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US-based private equity group Pegasus buys Six Senses

US-based private equity group Pegasus Capital Advisors has entered into a binding agreement to acquire luxury resort and spa businesses of Six Senses Resorts & Spas for an undisclosed sum.

Under the terms of the deal, Pegasus will acquire all of the Six Senses and Evason-branded resort and spa management contracts and related intellectual property rights and operate them under a new company managed by Pegasus and its affiliates.

Six Senses currently manages 10 resorts and 28 spas in 20 countries around the world, with another 15 under construction or development. Bernhard Bohnenberger, president of Six Senses, will continue in his role and will head operations out of the Six Senses' Bangkok office.

The Soneva brand and resorts, as well as the company's real estate assets and holdings,



The deal includes all 10 Six Senses-branded resorts and 28 branded spas across the world

however, are not included in the transaction.

Soneva will continue to be led by Sonu Shivdasani, the founder and CEO of Six Senses, who will serve as chair and CEO and principal shareholder of The Soneva Group.

Craig Cogut, founder of Pegasus Capital Advisors, said the deal will allow Six Senses

to grow its brand further. "Going forward, the new Six Senses will be a debt-free company with committed capital for expansion into new and within existing international markets," he said. "We're confident that our president Bernhard Bohnenberger and our strong management team will continue to build on its legacy as a recognized leader in luxury hospitality."

Sonu Shivdasani added: "This transaction will allow me to focus solely on the development of the Soneva portfolio of resorts and real estate assets,

and allow the Soneva and Six Senses brands to flourish independently of each other."

The transaction is expected to be completed by July 2012. Established in 1995, Pegasus currently manages approximately US\$2.5bn (1.9bn euro, £1.6bn) in assets through several private equity funds. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=U7n75>

Kiwi Collection launches eco-friendly list

Kiwi Collection, one of the world's largest curated collections of luxury hotels, has unveiled its new compilation of properties that show "outstanding commitment" to sustainability. The list of eco-friendly hotels and resorts has been put together with the help of sustainable tourism advisor Hitesh Mehta and currently boasts 20 properties in around the world.

Kiwi Collection is hoping to further expand the new collection of eco-friendly hotels, which includes Banyan Tree Bintan, Singapore and Chiva-Som Health Resort in Thailand.

eforea spa concept debuts in China

Hilton Hotels and Resorts has announced the Chinese debut of its international spa concept - eforea: spa at Hilton - at the Hilton Guangzhou Tianhe in the country's third largest city.

It is the first of two eforea launches planned for Hilton locations in China this year, with the 9,000sq ft (836sq m) spa offering eight treatment room, reflexology and massage pods.

A Vichy shower room and an outdoor infinity-edge swimming pool also feature, along with an ice fountain; deluge head and Swiss shower jets; and a full sauna, steam and hydro pool.

The eforea-branded spa at Hilton Guangzhou Tianhe uses products from LI'ITYA; Kerstin



The hotel will be China's first to house an eforea spa

Florian; VitaMan; and Peter Thomas Roth in line with all other eforea locations.

The eforea: spa at Hilton concept was launched by the hospitality group in October 2010 and has opened sites in a number of locations, including Australia, Thailand and Azerbaijan. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=U3j2I>

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Bath attraction for Xiangshan springs

Xiangshan Hot Spring and Wellness Center, a new US\$25m (€19m, £16m) oceanfront spa and 'bathing attraction', is scheduled to open in China in August 2013. Located next to the Hilton Ningbo Xiangshan Resort, the centre is designed by US-based WATG and Thailand-based GOCO Hospitality and will incorporate a 6,000sq m (64,583sq ft) standalone building.

The building will house 24 treatment rooms - including two suites and a spa pavilion. Meanwhile, a medi-spa and a weight management clinic with seven suites will provide the resort with its unique selling point.

The Xiangshan Hot Spring and Wellness Center will offer results-orientated wellness programmes, including ones that address specific health concerns.

Other indoor facilities will include a women's beauty salon; a male grooming area; relaxation areas and quiet zones; and water experiences such as vitality pools.



The spa, designed by GOCO Hospitality, will house 24 treatment rooms

A 5,000sq m (53,820sq ft) outdoor bathing area will offer mineral and thermal springs.

Ingo Schweder, chief executive officer, GOCO Hospitality said: "China currently has the highest growth of spa development, with the largest share being in Shanghai. This shows the increasing interest in wellness from the Chinese consumer, especially the Shanghaiese, and the growing demand for wellness destinations that are of international standards."

Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=05Y3D>

Atkins designs Oman's new 'Medical City'

Atkins, the UK-based design and engineering consulting firm, has completed the masterplan for a major new world-class healthcare facility in Oman, The Medical City (TMC).

TMC is the largest private healthcare infrastructure development in the country and is fronted by Apex Medical Group, with the complex to occupy an 800,000sq m (8.6 million sq ft) site by the Arabian Sea. Facilities will include a 375-bedroom hotel and a spa, although further specifications are yet to be confirmed. It is expected, however, the hotel will incorporate swimming pools and a gym as part of its offer.

The spa will be open to the public, in addition to its use for medical purposes, and the hotel is to be positioned at the "high end" of the market. TMC will be centred around a hospital, while other healthcare facilities will include training and education areas for



The resort's spa will be open to the public and is positioned at 'high end'

medical staff; a wellbeing centre; and residential accommodation.

Atkins design director Ray Phillips said: "This is an important and exciting project for the region, which will create world-class medical facilities in an environment that supports and promotes rehabilitation and healthy living. Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=a8ysY>



XpresSpa secures private equity deal

XpresSpa, the New York, US-based provider of airport spa services and products, has secured investment from the private equity firm, Mistral Equity Partners. The company, which opened its first site at John F Kennedy International Airport Terminal One in 2004, currently has 38 locations in the US and the Netherlands.

According to XpresSpa president Marisol Binn, the fresh investment will help the group to capitalise on international growth opportunities at an accelerated rate.

"XpresSpa's growth opportunities are tremendous, and Mistral's investment will allow us to execute on those opportunities quickly," said Binn.

XpresSpa currently provides a full range of airport-based spa services, including massages, reflexology, stress release therapies and facials. The group has also devised its own line of spa, personal care and travel products and CEO Moreton Binn said XpresSpa was looking to "think outside the box".



XpresSpa provides a full range of airport-based spa services on 'airside'

Moreton Binn said: "We invented the airport spa speciality retail concession and now we've launched our own line of branded consumer products.

"We have also developed a Service at the Gate concept, where we have rolling carts going to the gate areas to provide manicures and massages anywhere in the airport."

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=04G7h>



The Aveda concept spa includes a couples' suite

Westin expands with new Las Vegas resort

Westin Hotels and Resorts, the Starwood-owned hospitality group, has expanded its estate with the launch of the Westin Lake Las Vegas Resort and Spa in Nevada, US.

The property underwent a US\$4m (EUR3.1m, £2.5m) renovation as part of its conversion to the Westin brand, which included upgrades to all 493 guestrooms ahead of its relaunch.

Facilities include the 9,000sq ft (836sq m) Spa Moulay, which comprises 11 treatment rooms - each of which are equipped with a set of hot stones and a calming water feature. The spa offers Moroccan-themed relaxation rituals and, as an Aveda concept salon and spa, uses eco-friendly products. Salon facilities include three manicure and pedicure stations.

Elsewhere at the Westin Lake Las Vegas Resort and Spa is the Marssa Restaurant headed by master sushi chef Osamu Fujit and the Moroccan-themed Arabesque Lounge. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=3aoX2>

Chewton Glen to launch Tree House suites

Chewton Glen spa hotel in the New Forest, Hampshire, UK is set to open its new Tree House Suites this summer.

Located above tree tops, some 200 meters from the main hotel, the secluded suites have been designed in partnership by Terence O'Rourke and Blue Forest with the interiors being created by designer Martin Hulbert.

Guests staying at the suites will be offered a bespoke range of treatments by Chewton Glen's spa partner ila-spa. For more details, click here. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=Z4w1C>

Massage Envy signs milestone agreement

Massage Envy, the Arizona, US-based provider of massage and spa services, has announced that it has completed the signing of its 1,000th franchise agreement.

It comes as the company celebrates its 10-year anniversary, having launched in 2002 to offer offering a "pathway" to wellness through massage and skin care services.

The latest agreement to be signed is with Hawaii-based developers Nate McFarland and Lari Jarvis, which will see their second clinic join the Oahu location opening this summer.

Last year, Massage Envy reported a 13 per cent increase in the opening of new locations, while March 2012 has seen a record 44 franchise agreements signed.

There are currently more than 760 Massage Envy and Massage Envy Spa venues operating across 44 US states, employing more than 18,000 therapists.



The company secured its 1,000th franchise deal - 10 years after launching

Massage Envy president and CEO Dave Crisalli said: "There are thousands of franchise brands across the country, but only a small percentage ever reach the 1,000-unit mark."

