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WTA wants to become 'voice of the industry'

A new not-for-profit organisation has been created to be the voice of the wellness travel industry, and to create more networking, education and marketing opportunities.

Headed up by chair Andrew Gibson, Accor Hotels' vice president of wellbeing, the Wellness Tourism Association (WTA) hopes to create a network for destination marketing organisations, hotels and resorts, tour operators and travel agencies with an interest in the growing wellness tourism industry.

"As an association, it's crucial we work together to help define our industry, as well as to educate the public so they can recognise legitimate and credible wellness suppliers and operators," said Gibson.

He is joined by founding members Anne Dimon, CEO of Travel to Wellness, who serves as the WTA's president; Thomas Klein, president and COO of US destination spa Canyon Ranch,



Wellness industry veteran Andrew Gibson is chair of the new association

who is the organisation's treasurer; Madeleine Marentette, founder of Canada's Grail Springs Retreat Center for Wellbeing; and Nilendu Srivastava, MD of The Art of Living Retreat Center in North Carolina, US.

"The WTA will define the industry and unite all the various categories that fall under

the umbrella of wellness tourism for a common purpose – which is the benefit and sustainability of the industry for the ultimate good of all, including the consumer," said Dimon.

The association's first tourism board member – the Monaco Government Tourist Office – will be represented by Cindy Hoddeson, Monaco's director for North America. The wellness history of the city-state dates back to 1860 and the Etablissement des Bains, Monaco's first baths, where people traveled to benefit from the curative powers of the Mediterranean.

The WTA's goals are to create a common set of standards and definitions of wellness travel categories; educate and increase awareness of wellness tourism, especially among tour operators and travel agents; and to provide a networking platform for the industry.

Details: http://lei.sr?a=9C2z4_S

US to get first ever 'cannabis spa'

An application for the development of the first legal cannabis spa in the US has been made in Denver, Colorado, where the non-medicinal use of marijuana was legalised in 2012.

Entrepreneur Cindy Sovine hopes to open the 'Utopia All Natural Wellness Spa and Lounge', according to local media reports, which will not sell marijuana but will offer 'consumption areas' as well as a selection of THC-infused massage therapies.

The spa also plans to offer acupuncture, meditation, yoga and a full line of hemp products.

Details: http://lei.sr?a=g9e8U_S

Study reveals health impact of retreats

Retreat experiences can provide health benefits for people suffering from conditions such as multiple sclerosis, cancer, HIV/AIDS, heart conditions and mental health issues, according to new research from Australia.

Professor Marc Cohen, from RMIT University in Australia and a team of researchers examined 23 studies relating to the health impacts of immersive residential retreat experiences, with their findings published this month in the journal *BMC Complementary and Alternative Medicine*.

"The findings from the reviewed studies suggest there are many positive health benefits to be gained from retreat experiences, which include improvements in both subjective and objective measures," said Cohen.



Professor Marc Cohen, one of the study's authors

"It's likely that these improvements in health are due to a combination of psychological and behavioural factors that lead to better coping mechanisms, lifestyle choices and enhanced resilience to stress among those involved."

The studies involved 2,592 participants from a wide range of locations and demographics.

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De Leede and Kyrlicos to chair GWS

The Global Wellness Summit (GWS) has named fitness and wellness entrepreneur Tony de Leede and wellness consultant Mia Kyrlicos as co-chairs of this year's event.

The annual summit – focused on the \$US3.7tr global wellness economy – is set to take place in October at the Technogym Village in Italy.

"I'm grateful for the talents and expertise that both Tony and Mia will bring to curating an agenda that not only furthers conversations on the big business of wellness, but also embraces the heart and soul of Italy's lifestyle, including its art, fashion and food," said Susie Ellis, GWS chair and CEO.

A successful fitness pioneer, de Leede built Australia's biggest fitness empire, Fitness First. He is also a wellness resort entrepreneur who co-owns a range of businesses, including the destination spa resort Gwinganna and the surf wellness brand Komune.

"The GWS is attended by the top wellness companies, investors, researchers and policy-makers in the world," said de Leede.



De Leede (left) will join forces with Kyrlicos to lead GWS in 2018

"It's an honour to be a part of an event that facilitates deep cooperation among this group, and, ultimately, encourages relationships that end up shaping the business of spa and wellness for years to come."

Kyrlicos is president and CEO of Kyrlicos & Associates, whose clients span both public and private sectors, as well as Fortune 500 companies. She has attended every summit in the event's history and has sat on the GWS board for five years.

