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GW: mission to eliminate preventable disease

The Global Wellness Institute (GWI) has committed to eliminating preventable disease with a programme called Wellness Moonshot, which was announced today (9 October 2017) at the Global Wellness Summit at The Breakers in Palm Beach, Florida.

GWI chair Susie Ellis joined former surgeon general, Dr Richard Carmona on stage to make the announcement, accompanied by a powerful group of medical and wellness experts, including Dr Mehmet Oz, Professor of Surgery, Columbia University, and host of The Dr Oz TV Show, Dr Dean Ornish, founder and president of the Preventive Medicine Research Institute, Dr Andrew Weil and Dr Elissa Epel.

Preventable diseases are responsible for up to 70 per cent of premature deaths in the world each year and the GWI has laid down a marker that it will work towards the eradication of these through its work.



Susie Ellis (left) and Summit delegates announcing the new initiative

The full name of the initiative is “Wellness Moonshot: Destination – A World Free of Preventable Disease”.

“The time has come to pool our resources – knowledge, access, funding – and use our collective megaphone on the world stage to work towards achieving a world

free of preventable disease,” said Ellis. “Unlike President Kennedy’s famous moonshot to send a man to the moon – where it was clear when the ‘mission was accomplished’ – this moonshot will require not one, but many incremental steps forward for humankind to achieve its goal.”

- During this month’s Global Wellness Summit, GWI also revealed research which showed that wellness communities are experiencing high consumer demand.

Presenting key findings from the *Build Well to Live Well* report, due out in January, GWI researchers Ophelia Yeung and Katherine Johnston estimated that in the US alone, there are now 1.3 million potential buyers each year. The GWI report values the wellness lifestyle communities market at US\$119bn (€101bn, £90bn).
Details: http://lei.sr?a=Y3p9N_S

Beachcomber spa resort reopens

Beachcomber Resorts & Hotels has reopened its Canonnier Beachcomber Golf Resort and Spa in Mauritius following a complete redevelopment.

The luxury resort, one of eight operated by Beachcomber on the island, has been overhauled by French interior designers Paule de Romeuf and Amélie Montocchio.

The resort’s wellness centre, Spa Beachcomber – built among the branches of a 100-year-old banyan tree – has been redesigned in the shape of a treehouse village and now features six treatment cabins.

Details: http://lei.sr?a=B6k4f_S

Bill Bensley launches new hotel brand

Hospitality designer Bill Bensley has teamed up with Cambodian luxury boutique hotel group Shinta Mani to launch his own brand of hotels in the country, with two new projects already in the pipeline.

‘The Bensley Collection’ is billed as a portfolio of “super luxe hotels and resorts showcasing visionary concepts, extraordinary design and bespoke service”, with Bensley granted “complete freedom to let his famed creative spirit run free”. The debut property, called Shinta Mani Angkor – Bensley Collection, will open in December 2017 within the French Quarter of Siem Reap, 7km from the temple complex of Angkor Wat. It will feature ten villas inspired by traditional Khmer design, with each offering 156sq m of space across two pavilions.



The hotels will have a focus on design and wellness

“I have designed these residences as I like to live myself – surrounded by lush gardens which are completely private,” said Bensley.

“When I travel I look for places that have a strong understanding of the local culture, and I find that the best vacations are those where I learn something new.”

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Eco resort planned for Vietnam

The Vietnamese government has granted approval for a mammoth resort to be built in Mui Dinh on the country's southeastern coast.

The Bangkok studio of global architects and masterplanners Chapman Taylor are creating a 1 million sq m masterplan for the Mui Dinh Eco-Resort, which will include six resort hotels – with a combined 7,000 rooms – a theme park, a casino, a spa, a beach club, a boutique hotel, 500 ocean-facing villas and a mountain clubhouse.

The design team plans to keep the density of the development low by placing individual villas and the smaller building types around the main mountain of Cape Dinh in order to integrate the buildings with the natural surroundings. Larger facilities will be constructed in one single empty area pushed back further inland so as to avoid damage to the site's marine ecosystems.

