc6f>

Anantara spa hotel launches in Yunnan

Anantara Xishuangbanna Resort & Spa, set in the forests of China's Yunnan Province, is now open to guests.

The resort, located along the curve of the Luosuo River, houses 80 deluxe rooms and 23 pool villas.

Xishuangbanna Spa will have five indoor treatment rooms, an outdoor herbal bath, tropical outdoor showers, two hydro stream caves and a flotation room.

The spa offers a Thai-inspired menu of indoor and open-air treatments mixed with local Chinese elements. There are also double treatment suites with outdoor bathing rituals that have been created with couples in mind. Guests can unwind in the relaxation lounge or detox in one of the tropical stream caves.

Along with traditional herbal elixirs, modern remedies will be used for rejuvenation and



The resort spa menu draws inspiration from Thai customs and practices

detoxification, creating innovative and therapeutic treatments.

The resort has a range of restaurants including Mekong, a river view restaurant focusing on Chinese, Thai and Dai cuisines and Dai Lounge featuring light snacks from around the world. Activities at the hotel include a cooking school, yoga and Tai Chi classes, swimming and cycling excursions. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=y9qzk>

Resense spa planned for Ghanaian capital

Kempinski Hotel Gold Coast City is set to open in Accra, Ghana in early 2013.

Located near the Accra International Conference Centre, State House and National Theatre, the resort will target both business and leisure travellers.

The hotel comprises 269 rooms including 22 suites and two presidential suites.

The 2,000sq m (21,527sq ft) Resense Spa will have 10 treatment rooms, a Hammam, a beauty parlour and a fitness centre. Facilities will include a 25m outdoor swimming pool, yoga studios, two paddle tennis courts and two tennis courts.

There will be a range of restaurants and bars including the Papillon Brasserie, an all day dining area with outside seating and the Ceddar



Facilities at the Kempinski hotel will include a Resense-branded spa

Garden with a menu of Lebanese mezzeh, and shisha. The resort also boasts a 6000sq m (172,000sq m) of shopping facilities, a ballroom, conference centre and seven meeting rooms. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=C6YoW>

Hyatt opens its first hotel in The Netherlands

Hyatt Hotels has launched the Andaz Amsterdam Prinsengracht hotel and spa, its first property in the Netherlands and its ninth under the Andaz brand.

Located in the city centre, the hotel boasts 117 guestrooms with five suites and will target both business and leisure travellers.

The hotel's spa includes a solarium, a lower heat sauna that reaches 60 degrees centigrade and treatments focused on unwinding and energising. Treatments on offer integrate the healing benefits of plants, flowers and herbs as well as result-oriented mechanical therapies. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=P5X6B>



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Eco spa planned as part of marina project in Scotland

A new environmentally friendly spa and leisure centre is set to open at Portavadie Marina in Loch Fyne, Scotland by the end of 2014. Architects Stewart Associates has been appointed to design the centre, which will be powered using local sustainable technology. The project, still in the planning stages, is expected to include a day spa with a number of treatment rooms, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, a gym, an exercise studio and a soft play area.

Local and sustainable biomass energy will be integrated into the design with a combined heat and power plant providing power to the site.

The spa and leisure centre will be the latest addition to the Portavadie Marina revamp, which has seen a former industrial site transformed into a tourist destination. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=T9L4D>



The 11,000sq m spa is spread across two floors

Stanley House estate launches opulent day spa

Stanley House estate in the Ribbles Valley, UK has completed the final chapter in a major investment programme with the launch of a day spa, 18 new bedrooms and an extension to the bar and brasserie.

Spanning two floors, the multi-million pound 930sq m (11,000sq ft) spa has a rural theme. There are five treatment rooms, relaxation rooms, a thermal suite, hydro pool with mood lighting, a double treatment suite with Rasul or private steamroom, a Finnish sauna with panoramic views, experience showers and an ice fountain, as well as a gym and pilates studio.

A top team was charged with creating the spa: Howard Spa Consulting, which counts the London Dorchester among its clients, delivered the project. Trevillion Interiors, which has previously worked for Raymond Blanc's Le Manoir aux Quat'Saisons in Oxford, created the funky interior. Barr & Wray and Thermarium provided the hydro pools and thermal suites. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=c7W2R>

Integrated wellness at Arizona resort

Fairmont Scottsdale Princess hotel and spa in Arizona is entering the final phase of its five-year, \$60m (£47m, £38m) expansion, which will debut in November. The 65-acre resort is located at the foot of the McDowell Mountains and has 649 guest rooms.

