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New Tao Wellness Spa breaks ground in Croatia

Croatia's Tao Wellness Spa is about to break ground on a new fitness, wellness and spa facility with architect Branimir Bilusic and his firm Arhikon.

The 5,000sq ft (464sq m) stand alone facility is currently in the construction phase and is expected to be complete in early 2014.

The new concept will house a chiropractic and homeopathic alternative treatment centre, several multipurpose spa suites, a respiratory, treatment inhalation Himalayan salt room and a dojo for martial arts.

Tao Wellness Spa is part of US-based Vital Life World's (VLW) wellness division and is located in the town of Samobor, 20 minutes from the capital, Zagreb. VLW will operate the facility on



The facility was designed by architect Bilusic with eco-friendly luxury in mind

location with the guidance of Eastern Medicine Doctor Saša Piljek.

Designed with eco-friendly luxury in mind, architect Branimir Bilusic is focusing

on natural beauty and the surroundings, including light, colour and sounds from nature itself into the building.

Branimir is incorporating his belief that nature can impact healing and rejuvenation, a view he shares with co-owners of Tao Wellness Spa, Dawn and Dr. Sasa Piljek.

Branimir said: "We are creating a design that encompasses and embraces the vision, so we will bring the natural beauty and sense of calm and rejuvenation from nature, from the exterior and bring it inside this unique space."

VLW is continuing to expand globally with spa consultancy and as owner and operator of a spa onboard the M/V Explorer. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=W2b6D>

Louvre accelerates its expansion in Poland

Louvre Hotels Group is further strengthening its portfolio in Poland with the opening of three new-built hotels in June and July, in top Polish cities Bydgoszcz, Gdansk and Krakow.

The group will open two Golden Tulip hotels, less than two years after its launch in Poland. The Golden Tulip Gdansk Residence will be situated close to the sea and will be developed by Qualia. It will feature a wellness centre, a sauna, spa pools and a swimming pool.

The group is also planning to move forward with expansion strategies in Lithuania and Ukraine by the end of the year. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=EoZzz>

Mountain resort unveiled in Yunnan

A new luxury boutique resort and spa has been unveiled in a mountainous region in Northern Yunnan, China.

Regalia Resort & Spa, Deqin is surrounded by snow mountains, rivers, forests, and deep valleys and features 88 guestrooms including 21 one and two bedroom villas.

The resorts Andaman Spa by Regalia is based on an holistic approach to rejuvenation and relaxation and offers a fusion of authentic traditional Thai and Asian massage.

The Andaman Spa's suites provide a wide range of wellness and facial treatments combined with traditional Asian remedies to rejuvenate the mind and body. Decorated in south eastern style, each of the spacious spa suites offer views of the Meili Snow Mountain



The 88-rooms offer views of Meili Snow Mountain

The treatment menu includes full body massages, therapeutic massage, facial treatments, exclusively for him treatments and signature packages.

Highlights include slimming packages provided by Icoone Beauty Care, which treats adipose tissue, body contours and aging of the skin. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=k8HoN>

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New 'Design District' for Dubai

Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Ruler of Dubai has announced that a new district will be created in Dubai, dedicated to developing the Emirate's luxury, design and fashion sectors.

The "Dubai Design District" will be adjacent to the Business Bay area of Dubai. The district is expected to become a full service commercial hub for design industry-related organizations, brands, and supporting enterprises within the value chain – such as spas and hotels.

It will feature a custom built creative community that will encompass purpose built commercial and retail facilities for established and emerging designers, design institutes, waterfront promenade, convention centre and event venues and related academic institutions.

The first phase is due to be complete by January 2015, with construction of ten buildings already underway. Located near the Burj Khalifa and Dubai Mall, the



The new district will be a commercial hub featuring hotels and spas

district will be operated by Dubai-based TECOM Investments.

In terms of facilities, Dubai Design District will offer residential, commercial, retail and hospitality real estate as well as a creek side promenade with international and boutique hotels, a pop up shop area, amphitheatre and convention centre. The new district is expected to double the number of visitors to Dubai to 20m by 2020. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=Kq1V>

Rotana Resort to join Salah's hotel hub

Oman's Ministry of Tourism and Rotana Hotels have announced that a new 5-star Rotana – branded Resort will soon join the growing list of premium hospitality destinations in Salah.