The architecture is inspired by the local history of Mui Dinh, particularly that of the Cham tribal culture – “drawing on a rich



Chapman Taylor are creating the masterplan for the Eco-Resort

variety of costumes, colours, fabrics and patterns to fill the design with authenticity and strong bonds to the location”.

Sustainability principles will be integrated into the buildings in the way they reuse water, save energy with cross ventilation, and control temperatures naturally, and the resort will be oriented to boost natural shading, using the natural landscape for sun protection.

In a statement, the architects said they “had to approach the project in a very responsible way, as every action could have a great impact”.
Details: http://lei.sr?a=G8u9f_S

Adler launches medical programme

Adler Spa Resorts is the latest operator to introduce medical services alongside traditional spa treatments at a luxury resort. Adler – which operates four spa resorts in Italy – will begin offering bespoke medical treatments tailored to each guest.

The Adler Med programme is based on a preliminary consultation, during which each guest meets with an in-house doctor to establish the state of their health.

The consultation includes a full medical check-up and various tests, with results generated within 24 hours at an on-site laboratory. Each guest is then given a plan under one of five distinct categories – detox; weight loss and nutrition; stress management; prevention and diagnosis; or functional orthopaedics and thermal therapy.

Following the choosing of a category, programmes will be tailored to each individual, dependent on their personal needs, budget and the length of their stay.



The programme has five categories, including functional orthopaedics

“Whichever programme the guest follows, the Adler Med approach is holistic,” a spokesperson for Adler said.

“The programme is based on five core elements: diagnosis, nutrition, inner balance, exercise and treatments.

“This means that once diagnosis is complete, a personalised nutrition plan can be drawn up and recommendations made for exercise and treatments, as well as attaining inner balance.”

Details: http://lei.sr?a=G3C8D_S



YTL expands Asian spa portfolio

Malaysian conglomerate YTL Hotels has expanded its presence in the Asian wellness resort market with the opening of a luxury property on the island of Koh Samui in Thailand. The resort – spread across 58 acres – has 175 suites and pool villas and has been built on the site of a former coconut plantation. Owned by YTL, it will be managed by Marriott International's luxury Ritz-Carlton arm.



Spa facilities include eight treatment suites – including double suites

At the centre of the resort is the Spa Village Koh Samui, a 3,800sq m (41,800sq ft) wellness sanctuary, featuring a treatment menu based on the healing culture of the region.

Facilities include eight treatment suites – including double suites for couples – three massage pavilions, a yoga pavilion, health bar, and a lap pool with intimate cabanas.

Guests will be able to experience the Songkran Shower, the signature pre-spa ritual inspired by the annual Songkran festival involving the throwing of water, as a prelude to selected spa treatments. Other resort facilities

include a Muay Thai Gym with an indoor kickboxing ring, where guests can learn the martial art of Muay Thai. YTL has introduced a temperate 'Swim Reef' within the resort – a free-swimming zone teeming with fish.

"The Ritz-Carlton, Koh Samui, marks another milestone of our strong partnership with Marriott International," said Dato' Mark Yeoh, executive director of YTL Hotels. "With the opening of this resort, our portfolio with Marriott now encompasses nine properties across Asia-Pacific and Europe."

Details: http://lei.sr?a=z7p7E_S

Ikos opens its third Greek resort

Ikos Resorts is adding a third property to its fledgling portfolio, with the launch of the Ikos Dassia resort on the island of Corfu.

The Greek operator, founded in 2014, is steadily establishing a chain of luxury spa resorts in popular tourist destinations, offering an alternative to the standard all-inclusive format.

The company acquired the Corfu Chandris and Dassia Chandris hotels in 2015 and has spent €110m (US\$117m, £92m) on the purchase and renovation of both properties, turning them into a single five-star resort which will open in May 2018.

Ikos Dassia will boast 403 bedrooms, suites and villas and, as with other Ikos Resorts, will offer an all-inclusive experience featuring restaurants led by Michelin-starred chefs and a focus on wellness.

