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## Sea, sound, salt, sand inspire upcoming Auberge

New renderings have been revealed for the upcoming 10,000sq ft (929sq m) spa at the Auberge Beach Residences & Spa Fort Lauderdale.

The Florida spa, which will open in 2018 to both residents and guests, is designed by spa consultant Tracy Lee of TLee Spas, who said she took her inspiration from the sea, sound, salt and sand.

"This inspiration came from numerous sources," Lee told *Spa Opportunities*. "The experience of one of the owners who grew up on this site and was profoundly shaped by these collective forces of nature – their constant presence at this

special location, and the positive impact they exert on the emotional, spiritual and physical aspect of wellbeing. We want to harness the sense of release, recovery and renewal that most of us equate with time spent at the seaside, and translate that attitude



Designed by TLee Spas, the spa will include outdoor treatment areas

into a leading-edge wellness experience."

The spa will include a range of indoor and outdoor treatment areas, with rooms illuminated by natural light to instill a sense of tranquility. Four massage rooms, two skincare rooms, a specialty massage room with

a Gharieni MLX Quartz Treatment Bed, a body treatment room, couples suite with soaking tub and two outdoor treatment cabanas are all planned, as well as a full-service salon and Purification Circuits.

The Purification Circuits are a blended indoor/outdoor bathhouse experience with a South Florida twist, said Lee, and include hydrotherapy showers, steam, sauna and salt inhalation room and various resting areas, as well as a vitality pool.

A Sound & Sand Massage combines Gharieni's MLX Quartz treatment bed with specialised audio programming and customised massage techniques

to gently warm the body, release muscle tension and encourage a deep meditative state. Magnetic Sand Therapy is designed as a general massage booster, using applications of warm and cool sand packs to relax muscles.

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### Global tourism bodies host wellness talks

The World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) and the European Travel Commission (ETC), recently gathered a group of international experts in Budapest to better understand and explore the growing segment of wellness and medical tourism.

The two organisations plan to publish a report at the end of this year entitled "Exploring Health Tourism." Part of the meeting's purpose was to gather input from experts for that report, and to explore the differences and similarities between wellness tourism and medical tourism.

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### Wellness village in Wales moves ahead

The Welsh Government is funding a master-plan for a multi-million pound wellness village.

The Llanelli Wellness and Life Science Village in South Wales is one several projects being delivered through ARCH (A Regional Collaboration for Health), a partnership between three local university health boards.

Located on the Carmarthenshire coast, the Llanelli Wellness Village will include a wellness hotel, sports and wellbeing centre, wellness spa, primary care centre, and possibly a wellness primary school.

It will also incorporate an Institute of Life Science, focusing on research and innovation; an education centre for training in the health and wellbeing arena; and a neuro-village with facilities for those with cognitive impairment.



The village will include a hotel, spa, and residences

"The village is designed to bring together tourism – specifically wellness tourism – health services, life science and wellbeing research and innovation, housing, sport and leisure, and further and higher education opportunities," said Bjorn Rodde, Llanelli Wellness and Life Science Village project manager.

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## Hawaiian healing inspires Naupaka

The Naupaka Spa & Wellness Centre has opened at the newly remodelled Four Seasons Resort Oahu at Ko Olina, combining innovative wellness practices with traditional Hawaiian healing.

Set across five floors, Naupaka features fourteen indoor treatment rooms, indoor hot and cold plunge pools, a steamroom, sauna, needle shower, two Himalayan salt chambers, relaxation areas and change rooms, and the Resort's fifth pool – a private sanctuary featuring an outdoor lap pool and whirlpool surrounded by foliage, overlooking the hotel's porte-cochère.

A barbershop will soon open and serve local craft beer, and the spa also includes a feng shui-inspired Billy Yamaguchi Salon. Outdoor treatments are offered in tranquil muliwa'i massage ha'les overlooking the Pacific and the resort's gardens.

Naupaka aims to perpetuate the mana (spiritual energy) of Ko Olina (meaning "Place of Joy") and adjacent Lanikuhonua



Naupaka uses native plants and salts in its spa treatments

("Where Heaven Meets the Earth"), which was historically a retreat for Hawaiian royalty.