The development of the 444-key Salah Rotana Resort is in line with the Ministry's strategy to strengthen Oman's reputation as a luxury hospitality destination.

Salah Rotana Resort & Spa, owned by Orascom Hotels and Developments, will offer 399 rooms and suites, and 45 villas that are being built around ponds, water features and a range of manmade lakes.

Scheduled to be inaugurated in December 2013, the resort features the group's signature Zen the Spa at Rotana as well as an outdoor pool and fitness centre.

Other facilities will include a lobby café/, all-day dining facility, a speciality restaurant, beach restaurant, pool bar, meeting rooms and a full-service business centre.



The resort will feature rooms and villas built around ponds and lakes

Selim El Zyr, CEO of Rotana, said: "Oman has always been a key growth market for us and this is clearly reflected by our aggressive expansion plans in the country.

"Moreover, the 5-star Salah Rotana Resort plays an important role in our growth strategy for the Middle East market, where we will be launching several new properties throughout the year to increase the total number of rooms under our management to over 14,500 by the end of the year," said El Zyr. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=J1I3n>



Conrad revamps its spa offerings

The six-star Conrad Maldives Rangali Island has refreshed its wellness offering with the introduction of five new wellness workshops.

The five day programmes: 'Sleep Therapy', 'De-stress in Paradise', 'Wake up to Energy', 'Holiday season countdown – beach perfect' and 'Falling in Love again' are all designed for two and are aimed at offering solutions to modern-day illnesses.

Available year-round, each workshop lasts five days and features the skill of guest yoga practitioner Areeya, coupled with the wide range of health and wellness facilities available at the resort's two spa facilities.

The holistic programmes draw on elements from all areas of the resort, such as massage, yoga, sound therapy, personal training, meditation and even dining in the underwater restaurant or candlelit baths to provide overall wellness.

Highlights include the 'Falling in Love Again' workshop aimed at couples seeking to re-connect and re-discover their love for one another.



'Falling in Love Again' is aimed at couples seeking to re-discover their love

Couples will take part in traditional romantic experiences such as candlelit dinners and a champagne bath with rose petals. An artfully designed yoga programme will bring couples physically back in sync again by creating greater awareness of each other and re-learning the art of working together.

For those wanting to feel great on the beach the "Holiday Season Countdown" is on offer. It promotes general wellbeing, weight loss and addresses physical concerns. Upon arrival, couples will undergo a full body composition analysis. *Details: <http://lei.sr?a=q6q9G>*

Four Seasons set to open eighth China hotel

The dynamic and diverse city Shenzhen is to be home to the eighth Four Seasons in China this September.

Situated in Futian and designed by Hirsch Bedner & Associates (HBA), the new 26-storey Four Seasons Hotel Shenzhen will feature 266 spacious guest rooms – including 33 suites.

The intimate Spa at Four Seasons will be unveiled in 2014 with seven treatment rooms offering both traditional and cutting-edge therapies and pampering experiences.

The spa concept will be based on an "holistic mélange of East and West" and will be designed to create a simple and serene natural setting.

There will also be two swimming pools – one indoor, one outdoor – a 24-hour fitness centre and a yoga and exercise studio.

The hotel's restaurant offerings include signature Zhuo Yue Xuan, serving Cantonese and regional specialties. The restaurant will offer ten private dining rooms.



The resort is designed by Hirsch Badner and will span 26-floors

For international all-day dining, FOO will be the choice for breakfasts and lunches, or a night out. Designed by Japanese SPIN, the restaurant will include seating options designed for couples and crowds, with an outdoor deck and waterfall.

Additional amenities will include 1,800 sq m (19,000 sq ft) of event space featuring Four Seasons Ballroom, which seats up to 360 persons and a 24-hour business centre. *Details: <http://lei.sr?a=m3eob>*



East, Miami will open at Brickell City Centre

Swire Hotels to enter US with first East-branded property

Hong Kong-based Swire Hotels has announced that it will open its first US EAST-branded property at the new US\$1bn (€753m, £638m) Brickell City Centre, mixed-use development in downtown Miami, Florida.

