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US\$9m Thann Sanctuary Spa to open in New York

Castle Hotel & Spa is set to open a US\$9m (7m euro, £5.6m) Thann Sanctuary Spa in Westchester County, New York, US in May 2013.

The 100-year-old resort, overlooking the Hudson River in Tarrytown, is owned and managed by Sankara Hospitality Group.

Spanning 7,800sq ft (725sq m), the spa will be the first Thann Sanctuary-branded site to launch in the US. It will feature seven treatment rooms, hot pools, men and women's separate steamrooms, and a VIP treatment suite.

Thann Sanctuary Spa operates a number of spas across Asia and is based on a holistic treatment approach that aims to rediscover inner physical and mental wellness. Treatments include ayurvedic body massages, energy



Thann Sanctuary operates a number of spas across Asia - including Phuket, Thailand

healing therapies and Nano Shiso anti-aging facials. The 90-minute signature massage at the Thann Sanctuary at Castle Hotel will involve deep tissue treatment, incorporating firm palm and forearm pressure to heal muscular aches.

The interior design, which is being carried out by US design firm Gettys, will include warm tones and soothing light with furnishings procured from Thailand.

California-based KTGy is responsible for the architectural design which will focus on achieving a simple, sophisticated building using stone walls and minimal exterior openings to blend with its setting. A curved stonewall will guide the guest through an opening in the wall into a sheltered interior courtyard.

The spa will have a strong focus on sustainability and will be LEED-certified by the US Green Building Council.

The development of the spa is the first phase of a ten-million dollar renovation project. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=6A6d3>

Regent plans spa hotel for Doha in late 2013

Regent Hotels & Resorts is set to launch a new property in Doha, Qatar in Q4 2013. Located in the Bin Mahmoud residential and business district, Regent Doha features 365 rooms, suites and villas as well as a Presidential suite.

The resort will house a spa with 10 treatment rooms as well as steam baths and a wave pool.

Other facilities include a health club and squash courts as well as an outdoor pool. Doha-based KEO International is responsible for the architecture, while the interior design is being carried out by DSGN.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=Y7C7d>

Fairmont enters Bali with coastal resort

Fairmont Hotels & Resorts is set to open a new resort on the southern coast of Bali, Indonesia in 2016. Malaysia-based Denniston International will be responsible for the design and architecture of Fairmont Bali, which will feature 170 guest rooms and suites.

Located on a bluff on the Balinese coastline, the resort will have a luxury spa as well as an 18-hole golf course and a range of dining options. Fairmont Bali resort will also house an 80-room Raffles Bali, featuring one, two or three bedroom villas and branded residences with private plunge pools, outdoor dining and relaxation areas.

Jennifer Fox, president, Fairmont Hotels & Resorts said: "Expanding our global footprint is a key brand strategy and this resort



The resort was designed by Denniston International

will complement our existing hotels such as the recently opened Fairmont Makati in Manila and Fairmont Jaipur as well as the Fairmont Jakarta which will open in 2015."

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=J5R3q>

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Hyatt and Mori partner on Tokyo hotel

US-based Hyatt Hotels is set to launch an Andaz-branded hotel in Tokyo, Japan in 2014. Andaz Tokyo is a joint partnership between Hyatt Hotels Corporation and Japanese property management firm Mori Building Company.

Located in Toranomon, the hotel will occupy eight floors of a 52-story tower in a multi-use complex and feature 164 guestrooms including 64 suites

Andaz Tokyo will also house a spa with a 65sq ft (6sq m) indoor infinity pool and a fitness centre. New York-based Tony Chi & Associates are responsible for the interior design, which will showcase traditional Japanese style.

Other facilities include a pastry shop, café, open-air bar, and a chapel as well as the Andaz Studio, a flexible event and meeting space with terrace seating

Larry Tchou, executive vice president, Hyatt Hotels Corporation said: "Currently, nine Andaz hotels are in operation in four countries,



The Andaz hotel in the Japanese capital will include a luxury day spa

with others continually being added to our development pipeline."

Andaz Tokyo will be the fourth Hyatt-branded hotel to open in the Japanese capital and the ninth in the country.

Hyatt and Mori Building affiliates have collaborated on two other properties in Asia: Park Hyatt Shanghai, which opened in September 2008, and Grand Hyatt Tokyo, opened 2003.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=c4b9V>

Massage Envy continues expansion in the US

Massage Envy's dominance in the US massage industry is continuing with the launch of a Massage Envy Spa in Monroe, New York.

The spa has nine treatment rooms, including a couple's room and offers 10 therapeutic massage therapies and four Murad healthy skin facials.

