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Mega resort planned for Malaysia's Desaru Coast

A luxury integrated resort -Desaru Coast - is set to open on the eastern coast of Jahor. Malaysia in 2015.

Destination Resorts and Hotels (DRH) - established by Khazanah Nasional Berhad. an investment-holding arm of the government of Malaysia - is developing the 3,900acre resort. Desaru Coast will launch in phases and will feature an array of luxury hotels, spas and golf residences as well as theme and waterparks, retail outlets, a multi-use convention centre and a school for tourism and

culinary studies.

Situated along the resort's 17km beachfront, the first property to launch will be Aman Country Club and Villas, opened in partnership with Aman Resorts International. It will be followed by Sheraton Resort and Convention



The plans for the huge resort include a number of luxury spas, hotels and attractions

Centre, featuring 1,200sq m (12,917sq ft) of banquet and exhibition space including four meeting rooms with VIP lounges.

Desaru Coast will also house the Plantation Hotel, which will feature an underwater dining experience, a luxury spa and rooms overlooking the marine park.

Located at the centre of Desaru Coast will be the Riverwalk, a waterfront retail and lifestyle village. It will house DRH's Hospitality, Tourism and Culinary School that aims to enrich the hospitality industry in Malaysia.

The Riverwalk will also serve as an entrance to two water-themed park attractions - Ocean Quest and Ocean Splash. Operated by Themed Attractions and Resorts Malaysia, Ocean Quest will offer a waterpark experience as

well as an educational marine park.

Ocean Splash waterpark will feature a mix of attractions including a large salt-water wave pool, water slides and raft rides.

Two golf courses designed by Ernie Els and Vijay Singh will also feature at the resort. Details: http://lei.sr?a=t6o5r

World's tallest hotel to open in Dubai next year

JW Marriott is set to open JW Marriott Marquis - the world's tallest hotel - in February 2013.

The 836ft (355m) JW Marriott Marquis Hotel in Dubai will be spread across two towers, with the first already soft-opened.

Located in the centre of the Business Bay, the 1,608-room hotel will feature a Saray Spa offering a range of treatments including body scrubs and wraps, eye treatments, hair and scalp therapies and facials.

The spa will house a lap pool, steamroom and saunas. A selection of couples' massages will also be on offer. Details: http://lei.sr?a=D5w5x

Spa opens in historic 1920's mansion

A new hotel and spa has opened in a 1920's-era Victorian mansion in Valparaiso, Chile.

Palacio Astoreca is owned by Swiss-Chilean entrepreneurs Vincent Juillerat and Francisca Joannon. The boutique hotel, which opened following a US\$5m (£3.1m €3.9m) renovation project, features 23 guest rooms furnished with antiques from the Santiago and Valparaiso regions.

Designed by Alvano and Riquelme architects, the hotel features art by contemporary painters such as Ricardo Yrarrazaval and Frederic Clot. A key feature of the hotel is the Palacio Astoreca Spa which features a covered pool, a hammam, a massage room and a hot tub heated with firewood. It also houses a steam bath and a heated indoor pool.



The historic Palacio Astoreca in Valparaiso, Chile

Spanish Chef Sergio Barroso - who previously worked at Ferran Adria's El Bulli - runs the main restaurant, Alegre.

The hotel also houses a wine cellar, which holds a selection of wines from vinevards in Chile and South American countries.

Further facilities include a piano lounge bar and a library. Details: http://lei.sr?a=KoM3y

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Starwood launches Shine Spa in Macau

US-based operator Starwood has launched its Shine Spa at the Sheraton Macau Hotel in Cotai Central, Macau.

The 1,700sq m (18,299sq ft) Shine Spa is inspired by the five elements of Feng Shui wood, fire, earth, metal and water. The spa offers 15 treatment rooms - including five couples' suites - along with a wet area with sauna, spa pool and relaxation lounge.

Shine Spa uses products including Shine for Sheraton, Germaine de Capuccini, Terrake, OPI and Paul Mitchell.

The beauty zone at Shine Spa spans 69sq m (743sq ft) and includes six multifunctional beds for reflexology, manicures and pedicures. The spa also has a hair salon.

Signature treatments include Shine Champagne Bath, offering guests the fizzy champagne-scented sensation of tiny bubbles surrounding the body while they sip champagne from a flute. Other treatments on offer are the 24K Gold Massage, Bamboo Lava Massage and Red Algae and Aquatic Mint Wrap.