Spanning 218,000 sq ft (20,250sq m), EAST, Miami is expected to open in 2015. It will feature 263 guest rooms and 89 serviced apartments, which will also be managed by Swire Hotels.

The hotel will have a spa facility, two restaurants and a rooftop bar, as well as meeting rooms, swimming pool and fitness centre.

Brian Williams, MD of Swire Hotels said: "We are very excited to be expanding our portfolio to the US with EAST, Miami. Our hotel aims to create different and surprising experiences that complement the lives of our guests and their enhance lifestyle." *Details: <http://lei.sr?a=c7i6i>*

Virgin announces location of its next New York hotel

Virgin Hotels has announced the location of its new hotel set to be unveiled in New York. It can now be confirmed that the new hotel will be located on the northwest corner of 29th Street and Broadway.

With over 300 guest rooms, various fine dining experiences, meeting rooms, and a gym – the new Virgin venture is set to open in 2016. Richard Branson, founder of Virgin Group said: "At long last, the city that never sleeps will get a beautiful and irresistible Virgin Hotel to play, eat, work, mingle, and yes, even to sleep."

CEO of Virgin Hotels, Raul Leal said: "We are delighted to enter the New York market and specifically to play a part in continuing the NoMad neighbourhood's growth as a dynamic destination.

A Virgin Hotel will also open in Chicago in 2014. *Details: <http://lei.sr?a=W4j3V>*



The hotel overlooks the renowned Burj Khalifa

Oberoi Group announces the opening of its first UAE hotel

The Oberoi Group has announced the opening of The Oberoi, Dubai, which marks the groups debut in the United Arab Emirates.

Located at The Oberoi Centre, The Oberoi is a contemporary luxury hotel that is designed to embody height, light and space.

The hotel overlooks the Burj Khalifa and each of the 252 rooms and suites have floor to ceiling windows offering guests views of the city's skyline.

The hotel's spa will be open to guests 24 hours a day and will offer a wide range of massages, beauty and ayurvedic treatments in one of the therapy suites. A yoga instructor will also be available to provide spa guests with classes on request.

Culinary highlights at The Oberoi, Dubai include: UMAL, a contemporary Pan Asian restaurant; NINE7ONE, an all day dining restaurant that offers local cuisine; and ANANTA, an Indian specialty restaurant. *Details: <http://lei.sr?a=V4P1s>*

7-star Burj Al Arab hotel defends Groupon promotion

Dubai's Burj Al Arab, which is known as the world's only seven star hotel, has defended its decision to promote its spa and restaurants with Groupon Premium.

In June the hotel ran promotions on wellness packages, brunch at its Al Muntaha restaurant and afternoon tea at Sahn Eddar.

In a statement to Hotelier Middle East the spokesperson for Burj Al Arab said: "Our aim was to challenge this perception by showcasing the extraordinary culinary and spa experiences that are available at Burj Al Arab and opening people's eyes to the fact that the restaurants and the spa are indeed accessible.

"The initiative was also aligned to welcome the local community back to our hotel." *Details: <http://lei.sr?a=G5A7S>*

Hubli spa resort for Gateway Hotels

Gateway Hotels & Resorts, part of the Taj Group of Hotels, has launched a new hotel and spa in Hubli, India.

The Gateway Hotel Lakeside Hubli, will be the fourth Gateway branded hotel in Karnataka, with existing hotels in Bangalore, Mangalore and Chikmagalur.

Spread over nine acres, the 92-room resort sits on the banks of Lake Unkal and features a gym, swimming pool, 3,800sq ft (353sq m) ballroom and a 1,076sq ft (100sq m) spa.

The spa is a holistic wellness centre catering to all grooming and wellness needs. It has two treatment rooms and includes a salon.

The spa offers a variety of treatments such as massages, body treatments, facials, manicures and pedicures. Products used include Janssen for Skin, Forest Essentials



The 92-room resort will be the fourth Gateway hotel in Karnataka

for Body treatments, L'Oreal and Wella for Hair and OPI for nails.

The hotel is also close by to several attractions including the forested hills of the Malenadu region, an elephant camp at Sakrebyle and World Heritage Sites in Hampi.

