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AOL co-founder David Cole to open Brazil spa resort

The first '100 per cent Brazilian spa' is set to open at the Botanique Hotel & Spa mountain retreat, created by AOL co-founder, David Cole, founder of The Body Shop, Gordon Roddick and Brazilian entrepreneurs, Ricardo and Fernanda Semler.

Set in 700 acres (283 hectares), in the mountains of Campos do Jordao, half way between Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro, the retreat is scheduled to open on 1 November.

Accommodation will be offered in six suites and 11 private villas - each individual in design.

Showcasing the best the country has to offer, the interior design has been curated by several of Brazil's most revered interiors' experts, with furniture and artwork commissioned from emerging and established designers and artists.



The 10,000sq ft spa will have eight treatment rooms and use exclusively Brazilian products

Rare local materials have been used, including the local chocolate slate.

The 10,000sq ft (930sq m) Spa at Botanique will offer signature treatments encompassing ancient native healing and relaxation rituals.

There will be eight specialised treatment

spaces, relaxation suites, as well as an indoor pool and dry and wet saunas. Service will be extremely high: the room rate (around US\$1,300/£790 a night) will include food, wines and winetasting, minibar, beverages, experiences, activities and laundry.

One of the resort's co-founder, Brazilian entrepreneur Fernanda Semler, said: "We are introducing a new concept of contemporary Brazilian hospitality, rescuing the authenticity of old Campos do Jordao, which was an anchor

for spiritual retreats and combining with a top of the line luxury feel."

Leisure facilities include a restaurant, private movie theatre, outdoor pool, Olympic standard horses, a library and cookery school.

To read more: <http://lei.sr?a=7j1r5>

Integrated mega-resort planned for Madrid

Las Vegas Sands Corp (LSV) has chosen Madrid, Spain as the preferred location to build an integrated resort development for the European market. A spokesperson said the identification of a European city completes the first phase of the company's plans.

The second phase will include the determination of size, scope, specific location and facilities, and financing options for the project.

Sheldon Adelson, chair and chief executive of Las Vegas Sands, said the company had chosen Madrid over another Spanish city - Barcelona - following a "close contest".

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=fu3B>

Underwater hotel project for Dubai

Plans are moving forward on a futuristic underwater hotel project in Dubai, which will allow guests to sleep with fish swimming outside their bedroom windows.

The Water Discus Hotel will have 21 submerged rooms, as well as 30 above the surface, a dive centre, a large luxury spa, two restaurants, a swimming pool and a helipad.

According to Bogdan Gutkowski, chief executive officer of Big Invest, which is one of the partners in the ambitious project, the design concepts are currently being finalised.

Gutkowski said talks are ongoing with investors and he is confident the project - which could take up to three years to build, will happen.

"This project is unique, so we don't have a routine to follow, but we are moving forward



Plans for the Discus Hotel include a large luxury spa

into new areas," he says. "We are partnering with a Polish firm, DOT Ltd, which has a unique and patented technology for building an underwater hotel."

Gutkowski added that if the planning stage goes as expected, the hotel could open as early as 2015.

Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=B4c5Q>

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Women-only spa prepares for launch

An exclusive women only club and spa is gearing up for a November launch in Belgravia, central London. Described by its CEO, Kate Percival, as a destination spa with a medical practice, Grace Belgravia offers a groundbreakingly integrated approach to healthcare.

Designed by Studio RHE, facilities at the 11,500sq ft (1,400sq m) site will include a gym, run by personal trainer Matt Roberts; nine treatment rooms; a heat wet experience; hammam; herbal sauna; Vichy treatment room; dry flotation room; tepidarium and chill out areas. All treatments will be unique to the club and exclusive product brands are being used, such as Kerstin Florian, Swiss Perfection and bespoke Ila products.

The team behind the enterprise has vast experience of the sector and includes operations director Anna Doyle, who has a background with Molton Brown, Elizabeth Arden, Thalgo and Occo. Dr Tim Evans, apothecary to the Queen, has named the spa's medical director and will co-ordinate a team of pre-eminent medical consultants attached to the club.

Percival says it is more than just a spa: "Our vision was to create a place where women could come for all their health and wellbeing needs under one roof: a place where the best doctors,



The spa will include a range of unique treatments

complementary practitioners and therapists work together to create a truly nurturing and caring experience. Mosimann's have created a delicious, healthy menu specialising in raw food, ceviche and seasonal hot dishes.