The resort hotel has 3,896 bedrooms and houses a 1,700sq Shine Spa

The hotel also features a 14,864sq m (160,000sq ft) ballroom, three signature restaurants and three outdoor pools with poolside cafes. Other facilities include a 1,208sq m (13,000sq ft) Sheraton Club Lounge, Palms Lounge and a Sala Pool. The first phase of the two-tower resort is open and features 1,829 rooms. The resort will house 4,000 rooms when the second phase is launched early next year, making it the largest hotel in Starwood's portfolio. Details: http://lei.sr?a=i8M6v

£3m Y Spa opens at Wyboston Lakes

Just over £3m (€3.7m, US\$4.8m) has been invested in a new 11,000sq ft (1,022sq m) full-service spa at Wyboston Lakes, an independently-owned leisure and conference destination in Bedfordshire, UK.

Located within an onsite hotel, Y Spa is one of the most significant UK spa openings in 2012 and has been put together by some of the country's most recognised spa professionals.

Ray Payne, previously a long-standing general manager at Champneys Tring destination spa in Hertfordshire, worked on the feasibility and pre-opening stages of the spa with his new R Spa consultancy.

Emma-Jane North, who led operations at the award-winning Ragdale Hall spa for many years, has been appointed spa director.

The neutral design of the spa has been overseen by The Syntax Group, which has previously helped to create spa venues worldwide including the Chiva-Som destination in Thailand.

A signature feature of Y Spa is one of the UK's first authentic Finnish kelo saunas, a standalone outdoor cabin which has been constructed using 100-year-old imported kelo logs. This overlooks a hydrotherapy pool which



The spa's kelo-wood sauna - one of the firsts in the UK

connects inside to a thermal area supplied by GeoSpa which boasts a salt cabin, steamroom, a gentle-heat sauna and an innovative frost wall with a build up of ice that can be rubbed on the body.

Other facilities include a spa café, 11 treatment rooms, one of which is a double suite with a rasul and a lounge which shares a double sided open fire with a deep relaxation room with waterbeds.

Elemis, Murad and OPI are the chosen product houses. Details: http://lei.sr?a=x1J6C



Banyan Tree opens Laguna Lang Co

Banyan Tree Resorts has opened the Laguna Lang Co, an integrated five-star spa and golf resort in Vietnam.

Located on a 280-hectare beachfront site between Hue and Danang, the complex comprises a golf course, two luxury hotels – a Banyan Tree and an Angsana-branded property – two spas, restaurants and water activities.

The Banyan Tree Lang Co hotel and spa is an all poolvilla resort that comprises 32

lagoon pool villas and 17 beach pool villas.

Banyan Tree Spa offers Asian-inspired therapies in standard, deluxe and royal treatment rooms. The beauty and wellness treatments contain aromatic oils, healing herbs and spices as well as organic botanicals.

One of the signature therapies is the 150minute Royal Banyan Herbal Pouch Therapy, which includes a lemongrass cucumber body scrub, a royal Banyan Herbal pouch therapy, a jade face therapy and a therapeutic herbal bath. Other treatments on offer include a range of body wraps, scrubs and massages.



Facilities at the resort include two hotels, two spas and a range of pools

Angsana Lang Co hotel and spa also opened at the resort and has 229 suites, 100 of which have a private swimming pool. The spa has 10 treatment rooms as well as two rain-mist rooms. Treatments use local natural ingredients such as rice, milk and oils.

Further facilities at the resort include a Nick Faldo-designed golf course, a health club and a watersports centre. There is also a range of dining options including Azura, a beachfront restaurant serving Italian food and seafood while The Watercourt restaurant serves French cuisine with hints of Vietnamese influence.

The resort was formerly known as Kani Lanka

Minor Group launches second Avani resort in Sri Lanka

Minor Hotel Group, in partnership with Serendib Leisure, has opened its second Avani resort – Avani Kalutara Resort and Spa – on Sri Lanka's south west coast.

Formerly known as Kani Lanka, the resort has reopened after a US\$5m (£3.9m, £3.1m) redevelopment. The property is owned by Minor and will be managed by Serendib. Located south of Colombo, Avani Kalutara is built on the river Kalu and houses 105 rooms and suites.

Avani ayurvedic spa offers a range of treatments from 120-minute body scrubs and facials to 15-minute manicures and pedicures. Each treatment is based on the natural elements air, earth, water and fire.

Dining options at the resort include The Palms restaurant, serving Italian, Mexican, Chinese and Sri Lankan cuisines.