With the opening of the hotel, The Gateway Hotels & Resorts now has a portfolio of 22 hotels in total. *Details: <http://lei.sr?a=p5P6o>*

Eon to introduce Atmosphere in Maldives

The first 'Atmosphere' resort is set to open on Kanifushi Island in the Lhaviyani Atoll, Maldives.

Created by Eon Resorts, which owns three other resorts in the Maldives, the Atmosphere brand is expected to grow throughout the Indian Ocean to destinations such as Sri Lanka, India and the Seychelles.

The Maldives resort will contain 150 detached villas, 2km of beach and a spa.

The Akiri Spa offers an "authentic and well-nurtured" collection of holistic experiences and therapies, with a choice of health and beauty treatments including Ayurveda therapy, to balance the body and the mind.

The Akiri Spa, set within a large and exotic tropical garden, overlooking the Indian Ocean,



The spa is in an exotic tropical garden overlooking the Indian Ocean

offers the natural ambience for relaxation and rejuvenation. The spa covers 5,250sq m (56,510 ft) and has 12 fully equipped treatment rooms. It will feature brand new facilities including hammams, beauty salon, spa pool and a sauna. The Atmosphere Kanifushi resort will open on 1 November. *Details: <http://lei.sr?a=AoP8H>*

Lefay Resort & Spa launches private spa suite in Italy

Lefay Resort & Spa in Brescia, northern Italy, has launched a new three bedroom suite with its own private spa and infinity pool.

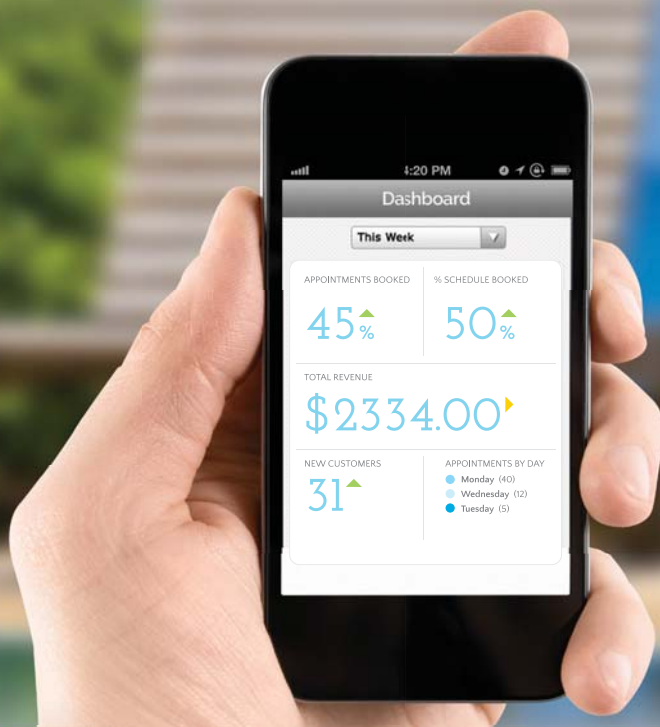
The Royal Pool and Spa Suite is situated in the grounds of the Alto National Park, overlooking the nearby Lake Garda. The suite features its own private 55sq m (592sq ft)

spa with a treatment area for two people, a dedicated spa menu and a shower with chromotherapy, steam sauna and an infrared sauna.

The suite also contains a relaxation area and a lake view spa pool. It is designed to minimise environmental impact and aid energy conservation. *Details: <http://lei.sr?a=j9L7W>*

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Hilton to roll out DoubleTree brand in Macedonia

Hilton worldwide is expanding its presence in South Eastern Europe with the signing of a DoubleTree-branded property in Macedonia.

Due to open early 2016, DoubleTree by Hilton Skopje will be situated on the banks of the river Vardar featuring 172 upscale guestrooms, including 20 suites.

The hotel will also house a health club and spa that will provide over 900sq m (9,687sq ft) of Turkish Baths, treatment rooms, gym and swimming pool. The health club and spa will also offer local residents membership opportunities.

Other facilities include a restaurant, two bars and outdoor terrace as well as 1,400 sq m (15,070sq ft) of events space. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=H4Z3F>



Spa Heaven offers extensive wet facilities for guests

New Mainport Hotel opens with spa and wellness theme

A new hotel, themed around spas and wellness has opened in Rotterdam, the Netherlands.