Earlier this year, Massage Envy said it was pursuing a "steady and strategic" expansion strategy, with new planned in Alaska and Maryland among others.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=p6U4l>



The 259-bedroom hotel will include a large spa

Four Seasons to unveil new Toronto hotel

Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts will open a new 259-bedroom hotel in the hospitality management group's hometown of Toronto, Canada later this year.

Facilities at the group's new flagship Four Seasons Hotel Toronto will include a 2,700sq m (29,063sq ft) spa spread across two floors and containing 17 customised treatment rooms.

The Spa at Four Seasons Hotel Toronto will also accommodate a full service salon; a fitness centre; a relaxation pool with adjacent whirlpool; and a yoga studio.

It will be the first Four Seasons-branded spa in Toronto and, according to senior spa director Todd Hewitt, will provide the city with a "completely new spa experience".

"We have the most advanced fitness equipment, interactive workout classes and special surprises along the way as we introduce the newest spa trends, skincare lines and innovations from around the world," said Todd. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=y4D8E>

Sader to manage Two Bunch Palms Resort and Spa

Management company Sader Hospitality Worldwide (SHW) has secured a deal to operate the Two Bunch Palms Resort and Spa in Desert Hot Springs, California, US.

The 52-bedroom resort - located across 56 acres (23 hectares) on the site of natural hot springs - includes a spa with 22 treatment rooms cabanas and is famous for its menu of mud treatments.

Gus Sader, founder and CEO of SHW said: "We are thrilled to have this opportunity to work closely with the new owners to bring the resort back to the superior quality that has made it so popular."

"We look forward to restoring the resort's reputation as one of the top destination spas in California." Details: <http://lei.sr?a=n9z7r>

New-look Sheraton Edinburgh opens

Sheraton Hotels has continued its USD6bn (€4.6bn, £3.7bn) international revitalisation with the reopening of the Sheraton Grand Hotel and Spa in Edinburgh, UK.

The property - located in the centre of the Scottish capital - has benefited from a multi-million dollar refurbishment, which included the creation of a new restaurant.

Facilities at the hotel also include the six-storey One Spa, which is described as one of the most advanced city spas in Europe and covers 35,000sq ft (3,252sq m) of floorspace. One Spa offers a range of treatments, including a menu of ayurvedic-inspired services that have been devised by spa therapist Jamie Chalmers - Rasayana at One.

The spa includes a rooftop hydropool and a thermal suite containing a hammam; an aroma grotto; a rock sauna; a bio sauna; a laconium;



Facilities at the spa include a rooftop infinity-edge swimming pool

a tepidarium; and lifestyle showers. Elsewhere within the One Spa area is a 19m infinity-edge swimming pool on the top floor of the building and Cleopatra Baths - individual hydrobaths offering underwater massages.

Sheraton's global brand leader Hoyt Harper said: "We've spent the last years renovating and rebuilding one of the industry's most iconic brands." Details: <http://lei.sr?a=X3R7h>

Sublime Samana opens in Dominican

Sublime Samana Hotel and Residence has opened in Las Terrenas on the north eastern coast of Dominican Republic. Featuring 20 private cabana suites, the resort is located on a remote, private beach and boasts a signature outdoor spa concept.

The Sublime Spa, located on the shore, features three treatment cabanas - a couples cabin, a single cabin and a rain shower cabin - and has been built using palm wood, cane and straw.

The design of the spa is intended to blend in with the pristine palm trees and crystal blue waters of the serene environment.

The spa offers a range of indigenous treatments including massages, facials, body wraps, and a signature purifying rain massage. Other resort facilities include two restaurants



The design of the resort is based on a network of interconnected pools

and a health club. Private chefs are available upon request to prepare breakfast and dinner in the suite's kitchens.

At the heart of the resort is a network of interconnected pools.

The resort is managed by US-based Prohotel International. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=m8IoQ>

Chapter Hotels to open Exeter property

Chapter Hotels, the UK-based hospitality operator unveiled in 2010, has announced plans to open its second property within a 19th century former Exeter hospital building on 25 June. The 59-bedroom Magdalen Chapter is to occupy the city's West England Eye Hospital after a

sympathetic restoration led by Bath-based architects Feilden Clegg Bradley Studios.

Facilities will include The Spa, housing four treatment rooms offering massages and mini-treatments from locally-based skincare brand REN. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=d8ViJ>



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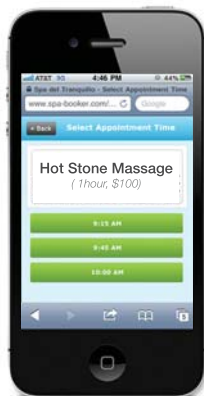
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Mauritius announces hotel grading initiative

All hotels in Mauritius are to be subjected to a new classification project announced by the country's government as part of a package of measures to boost tourism development.