Other facilities on offer include a fitness centre, water sports facility, resort bars and lounges and conference spaces. Details: http://lei.sr?a=kɪl7h

W Hotels opens its first hotel in Singapore

W Hotels has launched W Singapore – Sentosa Cove, its first hotel in Singapore.

Located on Sentosa Island near downtown Singapore, the resort hotel features 240 guest rooms and suites.

The property is owned and has been developed by an affiliate of City Developments Limited and was designed by UK architects WATG and US-based designers Rockwell Group. W Singapore's Away Spa – the W brand's signature spa concept – features a 1125q m (1,2055q ft) treatment room and a detox area.

The spa's "decompression area" boasts a sauna, steamroom and vitality pool.

The spa also features Immerge, a herbal bath concept; Aqua, an experiential shower; and a number of Vichy showers.

iLA products are used in the spa and treatments include massages, facials, body and beauty treatments and wraps and scrubs. The spa also offers nine Away guest rooms



The hotel was created by architects WATG and designers Rockwell Group $\,$

and suites with each one featuring a private plunge pool.

There is also a gym and wet pool deck featuring a 1,300sq m (13,993sq ft) outdoor pool with 24 underwater speakers.

Other hotel facilities include more than 1,500sq m (16,146sq ft) of meeting and event space including seven meeting rooms. Details: http://lei.sr?a=u7F7y

Absolute to open hotel and spa in Laos

Management Company Absolute Hotel Services is set to operate a spa hotel in Luang Prabeng, Laos. Due to open in 2014, the hotel will be operated under Absolute's U-brand and is located on a peninsula of the Mekong River. U Luang Prabeng will be marketed as a boutique property and will feature 50 guestrooms.

Exact details of the facilities are to be confirmed but the resort will house a luxury day spa and fitness centre. Other facilities will include restaurants, a swimming pool, a library and a river terrace.

Jonathan Wigley, CEO of Absolute Hotel Services Group said: "We are delighted to announce our first U property in Laos and especially located in the iconic town of Luang Prabang, a UNESCO site." Details: http://ei.sr/a=P8Q3B



The new spa hotel will open before the end of 2012

Hilton prepares spa hotel launch in Girona. Spain

Hilton is set to launch a DoubleTreebranded hotel in Girona, Spain.

The DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel and Spa Emporda will feature 87 guestrooms located on the grounds of Emporda Golf Club site. Located within holiday resort Costa Brava, the club boasts two 18-hole golf courses, created by Robert von Hagge.

Due to open before the end of the year, the hotel will house a spa with an indoor pool and a fitness centre. Other facilities include a 24-hour business centre and a range of meeting rooms.

Exact details of facilities at the resort will be revealed at a later date.

Patrick Fitzgibbon, senior vice president, Europe & Africa, Hilton Worldwide, said: "Hilton Worldwide has had a presence in Spain for more than 20 years and the country remains an enduringly popular travel destination with the latest visitor numbers demonstrating year on year growth." Details: http://leis.r3a=zagl.

Café Royal set to reopen as luxury hotel in December

Café Royal on Regent Street, London, UK is set to re-launch as a luxury hotel in December. Designed by David Chipperfield Architects, the iconic property has been restored into a contemporary 159-guestroom hotel over the past four years.

Cafe Royal will house a 120sq m (1,202 sq ft) Akasha Holistic Wellbeing Centre that will span two floors and has been developed in conjunction with Netherlands-based 48easonsSpa. The centre houses a large lap pool and four different areas, corresponding to the four elements: water (spa), fire (gym), air (yoga) and earth (organic bar).

The spa, which is due to open during 2013, offers a variety of Watsu hydro-experiences, a hammam and signature Akasha treatments. Details: http://lei.sr?a=k300S

Second Costa Rican site for Riu Resorts

Riu Hotels and Resorts has opened its second hotel in Costa Rica and the first of its luxury range - the Riu Palace Costa Rica.

Located on the edge of Matapalo beach in Guanacaste, the resort offers 538 rooms, each featuring a hydromassage bathtub and balcomy. The Riu Renova Spa features a beauty salon, health and fitness centre, treatment rooms and a humid area.

It also houses saunas, steam-rooms, spa pools and relaxation rooms. A range

rooms, spa poois and reiaxation rooms. A range of signature treatments are on offer, including Renova Combination, an 80-minute treatment focusing on energy balance, mind and body tranquility and stress relief. Guests have a choice of four restaurants; the lapanese Tokio,



The 538-room resort is located on the Matapalo beach in Guanacaste

the Italian L'Anfora, the Papagoyo grill-steakhouse and the modern Krystal restaurant.