Affordability is a unique selling point of Massage Envy, and the new site is offering introductory one-hour massages from US\$49 (£37, £30) and the luxurious Hot Stone Envy treatment at US\$98 (£74, £60).

"We are excited to bring a beautiful, upscale day spa to the Monroe area, but most importantly, the services will be affordable to all," said co-owner, Kim Meyer.

"Massage Envy Spa is a place of deep relaxation, comfort and professionalism and we can't wait to provide our guests with an unforgettable experience." Massage Envy is a franchise business, with an ethos to provide



Since its launch in 2002, Massage Envy has expanded to 800 sites in the US

professional, affordable, therapeutic massage services to consumers with busy lifestyles, at convenient times and locations.

Founded in 2002, Massage Envy has almost 800 locations in 45 states and has ambitious expansion plans.

The Arizona-based company was acquired by private equity peer Roark Capital in October 2012 for an undisclosed sum.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=d2fzu>



Maldives spa resort for LVMH

LVMH Hotel Management is set to launch a luxury Maison in the Maldives this year.

To be located on the island of Randhell on Noonu Atoll, Cheval Blanc Radhell features 15 Island Villas, 15 Overwater Villas, 14 Overwater Garden Villas and a four-bedroom Owners Villa.

The size of the villas will range from one to four bedrooms and each villa features a private infinity pool.

The resort's Cheval Blanc Spa, situated in a secluded lagoon, features four single and two double treatment villas.

Treatments include the Sun Ritual and the After-Diving Experience. The Guerlain skincare range is used at the spa.

The spa will also house relaxation and Thai pavilions, a yoga studio, a Hair Spa by Leonor Greyl, a beauty studio and a barbershop.

The Spa Bar is on offer with a range of nutritional food and beverages to enjoy in the spa gardens and beaches.

The Maison features six dining options including French restaurant The 1947 and The



The resort will have a Cheval Blanc-branded spa, located within a lagoon

Diptyque serving Japanese and Iberian (Spanish and Portuguese) cuisine.

This is the second Maison in the Cheval Blanc portfolio. Its sister property Cheval Blanc Courchevel opened in 2006 in the Trois Valles French ski resort.

LVMH (Louis Vuitton Moët Hennessy) is a French luxury goods conglomerate.

The company was formed after the 1987 merger of fashion house Louis Vuitton with Moët Hennessy, a company famous for its champagne and cognacs.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=K5Sq>



The 341-bedroom resort includes a day spa

AMResorts to enter Caribbean with Curaçao spa

US luxury resort company, AMResorts, launched its first property on the Caribbean island of Curaçao on 10 December.

The Sunscape Curacao Resort, Spa & Casino is situated on 1,500ft of white Caribbean sand and two miles from the island's capital, Willemstad, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

The resort is housed at the former Princess Beach Resort and Casino, which has been upgraded to bring in line with brand standards. The 341-bed complex offers five restaurants, a spa, three swimming pools, a theatre, ballroom, wedding chapel and fitness centre.

The Sunscape Curacao Resort, Spa & Casino is AMResorts 30th property. It provides sales, marketing and brand management services for Zoetry Wellness & Spa Resorts and Secrets, Dreams, Now and Sunscape Resorts & Spas. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=otfsl>

Disney prepares for launch of new spa concept

Disney is set to launch its new spa concept with the opening of Senses - A Disney Spa at its Grand Floridian Resort in Lake Buena Vista next month. From January 2013, all spas, salons, and fitness centres across Walt Disney World will be owned and run by Disney under the Senses brand, instead of being operated by external companies.

The Grand Floridian location is the first to be renovated and to reopen under Disney control. Designed by Walt Disney Imagineering, Senses - A Disney Spa will feature 15 treatment rooms and two private spa villas.

On entering the spa guests chose from three journeys, relax, renew and imagine, this will determine their treatments during the visit.

Signature treatments at the resort include the Grand Floridian 80-minute aromatherapy massage. Other treatments on offer include water therapy, sugar exfoliation body treatment, and the rejuvenation facial.



The Grand Floridian Resort in Lake Buena Vista is to get a Senses Spa

Whirlpools, a relaxation area, steamrooms, couples treatment rooms and spa pools will also be on offer.

The second resort to relaunch with a Senses spa will be Disney's Saratoga Springs Spa in Florida. The spa is set to close shortly for a redevelopment and will reopen with Senses - A Disney Spa by mid-2013.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=BoF3U>

Steigenberger chain buys back its founding hotel

The conglomerate that owns European hotel company Steigenberger Hotels has bought back the chain's founding hotel in Baden-Baden, Germany.