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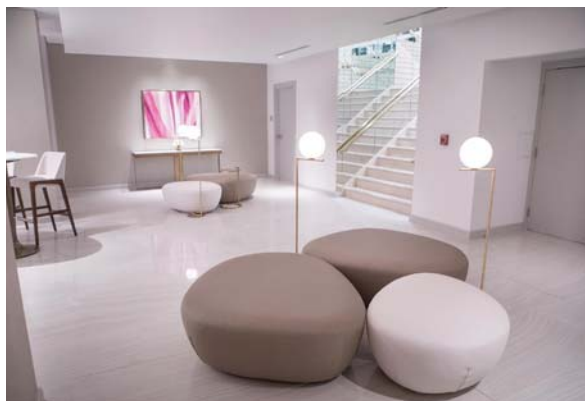
New spa for Hotel Crescent Court

Hotel Crescent Court, a luxury hotel in Dallas, Texas, has reopened its spa and fitness centre after completing a multi-million-dollar refurbishment.

The hotel, which is currently undergoing extensive refurbishment work worth \$US30m (€24.1m, £21.2m,) – including the complete redesign of its guest rooms, suites, lobby, and bar – unveiled its new spa and fitness centre earlier this month.

The spa features 16 treatments rooms, women's and men's lounges, relaxation rooms, a couple's suite, whirlpool with hot and cold dips, dry sauna and spa lounge. Additional features include a nail salon offering multiple manicure/pedicure stations, as well as retail space and a refurbished health and fitness centre with Technogym equipment.

The spa was designed by Dallas-based interiors firm Michelle Meredith + Associates, who created a relaxing environment for guests.



Hotel Crescent Court has reopened its spa after a refurbishment

It features contemporary, storied architecture combined with a 'classic Southern elegance', that dovetails with the hotel's existing façade and has a muted colour palette.

Andrew Davidson, general manager at Hotel Crescent Court, said: "The Spa is an important cornerstone of the hotel's \$US30m (€24.1m, £21.2m) enhancement project, slated for completion in early 2018. We're confident it will soon be the talk of the town."

Details: http://lei.sr?a=Q3D6t_S



Well+Good launches spa retreats

Alexia Brue and Melisse Gelula, founders of consumer lifestyle website Well+Good, have launched a new division which will organise retreats which are specially designed to appeal to a new generation of wellness travellers.

At the Global Wellness Summit in October, Brue and Gelula presented findings from a survey they conducted that showed 40 per cent of their readers – more than half of whom are millennials

– would rather go on a fitness retreat with their favourite instructor than to a destination spa.

“These days, among millennials, it’s more brag-worthy to say that you’ve snagged a spot in Taryn Toomey’s DR retreat than it is to say you grabbed a spot at Canyon Ranch or Miraval,” Brue explained at the Summit.

“What we’re really seeing among the travel tastes in our readers is that there’s a transfer of trust going on from the properties to these local fitness gurus and influencers.”

The first Well+Good Retreat – one of four each year – taps into this trend. Hosted by food and self-care expert Candice Kumai (66.4k



Gelula (left) and Brue presented their views on millennial wellness travellers at the Global Wellness Summit in October 2017

Instagram followers) and fitness and recovery expert Charlee Atkins (18.6k Instagram followers), the retreat will take place 25-28 March at Avalon Palm Springs in California.

Along with fitness classes with Atkins and cooking workshops with Kumai, the retreat also includes healthy meals of acai bowls and eggs for breakfast, family-style lunches, and dinner including seafood and vegan options.

Key to the concept is also the chance to connect with like-minded, wellness-focused people from the Well+Good community, so socialising times are built in to the agenda.

Details: http://lei.sr?a=d8g5H_S



Steve Kass was considered a pioneer

Steve Kass, founder of American Leisure, has died

Industry pioneer Steve Kass, the founder and CEO of American Leisure, has died in New York after a battle with cancer.

Kass founded the spa, sport and fitness operating company aged 18 in 1967 and it grew to have a roster of more than 75 five-star hotel and large-scale residential apartment clients in North America.

Clients included the Setai Wall Street and Hotel Plaza Athenee in New York City.

Kass sold American Leisure to First Service in 2015 and went on to launch advisory firm Steve Kass Consulting, working with property developers.

First Service merged American Leisure with Abigail Michaels Concierge to create a new company called LivUnLtd in 2017.

Details: http://lei.sr?a=5P7x2_S

GSN names sustainable award winners

The Green Spa Network has announced the winners of its sixth annual Sustainability Awards, which recognise innovation and leadership by the spa industry “in support of a vital planet and vital people”.

Michael Bruggeman, CEO of skincare brand Organic Male, received the Dedicated Contributor Award, while American environmentalist Paul Hawken was given the Visionary Award.

Other winners include Mohonk Mountain House, a

Victorian castle resort outside New York City, which received the award for Sustainable Building; Boulder, Colorado-based St Julien Spa, which picked up the Innovative Sustainability Initiative award for its waste-reduction initiative; and Complexions Spa, which received the Leadership in Sustainability award for a day spa.