The latest additions to the resort are part of a five-year, \$75m renovation plan by the resort's owner, Strategic Hotels & Resorts, since it acquired the Princess in 2006. A wellness and integrated medicine programme is being added to the resort's Willow Stream spa. It will allow guests to personalize their spa experience and to sustain the benefits once they leave. The programme will include cooking demonstrations, guest lectures and innovative fitness equipment and classes.

Facilities at the 44,000sq ft (13,411sq m) Willow Stream include an atrium, canyon oasis, waterfall treatment area, rooftop mesa adult swimming pool and private cabanas and spa suites for couples. There are also separate



The 649-bedroom resort has undergone a five-year, US\$75m revamp

lounge areas for men and women, which include saunas, eucalyptus inhalation rooms and private showers.

A bespoke product line, Willow Stream ener.g has been created for the spa by Kerstin Florian International. The treatments are inspired by local traditions and use plants and herbs with a range designed for specific results in stress relief, skin care or reducing the appearance of fine lines. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=d9GoY>

Leela Palaces to open Chennai hotel and spa

Leela Palaces Resorts is set to launch The Leela Palace Chennai hotel and spa in India later this month.

The six-acre resort is located near Chennai's business district and has 326 rooms spanning 11 floors.

Facilities at the 14,000sq ft (1,300sq m) ESPA Spa include nine treatment rooms, spa pools, sauna and an exclusive couples' treatment suite.

Therapies and ancient healing techniques will be on offer as well as trained lifestyle consultants to tailor holistic programmes based around personal nutrition, fitness and relaxation.

The resort will also house a 2,500sq ft (232sq m) fitness centre with Technogym equipment and a 25m swimming pool.

The range of dining options include Spectra – an all-day dining restaurant with seven live kitchens serving foods from around the world – and a roof-top Italian restaurant offering panoramic views of the sea.

The resort will house two palatial ballrooms – a 15,400 sq ft (1,430sq m) Grand Ballroom and a 8,335sq ft (793sq m)



The hotel will be Leela Palaces Resorts' eighth property in India

Royal Ballroom – two meeting rooms and seven boardrooms.

Rajiv Kaul, president of The Leela Palace Hotels and Resorts, said: "The Leela Palace Chennai symbolises the spirit of Chennai which has rapidly evolved into a global business and technology hub, while deeply rooted in traditional culture, music and heritage of South India. This Palace property will raise the bar of luxury hospitality in the region and provide a world-class destination for travellers." Details: <http://lei.sr?a=16w5W>



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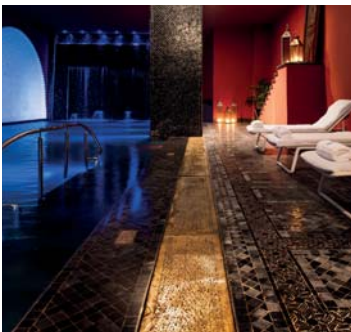
New spa launches at Delano Marrakech

Moroccan luxury resort, Delano Marrakech – the second global outpost of Morgans Hotel Group's signature luxury brand – has opened a 1,800sq m (19,375sq ft) spa to complement its offerings of four restaurants, three pools, nightclub and boutiques.

The salubrious Pearl Spa boasts 14 cabins, a subterranean mosaic pool and private hammam area, with its own lounge, spa bath, steamroom, sauna and two limestone treatment plinths.

Product ranges in use are Aromatherapy Associates, the anti-ageing Valmont and marocMaroc, which uses traditional Moroccan ingredients, such as pale Moroccan rose.

Treatments include Aromatherapy Associates' Jet Lag Cure and Escape, a 60-minute exfoliation treatment, combining the traditional kessa massage, with a detoxifying body balm, followed by a soaping with orange flower water.



Pearl Spa includes a subterranean mosaic pool and hammam area

The spa also includes a health and fitness centre, with a weights area and cardio room. It will offer yoga and pilates classes while there will also be a separate beauty salon which offers manicures, pedicures and hair styling and colouring.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=t3M4K>

Taj to open hotel and spa in Indian rainforest

Vivanta by Taj - Madikeri hotel and spa is set to open in the rainforests of Kodagu, India in November.