Native plants and salts, indigenous art and hand-carved design animate the spa's interior spaces, including natural wood elements. Indoor and outdoor areas intermingle, inviting a connection to nature. The name Naupaka, inspired by the small white half-flower common to Oahu, symbolises the quest for wholeness.

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## Elemis spa opens at new Crete hotel

An Elemis spa will be a central part of the new Domes Noruz Chania lifestyle hotel on the Greek island of Crete.

The 350sq m (3,767sq ft) spa features traditional artwork motifs and natural materials, and uses various shades of blue in its design. Natural light and diffused, indirect lighting are used to sustain a sense of relaxation, while the wall tiles reference the patterns found in local embroidery and fabrics.

The spa has three treatment rooms, and uses Elemis products and organic herbs from the island for its selection of massages, facials and body treatments, including the Elemis Thousand Flower Detox Wrap. A juice bar nearby provides refreshments for guests.

The adults-only hotel, part of Marriott's Autograph Collection, has 83 bedrooms and was designed by architect Stefanos Skandalis, with interiors by Neni Spartsis and Olivia Siskou. The overall approach of



The spa features natural materials and various shades of blue

the hotel's design is both global and local – or "glocal," as the designers refer to it.

Cretan sandstone is the dominant building material in the resort's modern Greek design, and the domed architecture is inspired by the Venetian Arsenal. Outdoor spaces aim to maximise the benefits of natural light while providing cool, sheltered spaces.

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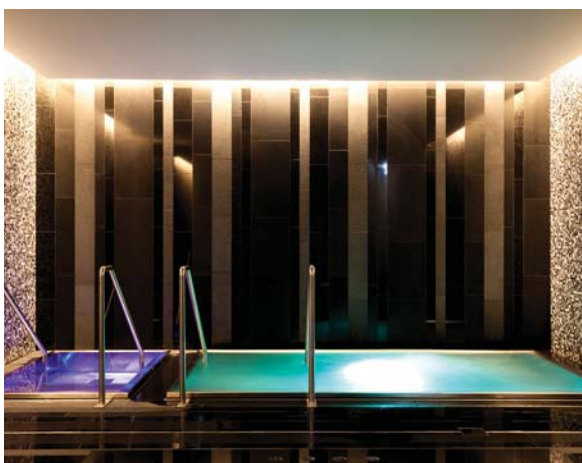
## Royal Savoy Lausanne gets new spa

A new 1,500sq m (16,146sq ft) spa has opened at the recently refurbished Art Nouveau landmark hotel Royal Savoy Lausanne in Switzerland.

Le Spa Du Royal includes eight treatment rooms, a wet zone with indoor and outdoor pools, vitality pools, and several hammams, saunas and steam rooms. A special “Ladies Only” spa features relaxation and treatment rooms, and the spa also has a fitness room, hairdresser and spa boutique.

The spa features treatments from La Clinic Lemanic, which provides cosmetic, regenerative, preventative and anti-ageing treatments. Golden Rejuvenation is a modern electrohydrolysis method of slowing down skin ageing and regenerating scar tissue, and involves using 18-carat gold electrodes to transmit a harmless electric signal through the skin.

Treatments from skincare brands La Vallee, Biologique Recherche and Aromatherapy Associates are also available. The menu includes massages, lymphatic drainage,



The spa includes a wet zone with indoor and outdoor pools and saunas

foot acupressure and hydrotherapy, as well as alternative treatments such as energy, bodywork and structural therapy.

Jocelyn Pedersen, a 23-year spa veteran, has been named spa manager. Pedersen was previously spa training manager for Six Senses, and was opening the Six Senses Alpina Gstaad.

First opened in 1909, the Royal Savoy Lausanne was recently refurbished to the tune of CHF100m (US\$101m, €92m, £77m).

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## Mother Nature influences Gaia spa

England’s Boringdon Hall in the Devon countryside has opened a new 1,800sq m (19,375sq ft) wellness spa.