The resort's spa will house seven private treatment rooms – including couples' suites – indoor/outdoor heated pools with spa pools;



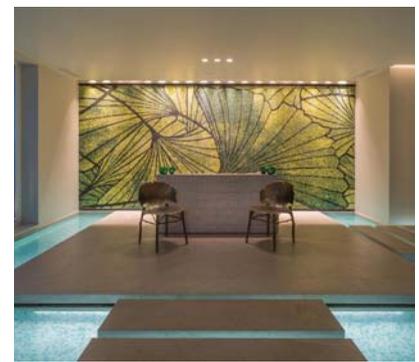
Ikos is establishing a chain of luxury spa resorts across Greece

a thermal suite comprising a steamroom and sauna; a hairdressing salon and beauty corner with nail salon.

There are also seven heated swimming pools, spa pools and a number of private pools for guests. The spa's full menu is yet to be confirmed but will feature signature treatments by Anne Sémonin.

Other leisure facilities include a total of nine themed restaurants.

Details: http://lei.sr?a=8U7T2_S



The new spa includes five large treatment rooms

Mykonos's Santa Marina Resort adds Ginkgo Spa

As part of a three-year, multi-million Euro refurbishment, the Santa Marina Resort & Villas on the Greek island of Mykonos has added a 423sq m (4,553sq ft) Ginkgo Spa.

The resort – part of Marriott's Luxury Collection – is designed in traditional, sugar-cube Mykonian architecture and features its own private beach.

The new spa includes five large treatment rooms and has been created to deliver serene aesthetics, with flowing water surrounding it. Treatments with ESPA and Phytomer products include local Mykonos-inspired therapies and signature couple's massage treatments.

The new hammam is a highlight of the spa, with a mosaic-tiled decor and specialist exfoliation and cleansing rituals.

Details: http://lei.sr?a=v3q6A_S

One Spa introduces 'cancer touch therapy treatment'

One Spa in Edinburgh has become one of the UK's first hotel spas to introduce a specialist treatment for guests living with, or recovering from, cancer.

The Cancer Touch Therapy treatment – delivered in partnership with skincare brand Made for Life Organics – involves a sequence of slow, rhythmic Tui Na Chinese massage techniques and has been designed to allow guests to drift away into a meditative state of relaxation.

The 80-minute treatment became available on 1 October at the spa, located at the luxury Sheraton Grand Hotel & Spa in the Scottish capital.

Working Made for Life Foundation – a charity set up by Made For Life founder Amanda Barlow – therapists at One Spa have received specialist training to carry out the treatment.

Details: http://lei.sr?a=C2X6N_S



ESPA founder Susan Harmsworth will give a keynote on the future of luxury and wellness

Susan Harmsworth to speak at travel symposium

The Global Wellness Institute (GWI) has confirmed details of the Wellness Travel Symposium (WTS), taking place in London, UK, in November.

Held on 6 and 7 November, as part of the World Travel Market, the WTS will include two dedicated sessions.

The first day, under the theme 'The Future of Wellness Travel', will explore the wellness markets direction of travel.

During the day, Susan Harmsworth, founder and chair of ESPA International, will give a keynote speech entitled *Luxury: Past, Present, Future*.

A wide range of topics – from marketing and consumer behaviour to healthy hotels – will be discussed during the day and GWI CEO Susie Ellis will present findings from the *Wellness Trends 2030* report.

Details: http://lei.sr?a=4r8S8_S

Barceló opens its first spa on the island of Tenerife

The Barceló Hotel Group is launching Royal Hideaway Corales Resort, its first property on the island of Tenerife.

Opening on 3 January 2018, the luxury resort is split into two hotels: the 'adult only' Corales Beach – featuring ocean-view suites – and the family-friendly Corales Suite.

Located in Costa Adeje, the resort has been designed by Spanish architect Leonardo Omar.