Meanwhile, Spa Anjali, Westin Riverfront in Colorado was given the award for Leadership in Sustainability for a wellness centre; Hawaiian



Michael Bruggeman, CEO of Organic Male, was among the winners

skincare brand Honua for Sustainable Spa Brand; spa linen brand Comphy Co for Leadership in Sustainability for equipment; and Lotus Wei for Leadership in Sustainability for retail.

“Proactively caring for the health of our planet and people is what the spa industry has always been about,” said Karen Short, GSN president. “By recognising the achievements in spa and sustainability, GSN elevates the awareness of success stories to inspire change.”

Details: http://lei.sr?a=n6w4p_S

Hyatt signs destination spa deal for Grand Cayman

A luxury hotel being developed on the famous Seven Mile Beach on Grand Cayman will be operated as a Grand Hyatt – marking the brand’s return to the Caribbean island. Hyatt Hotels Corporation has signed a franchise agreement with the owner of the 351-room property, Pageant Beach Hotel.

The deal will see the hotel being operated under the Grand Hyatt brand by an affiliate of Aimbridge Hospitality, one of the largest independent hotel investment and management firms in North America.

Facilities at the Grand Hyatt Grand Cayman Hotel & Residences – set to open in 2021 – will include a 9,000sq ft (8,368sq m) spa, health club, three swimming pools and six fine dining restaurants.

Targeted at the luxury market, the hotel is being built on a premium 7.1-acre site on Seven Mile Beach.

Details: http://lei.sr?a=X8J2z_S



Mia Mackman, founder of Mackman ES

HVS and Mackman set up new spa planning service

Hospitality intelligence firm HVS and spa and wellness consultancy Mackman ES have formed an alliance in the US to provide spa-and-wellness valuation, feasibility and strategic planning.

The move allows HVS divisions worldwide to tap into and benefit from Mackman's expertise as needed, said HVS Americas president Rod Clough.

"This relationship also fosters an inclusive understanding of spa and wellness through industry insight, with an emphasis on the significance of wellness in hospitality and its future value and growth," said Clough.

Mia Mackman, founder and principal of Mackman ES, has also been named director of spa and wellness consulting, to lead the consulting engagements for HVS that require in-depth wellness expertise.

Details: http://lei.sr?a=f4q9y_S

Four Seasons the latest group to enter Bengaluru

Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts has signed a deal with Indian property company Embassy Group to open a new luxury hotel and private residences in Bengaluru, one of India's fastest growing cities.

Located within Embassy ONE, a mixed-use development, the hotel will open in 2018.

The 230-room Four Seasons Hotel Bengaluru at Embassy ONE has been designed by HKS Architects and Studio u+a, with Yabu Pushelburg providing the interior designs. Facilities include a large Four Seasons spa and health club.

Four Seasons is the latest international hotel operator to enter the booming Bengaluru market. In January, Hilton Hotels announced it will take its 'smart luxury' brand Conrad to the city.

Bengaluru is often referred to as "India's Silicon Valley", reflecting its status as a hub for information technology companies.

Details: http://lei.sr?a=G6w9A_S

'Good looking' people have the edge

According to a report sponsored by the Global Wellness Institute (GWI), good-looking people receive many advantages in life: they are more likely to be hired, given more pay, receive lesser punishments, and are assumed to be more intelligent and trustworthy.

Conversely, a "disfigured-is-bad" bias can exist, and people with minor facial disfigurements may be judged negatively and perceived as having undesirable personality traits, such as emotional instability or laziness.

The report, *Beauty2Wellness: Mitigating Barriers and Building Bridges*, was conducted by Dr Anjan Chatterjee of the University of Pennsylvania, who tested this bias by asking observers to share initial impressions of 26 sets of pictures of faces – one of which was affected by a disfigurement such as a carcinoma, a scar or small wound, or facial paralysis and one that had been treated to correct the disfigurement. The study confirmed that post-treatment faces were seen as having more positive personality traits than pre-treatment faces.

"The link between beauty and wellness is not obvious. An unhealthy preoccupation



Dr Chatterjee is the author of *The Aesthetic Brain: How We Evolved to Desire Beauty and Enjoy Art*

with beauty can result in emphasizing a 'beauty is good' stereotype, where people are judged based on how they look rather than how they act," said Dr Chatterjee.

"Our first study showed that people make deep inferences about a person's personality based on superficial features. Flawed faces are regarded as flawed people. The cosmetic industry can mitigate these judgments that likely adversely impacts people's wellbeing."