Gaia Spa – named for and inspired by Mother Nature – includes 12 treatment rooms, an infinity pool, hydrotherapy pool, Finnish sauna, crystal salt steam room, aromatherapy steam room, herbal sauna, shower experiences, relaxation room, gym, beauty salon with champagne service, and outdoor area for relaxation and meditation.

Holistic therapies and rituals use ESPA products as well as Gaia’s own brand of natural products, inspired by spa director Diane Nettleton’s travels. Gaia Spa Developments, the team behind Cornwall’s Fistril Spa, consulted on the project.

“Gaia Spa offers wellness facilities and is the destination spa in the Southwest,” said Nettleton. “After five years in the planning, designing and launching stage, to finally see



Gaia spa uses ESPA products in many of its holistic therapies

Gaia Spa open here at Boringdon Hall will be a landmark moment for all of us who have been involved in creating a spa of this calibre.”

The hotel itself is steeped in history; housed in a manor house that Henry VIII gifted to one of his most favoured courtiers, it features Elizabethan architecture, imposing stone towers, secret archways and curious arrow slits.

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Trieste has extensive spa industry experience

## Trieste joins Saltability as VP business development

Himalayan salt products supplier Saltability has appointed Diane Trieste to the position of vice president of business development.

A former sports massage therapist who worked with Team USA Track & Field athletes at the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona – as well as with gymnast and gold medalist Kerri Strug at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta – Trieste also has extensive experience in the spa industry.

She worked for 13 years at destination spa Canyon Ranch, where she was a member of the development team responsible for startup design, functionality and operations for multi-site operations.

“Diane’s depth of development and industry experience will be invaluable to the Saltability team,” said CEO Ann Brown.

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## Banyan Tree opening new spas in Morocco, China

Banyan Tree is set to open its first property in Morocco in September, and will also open a resort in China in Q3 2016.

The Banyan Tree Tamouda Bay in Morocco will feature a spa with eight treatment rooms. It will use Banyan Tree’s Asian-inspired spa tradition and will also include a hydro and vitality pool, hammam and yoga room.

The 209-bedroom Banyan Tree Jiuzhaigou is located near Jiuzhaigou National Park in China, and will include a spa with 12 treatment rooms. The spa will offer treatments using traditional Chinese herbs, including the Jewels of Jiuzhai, which uses locally-found ingredients of sweet cherry, chun bei and tian ma. The Rainforest will be a hydrothermal experience combining European spa hydrotherapy with Asian wellness philosophies.

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## Mandarin helps guests ditch devices

Luxury hotel brand Mandarin Oriental is launching a worldwide Digital Detox initiative at all of its spas, beginning 5 September.

The programme is designed to help guests find new ways to manage their relationships with technology and the stress that comes with a constantly connected digital lifestyle.

“Technology has brought us many great advances,” said Jeremy McCarthy, group director of spa and wellness.

“But the expectations for instant communication and the increasing pace of change in the world can have a negative impact on our wellbeing.”

The Digital Detox initiative encourages guests to surrender their phones when they arrive at the spa, and also provides a range of more mindful activities in the relaxation rooms, including journaling, notecard writing, colouring and meditation.



The Digital Detox initiative gives guests mindful activities to relax

Mandarin Oriental worked with US-based nonprofit medical practice Mayo Clinic – which has also helped produce a Healthy Living programme at Mandarin’s Bodrum resort – to create a range of tips and guidelines to help establish personal boundaries on technology use and a digitally-balanced lifestyle.

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## Wellness Travel finalists announced

Finalists for Spafinder Wellness 365’s 2016 Wellness Travel Awards (WTA) have been announced, with South and Central America, Africa and Asia showing strong gains in the number of properties recognised by a panel of 39 experts, which included *Spa Business* editor in chief Liz Terry and editor Katie Barnes.

The South and Central American region had the largest percentile increase in the number of finalists (117% growth over 2015), followed by North America (70%) and Africa (60%).

The nations with the highest number of finalists are the US, Indonesia, the UK, Thailand and India. North America and Asia represent the wellness travel powerhouses, the former with 126 unique finalists, the latter a close second with 123. A complete list of finalists can be viewed at [WellnessTravelAwards.com](http://WellnessTravelAwards.com).