Brierly Gardens Investments Limited, a Cyprus-based company that owns Steigenberger Hotels, announced last month it had acquired Steigenberger Europaischer Hof. Founded by Albert Steigenberger in 1930 the Steigenberger Hotels chain now operates 80 hotels across Germany, Austria, Switzerland, the Netherlands and Egypt.

Brierly Gardens bought the hotel off DP Global Properties, which acquired the asset as part of a portfolio, but has sold it in an effort to focus on its retail and office properties. Steigenberger CEO Puneet Chhatwal said the Baden-Baden hotel is a significant part of the company's history. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=O7M6j>



The resort has been built using green principles

Eco-friendly spa at Deer Lake Lodge opens in Texas

A new spa retreat, constructed using environmentally-friendly techniques and materials, has opened its doors in near Houston, Texas, US.

Deer Lake Lodge & Spa, nestled on 50-acres 40 minutes from Houston, will hold tours of the lodge, mini treatment demonstrations and a ribbon cutting ceremony as part of its grand opening.

Co-founders Tracy Boulware and her sister Dr. T.C. Hughes have dedicated themselves to providing an all-natural and organic environment with eight rooms made from repurposed shipping containers, recycled asphalt and gravel walkways, natural insulation and LED lighting.

Spa facilities include a fasting lounge, heated saltwater pool, jetted spa, infrared sauna and countryside walking trails.

Services on offer include a range of massages, detoxifying body treatments, organic facials, and pedicures and manicures. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=k4f4r>

Rosewood plans hotel and spa for iconic TV tower in Beijing

Rosewood Hotels & Resorts is set to launch a new hotel and spa in China in 2013. Located in the Chaoyang District opposite the iconic CCTV Tower, Rosewood Beijing will feature 279 guestrooms.

Designed by Melbourne-based Bar Studio, the hotel will house Rosewood's signature Sense spa brand. The spa will feature five spa suites designed for overnight stays and treatment will reflect the local culture and environment. Seven restaurants and lounges will serve a combination of international and local cuisine.

Other facilities will include indoor swimming pools, a yoga studio and a fitness centre. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=W3a9p>

Langham expands Chinese portfolio

Hotel operator Langham Hospitality Group is set to open a luxury hotel in Shanxi, China in 2014.

Langham was signed a management agreement with Huatang Grand Hotel Company – which owns the property – to operate the property in Datong.

Located in Yudong New Area, Langham Place, Datong will feature 293 guestrooms including 37 suites. Langham's signature Chuan Spa will offer a holistic range of wellness treatments based on the philosophies of Chinese medicine.

The spa will include private treatment and relaxation rooms, as well as water and heat therapies. A swimming pool and fitness centre will also be on offer. Dining options include the hotel group's Michelin-starred restaurant concept, Ming Court.



Langham currently operates a portfolio of 17 hotels across China

The hotel will house a ballroom, meeting rooms and banqueting venues.

Langham Place, Datong will join the groups Langham Place and Eaton Luxe in Rio Carnival, Qingdao which will launch next year.

Langham currently operate a portfolio of 17 hotels across mainland China. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=C7Y3X>

Health care operator Virtua opens second spa

North American hospital operator, Virtua, has further diversified into the spa market with the launch of its second facility. The Virtua Health & Wellness Center opened in Moorestown, South Jersey, at the beginning of December.

Among the mix of facilities, the centre boasts a virtual-branded spa, offering a range of treatments and thermal facilities.

The spas form a part of Virtua's strategy to increase its efforts to focus on keeping people healthy, rather than taking care of them when they are sick.

"Helping people be well, get well and stay well is Virtua's mission," said Richard P Miller, Virtua President and CEO.

"This center will be a destination for wellness,



The health care provider is increasing its focus on preventative services

diagnosis, care and treatment. Everything has been designed to focus on the needs of the community, while maintaining a one stop destination for medical and wellness services."

Virtua has an existing spa in Washington Township. The company also owns four hospitals. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=N9k4y>

StayWell secures contract for resort hotel in Bali

StayWell Hospitality Group has secured a management contract for a new spa hotel in Bali, Indonesia in 2013.

Located on Jalan Raya Kuta, Park Regis Kuta hotel will feature 175 guestrooms including studios, suites and pool suites. The property, which is owned by PT Rudy Indoprata

Sejahtera, will house a day spa, a fitness centre and an outdoor swimming pool.

StayWell CEO, Simon Wan, said the resort is a strategic step in StayWell's expansion plan.

"We anticipate this announcement will be the start of further developments within the South East Asia region," he said.