The resort also boasts four pools, one of which has a swim-up bar. The hotel has five conference rooms and dedicated meeting spaces. Details: http://lei.sr?a=iohsL

Massage Envy acquired by Roark Capital

US-based franchise Massage Envy is set for a new chapter following its acquisition by private equity firm and franchise specialist Roark Capital Group, Massage Envy is looking to grow its business, which currently has 800 sites in 45 states.

Previously owned by Sentinel, Massage Envy is expected to provide more than 16 million treatments this year (2012). Its ethos is to make professional spa services

make professional spa services available at affordable prices and in convenient locations.

"We are thrilled to have Roark as a partner as we continue to grow the Massage Envy brand," asys Dave Crisalli, Massage Envy's president and CEO. "Roark's strong operational approach and deep consumer and franchise experience makes them an ideal partner for our leadership team, regional developers, franchisees and



The US-based franchise currently operates 800 sites in 45 states

team members."

Roark's managing partner, Neal Aronson, says this acquisition is in line with its strategy of buying market-leading franchises with strong brands and differentiated service offerings. "We believe Massage Envy has significant opportunities to enhance its leadership position in the spa and massage industry." Details: http://lei.sr?a=ioPar

Hyatt Regency to debut in Bangkok

Hyatt is set to open a new hotel and spa in Bangkok, Thailand after signing a management agreement with Grande Asset Hotels and Property.

Hyatt Regency Bangkok, Sukhumvit is scheduled to open in 2017 and will be the first Hyatt Regency-branded hotel in Bangkok. Designed by Thailand-based architecture firm Office of Bangkok Architects and PIA Interior, the hotel will offer 288 guestrooms, including 26 luxury suites.

A spa will also feature with six treatment rooms, a fitness centre and a swimming pool. Details: http://lei.sr?a=tri1F



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Four Seasons opens hotel in Beijing

Four Seasons has opened a new hotel and spa in the Central Business District of Beijing, China. Located in the Liangmahe area, Four Seasons Hotel Beijing features 313 guest rooms including 66 suites.

The Spa at Four Seasons is directed by Fay Sirisopa and houses 11 treatment pavilions. There is also a spa pool, sauna, steamrooms for men and women and a sunlit pool.

The health club features 1178q m (1,2598q ft) of workout space with a range of cardiovascular machines and weight equipment.

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Dining options at the hotel include Italian
restaurant Mio and Cai Yi Xuan, which
serves traditional Chinese cuisine.

There is also a tea garden where guests can enjoy a selection of healthy beverages and snacks. Details: http://lei.sr?a=zicit



The Majestic Spa has seven treatment rooms

YTL Hotels to reopen Maiestic Hotel Kuala Lumpur

YTL Hotels is set to re-launch the iconic Majestic Hotel Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia in December. Located on 3.2 acres (1.29 hectare) on Jalan Sultan Hishamuddin, the hotel will offer 300 rooms and suites.

The 1930s era property has been fully restored to house the suites, The Colonial Café and The Tea Lounge. A separate, 15-storey Tower Wing – which rises above the historic building – will include the deluxe rooms, restaurants, swimming pool and meeting rooms. The Majestic Spa is situated in a separate building and will offer seven treatment rooms, a relaxation area and a swimming pool. Dining options include Opus One, a contemporary restaurant featuring an open kitchen concept, while the Colonial Café offers traditional dishes.

A two-storey building called The Smoke House will feature a bar, grooming room, cigar room, private dining area, a screening room and card room.

Other facilities include a gym, 16 meeting rooms and a ballroom. Details: http://lei.sr?a=Pouzz

Fairmont and Raffles for Manila complex

Hotel operators Fairmont and Raffles are set to open two new properties at a mixed-use tower at Makati in Metro Manila in December.

The complex will feature a 30-floor tower housing the Raffles Makati with 32 suites; Raffles Residences with 237 residences for private ownership; and Fairmount Makati, a hotel with 280 deluxe rooms.

The developers of the complex are KHOALI Manila, a joint venture between Kingdom Hotel Investments (KHI) and Ayala Land.