Consumers vote for winners through September 16 at [WellnessTravelAwards.com](http://WellnessTravelAwards.com).

The winners will be selected based on a combination of expert panelists’ nominations and property scores, along with consumer votes, and the winning



The Aman spa in Tokyo is nominated under ‘Best for Mind and Spirit’

properties will be announced on November 9 at World Travel Market London.

In addition to 10 winners in 20 special categories, Crystal Awards will be presented to the top property on six continents, while Country Awards will be bestowed on the top property in a wide range of countries and regions around the world.

The number of properties recognised as finalists by panelists grew from 293 in 2015 to 388 in 2016 – a 32% jump – and WTA Finalists were also named in 11 new countries.

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## GOCO conceptualises new Ritz spa

The Ritz-Carlton is opening a second hotel on the Chinese island of Hainan near the city of Wanning. Scheduled to open in 2017, the Ritz-Carlton Nanyan Bay will include 244 bedrooms and 14 private villas, as well as a 1,900sq m (20,451sq ft) GOCO-conceptualised spa, designed in collaboration with Bensley Design Studios.

The spa is described as having a combination of rustic sophistication infused with a Spanish-Iberian touch.

With eight treatment rooms and one spa suite, the spa also includes a foot massage area, outdoor vitality pool with relaxation area, indoor vitality pool with heated loungers, beauty salon, barber, heat and water experiences, a tea lounge, gym and mind and body studio.

The hotel will also include a recreation pavilion, and is surrounded by the Dongshan



The spa will have eight treatment rooms and a 'Spanish-Iberian touch'

Ridge, which features the oldest Buddhist temples in the province. The location is also close to several natural hot springs and nature trails leading to the ancient tropical rainforests. Wanning is also home to a large surf club and international surfing competitions.

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## Miraval appoints three key executives

Three people have joined Miraval's team to lead the operation and growth of the destination spa brand. Paul J. McCormick has been named senior vice president of operations, and S. Chevis Hosea and Matt MacDonald are vice presidents of business development.

The appointments come on the heels of Miraval's recently launched expansion programme and the news that the company is set to buy the historic Cranwell Resort in Lenox, Massachusetts.

"Paul McCormick is a proven hospitality executive with nearly 30 years of hands-on experience at all levels of operations," said Steven A. Rudnitsky, Miraval Group president and CEO. "Chevis Hosea is a seasoned leader with decades of valuable experience in the approval, design, construction and management of world-class resorts and recreational development projects. Matt MacDonald's background in real estate management and acquisitions will be instrumental in driving Miraval Group's growth."

McCormick provides operational oversight of the company's growing portfolio of



Chevis Hosea is vice president of business development for Miraval

destination wellness resorts and Miraval Life in Balance Spas. He also serves as interim general manager of the flagship Miraval Resort & Spa in Tucson, Arizona.

Hosea oversees resort development, including real estate due diligence, entitlements, design, permitting and construction.

MacDonald focuses on evaluating development opportunities, including acquisitions, mergers, divestitures, licensing and management agreements and strategic partnerships. All three report to Rudnitsky.

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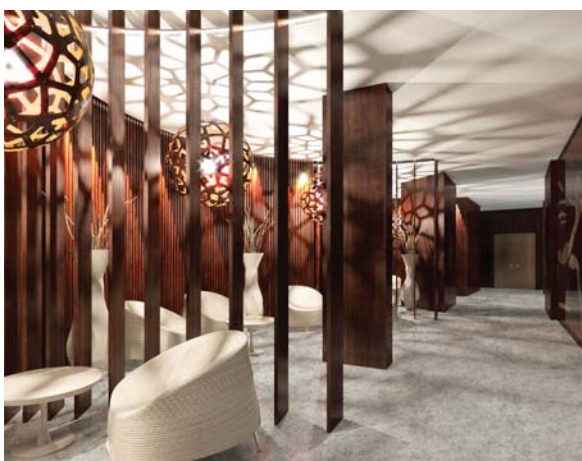


## Exotic rasul stars at Rwanda spa

Carlson Rezidor has opened a 292-bedroom Radisson Blu hotel and convention centre in Kigali, Rwanda that features a spa operated by Amani.