The Mainport Hotel, located in the heart of Rotterdam, on the banks of the Maas River, features a number of in-room spa facilities. Each of the five room categories house the private spa treatment amenities, walk-in showers and spa pools.

Waterfront Spa and Spa Suite rooms also have private hot tubs with views across the city and private Finnish saunas.

In addition, the hotel has its own spa - Spa Heaven, which hosts a Turkish steamroom and hammam complex with two treatment rooms and a lounge area for pre-and-post treatment relaxation.

Also on offer are a number of traditional massages and scrubs including hot stone massage, Lomi Lomi massage, Sacred Nature body scrub and a Cocoon body wrap. Located on the eighth floor, Spa Heaven also offers impressive view to customers being treated. The hotel's interior design represents the culture of Rotterdam by designer, Fera Thomassen. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=l2d1w>

Banyan Tree Spa enters Tianjin

Asian-based spa operator Banyan Tree Spa has debuted in Northern China with the launch of the Spa at Banyan Tree Tianjin Riverside.

Nestled in the historic port city, Banyan Tree Spa Tianjin Riverside offers spa guests a range of time-honoured Asian healing therapies and Chinese-inspired treatments aimed at achieving complete rejuvenation.

Located on the east bank of Tianjin's Hai River, the spa features nine treatment rooms. It includes three double royal rooms with double rainmist facilities, one double deluxe room, five single deluxe rooms, one facial room, a beauty salon with two-foot massage rooms and a relaxation area.

Additional wellness facilities include the gym, hot and warm dip pools and a pool.

Spanning over 1,000sq m (10,760sq ft) in the basement, Banyan Tree Spa Tianjin Riverside is designed with a contemporary concept. Contrasted against bricks, the spa features



The spa offers guests a range of time-honoured Asian healing therapies

a tranquil water courtyard surrounded by a bamboo garden and glass panel where sunlight streams through.

All therapists are formally trained according to the stringent curriculum at Banyan Tree Spa Academies located in Phuket, Thailand; Bintan, Indonesia and Lijiang, China.

Signature treatments include the Royal Banyan treatment, which features the Banyan Herbal Pouch Massage, a body scrub and a face massage. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=I7x9b>

Meliá announces opening date for Riyadh project

Meliá Hotels International is to unveil a new property under the Gran Media brand in the centre of Riyadh, Saudi Arabia in 2015.

The new Gran Meliá Riyadh will be housed in a modern glass building in an urban location in Cairo Square, in the heart of the Saudi capital.

The hotel will feature 252 rooms, a spa and wellness centre, several restaurants, and a 26,910sq ft (2,500sq m) convention centre.

Meliá's luxury brand has hotels around the world including the Gran Meliá Rome Villa Agrippina, Gran Meliá Fénix in Madrid, Gran Meliá Palacio de Isora in Tenerife and the Gran Meliá Puerto Rico.

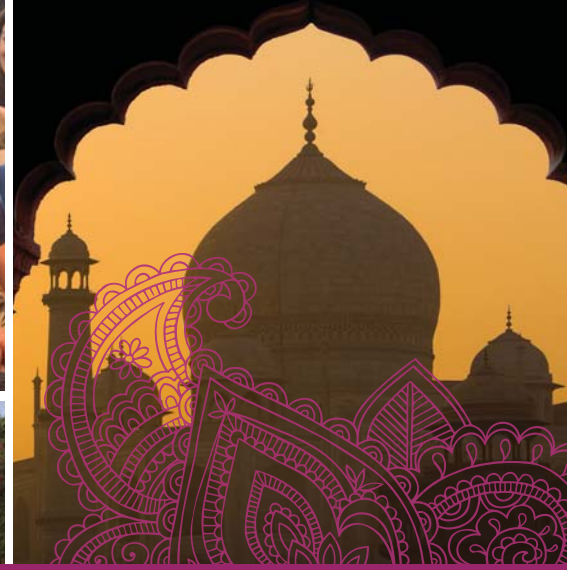
Meliá Hotels International founder Gabriel Escarrer said: "Saudi Arabia is a fantastic location for the luxury hotel industry, and our Gran Meliá brand will exceed the expectations of discerning, contemporary Arab business and leisure travellers thanks to its powerful service culture based around the Red Glove Service."