Details: http://lei.sr?a=s4t2R_S

Le Blanc spa to open in Los Cabos

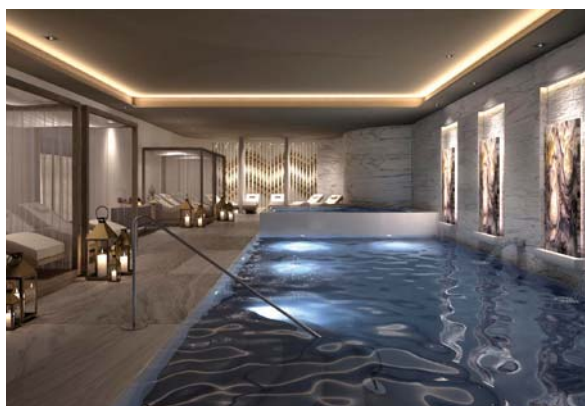
Following the success of the Le Blanc Spa Resort Cancun, Palace Resorts has opened its second Le Blanc Spa Resort in Los Cabos, Mexico, with a 29,000sq ft (2,694sq m) spa created in partnership with Diane Mestre of Mestre & Mestre consultants.

The spa includes 25 treatment rooms and an extensive hydrotherapy area with hot and cold plunge pools, European sauna, herbal steamroom, sauna, thermal loungers, experience showers, whirlpool, chromotherapy and ice room, along with a relaxation lounge.

Nine of the treatment rooms are for couples; a VIP couples suite includes its own sauna, steamroom and experience shower.

Treatments include the signature Pericu Ritual, named for the aboriginal inhabitants of the peninsula. The ritual uses copal – an indigenous tree resin – and a massage that emulates sacred animals of the Cabo region.

Mestre has worked with Palace for 17 years, and has helped develop all 12 of the brand's spas as their permanent consultant. She also works with spa managers to maintain and improve their protocols and standards of operation.



The spa includes 25 treatment rooms and an extensive hydrotherapy

"Le Blanc draws its inspiration from a white serenity mood, with unique architectural flow, elegant interior design, modern equipment and the genuine care of the staff," said Mestre.

The Le Blanc brand is an adults-only, all-inclusive concept; the Los Cabos location includes 373 bedrooms as well as a new fitness centre with TRX training, spinning, aqua spinning, yoga, Pilates and a meditation area.

"The owner, Jose Chapur and his sons, and director of operations Lorena Zahoul, are the visionaries of the the projects, and believe the wellness programme is one of the greatest experiences for their guests," said Mestre.

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Agenda for Sustainable Cosmetics Summit revealed

Green materials, sustainable sourcing and marketing will be the focus of this year's Sustainable Cosmetics Summit, taking place in New York from 16 to 18 May.

Now in its ninth year, the summit will begin with an update on sustainability developments in the wellness industry – including a discussion on the health and environmental impacts of chemicals.

Keynote speaker David Streuli, principal scientist at US chemical giant Ashland, will describe the sustainability issues associated with aerosols, while delegates will also learn about the Chemical Footprint Project and how it can deliver safer chemicals.

One of the hottest environmental topics – combatting ocean plastic – will also be discussed, with a focus on how the wellness industry can tackle the issue.

Details: http://lei.sr?a=C2y5x_S

Radisson Blu enters Costa Rica with Guanacaste spa

Carlson Rezidor Hotel Group is taking its Radisson Blu brand to Costa Rica, with the opening of a spa resort in the province of Guanacaste. The new build Radisson Blu Resort & Spa Papagayo will have 100 guest-rooms and a large luxury spa.

Exact details of the spa and resort facilities are to be confirmed, but construction work is expected to begin in late 2018 with plans to open the property in time for December 2020.

The opening will form part of US-based hotel giant Carlson's strategy to expand the Radisson Blu brand in growing tourism markets. In the past two years, Carlson has opened Radisson Blu hotels in Armenia, Rwanda and in Beirut, with future openings planned in Algeria and Benin.

There are now more than 300 Radisson Blu hotels and resorts in operation across 69 countries and territories.

Details: http://lei.sr?a=A9W5P_S

'Eat With Six Senses' launches

Following the 'Sleep with Six Senses' programme, Six Senses Hotels Resorts Spas has announced the launch of 'Eat with Six Senses' – a healthy eating programme designed to benefit both body and planet.

Building on the group's Integrated Wellness concept, Eat with Six Senses will encourage hotel guests to make healthier menu choices, and will be launched from March and rolled out during

2018. The programme focuses on quality, balance and fresh whole foods made from scratch. Chefs will create hearty and healthy menus while avoiding things like flavour enhancers, lectins, lactose, gluten and sugar.

They will also choose food ingredients and preparation methods that promote a healthy microbiome, in order to offer better digestion and absorption of nutrients while also boosting the immune system.