The first eight floors are dedicated to Fairmont Hotel and its 1,2005q m (12,9175q ft) Willow Stream Spa. The spa will have five treatment rooms and a full service hair and nail salon. Floors nine and 10 will house the Raffles all-suite hotel, while Raffles residences – offering one-, two-, three-, and four-bedroom units – will occupy the upper levels of the complex.

Designed by Singapore-based Bent Severin & Associates the resort will blend "old world charm with the new world".

Fairmont's Makati City features six restaurants and lounges as well as more than 1,700 sq m (18,298sq ft) of versatile meeting and function space including a 900sq m ballroom. All the new restaurants and bars in the complex



An artist's impression of the Raffles Residences

will be open to guests of both Raffles Makati and Fairmont Makati.

Both hotels will house outdoor swimming pools and fitness centres. Details: http://lei.sr?a=M6I5K

Celestine spa for Bali's The Stones Legian resort

Marriott International has launched The Stones Legian in Bali – its first Autograph Collection hotel in Asia Pacific. Located on Legian Beach, the resort features 208 guestrooms and 22 suites – including the 1,950sq ft (1814 m) Presidential Suite, which is spread across three floors and features four guest rooms and rainforest showers.

The hotels Celestine Spa houses five treatment rooms and three massage lounges.

It uses natural spa products supplied by Ritual Alami and offers a range of ayurvedic treatments.

Fitness classes and fitness counselling are also available to guests.

There is a range of dining options includ-

There is a range of dining options including; Stones Kitchen, serving European dishes; Indonesian cuisine at Long Rice Table; and alfresco seafood restaurant Big Fish Bar & Grill. Other facilities include a 3,000sq m (32,291sq ft) swimming pool and a health and fitness centre.

Simon Cooper, president of Asia Pacific for Marriott International said: "We are



The Celestine spa has five treatment rooms and three massage lounges

thrilled to introduce Autograph Collection to Asia. Bali represents the ideal location to launch this dynamic new concept for Marriott International, developed for travellers who seek an extraordinary independent hotel experience."

The Stones marks the 36th hotel to be added to the Autograph Collection portfolio and Marriott is on track to reach 40 hotels by the end of the year. Details: http://lei.sr/a=54D6A



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New flagship spa brand for 1 Hotels

Hospitality and health consultancy Under a Tree has won the contract to create a flagship spa experience for 1 Hotels, owned by Starwood Capital Group.

Scheduled to launch in 2015, at the 1 hotel Brooklyn Bridge Park, New York, the spa has been conceived around the idea of an urban retreat, according to Under a Tree's Amy McDonald.

"The 7,000sq ft (650sq m) spa will consist of highly innovative specialty environments referencing signature

themes of heat, water, earth and air," she said. "Reflecting the hospitality brand, the experience will focus on a highly curated, personalised and integrated approach to lifestyle wellness."

The spa menu will also offer a wealth of fresh air fitness and recreational programmes, connecting guests to the distinctive location, culture and atmosphere.

Under a Tree is also working on the luxury 51* Spa Residence, being developed by the Swiss Development Group, in the alpine thermal town of Loeche les Bains in Switzerland. The 8,000sq ft (743sq m) site will provide a



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contemporary interpretation of two traditional wellness rituals: the Russian banya and the alpine bathhouse.

The two banya suites present a collection integrated indoor and outdoor environments, combining contrast thermal bathing with relaxation and recreation, including spa and wellness services, private dining and made-to-order celebrations.

The bathhouse will be a place of contemplation, relaxation and congregation, with indoor and outdoor hydrotherapy pools using local mineral water. Details: http://lei.sr?a=04g4g

Meliá prepares Paradisus resort launch in Cancun

Meliá Hotels International is set to open a luxury resort in Cancun, Mexico in December, after transforming the Gran Melia Cancun into a Paradisus-branded resort

Located 20 minutes from downtown Cancun, the resort features 678 suites, which include 137 Royal Service Suites, and 97 Family Concierge Suites.

The resort's Yhi spa will feature indoor and outdoor treatment rooms offering aromatheraphy, biomassages, radiance scrubs, and wraps

and masks. Hydrotheraphy aromatic baths as well as whirlpools, saunas and steamrooms will also feature. The Yhi Wellness centre will comprise a fitness area offering spinning, yoga and Tai Chi lessons, while YHI Moves offers fitness, personal training and wellness activities.

Six restaurants and five bars are on offer including Tempo by Michelin starred chef Martin Berasategui, who partnered with



The luxury resort's Yhi Spa will feature outdoor treatment rooms

Paradisus in 2011 to open his signature restaurants at the brand's properties.