The resort houses a 1,000sq m (10,700sq ft) spa and wellness centre, with seven private luxury spa suites, sauna, Turkish bath and a fitness studio. The spa also includes a hydrotherapy circuit featuring hydromassage jets, swan-neck jets and waterfalls. Services at the spa include a Wellness Personal Assistant (WPA) service, offering guests personalised advice and recommendations regarding the most suitable treatments.

Details: http://lei.sr?a=h6u2x_S

LivNordic spa opens in Qatar

LivNordic's Katara Beach Club in Doha, Qatar, opened at the beginning of October. Located at the Torch Hotel, the two-storey, 4,600sq m (49,514sq ft) club is described as "a unique fusion between Middle Eastern hospitality, Nordic design and treatment heritage, and innovative fitness facilities".

"Katara Beach Club is no ordinary club, we are wellness at its best – a stunning Nordic wellness gem seated in the heart of the emerging sports capital of the world," said Richard Grew, general manager of the Katara Beach Club by LivNordic Spa & Wellness.

The club is outfitted with LivNordic's 'Wellness the Nordic Way' concept, infusing the design, treatments, service and amenities of Nordic countries while being sensitive to the culture of the Middle East.

The spa is being operated as a club, with a focus on memberships and day guests, Anna-Cari Gund, managing director of Raison d'Etre, told Spa Opportunities.

It will include separate male and female floors with gender-separated entrances, an Aurora Borealis light fixture in the relaxation



The Katara Beach Club will include separate male and female floors with gender-separated entrances

lounges, Nordic bathing rituals, imported handcrafted products from Sweden, the first snow grottos in Qatar, an extensive gym with functional fitness zones, indoor and outdoor infinity pools and a private beach. The spa also includes MO1 series spa tables from Gharieni.

A wide range of the latest group and functional fitness classes are being offered, and the club also features a private beach.

Details: http://lei.sr?a=7V7P6_S

Lux* Grand Gaube resort reopens

The Lux* Resort Grand Gaube in Mauritius has undergone a US\$32m (€27m, £23.8m) renovation and is set to reopen in December with a "wellness centre like no other," according to the company.

The new Lux* Me spa has been developed with an aim to connect guests to nature, and will feature tailor-made treatments focusing on anti-ageing, fitness and weight loss. Guests will be able to book treatments in African-style outdoor huts, and

the spa also includes a hydrotherapy pool, aromatic steam room and sauna. Joelle Valloo is regional spa and wellness manager.

Life coach Kamran Bedi of the Mind Body Method has partnered with the resort to bring certified expertise as a NLP (neuro-linguistic programming) practitioner, hypnotherapist, meditation teacher and Pilates instructor.

His specialised programme, centred around balance and being mindful, offers a mind/body experience through guided meditations and stretch-based classes – as well as barre-style workouts and a new Pilates practice, Movement on the Roller, designed to work the entire body.



Lux Grand Gaube is located on the African island's north coast

Lux* has chosen Carita for its skincare, and the spa will also have a Kerastase flagship hairdressing salon, and will offer manicures and pedicures using Essie products. The spa also houses a Murdock barbershop.

A wellness concierge is also on-hand to offer nutritional advice, and an Artis Technogym fitness centre has been added, along with open-air calisthenic workout programmes, meditation, yoga, and a tennis academy.

Located on the African island's north coast, the Lux* Grand Gaube has been reimagined by creative duo Kelly Hoppen and Mauritian architect Jean-Francois Adam.

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Vondrasek will direct Hyatt's experience strategy

Mark Vondrasek to direct Hyatt's wellness initiatives

Hyatt Hotels has named Mark Vondrasek as executive vice president, global head of loyalty and new business platforms, reporting to CEO Mark Hoplemazian.

In the newly created leadership position, Vondrasek will direct Hyatt's integrated experience strategy, which currently includes the World of Hyatt loyalty platform, as well as Hyatt's wellness initiatives including Miraval and exhale. Vondrasek will also be charged with creating and scaling new business opportunities, products and services.