The team has already received approaches to develop the brand in Asia, the Middle East and some European cities, but for now the focus is firmly on getting the flagship London site up and running.

Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=R2q8R>

Mimosa spa to open at Miramar Beach

Work has started on the new Mimosa spa at the Miramar Beach Hotel in Nice, France, which is slated for completion in early 2013.

Spa consultants, Spa Creators, were appointed by Global Hotels Group to oversee the spa development - an extension of its previous facilities - which is part of a multi-million Euro refurbishment at this 58-bed, five star boutique hotel. French architect, MZA and Scottish interior design company, Magna Design, is also working on the project. The spa will span three storeys, starting at reception on level two, with luxury changing rooms, a fitness suite, with resistance and cardio equipment and an outdoor fitness area, with access to the gardens for yoga and pilates classes.

Six new treatment rooms are on level one, offering holistic treatments and Vichy and rasul experiences, which are already popular at the hotel. There will also be pre and post treatment relaxation areas enjoying stunning sea views.



The spa will have six treatment rooms and is set to open in early 2013

Down to level zero, there is a thermal suite with access to the deck levelled vitality and infinity pools, with views out to sea and poolside relaxation areas. A new tented Marrakesh-themed poolside bar and restaurant completes the spa offer.

Spa Creators director, Alistair Johnson, says guests and high end second home owners are the primary target: "There are a number of luxury properties in the area. As well as aiming for day visitors, we will also be developing a high end leisure membership."



GSWS report explores talent gap

A new report has been published to help the global spa industry deal with a gap between job opportunities and qualified candidates.

The Spa Management Workforce & Education: Addressing Market Gaps report, released by the Global Spa and Wellness Summit (GSWS), examines the difficulties the industry faces in hiring qualified management personnel. Developed by SRI International (founded as

Stanford Research Institute) for the GSWS, the report identifies the root cause of a high demand for talent and proposes recommendations to address the workforce gap.

The report shows that while there are 130,000-180,000 spa managers working in the industry globally, only 4,000 students are currently enrolled in some form of spa management education or training programme.

The report was commissioned by the GSWS after 95 per cent of delegates attending its 2011 Summit reported lack of training/education was the greatest challenge facing the industry, and



Susie Ellis, chair and CEO of GSWS, which commissioned the survey

hiring qualified spa managers and directors the largest obstacle to the continued growth of their own businesses.

Katherine Johnston, economist at SRI, said: "We think these findings are a wake-up call to an industry dependent on providing the highest personal service and professional standards, and one where people are its greatest asset."

GSWS chair and CEO Susie Ellis added: "Many managers and directors may have a passion for spa, but passion is not enough. They need business, entrepreneurial, financial skills."

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=p209V>



The spa will be open to guests and non-guests

Steigenberger to open day spa at Frankfurt hotel

Steigenberger Hotels and Resorts is set to open a new urban day spa at its Frankfurter Hof hotel at the start of 2013.

The Spa will offer a range of services, including traditional European spa treatments, high end beauty treatments and a grooming programme for male guests.

Facilities include an extensive sauna area, a hammam and ice fountain. Traditional massages and body peels will be on offer in the scrub room, as well as hydro-massage showers. Each guest will be offered a tailored service, with a spa concierge on hand to give detailed advice on drawing up personal treatment plans.

Men are not left out of the action, with a special zone inspired by 1920s barber's salons, offering wet shaves, facials and manicures. The spa will be operated by GOCO Hospitality, which helped define the concept. The interior design was developed by Peter Silling & Associates. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=k501G>

Russian spa market 'gaining momentum'

The Russian spa market is gaining momentum, according to Manfred Ronstedt, CEO of German consultancy, PCG mbH, which has been working in Russia for 10 years and is currently working on two projects there.

"Traditionally, the saunas, or banyas, were as much about parties as they were health, but now the Russians are starting to become more interested in health at their spas," he explained.

"Although spa design and operational expertise is low, more European-style operations are being introduced

The 1,000sq m (10,700sq ft) spa at Sheraton Airport Moscow will open next year and be branded as Sheraton Shine Spa."