Located 7km from Madikeri, the resort is spread across a 180-acre rainforest with 62 rooms and villas.

There are five luxury Bliss Villas that occupy more than 3,300sq ft (310sq m) each and feature an indoor pool and a retractable sun-roof. The 9,000sq ft (840sq m) Presidential Nirvana Suite has three bedrooms, a swimming pool, a living pavilion, a separate spa pool, and a central courtyard equipped for in-house, bespoke dining.

The resort houses a Jiva Grande Spa spread across three floors within the rainforest. Treatments at the spa include a range of Indian therapies, scrubs, wraps, meditation and facials. The spa also offers ayurvedic treatments and 'gudda' baths, using water heated over an open fire. The signature Jiva experience involves a traditional massage with the Jiva signature blend, followed by a hot water



Facilities at Vivanta by Taj Madikeri will include a Jiva Grande Spa

bath in the gudda. Other spa facilities include a climate controlled indoor swimming pool, an outdoor pool, a meditation space at the Buddha Garden and a strawberry farm.

The hotel has a range of dining options including Ferntree, an all day diner offering alfresco dining options; Dew, offering healthy eating options and Nellaki, serving south Indian dishes. The resort will also have a 3,200sq ft (300sq m) banqueting hall, a library, an activity centre and offer cookery lessons.

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Parkroyal set to open 'hotel-in-a-garden'

Hotel operator Pan Pacific Hotels Group is set to open Parkroyal on Pickering, a hotel and spa in Singapore, based on a hotel-in-a-garden concept, at the end of 2012.

The hotel is located at the gateway to Singapore's Central Business District and landmarks such as Chinatown and China Square Central.

Designed by Singapore-based architectural firm WOHA, Parkroyal was built with a strong focus on integrating environmental elements throughout the property. The 16-storey resort features five landscaped gardens and 15,000sq m (161,458sq ft) of greenery comprising shade trees, tall palm flowering plants, leafy shrubs and overhanging creepers, bringing greenery directly to the rooms. St Gregory's all-day spa will offer signature treatments such as the Well Being Massage, Traditional Thai Massage and Herbal Compress. Other facilities include a dedicated wellness floor with a fitness centre, a terrace pool and jogging track.

There are two main dining areas; LIME, a 24-hour open kitchen concept restaurant serving international specialties and Asian flavours



The hotel was designed by architects WOHA and features five gardens

and the Orchid Club Lounge on the rooftop. The hotel was conferred the Green Mark Platinum Award by the Building & Construction Authority in Singapore.

The Green Mark scheme recognises buildings which have adopted sustainable features and practices to promote energy and water efficiency as well as environmental conservation. The Green Mark Platinum is the highest rating for green buildings in Singapore.

Pan Pacific Hotels Group owns and manages more than 30 hotels, resorts and serviced suites with over 10,000 rooms. The Group comprises two brands: Pan Pacific and Parkroyal. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=Y9g4g>

Banyan Tree launches two resorts in China

Banyan Tree Hotels and Resorts is launching two luxury hotels and spas in Shanghai and Tianjin, China.

Shanghai On the Bund opened in October and Tianjin Riverside will open later this month (November).

Shanghai on the Bund has 130 suites including signature suites which feature panoramic views and private dipping pools. In addition the Banyan Suite will include its own private swimming pool.

The spa, which spans three floors of the resort, features 11 treatment rooms along with a beauty salon, nail bar and Banyan Tree Gallery. Asian-inspired wellness therapies will be delivered by therapists trained by the Banyan Tree Spa Academy. A range of special packages are on offer including the 150-minute signature package, Banyan Hot Stones, where hot stones are massaged over the body along with the use of warm Clarity Oil that helps discharge toxins from the body.



Both new Banyan Tree hotels will include luxury day spas

A 120-minute Chinese Traditions package is also on offer featuring a selection of classic Chinese therapies.

The Tianjin Riverside, which is located on the east bank of the Hai River that runs through Tianjin in North China. The resort will have 150 suites overlooking the Hai River.

It will also have a Banyan Tree Spa featuring the signature treatments and packages. A range of dining options will also be available, ranging from Cantonese cuisine to western cooking.

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