The project is owned by UCL, a joint venture co-owned by the Government of Rwanda through the Rwanda Social Security Board (RSSB) and Prime Holdings Ltd as well as private investors, including Crystal Ventures Ltd and Rwanda Investment Group (RIG).

"This new opening in Rwanda further strengthens our position in the East African Economic Community and on the African continent," said Andrew McLachlan, senior vice president of the Carlson Rezidor Hotel Group. "Africa is our biggest growth market where, on average, we have signed a new hotel every 37 days and opened a new hotel every 60 days."



The Amani-operated spa includes an exotic mosaic-tiled rasul

The spa includes one double and two single treatment rooms, as well as an exotic mosaic-tiled rasul and male and female saunas and steam rooms. The name Amani means 'peace and harmony' in Swahili, and the spa aims to create a sense of inner peace.

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## Woodhall Spa looks for investor

The village of Woodhall Spa – one of only 22 spa towns in England – is one step closer to seeing its vision of restoring an original spa from the 19th century.

Following a well collapse in 1983, the baths fell into a state of disrepair and have since been derelict, leaving the mineral-rich waters unused. Local developer GN Construction has conceived a vision to resurrect the baths and create a state-of-the-art spa facility using the local waters, and has received planning permission to move forward with the project.

Wheway Lifestyle International will operate the spa, but the town is currently looking for an investor.

Plans are for the spa to be converted from its current 11,000sq ft to 22,000sq ft, and will encourage visitors to 'take the waters.' The redevelopment plan will also see extensive landscaped gardens, refurbishment of the historic Pump Room, and the addition of a spa brasserie, spa pools, treatment rooms, thermal facilities, a fitness studio and relaxation spaces.

Tanya Wheway, managing director at Wheway Lifestyle, said the wooden structure of the original spa building will be enhanced and used for inspiration in the spa design.



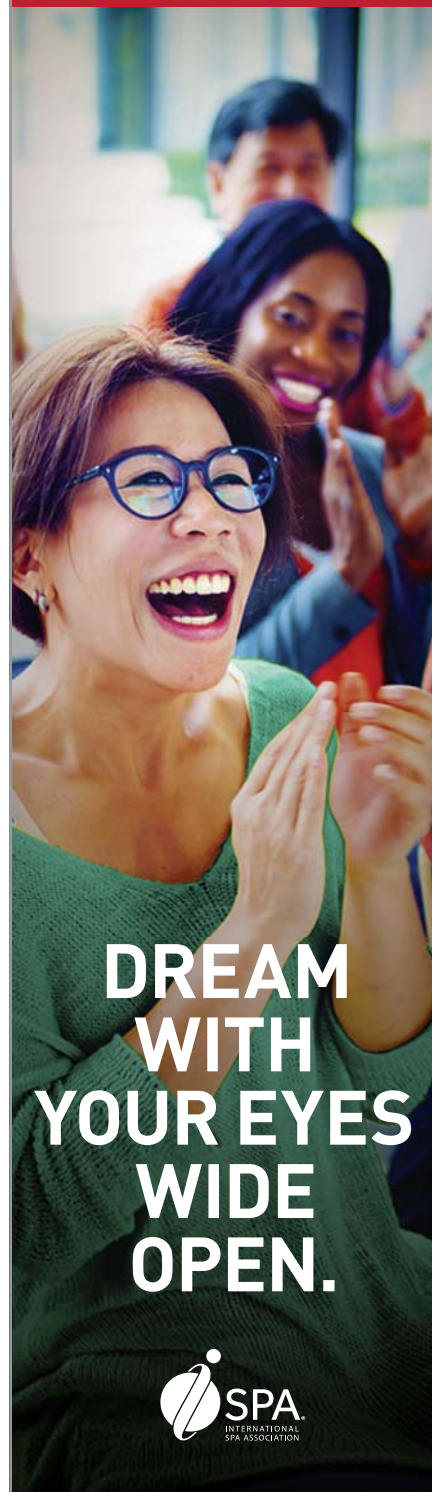
The historic mineral springs have been derelict since 1983

"The spa's intriguing history will be integrated, its potential to use its own supply of mineral waters explored, and the delightful Edwardian village of Woodhall in its beautiful rural location provides the perfect setting to create a superb spa experience of imagination, style, gentleness and quality," she explained.