The programme focuses on quality, balance and fresh whole foods

Eat with Six Senses is based on the principles of natural ingredients that are both local and sustainable, and 'less is more', to help guests to reconnect with food that is both good for them, and for the world around them.

Each Six Senses resort is reinforcing its relationships with local farmers, producers and suppliers who are committed to responsible sourcing and seasonality of food.

Details: http://lei.sr?a=x7Z7t_S

GOCO Spa, retreat to open on Crete

GOCO Hospitality is opening a GOCO Spa at the Daios Cove Luxury Resort on the Greek island of Crete in April this year, and will also develop a separate 50-key GOCO Retreat on the property in late 2018.

"GOCO Spa Daios Cove and, ultimately, GOCO Retreat Daios Cove will bring a modern and sophisticated wellness experience to the Greek tourism offering," said Ingo Schweder, CEO of GOCO Hospitality CEO.

"The Daios Cove Luxury Resort & Villas is such a fantastic resort. It's a rare gem perched on the beautiful Aegean coast of Crete – the perfect spot for just getting away from it all and focusing on health and complete relaxation.

"We couldn't be happier to be working with the marvellous Daios Cove team in creating a premier wellness destination."

The Resort includes 305 bedrooms and 114 private pools, and the 2,500sq m (26,909sq ft) GOCO Spa Daios Cove will open with a mission to provide the resort's guests with experiences that deliver a combination of relaxation, advanced beauty treatments and tailor-made fitness programmes.



The resort's 2,500sq m GOCO Spa Daios Cove will open in April

A resident Indian yoga master will provide a regular programme of yoga and meditation classes, and massage therapists from Thailand will deliver classic Thai massage treatments.

The spa features eight treatments rooms – including two private suites and a dedicated Thai massage room – a gym and movement studio; two indoor pools; and a thermal spa suite with Finnish sauna, soft sauna, Mediterraneo and Nimfea reaction showers. Beach cabanas will bring specially selected spa treatments to the water's edge. Treatments include the signature two-hour Cretan Renaissance Ceremony.

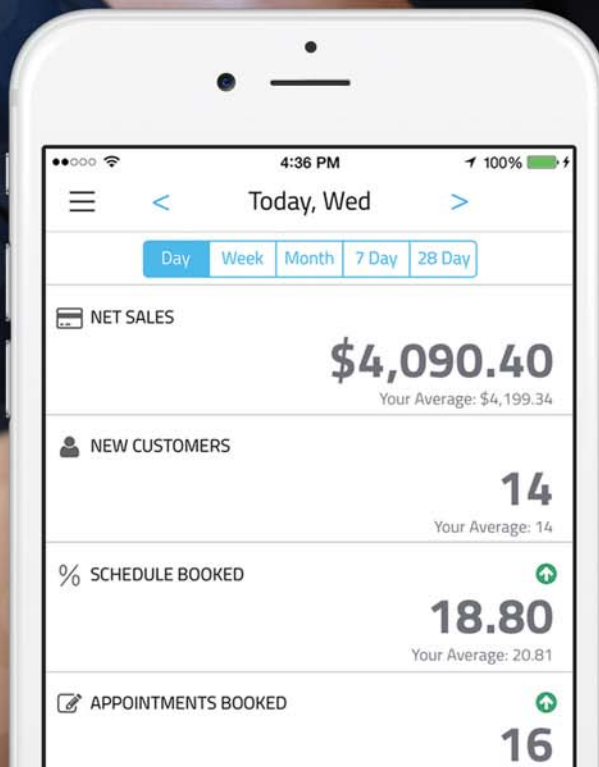
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www.healingsummit.org

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Women in Wellness Leadership Conference

New York, US

Curated by *American Spa*, the event is for female leaders and women who aspire to leadership in the wellness industry.

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9-11 March 2018

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Cosmoprof attracts exhibitors and visitors from all over the world, creating a wellness 'hub' for business

15-19 March 2018

Cosmoprof Worldwide Bologna

Fair District, Bologna, Italy

Cosmoprof's exhibition space covers the entire BolognaFiere exhibition centre and features the various sectors of the beauty industry – from perfumery

and cosmetics to beauty, spa and raw materials. The event attracts exhibitors, visitors and buyers from all over the world, creating a global wellness "hub", where professionals and decision makers meet to develop their business.

www.cosmoprof.com

15-17 May 2018

Asia Pool & Spa Expo

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A leading industry trade fair for the spas, sauna, bath and water parks.

www.poolspabathchina.com

20-23 May 2018

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The event will bring together America's most important spa operators to meet with key leading domestic and international suppliers.

www.spatecevents.com

21-22 May 2018

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The wellness resort is set to open in 2020

Montage to open wellness resort in 'wine country'

Montage Hotels & Resorts has announced plans to open and operate a spa resort in Sonoma County, at the heart of California's wine country. Montage Healdsburg – a property owned by Ohana Real Estate Investors and developed by The Robert Green Company – will feature 130 guestrooms and will have a focus on wellness.