Vondrasek joins Hyatt with more than 25 years' experience in building brands. Most recently, he spent 15 years in leadership roles at Starwood Hotels and Resorts, the latest of which as senior vice president and commercial services officer.

Details: http://lei.sr?a=U3N5E_S

Melanie Edwards to lead F.C. Sturtevant's products

Skincare company F.C. Sturtevant has named spa industry veteran Melanie Edwards director of its professional and spa products division.

Edwards will be leveraging her 25 years of industry experience to launch F.C. Sturtevant's new probiotic skincare line, Columbia Probiotics, in the spa and medical markets.

The Professional Products Division includes the Columbia Probiotic Skin Care line, which is a probiotic complex for topical use, as well as proprietary moisturisers.

"The emphasis on quality product development and commitment to comprehensive brand support and product training is best in class," said Edwards.

Columbia Probiotics' patent-pending technology is the world's first strain-specific probiotics created for topical usage."

Details: http://lei.sr?a=N9k3q_S

Bulgari spa hotel opens in Beijing

The Bulgari Hotel Beijing, designed by architecture studio Citterio-Viel & Partners, has opened.

The 119-bedroom 'urban resort' has been designed as an oasis of tranquility that blends art with nature, and includes a two-storey Bulgari Spa – developed by consultancy, development and management firm GOCO Hospitality.

The 1,500sq m (16,146sq ft) spa includes a 25m (82ft) swimming pool, a vitality pool, relaxation lounges, eight treatment rooms and two treatment suites, a male grooming room, steam room, sauna and ice fountain.

Described as combining "the timeless glamour and heritage of Bulgari with a contemporary Italian luxury that's blended with unique local Chinese influences," the spa uses rare materials and custom-built features.

"We very much enjoyed working closely with the highly experienced Bulgari team to



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help bring their stunning vision to life," said Ingo Schweder, GOCO Hospitality founder and CEO. "The new Bulgari Spa will truly be a leading wellness facility for the residents of and visitors to Beijing."

GOCO worked with Bulgari to develop the spa's range of treatments, such as the signature Himalayan Crystal Healing Journey, which uses ancient Himalayan salt crystals.

Details: http://lei.sr?a=p7S8K_S

'Hybrid concept' for ESPA Life

The Corinthia Hotel in London, UK, has expanded its fitness and wellness offering with the launch of a new hybrid fitness concept called BodySpace. Housed within its luxury spa, ESPA Life, BodySpace combines fitness, nutrition, wellness and innovative technology to provide hotel guests and visitors with personalised programmes designed to optimise health by improving energy levels, sleep quality and strength.

"Through BodySpace we will offer the best scientifically and medically underpinned fitness, nutrition, Pilates and transformational lifestyle programmes available today," said wellness consultant Stephen Price, who created the concept in partnership with Bootcamp Pilates founder David Higgins.

Speaking to *Spa Opportunities* at the launch event, he added: "David and I have consulted in the hotel industry for years and we thought we'd now put it all together. So we brought in some health technologies from medical wellness clinics and from sports, and added them to David's pilates and body movement experience, and it worked out perfectly."



BodySpace combines fitness, nutrition, wellness and technology

The concept utilises heart rate variability monitoring technology from HeartMath and Firstbeat, to provide clients with personalised insights on stress, exercise and recovery via heart variability data. These insights are then combined with tailored fitness training, nutrition and gut health services, regeneration and compression treatments, and myofascial release 'Dynamix' therapy.

ESPA Founder Sue Harmsworth said: "This is a wonderful evolution for ESPA Life and our philosophy of creating next-generation experiences. BodySpace is bringing a new, highly evolved fitness and nutrition offering."

Details: http://lei.sr?a=p8F4c_S



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Piscina & Wellness Barcelona

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Piscina & Wellness Barcelona will feature an expanded “spa showroom” at this year’s event, thanks to an increase in the number of exhibitors at the trade fair.

Organised by Fira de Barcelona and the Spanish Association of Pool Sector Professionals, the event takes place from 17 to 20 October and has attracted 18 per cent more exhibitors than last year.