Facilities will comprise four treatment rooms, a gym, steamroom and three saunas.

Interior work is about to begin on a 2,500sq m (27,000sq ft) day spa at the Country Park Moscow, which will open in 2014.



The Russian market is "showing more interest" towards health and spas

Targeting the northern part of Moscow, as well as guests at the 280-bed hotel, this spa will have eight treatment rooms, a VIP treatment area, a pool, relaxation area, gym, saunas, steamroom and hammam.

Ronstedt says beauty treatments, hairdressing and make up will feature predominantly at the spas, as this is very popular in Russia.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=I9Z30>

Radisson Blu hotel to open at mixed-use project in Benin

A new Radisson Blu-branded hotel is to launch as part of a wider mixed-use development in Cotonou, Benin - including the country's largest shopping centre - during Q2 2014. The opening of Radisson Blu Hotel Cotonou - owned by Akaka Hotel Resort SA - will see Rezidor Hotel Group move into its 71st country and 21st on the continent of Africa. Facilities at the 203-bedroom property will include a spa and wellness centre with two outdoor swimming pools and a gym. It will also some of the largest conferencing facilities in Benin.

Akaka Hotel Resort SA president Aliou Adamou said: "We are excited to be working with Carlson Rezidor in bringing this first class Radisson Blu hotel to Cotonou."

The mixed-use complex is also expected to include a diagnostic centre and residential units, with the aim of attracting visitors from regional and international destinations. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=H6a3A>



The hotel will be the third IHG property in Dubai

IHG signs deal for Dubai Marina hotel

InterContinental Hotels Group (IHG) has signed an agreement with Dubai-based property developer Select Group to open and manage a luxury hotel. Part of the Bay Central development in the cosmopolitan Marina area, InterContinental Dubai Marina will offer 132 hotel rooms and 196 InterContinental Residential Suites.

Facilities will house a luxury spa, health club, swimming pool and a total of eight food and beverage outlets - including restaurants and a night club. The hotel is expected to open in 2013 and exact details of the spa have yet to be confirmed.

Rahail Aslam, chair of Select Group said: "The Bay Central development in Dubai Marina has plenty to boast about, from being positioned right at the heart of the Dubai Marina to the magnificent views that the development offer."

The hotel will become the third InterContinental-branded property in the UAE, joining InterContinental Abu Dhabi and InterContinental Dubai Festival City.

Dow Hotel Company adds Texan spa resort to portfolio

Seattle, US-based Dow Hotel Company (DHC) has secured a management contract for the 174-room Lakeway Resort and Spa near Austin, Texas, US.

The resort is spread across a 12-acre site featuring a 1,000ft waterfront on Lake Travis in the Texas Hill Country.

The resort houses the San Saba Spa with five treatment rooms; three swimming pools; a full range of water sport activities and a world-class tennis centre with 24 outdoor courts and two indoor climate-controlled courts.

As part of the deal, DHC has will embark on a renovation programme of the resort's accommodation and restaurant facilities.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=U2m5j>

Marriott to open Voronezh spa hotel

Marriott International's flagship brand, Marriott Hotels and Resorts, has revealed plans for its first hotel in Voronezh, Russia - a city located 500km (311 miles) south of Moscow.

Due to open its doors in 2015, the 220-bedroom Voronezh Marriott Hotel is to be operated by the international group under a management agreement with Ojsc Tsum-Voronezh.

The hotel will form part of a large mixed-use development on Prospekt Revolutsii and includes a wellness and beauty spa, a health club with fitness centre, sauna and steamroom.

Further details are yet to be confirmed, although the property will also house a column-free ballroom, a dedicated business centre and 660sq m (7,104sq ft) of meeting space. Amy McPherson, president and managing director



The hotel includes a wellness spa and is due to open its doors in 2015

of Marriott International in Europe, said: "We are thrilled to announce this great new addition to our portfolio in Russia."

"We currently operate 14 hotels across Russia and see tremendous opportunity for continued growth across all of our brands in this incredible market." Details: <http://lei.sr?a=O3p3C>

Wellness centre for Mövenpick's Ankara hotel

Swiss hotel firm, Mövenpick, has launched its third hotel in Turkey, in the fast growing business district of the capital. Facilities at the 176-bed Mövenpick Hotel Ankara include a wellness and fitness centre with four treatment rooms, a hammam, sauna, indoor plunge pool, whirlpool and cardio fitness zone. The spa menu is a mix of international spa classics, as well as traditional Turkish massage.