Exact resort details are yet to be confirmed, but facilities include a large destination spa, called Spa Montage, offering outdoor massages and an infinity pool overlooking the resort's own vineyards.

Designed in partnership by GlazierLe, Delawie Architects and EDG Interior Design Firm, Montage Healdsburg will look to emphasise environmentally sensitive design coupled with a "wine country contemporary aesthetic".

Details: http://lei.sr?a=5N5Y8_S

Hilton adds two beach resorts to Mexican portfolio

Hotel giant Hilton has revealed plans to open two new spa hotels in the popular Mexican resort city of Cancun.

The two properties – the Waldorf Astoria Cancun and the all-inclusive Hilton Cancun resort – will be located next to each other and are scheduled to open in 2021.

Developed by leisure specialist Parks Hospitality, the neighbouring properties will occupy a site covering around 100 acres of Caribbean beachfront.

The 150-guestroom Waldorf Astoria Cancun will house a signature Waldorf Astoria spa, integrating Mexican healing traditions with native ingredients for its treatments. While exact details are to be confirmed, facilities include a number of treatment rooms and a large health club.

The Hilton Cancun resort will feature 600 guest rooms and a pool complex.

Details: http://lei.sr?a=f9A9p_S

Four Seasons plans high-rise spa

Four Seasons will open a flagship hotel and spa in Philadelphia, US, in Q3 of this year. Set in the city's tallest tower, the 60-storey Comcast Technology Center, the new Four Seasons Hotel Philadelphia at Comcast Center will have 219 bedrooms on the 48th to 56th floors.

Above the hotel, the 57th-floor spa will include seven treatment rooms and an indoor infinity pool. Industry veteran

Verena Lasvigne-Fox – who was previously senior spa director at the Four Seasons Seychelles – has been named spa director at the hotel.

Lasvigne-Fox joined Four Seasons in Paris in 2003 and her move to Philadelphia marks her fourth hotel with the company.

She was first appointed senior spa director for Europe in 2010, while at Four Seasons Hotel George V, which was a role she retained during her relocation to Four Seasons Resort Marrakech in 2013. Her regional responsibilities



Above the hotel, the 57th-floor spa will include seven treatment rooms

changed to Middle East and Africa when she was appointed senior spa director at Four Seasons Resort Seychelles in 2015.

The Comcast Center tower – a mixed-use space that also includes high-tech research and development spaces – is designed by architect Lord Norman Foster, and features a "sleekly minimalist" design. Foster + Partners won the competition to design the tower – America's tallest outside New York and Chicago.

Details: http://lei.sr?a=Z4R6j_S

Accor launches 'neuro sleep' pilot

Accor Hotels has partnered with Rythm, a neurotechnology company, in a pilot programme that brings Rythm's wearable sleep tech product, Dreem, to guests at Pullman Paris Centre - Bercy and Pullman San Francisco.

Dreem is an active sleep solution designed to enhance the quality of sleep.

A miniaturised headband uses ultra-fine sensors to track key information such as brain waves, heart rate and breathing, and discreetly diffuses sound to the inner ear.

"It claims to help users fall asleep more easily, enhance deep sleep and wake the user at the optimal time.

"Pullman is thrilled to have this amazing opportunity to work with Dreem, Rythm's scientifically developed and proven way of improving the quality of your sleep," said Aldina Duarte Ramos, director of wellbeing for Sofitel, Pullman and Swissotel.

"A good night's sleep is a cornerstone of Pullman's wellness ethos," she continued. "We promote it as a pillar of its renowned wellbeing programme based on sleep, food, sport and spa, which is at the heart of Pullman's identity."



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Rythm is a neurotechnology company that combines neuroscience research and advanced technologies, and has worked with partners including the Stanford Center for Sleep Sciences and Medicine to develop consumer electronic products.

"Our clientele of hyper-connected entrepreneurs and global nomads are always looking to balance productivity with personal wellbeing," said Duarte Ramos. "They will deeply appreciate this unique technological approach to sleep and its restorative benefits."

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Allegrini launches Hemp Care product line



Italian company Allegrini has launched a new range of cosmetics featuring organic hemp oil.

Hemp Care, known as Hemp Code in the US, consists of a range of high-performance skin and hair care products, a lifestyle line, and a collection of hotel amenities.

The company has chosen Hemp oil, as it is rich in both nutrients and antioxidants and contains high levels of Omegas 3 and 6, as well as vitamins B1 and B2 and Vitamin E.