The resort will also feature a nine-hole parthree golf course and four outdoor swimming pools with swim-up bars. Other facilities at the resort, which will target leisure and business tourism, include more than 10,000sq ft (929sq m) of meeting and conferencing space. Details: http://lei.sr?a=koX4Y





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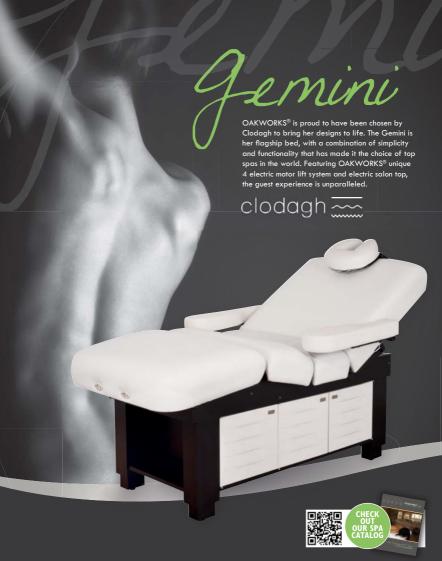


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DEPUTY SPA MANAGER: £22k + benefits

Start date: January 2013

We are looking for a very special individual to help deliver the above spa experience. The ideal candidate will have at least 3 years' spa therapy experience — including Ayurveda — experience of managing and leading a team and a commitment to treating quests and the team holistically.

SPA SUPERVISOR: £18k + benefits

Start date: January 2013

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Spabreaks.com to make spas more inclusive

Spabreaks.com has launched new packages in the UK aimed at making spas more inclusive, sparking the debate about whether spas are currently doing enough to make evervone welcome.

Launched following the Paralympics, and supported by Paralympic gold medallist Ellie Simmonds, and disability rights campaigner Claire Lomas, Spas for All promotes spas which are welcoming to wheelchair users and people with disabilities.

Spabreaks.com founder, Abi Wright, says Spas for All was launched on the back of growing demand: "We were getting about 10 enquiries a day from people with disabilities," she says, "which made us look at which spas are inclusive, so that we can advise our clients."

Some venues have also agreed to take part in the Carer Goes Free programme, which allows disabled people to bring a helper with them free of charge, if they pay full price.

Recovery Retreats, which was launched at the end of 2011, is also growing organically. Again, Wright put this package together because of consumer demand.



Abi Wright, founder of Spabreaks.com said the service is proving popular

"One of my clients called me early one Sunday morning devastated at being turned away from a spa because she was recovering from cancer," says Wright. "Cancer is a taboo subject at spas, but people suffering from this disease can benefit from spa. I handpicked a few of my most trusted spas to run the Recovery Retreats. Instead of telling people what they can't do at a spa, we focus on what they can do."

The Recovery Retreat packages vary from spa to spa. Some, particularly those with Macmillan trained therapists, offer massages, others might focus more on walks in the grounds and relaxing pool side. Details: http://lei.sr?a=n1b4x

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Sibuet ski hotel prepares to open in Val Thorens

The Altapura five star hotel and spa in Val Thorens is gearing up for its first full season in business. Situated at an altitude of 2,300m, Altapura has been inspired by Nordic design and offers 88 contemporary rooms, all with spectacular views.

It is part of the Sibuet Hotels and Spa portfolio, founded by luxury French hotelier and interior designer, Jocelyne Sibuet.

The 1,000sq m (10,800sq ft) Pure Altitude spa has seven treatment rooms and has been designed with the skier in mind, offering a wide selection of treatments dedicated to muscular relaxation, physical preparation and recuperation. Active ingredients of Edelweiss and other

mountain minerals are used in Sibuet Hotels and Spa's own product brand, Pure Altitude Spa. The relaxation area includes the Nordic Spiral, which alternates dry and humid heat, punctuated by waterfall showers, a tepidarium,



The Altapura hotel's Pure Altitude spa has seven treatment rooms

snow treatments and culminating in an Igloo. The extremes of temperatures stimulate the blood oxygenation, minimising the aches and pains of a day on the slopes. There is also a heated pool. The hotel offers three restaurants serving a mix of haute cuisine, fondues and hearty dishes from the rotisserie.

Other adrenaline fuelled activities are also on offer at the hotel, including snow driving, tobogganing on the longest run in Europe, dog sledding, glacier hiking and airboarding. Details: http://lei.sr?a=H4n8l