The proposal, confirmed by the office of the deputy prime minister and minister of finance, will be implemented by a steering committee set up by the Mauritian ministry of tourism. It is anticipated the Hotel Classification Project will promote an "orderly development" of the accommodation sector throughout Mauritius and sustain the country's tourism appeal. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=P8OzL>



Neurospa was launched by Canadian GSS Lab

GSS Lab debuts NeuroSpa in Las Vegas

GSS Lab, a research laboratory based in Montreal, Canada, has launched its new NeuroSpa device, which aims to harness the positive impact of music on the human body and brain.

NeuroSpa debuted at the Esthétique Spa International (ESI) Conference in Las Vegas, US, and is a device that produces intra-corporal music - multi frequency acoustic vibrations. The vibrations are synchronised with conventional music to relieve stress and to offer deep muscular relaxation in 30 minutes, relief which GSS Lab says equates to 30 hours' rest.

GSS Lab said the NeuroSpa is designed for use in spas and beauty centres, as well as any other locations in which wellness or relaxation services might be offered.

A spokesperson said: "With the mounting accumulation of stress and the shorter time available to relax and unwind, achieving daily balance of mind and body is now possible thanks to the NeuroSpa." Details: <http://lei.sr?a=q7P3U>

Caribbean/Latin growth for Marriott

Marriott International president and CEO Arne Sorenson has confirmed the hotel group's plans to double the number of properties it operates across the Caribbean and Latin America by 2017.

Sorenson made the announcement at the Americas CEO Summit in Colombia on 13 April, with more than 70 new hotels and 14,000 jobs set to be created across the region over the next five years. The operator currently has 35 properties signed and under development in the Caribbean and Latin America, which include the Port-au-Prince Marriott Hotel in Haiti among others.

New opening scheduled for this year include the first Ritz-Carlton Reserve in the Americas at Dorado Beach in Puerto Rico, which will incorporate the 5-acre (2-hectare) Spa Botánico.

By 2017, Marriott International is set to have a Caribbean and Latin American portfolio that contains more than 140 properties and 30,000



Dorado Beach, one of many new Marriott resorts to open in the region

bedrooms either already open or within the development pipeline.

Sorenson said: "Latin America is booming, in terms of economic growth and political and institutional stability, which is creating a promising business climate."

"The rising middle class throughout the region is eager to travel to new places and do business on the road. Worldwide, we're seeing a golden age of travel, and Latin America is at the forefront." Details: <http://lei.sr?a=x9V7n>

Accor unveils new sustainability drive

Accor, the France-based hospitality group, has announced the launch of a new programme - Planet 21 - to underline its commitment to sustainable development over the coming years.

The operator said it aims to place sustainable hospitality at the heart of its operations and is to involve all hotels, employees and customers to help "reinvent" the hotel industry. Planet 21 comprises a total of 21 commitments and quantified targets for 2015, including a 15 per cent and 10 per cent reduction in water and energy consumption respectively.

The programme is built on seven main pillars: health, nature, employment, innovation, local, carbon and employment. It also aims to promote responsible eating and eco-design.

As of the end of 2011, Accor said 68 per cent of its hotels used eco-labelled products and 62 per cent promote balanced diets. It is hoped those figures will rise to 85 per cent and 80 per cent by 2015 respectively.

Accor said the name Planet is designed to evoke sustainability, while 21 refers to Agenda



Accor will introduce Planet 21 across its Pullman luxury portfolio

21 - an action plan adopted by 173 heads of state at the Rio Summit in 1992.

Denis Hennequin, CEO of Accor, said: "With the Planet 21 programme, we are putting sustainable hospitality at the core of the group's strategy, development and innovation. I am convinced that sustainable development will lead us towards a new business model. Planet 21 gives us a fantastic driver of competitiveness for our brands, attractiveness for our customers and partners and loyalty for our employees." Details: <http://lei.sr?a=w4u5A>

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Green light for 10 Trinity scheme

Singapore-based developer KOP Properties has received planning permission to convert the landmark 10 Trinity Square building in central London into a new luxury development.

Work is expected to get underway on the transformation of the Grade II*-listed property during the third quarter of this year, with the Woods Bagot-designed project also involving Beijing, China-based Reignwood Group.

A 120-bedroom hotel; a spa; a members' club; 41 serviced residences; a restaurant; and two bars are planned as part of the development, which is due to be completed in Q4 2014.