Antonella Allegrini, general manager at Allegrini, says: "Hemp Care represents the real luxury of simplicity. Hemp is an ancient natural element rediscovered as an exclusive and sophisticated wellness experience."

KEYWORD: ALLEGRINI



ila expands product line with new apothecary range

British organic skincare line ila has launched ila apothecary, a retail line designed to provide remedies for modern life. Anti-Panic Drops, Mud Shave and SOS Body Balm.

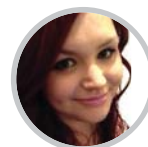
The products feature homeopathic ingredients, including medicinal flowers.

"I want ila's apothecary range to be ageless – to offer gorgeous, life-enhancing products that are as relevant to an 18-year-old girl as they are to an 80-year-old woman," says Denise Leicester, founder of ila.

KEYWORD: ILA

Supplier Spotlight

Industry suppliers tell *Spa Opportunities*' Lauren Heath-Jones about their latest product, treatment and equipment launches.



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Babor's new ad campaign celebrates women's empowerment

German luxury skincare brand Babor has launched a new campaign focused on women's empowerment.

The age-positive campaign encourages women to 'Ask for more,' and features unretouched images of women from different age groups and ethnicities.

"At Babor, we're convinced that you are at your best when you feel confident and beautiful," says Babor CEO, Michael Schummert.

"Beauty is not merely a matter of outward appearance, as we know. But the fact remains that if we feel beautiful and at ease in our own skin, we are happier, more confident and more self-assured. It is precisely this feel-good feeling that Babor



wants to give its customers," he continues.

Babor also claims to support women within the company, where 62 per cent of the workforce – and 50 per cent of executive positions – are held by women.

Babor has also launched a new Lifting Cellular Collagen Booster Cream Rich,

KEYWORD: BABOR

F.C. Sturtevant launches Columbia Probiotics range

American skincare company F.C. Sturtevant has launched a new line of probiotic skincare.

Columbia Probiotics is a proprietary formula of probiotics, living botanicals, peptides and plant stem cell extracts designed to establish a healthy skin microbiome.

The products balance the skin by promoting 'good bacteria'.

"The regular use of Columbia Probiotics products effectively acts on the most important biological feature in ageing skin: its ability to renew itself," explains Melanie Edwards, director, spa division.

The line includes two 'hero' products – Columbia Probiotic Complex and Columbia Probiotic Concentrate.



KEYWORD: COLUMBIA PROBIOTICS

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Clarins to launch new additions to Hydro-Essentiel range

Clarins will expand its Hydra Essentiel range with the launch of two new products, the Hydra-Essentiel Moisturising Reviving Eye Mask and Moisture Replenishing Lip Balm.

The eye mask is designed to intensely hydrate the under eye area.

It contains extract of kalanchoe leaf, horse chestnut extract, quinoa and Irish moss to soothe and hydrate.

The Moisture Replenishing Lip Balm contains a wax extracted from the petals of the blue lotus flower, which forms a protective film on the lips, that is designed to lock in moisture. It is also formulated with cocoa extract to stimulate the production of hyaluronic acid.

KEYWORD: CLARINS

Margaret Dabbs debuts Fabulous Legs collection

Margaret Dabbs London has expanded its line of targeted hand and foot care products with the launch of a new leg care range.

Fabulous Legs is a five-piece collection designed for use in spa treatments. The products are all formulated with two exclusive ingredients: V-Tonic and Legance.

V-Tonic is a blend of five essential oils; cypress, lavandin, lemon, rock rose and wild mint, that is designed to stimulate circulation, decrease inflammation, as well as act as a venous decongestant to leave the legs feeling light and refreshed. Legance is an anti-ageing formula that is designed to combat signs

of ageing on the legs. It features active ingredients designed to reduce water retention and refine fatty adipose tissue.

KEYWORD: MARGARET DABBS LONDON



Thalgo unveils new exfoliator line

Thalgo has launched a line of exfoliators designed to target different skincare needs.

The three-piece collection consists of a refreshing exfoliator, a gentle exfoliator and an anti-ageing exfoliator. The refreshing

exfoliator is a mechanical exfoliant that is designed for oily to combination skin types.

The gentle exfoliator is a dual exfoliator, that offers both mechanical and chemical exfoliation for dry and sensitive skin. The anti-ageing exfoliator is a mechanical exfoliator, inspired by microdermabrasion techniques.

KEYWORD: THALGO

Jill Stein partners with Made for Life Organics for new amenities line



Interior designer and entrepreneur Jill Stein has partnered with Made for Life Organics founder Amanda Barlow to create Porthdune, an amenities range made from 100 per cent natural ingredients.