The striking architecture combines contemporary features, such as the 12-storey central atrium and glass ceiling, with traditional Turkish marble and an enormous crystal chandelier, which reflects the country's glass making heritage.

The design of the hotel reflects the curved shape of Turkey's famous Nazar Boncugu -



The architecture combines contemporary features with Turkish design

the eye-shaped amulet traditionally worn to ward off evil - with a 12-storey central atrium and glass ceiling that floods the hotel with natural light.

Mövenpick currently operates a total of 71 hotels worldwide with another 26 in its development pipeline. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=1ol4O>

Hotel to invest in channel swimmers' spa facility

The Dover Marina Hotel is taking a new direction for next year, by investing in a spa.

The hotel's health club, which is open to non-guests as a membership club, will be refurbished and taken upmarket.

Spa facilities will be added to the mix and the main target market is slightly unusual - people

who are training to complete the increasingly popular swim across the English channel.

Many people train for the event in the area and all wellness packages at Dover Marina Hotel will be built around this.

Spa Creators is currently advising the hotel on the design and mix of treatments.



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St Michael's Hotel to double size of spa

St Michael's Hotel and Spa in Falmouth, UK, has decided to double the size of its spa, adding a full wet spa and thermal area.

The expansion comes as the hotel aims to cater for increased demand for spa services. Wellness consultancy Spa Creators is advising on the project and its director, Alistair Johnson says the hotel is bidding to become Cornwall's top destination spa.

"Some luxury apartments are being added to cater for the destination spa market," he said. "The target audience will be wellness seekers for the 30+ market."

There will be 10 treatment rooms in total, and as well as experiences like Vichy and Rasul, there will be an emphasis on finding unusual and exciting treatments. The refurbishment will be ready for 2013. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=B50rR>



The Trump International Hotel Las Vegas

Trump partners with Hilton for Las Vegas timeshare deal

The Trump Organization will introduce a timeshare ownership option at its Trump International Hotel Las Vegas after agreeing deal with Hilton Grand Vacations, the timeshare division of Hilton Worldwide.

Trump has sold around 300 condominium units to Hilton Grand Vacations, which will use the units as luxury timeshare accommodations beginning early 2013.

Trump Hotel Collection, the hotel management company, will continue to manage every aspect of the property. Facilities at the resort include the 10,000sq ft (929sq m) The Spa at Trump which houses nine large treatment rooms, extensive wet areas with saunas and steamrooms and relaxation and retail areas.

Mark Wang, president of Hilton Grand Vacations: "Our collaboration with the Trump Organization will yield a new ownership opportunity at one of the most celebrated properties in Las Vegas. This venture strengthens the momentum of our performance in the Las Vegas market and adds a new product tier to our portfolio." Details: <http://lei.sr?a=EtBg>

First Talise spa opens in Shanghai

Jumeirah has opened China's first Talise Spa at the Jumeirah Himalayas Hotel in Shanghai.

Located adjacent to the hotel's health and fitness club on the 7th Floor of the hotel, Talise Spa sits at the base of Jumeirah Shanghai's Yu Cong Atrium, a 14-storey feng shui passage-way 'linking heaven and earth'.

Designed according to the Chinese feng shui philosophy, the spa features three treatment spa suites: the Dubai Suite, the Shanghai Suite and the Himalayas Suite, with elements inspired by Dubai, Shanghai and the Himalayas.

All the treatment suites are en-suite with private showers, spa pools, bathtubs and steamrooms. Talise Spa offers a wide range of facials including some using high-tech marine products from French brand Phytomer; and all massages will use 100 per cent bio-organic essential oils by Austrian natural cosmetics company STYY.

The exclusive signature treatments include "Impressions of the Himalayas" and "Luxury Arabian Gold Bliss". A licensed master therapist of traditional Chinese medicine is also available for pre-booked healing sessions.

Before or after their treatment, guests can admire the landscaped Relaxation Garden from



The Jumeirah Himalayas hotel in Shanghai, China

the Spa Lounge whilst savouring traditional Chinese medicinal teas and tonics.