Further details of the spa are yet to be announced, although it has been confirmed that LTW Designworks will be responsible for its design. KOP Hotels and Resorts will run the hotel.

David Collins Studio is consulting on design of the hotel's public areas, bar and members' club at the building, which opened in 1922 as the Port of London Authority's headquarters.

KOP Properties chief executive officer Leny Suparman said: "Our vision is for 10 Trinity Square to become a new global destination in the City of London, with a very British DNA



The historic building will house a luxury spa hotel

and a timeless, classic appeal.

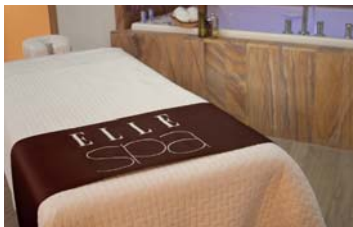
"Surrounded by old world elegance and new age luxury and with unrivalled views of the London skyline, 10 Trinity Square really will be the ultimate destination address in the City. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=y7e7w>

Membership scheme for Eden Roc Miami

Eden Roc Renaissance Miami Beach has launched The Collins Club, a new membership programme that allows members to access facilities at the resort for an annual fee.

Members of the new scheme will be offered discounted rates on amenities including - but not limited to - spa treatments at the world's only ELLE-branded spa, as well as at a range of restaurants and on retail purchases and discounted events.

The Collins Club offers two membership options - the "Eden Membership" and the "Roc Membership." Both include complimentary access to the health club. Additionally, Eden members will receive 15 per cent off select spa



The membership offers guests complementary services at ELLE Spa

and salon treatments and 15 per cent off food, beverage, retail purchases and services.

Roc Membership benefits include all Eden benefits plus six complimentary spa treatments per month. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=h2p7z>

Comfort Zone secures deal for first UK concept spa

Adamina Spa of Kensington, in West London, UK has become the country's first Comfort Zone concept spa.

The deal between the day spa and the Italian product house will see Adamina Spa use Comfort Zone's Aromasoul

Mediterranean line, which is designed to provide a renewed physical energy inspired by the Mediterranean seas.

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Evian spa for new Tokyo Palace Hotel

Japan-based Palace Hotel Group is to open the 290-bed-room Palace Hotel Tokyo on 17 May. Located within Tokyo's Marunouchi district, the hotel is to anchor a US\$1.2bn (£751m, €918m) mixed-use development and will house 10 restaurants as well Japan's first spa to be branded after Evian - the French mineral water company.

The fifth-floor, 1,200sqm (12,900sq ft) Evian spa will have five treatment rooms, a VIP treatment suite and separate ladies and men relaxation areas. Wet areas include heated baths, reclining baths, cold plunge pools and a selection of saunas.

A health and fitness suite equipped by Technogym and Life Fitness and a 20m indoor swimming pool will also feature.

The spa's design is a metaphorical reflection of the journey Evian natural mineral water takes through the Alps, from the loose stone garden at reception signifying the water's source (at the beginning of the stream on the top of the mountain) to the ceiling of the treatment rooms reflecting ripples in a pond.



The 1,200sq m Evian spa will have five treatment rooms and VIP suite

The treatment menu - also inspired by the Evian brand - will feature treatments themed around "celestial restoration", mineral enrichment, nourishment and vitality.

Products and treatments will be supplied by Omnisens and Anne Semonin.

The signature treatment, called The Vitalising Signature, has been created exclusively for the spa. It starts off with Japanese trigger point-style bodywork to improve the flow of Qi throughout before a Swedish-style deep tissue massage is applied to release tension and 'trigger' the body to naturally restore its own balance from within. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=bgk3c>

Seri Chenang spa resort to open in Malaysia

The Seri Chenang Resort and Spa will open on the Malaysian island of Langkawi on 30 June. The privately-owned, RM\$5m (US\$1.6m, 1.2m euro, £1m) boutique resort will offer accommodation in six luxury villas and also features a large spa villa.

Created by the resort's owner, entrepreneur Dato Zainal Abidin, the design of each villa has been influenced by the architecture of traditional homes from six separate Malaysian states - offering guests an intriguing insight into the country's regional architecture.

The villas range in size from one to up five bedrooms. The resort's onsite Kayangan Spa will include a number of thatched treatment room pavilions - both double suites and singles - with floor to ceiling windows, private outdoor rain showers and relaxation areas with flowing water ponds.



The spa pavilion will include single and couples treatment rooms

There will also be an infinity swimming pool, a small gym and an art gallery. Treatments will blend local and indigenous healing rituals with international therapies.

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