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Kempinski Riga to open Resense spa

Luxury hotel operator Kempinski is set to open its second property in the Baltic states during Q3, with the launch of a 141-bedroom spa hotel in Latvia's capital city Riga. The Grand Hotel Kempinski Riga will join Kempinski Hotel Cathedral Square in Vilnius, Lithuania, in its fledgling Baltic portfolio as the operator looks to benefit from the economic boom in the region.

Designed by London-based firm Alex Kravetz Design, the new property will aim to attract both leisure and business travellers and features a 1,300sq m (14,000sq ft) Kempinski The Spa, operated by global spa management company Resense.

The spa will have six treatment rooms – including four single, one double and one VIP suite. There will also be a vitality pool, a heat bathing area with a sauna, bio sauna, aroma steamroom, rasul mud room, cold plunge



The spa houses six treatment rooms and a large vitality pool

pool, experience showers, ice fountain and heated bench with footbaths.

The spa's USP will be the 'pirts treatment suite', modelled on the traditional Nordic sauna tradition, which involves bathers being swatted with birch branches in order to encourage circulation.

Local Latvian muds will be used in the rasul and the spa has been fitted with bespoke furniture from German supplier Gharieni.

Details: http://lei.sr?a=p6h9x_S

Bürgenstock Resort re-opens

Sophia Loren lived there, Audrey Hepburn was married in the local chapel, Charlie Chaplin was a regular visitor and Sean Connery's James Bond dropped by in Goldfinger. Now the Bürgenstock Resort Lake Lucerne has been transformed to appeal to a new generation of visitors passing through the Swiss Alps.

The resort, one of Europe's most iconic, has had a soft re-opening after nine years of construction, with its Qatari owners claiming to have overseen "the project of the century".

The refreshed resort, located 500m (1,600ft) above Lake Lucerne, includes more than 30 buildings, with four hotels, 10 restaurants and bars, a museum, a cinema, a 10,000sq m (108,000sq ft) Alpine Spa and an infinity pool overlooking the lake.

Developer Katara Hospitality has invested at least CHF550m in the project, which includes both new build and renovation elements.

MKV Design have created most of the hotel and spa interiors, except for the Waldhotel.

Speaking about their approach, MKV Design founder Maria Vafiadis told *Spa Opportunities*: "This resort used to be a destination that



The project has progressed over almost a decade

everyone in Central Europe knew about – from the aristocracy to cinema stars and politicians, so we had a lot of history to draw from."

The resort's spa – which will open later this year – has been enlarged by architecture firm Dierks & Sachs to almost five times its original size, with the extra space created by digging into the mountain itself.

Facilities include a Kneipp bath, private bath chambers, an Arabian rasul using local Bürgenstock Rock, a Turkish steam room, a panoramic sauna and a tranquillity room.

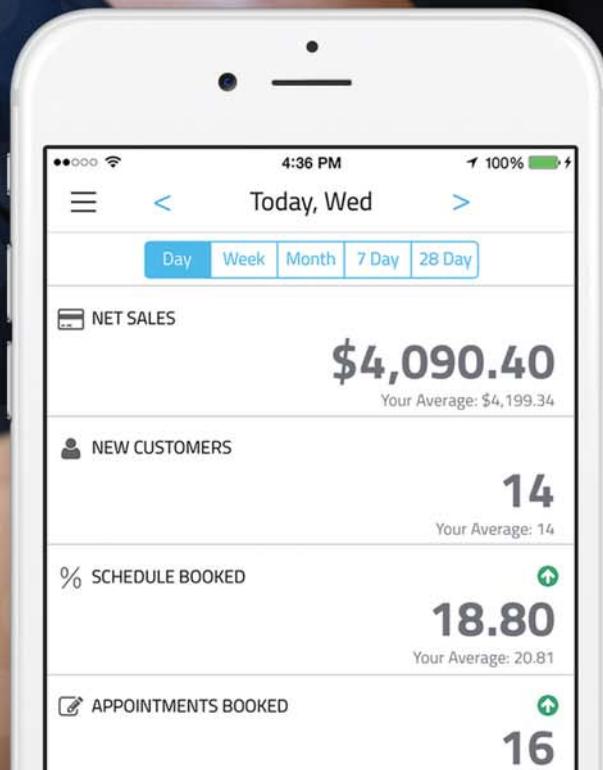
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Bill Bensley creates own hotel chain