Porthdune was inspired by the beauty of the Cornish coast and consists of five pieces: shampoo, conditioner, hand and body wash, hand and body lotion, and organic soap.

Stein says: "Porthdune is my personal collection of natural toiletries and candles. I've worked closely with Cornish skincare experts Made for Life Organics to develop this beautifully scented range to leave users feeling refreshed and rejuvenated."

"We are delighted with these fantastic products," says Barlow.

KEYWORD: MADE FOR LIFE ORGANICS

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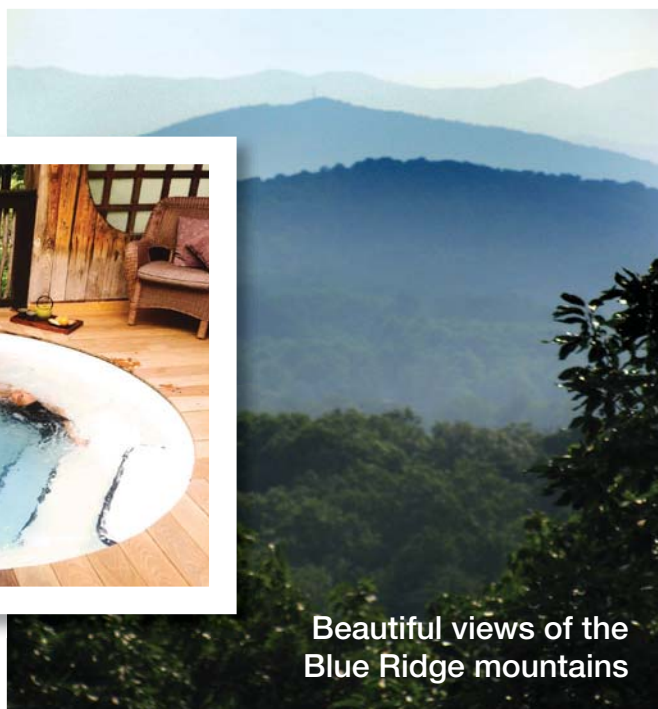
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Research explores retreats' benefits

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Seven studies examined objective outcomes such as blood pressure and biological markers of disease, while 16 had subjective outcomes, mostly involving self-reported questionnaires on psychological and spiritual measures. All of the studies reported post-retreat health benefits ranging from immediately after the retreat to five years later.

"The results suggest retreat experiences significantly improve people's lives," said Cohen. "This is evident from reported improvements in quality of life and subjective wellbeing, as well as decreases in the frequency and severity of health symptoms, reductions in body weight, blood pressure and abdominal girth, and positive changes in the function of metabolic and neurological pathways."

Four studies looked at retreats aimed at improving quality of life for cancer patients, and all showed benefits, including



Residential retreats, such as the Ranch, offer a range of activities

improvements in quality of life, depression and anxiety scores, and increased telomere length, with benefits being recorded as long as five years after the retreat experience.

"The finding that retreat experiences can lead to sustained health improvements long after participants return home suggests they help guests make positive lifestyle changes and adopt healthy behaviours," said Cohen.

Details: http://lei.sr?a=K9V3E_S

Fontainebleau will open as The Drew

The unfinished Fontainebleau resort tower in Las Vegas, US, will finally get a new lease of life, following a deal which has been struck between New York-based developer Steve Witkoff and hotel giant Marriott International.

Witkoff and Marriott have announced plans to turn the Fontainebleau building into an integrated resort, which will feature two hotels to be operated under Marriott's luxury brands The Edition and JW Marriott.

Construction work on The Fontainebleau Las Vegas tower – designed by Carlos Zapata Studio in partnership with Bergman Walls Associates – first began in February 2007, but came to a halt in 2009 following the global financial crisis the year before. The project eventually went into bankruptcy and the building, which stands at more than 60 storeys – the tallest in Las Vegas – was often referred to as the "towering monument to the recession".

Now, five months after acquiring the property for a reported US\$600m (€485.5m, £432.5m), the Witkoff Group has revealed its plans to bring the resort back to life.

To be called The Drew, the resort is set to open in 2020 and will feature more than 4,000 bedrooms across the two hotels.

While no exact details of the facilities have been revealed, in its former iteration



The Fontainebleau tower has stood unfinished on the Las Vegas strip since work was halted in 2009

the Fontainebleau building was expected to include – upon completion – a 95,000 sq ft (8,800sq m) casino and a 60,000 sq ft (5,600sq m) destination spa, as well as a 3,300-seat performing arts theatre.

Whether the original layout of the building will be changed has not been confirmed.

Steven Witkoff, chair and CEO of Witkoff Group, said: "With Marriott International, we have the opportunity to ensure we unlock the unparalleled value of this asset."

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