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Waterfront 'leisure city' planned for UAE

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The resort also includes a Mangrove of the World theme park, being developed in collaboration with US-based visitor attractions designers BRC.

Eight construction companies will be submitting bids in January and it is hoped that phase one, comprising four hotels, can be completed by 2014.



The design was influenced by Thai practices

Spa Cenvaree opens at Mauritius resort

Thai spa treatments are now on offer on the African island of Mauritius at the newly opened Spa Cenvaree at Centara Poste Lafayette Resort & Spa.

The spa, which opened on 10 December, includes three couple's treatment suites - including one with Jacuzzi - two multi-sensory single treatment rooms, herbal steam baths, a relaxation lounge, Thai reflexology room and a gym.

A bespoke product range by France's Thémae utilises black, red, white and green teas combined with spring water for basic hydration to advanced anti ageing treatments. A signature Mauritius massage includes hot sand pouch therapy whereby a pouch filled with heated sand, crushed sesame, grated ginger and warming black pepper is dipped in coconut oil and applied to the body.

This is topped off with cooling stones applied to the face.

With 100 rooms, Centara Poste Lafayette overlooks the ocean and is a one-hour drive from Mauritius's international airport. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=A9K2Y>

Latin American hotels for Libra Group

Libra Group is set to launch two luxury Grace-branded resorts in Latin America in 2013. The first property, Grace Cafayate located in the Calchaqui Valley in Argentina, will open in early 2013.

The property will house a 12-room boutique hotel, luxury spa and 20 private villas.

The hotel and villa complex will form part of a 1,250-acre secluded residential estate.

The resort's Grace Spa will offer signature therapies based around locally sourced crystal salt and grapes from the Cafayate vineyards.

Dining options on offer include an open kitchen serving international and local cuisine. The hotel will also include a swimming pool, extensive wine cellars and a cigar bar.

The second hotel - Grace Panama - will open in the Twist Tower in Panama City mid 2013.

Grace Panama is being developed in partnership with Panama real estate developer F&F Properties, which owns the property.



The resort will house a Grace Spa offering a range of signature therapies

The hotel, which occupies the ground floor and five upper floors of F&F's Twist Tower, will feature 60 guestrooms including five suites and two VIP suites.

Located in the Obarrio residential and commercial district, the hotel houses a health and fitness club with an outdoor swimming pool as well as a bistro and business centre with three boardrooms. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=m1G2Y>

Mandarin Oriental prepares for Shanghai launch

Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group is set to open a new hotel and spa in Shanghai, China in March 2013.

Located on the banks of Huangpu River, Mandarin Oriental Pudong will feature 318 guestrooms and 44 suites.

The Mandarin Oriental spa will feature 13 spa suites including two couple's suites and two VIP suites.

Treatments at the spa will be inspired by traditional Chinese medicine. Signature therapies include Oriental Harmony, which involves a foot bath, a warm body scrub and a head and foot massage to balance the body. A 25m indoor swimming pool and fitness centre will also be available to guest.

The resort will also house a 788sq m (8,482sq ft) Presidential Suite and 210 serviced apartments.

Dining options will include six restaurants and bars that will incorporate Chinese and Western inspired cuisine. Other facilities include a range of function rooms, a ballroom, a Mandarin cake shop and a spa boutique.



The new Shanghai hotel and spa has 318 rooms and will open in March

• Mandarin Oriental has also signed a deal to manage a 320-bedroom hotel currently under development in Chengdu, the capital of China's Sichuan province.

Mandarin Oriental, Chengdu, is slated to open in 2015 and will form part of a luxury mixed-use development located on a prime riverfront site in the Jin-jiang district - close to the city's key commercial and entertainment areas and opposite the ancient Wang-jiang Park. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=PozyO>



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Plans revealed for Nizuc spa resort

Mexico-based Las Brisa Hotel Collection is set to open a luxury hotel and spa on the coast of Riviera Maya, Mexico in March 2013.

Located on the Yucatan Peninsula, Nizuc Resort & Spa features 274 suites with private pools including 29 garden pool villas, 44 ocean suites and 201 residence suites. Spanning 30,000 sq ft (2,787sq m), Nizuc's spa will be the first ESPA-branded spa on the Yucatan Peninsula.

The spa will feature nine treatment rooms with showers and two private spa suites offering a mixture of Mayan and European-inspired treatments.

A steamroom, sauna, ice fountain, vitality pool, experience showers, relaxation pool and separate relaxation rooms will be on offer.

Each treatment begins with an organic tea ceremony and foot ritual consultation. Signature treatments include Mayan Cacao, which involves a massage using the Mexican cacao oil; the treatment ends with oil being poured onto the forehead to calm the mind. Other treatments include Nizuc renewal and



The spa is the first ESPA-branded facility on the Yucatan Peninsula

cellular enzyme facial.