Guests can also complement their spa experience at the spa's healthy snack bar, offering a menu of fresh juices and smoothies as well as high-nutrition snacks.

Talise is the signature spa concept of Dubai-based Jumeirah Group.

A member of Dubai Holding, Jumeirah operates a portfolio of luxury hotels and resorts. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=Q9Rtq>

Banyan Tree to launch 'urban' concept in China

Singapore-based luxury operator Banyan Tree is to launch its urban resort concept in China with properties in Shanghai and Tianjin opening in October and November respectively.

The decision to take the concept into China follows its success in Bangkok, Thailand; Seoul, South Korea; and Macau - one of the two Chinese special administrative regions. Banyan Tree Shanghai On The Bund will offer accommodation in 130 suites and is to include a full-service Banyan Tree Spa with 11 treatment rooms.

An indoor pool and a fitness centre will also form part of the property, which will join Plaza Above The Bund and other facilities at the Above The Bund Urban Complex Project. Meanwhile, Banyan Tree Tianjin Riverside will include 159 suites and the first Banyan Tree Spa in northern China, which will offer treatments inspired by regional healing therapies.

The resort will be located in a former Austrian concession district and adjacent



The new urban resort brand will launch with two new properties

to Italian and British parts of the city, which features European-style villas and historic buildings.

A Banyan Tree spokesperson said: "Banyan Tree's newest urban resorts fuse the group's signature luxury offerings with the facilities and services of a premier city-based retreat."

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Plans revealed for Grand Caicos resort

Initial plans have been announced for the creation of a 41-acre beachfront luxury resort on the island of Grand Caicos in the West Indies. Anyana, which takes its name from the native Lucayan Indian name for Grand Caicos, will comprise a limited number of exclusive beach and lagoon-front luxury residences available for ownership, each in its own private setting and nestled in landscaped gardens. In addition to the residences, the low-density eco-sensitive development will include a 'world-class' boutique hotel and luxury spa as well as a fine dining restaurant.

Exact details of the hotel and spa are yet to be confirmed, but the spa will be located in a secluded part of the island.

Guests will be able to reach the spa using electrical vehicles, which will wind down pathways, with the aim of providing a relaxing and invigorating experience from start to finish.

Located in an unspoiled natural environment, the resort is to incorporate a nature reserve which will be a sanctuary for the island's – the largest within the Turks and Caicos group – indigenous flora and fauna.



The resort will include a spa and will be located in a nature reserve

The land is owned by Grand Caicos Holdings which is also acting as the developer of the project. Caribbean property specialist 7th Heaven Properties has been appointed as master agent to launch the development.

The 48sq mile island, currently home to just 250 people, is renowned for its picturesque stretches of secluded beaches and outstanding natural beauty.

7th Heaven Properties Founder Walter Zepherin said: "Anyana represents a game-changing project for Turks and Caicos."

"The location is simply breathtaking and the vision for Anyana will provide the perfect complement to the surroundings, offering understated luxury and tranquillity, surrounded by unspoiled nature. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=Q4b5l>

Caledonian to house UK's first Guerlain spa

The Caledonian, A Waldorf Astoria Hotel in Edinburgh, Scotland – managed by Hilton Worldwide – will house the UK's first Guerlain Spa following a £2.4m (US\$3.8m, 30m euro) redevelopment of the property.

To be operated as a beauty spa, it will be open to both hotel guests and non-guests.

Facilities at the spa include three large treatment rooms, a swimming pool, steamroom, sauna, a spa pool and a relaxation space. There will also be a 24-hour health and fitness suite. In a statement, a spokesperson for the French perfume house said treatments will mirror the company's core values.

"The treatment menu at the Guerlain spa will reflect luxury, emotion and refinement with a collection of indulgent treatments created using Guerlain products and respecting the origins of the signature massage from 1939 when the brand opened its first 'Institut de Beauté' in Paris," the statement read.



The relaxation area at the spa; facilities include three treatment rooms

"Combining pressure point massage and muscular exercise techniques, movements are specifically designed to provide relaxation, as well as a radiant, smoother and a more youthful appearance."

The menu will include signature and personalised facial and body treatments, as well as body sublimation, make up artistry sessions and harmonizing experiences such as reflexology, Chinese massage and aesthetic drainage.

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