The 252-room hotel will be situated in an urban location in Riyadh

Meliá recently announced in its quarterly report a continued commitment to grow at a rate of around one hotel every 3 weeks both in consolidated markets and particularly in emerging markets. In 2013 the company opened new properties in Latin America, Europe and the Middle East.

Escarrer said: "The Gran Meliá Riyadh is another sign of our firm commitment to consolidate the Gran Meliá brand internationally." Details: <http://lei.sr?a=N2toZ>



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Trump unveils wellness initiatives

Luxury hotel operator Trump Hotel Collection (THC) has launched its Trump Wellness triad of programmes, designed to support each guest's healthy lifestyle.

The first programme, Nourish, aims to enhance each hotel's in-room dining menu with a range of options, providing guests with vegan, gluten-free and organic selections with complete nutritional values.

Minibars will be revamped with healthier snacks rather than the standard minibar fare.

For the Nourish programme, THC culinary teams have partnered with organic certifying companies to develop a selection of menu items made with certified organic ingredients sourced locally and delivered fresh daily.

For example, Chef Greg Sgarro at Trump National Doral Miami has arranged for nearby Paradise Farms to grow a variety of organic herbs and vegetables exclusively for the resort's use. At Trump International Hotel Waikiki Beach Walk, Chef Shoji Namatame sources hydroponic lettuces from Maunawili Farms



THC have partnered with organic companies to create new menus

in Kailua and orders organic vanilla bean ice cream from historic Lappert's Hawaii in Kauai.

Quick Bites, the second programme, is designed to accommodate busy lifestyles and features an express in-room menu that will include health-wise options. All items will have delivery guaranteed in 15 minutes or less. These food selections have been designed for guests on the run or with time constraints and can be taken to go.

The third programme, Travel Fit, encourages guests to maintain their workout regime while travelling. *Details: <http://lei.sr?a=W4W8e>*

Steiner extends deal with Royal Caribbean

Health and wellness provider Steiner Leisure, has announced a new deal with Royal Caribbean International that extends the term of its original agreement with the cruise line brand until December 2017.

Steiner has been the exclusive provider of spas, salons, fitness and related beauty products on Royal Caribbean vessels. The newest vessel - the Quantum of the Seas - will include a two-level spa and fitness centre, which will include two private fitness consultation rooms, an indoor cycling studio, Smile Spa, barbers, thermal suite and relaxation lounge.

Treatments on offer will include Elemis face and body therapies, Bliss treatments and medi-spa services, performed in one of 19 treatment rooms.

Steiner Leisure operates onboard 159 ships - almost three-quarters of their entire operation.



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The remaining 66 locations are land based, with 28 of those operated by third parties that have licensing agreements with Steiner.

Steiner is also scheduled to start operating onboard Anthem of the Seas, scheduled to set sail in 2015 while the Quantum of the Seas will enter service in 2014. *Details: <http://lei.sr?a=F5p50>*

Omni Hotels & Resorts acquires five iconic resorts

Omni Hotels & Resorts has reached an agreement to purchase and operate five resort properties affiliated with KSL Capital Partners.

The five properties are: Barton Creek Resort & Spa in Austin, Texas; La Costa Resort and Spa in Carlsbad, California; Rancho Las Palmas Resort & Spa in Rancho Mirage, California; The Grove Park Inn in Asheville, North Carolina; and The Homestead in Hot Springs, Virginia.

The properties will be reflagged under the Omni brand on 1 July and will add 2,362 rooms and five spas to the groups portfolio.

Mike Deitemeyer, president of Omni said: "Each of these properties are rich in heritage and distinctive in their elegance and charm." *Details: <http://lei.sr?a=i8G4D>*



The project is being designed by Edouard Francois

Ambitious project to transform Colombo skyline

Indian conglomerate, The Krrish Group, plans to build a US\$650m (£418m, €491m) mixed use development in the colonial district of Sri Lanka's capital, Colombo.

The Lanka has enlisted the help of French architect Edouard Francois to design the project, called Krrish Square. It will cover an area of 450,000sqm (4.8m sq ft) surrounding a historic British colonial building in the heart of the city.