The spa will also offer a five day health programme incorporating art therapy, music therapy, massage, Mayan abdominal, breath work, yoga and pilates.

Six restaurants will be housed at the resort including Traditional Mexican-inspired Ramona, Peruvian restaurant Ni and Indochine serving Asian cuisine. Other facilities include five swimming pools, 8,497 sq ft (789 sq m) of meeting space and a ballroom.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=h6T4O>

Sheraton launches resort on Kuta Beach in Bali

Sheraton Hotels & Resorts has opened a new resort on Kuta Beach in Bali, Indonesia.

Owned by investment holding company Indonesia Paradise Island, Sheraton Bali Kuta Resort features 203 guestrooms and suites as well as a luxurious two-storey Presidential Suite.

Spanning more than 2,691 sq ft (250 sq m), the resorts Shine spa will house four treatment rooms, each with its own hot tub. Spa facilities will include saunas, spa pools and rain showers.

Three dining venues are on offer including Sheraton's signature Feast restaurant and Italian restaurant Bene. Other facilities include a rooftop swimming pool and a 1,722 sq ft (160 sq m) fitness centre.

Chuck Abbott, regional vice president, Sheraton Hotels & Resorts said: "We are delighted to welcome our iconic Sheraton brand to Bali. The opening of Sheraton Bali



The resort will include a large spa area with saunas and spa pools

Kuta Resort sets Starwood on track to become the hotel management company with the largest number of brands represented in Bali."

"Sheraton Bali Kuta Resort, together with the new development of beachwalk, offer guests an all-around experience - whether it is for business, leisure or a family holiday."

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Singapore gets first CHI spa at Shangri-La

Singapore's first CHI, The Spa has opened at Shangri-La hotel, Singapore, offering a range of traditional Chinese therapies. Situated on 15 acres of tropical greenery, CHI, The Spa features nine treatment rooms including three couples' rooms.

In traditional Chinese philosophy, "chi" is the universal life force that governs well being and personal vitality. CHI, The Spa aims to create a sanctuary where holistic treatments are based on traditional methods shared by Asian cultures.

Therapies at the spa include the Sense of Place treatments, where local ingredients are combined with massage techniques that can be performed indoors or outdoors.

CHI signature massages use natural ingredients and aim to provide relaxation of the mind and to revitalise the body.

Guests will be able to choose from a Chinese foot massage in CHI Reflexology, a full body massage in CHI Balance, a muscle-tension relieving massage in CHI Rescue Release or CHI Hot Stones.



CHI, The Spa has nine treatment rooms including three couples' rooms

Body Therapies to nourish the skin and promote cell regeneration will also be on offer including Bio Mud Wrap and the Marine Flora Wrap. Facials will focus on skin rejuvenation and regeneration of skin cells.

The Gentleman's Facial looks to improve skin texture and tone as well as focus on areas of deep-seated tension.

The new spa joins the other leisure facilities at Shangri-La Hotel, Singapore such as the 24-hour gym, outdoor lagoon-shaped swimming pool and floodlit tennis courts. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=ofjR8>

Ritz-Carlton to open new hotel in Abu Dhabi

The Ritz-Carlton is set to launch a new property in Abu Dhabi, UAE by early 2013.

The Ritz-Carlton Abu Dhabi, Grand Canal is owned by Abu Dhabi National Hotels and will be managed under the Ritz-Carlton brand.

Located opposite the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, the hotel will feature 447 guest-rooms and suites, as well as 85 private villas.

The 2,000 sq m (21,500 sq ft) Abu Dhabi ESPA spa will open mid-2013 featuring 15 private treatment rooms catering for men and women.

The stand-alone spa offers a steamroom, a hammam, a private beach and outdoor plunge pools as well as a 1,600 sq m (17,222 sq ft) outdoor swimming pool.

A hair and beauty salon will also be available as well as a fitness centre.

Spanning 230,670 sq m (57 acres), the property was designed by architect Otak International with interiors by Sfa Design



The large resort includes a 2,000sq m ESPA spa due to open in mid-2013

and consists of ten buildings. Three of the nine dining outlets have been designed by Japanese restaurant specialist Super Potato - marking the designer's debut in the Middle East.

Other options include a steak house as well as Southeast Asian, Arabic, Lebanese and Italian restaurants.

Other facilities include 2,182 sq m (23,484 sq ft) of meeting space including a Roma Ballroom and an additional 14 meeting rooms. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=k5evv>

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