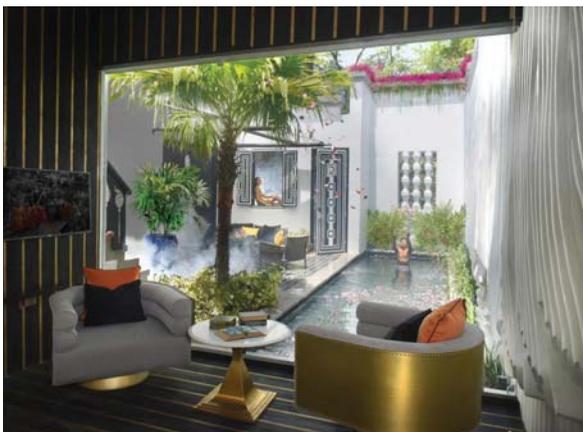
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Describing the style of the new hotel chain, Bensley said: “Staying at the Bensley Collection will be like being handed the keys to the Khmer Civilization for a few days.”

The second hotel, Shinta Mani Wild – Bensley Collection, will open in Q3 2018. Conceived as a private nature sanctuary, the property will comprise of 16 customised luxury tents in the remote wilderness of the Southern Cardamom Mountains, two hours’ drive from the capital Phnom Penh.

Located along 1.5km of river, each custom-designed tent will be elevated over swift moving water and waterfalls, “providing a view and experience unlike any other resort in Asia.”

Restaurants will feature locally inspired food with ingredients foraged from the surrounding forests, while the Boulders Spa will be a full-service Khmer Spa featuring natural, chemical-free products by Khmer Tonics.



Bensley teamed up with hotel group Shinta Mani to create the chain

Bensley described the project as “a utopia of sustainability”; by making the lowest possible impact on the land and doubling as a research and conservation centre, protecting threatened wildlands and creating job opportunities.

Guests will have access to Bensley-designed luxury expedition boats to explore the wild estuarine ecosystem and will be able to accompany researchers as they study the forests.

Details: http://lei.sr?a=R4C2U_S

Minor Hotels enters north Africa market

Thai firm Minor Hotels is to enter the north African wellness market after signing a partnership deal with Groupe Chaabane to operate two new properties in Tunisia.

The properties will be owned by Groupe Chaabane and operated under Minor’s Avani brand. Groupe Chaabane is a Tunisian conglomerate of companies with activities in the construction and real estate development. It has developed, and owns, a number of landmark projects such as the mixed-use Tunisia Mall in capital city Tunis.

The first property to open will be the 41-suite Avani Les Berges Du Lac Tunis Suites, located in Les Berges du Lac II, a prime commercial, residential and diplomatic area in the Tunisian Capital. Catering to corporate and extended-stay demand, the property will feature a mini spa with two treatment rooms, sauna, steam room and indoor swimming pool.

The second location, currently in its final design phase, will be the Avani Gammarth Tunis Resort and Spa.

Expected to open in 2021, the 250-bedroom, beach-front resort will be marketed as a luxury spa resort, catering to a mix of leisure, government, corporate and MICE demand. The resort’s unique selling point will be a large Avani Spa.



The 250-bedroom resort is expected to open in 2018

“We’re pleased to partner with Minor Hotels and believe the Avani brand will bring something new and exciting to the hospitality market in Tunis,” said Maher Chaabane, chair of Groupe Chaabane.

The resort will form part of a larger development that will include retail and entertainment zones.

Launched by Minor Hotels in 2011, Avani Hotels & Resorts is an upscale brand targeting “millennial-minded travelers”. It currently operates 18 properties.

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