The design includes three towers rising 420m, 320m and 230m respectively (1,377ft, 1,049ft and 754ft) which will be linked by two sky-bridges. The project will include a hotel, cinema, spa, offices, apartments, commercial centre, salon and fitness centre. The hotel will peak at an altitude of 400m (1,312ft). Francois said his design was inspired by the British colonial building which forms the nucleus of the project.

The Krrish Group is currently negotiating with high-end brands which are interested in the project, including finding an operator for its luxury hotel. Construction is expected to start end 2013 and be complete in 2016. *Details: <http://lei.sr?a=G1b7P>*



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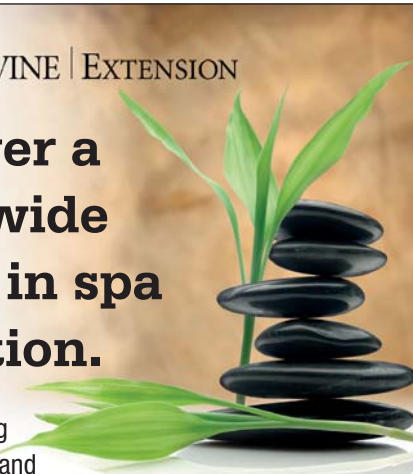
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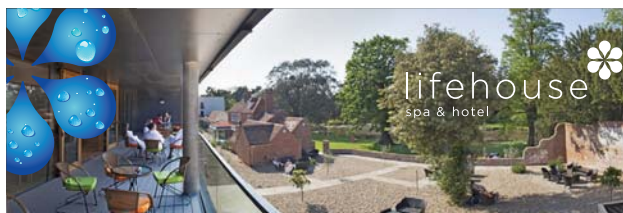
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Training institute expands reach in Asia

The American Hotel & Lodging Education Institute (EI) has expanded its reach in Asia after signing agreements with both Beijing Hospitality Institute (BHI) and the Bandung Institute of Tourism (BIT) in West Java, Indonesia to become Global Academic Partners (GAP).

The EI supports and encourages the certification of hospitality professionals in all facets of the industry, including spas, hotels, food and beverage establishments, trainers, hospitality educators and hotel suppliers. It serves the needs of hospitality schools and industries in 54 countries with more than 90 licensed affiliates.

BHI offers a four-year Bachelor of Arts in Hospitality Management programme, with the academic certification of Ecole hôtelière de Lausanne (EHL), while BIT offers 14 study programmes in hospitality, travel and tourism management, with more than 17,000 alumni working in hospitality around the world.

Dr. Li Botan, BHI chair, has said that China is currently suffering a shortage in high-level managers. He said: "China's hotel industry is still lacking a generation of professional



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managers who have rich theoretical and practical knowledge about rules and regulations of the global hotel industry. Looking into the hotel management practice, the hotel industry needs pragmatic talents who have a solid knowledge foundation with rich practical experience and enthusiasm."

Noviendi Makalam, director for BIT said: "Within our future strategy, we would be very pleased to adopt EI professional certifications. By doing that, we are certain our institution can contribute more in the growth of human resource development in hospitality and tourism of Indonesia and the ASEAN region." *Details: <http://lei.sr?a=B4nor>*

One&Only to debut resort in Saudi Arabia

Kerzner International has entered into an agreement with Al Khozama Management Company, a Saudi developer and owner of luxury hotels, to develop and operate a new One&Only resort in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia on the Red Sea.

The new property will feature 150 luxurious guest rooms, suites and villas, a One&Only residential component, a health spa and a range of dining and retail options.

The resort is set to become a destination for both business and leisure.

The 1m sq ft (95,000 sq m) resort will be located in Obhur, north of Jeddah and command 230 metres of beachfront.

This will be One&Only's first resort in The Kingdom. Alan Leibman, CEO, Kerzner International said: "Jeddah is the perfect location for the first One&Only experience in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The beachfront location is remarkable and I am very confident the



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resort will be well received by our many loyal One&Only guests and new guests alike."

Like all properties within the One&Only collections, the Jeddah resort will place an emphasis on privacy while evoking a 'sense of place', showcasing the country's history and reflecting the local culture in its design.

The resort will offer programmes for families whilst preserving space for adults only as well. Guests will also have access to unique sporting facilities. *Details: <http://lei.sr?a=q4y8Y>*

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