A private spa garden will also add to the experience, and Wheway said she hopes to develop it in "a very imaginative way so as to add to the magic of the spa experience."

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### ila's small, compact aroma rollers are scented pick-me-ups

Organic beauty brands ila has launched a new trio of highly portable aroma rollers. The little aromatherapy boosters are a subtle and light alternative to perfume, which can sometimes overpowering and heavy, and designed as a pulse point refresher.

The aroma rollers come in three scents, each tailored to achieve a specific result. The Aroma Roller for Inner Peace is a

natural scent that aims to centre the mind, calm nervous anxiety and boost struggling spirits, while the Aroma Roller for Vital Energy is a zesty fragrance, infused with moringa, patchouli, lemongrass, rose geranium and juniper berry oils.

The Aroma Roller for Glowing Radiance is a feminine scent is designed to be both restorative and deeply therapeutic.

**KEYWORD: ILA**

### Headspace debuts new meditation pods

App developer Headspace has launched a new meditation pod designed by Los Angeles-based architects Oyler Wu.

"We're continually striving to create the most compelling invitation for people to practice meditation," says Rich Pierson, co-founder of Headspace.com.

Inspired by the tranquil atmosphere of geological formations, the pod juxtaposes a modern minimalist exterior with an organic interior, created from multiple layers of machine-cut wood, laid on top of a steel structure.

**KEYWORD: HEADSPACE**



### Babor anti-blemish line grows

Babor has enhanced its anti-blemish line in response to the one of the most common skin concerns – blemished skin.

The Doctor Babor Purity Cellular SOS De-Blemish Kit combines De-Blemish Cream and De-Blemish powder to provide an instant, multifunctional remedy for irritated skin.

The cream can be worn in the day and at night, and the cream and powder can be mixed together for a booster effect and applied onto blemishes as an overnight skin rescue.

Babor says one in four patients who consult a skin doctor or therapist suffer from some form of acne. Reasons for blemished skin include, hormones, stress, environmental influences and skin irritations.

The Doctor Babor Purity Cellular range contains a multi-action 'D-Actryl 360°' complex to tackle new irritations through to acute inflammations.

**KEYWORD: BABOR**



### Voya introduces new mask for sensitive eye area

Organic skincare brand Voya has introduced a new Visage awakening eye mask, the latest product in its Sensitive Range. Designed to treat tired, dehydrated eyes and the surrounding skin, Visage works by soothing contours while keeping dry skin and wrinkles at bay.

Visage contains natural botanical ingredients including Fucus Serratus seaweed extract, sea heather and comfrey oil, which work together to revitalise and soothe sensitive skin.

**KEYWORD: VOYA**



## Body Bliss helps guests create customised body mists

Natural skincare company Body Bliss has launched a new category into its Intentional Aromatherapy app, Au Soleil, which allows guests to customise face and body mists poolside, bringing the wellness experience outside the spa.

Using the app and Aroma Design Bar, guests can choose different combinations of essential oils, ranging from calm to uplifting, which will be mixed by 'blending alchemists'.

The aloe-based products are designed to help fight sun damage and contain a CO2 extract of sea buckthorn berry, which is rich in omega-7s, beta carotenes and vitamins.

"The Aroma Design Bar allows our spa partners to create a personalised, memorable experience for the guest, while supporting and enhancing their wellbeing," says Nick

James, CEO of Body Bliss. "The new Au Soleil category allows our resort partners to take the spa experience outside," James continued. "Once the guest chooses their personalised blend, they mist it on and around their face or body to provide cooling re-hydration throughout the day."

Developed in conjunction with spa consultant Amy McDonald of Under a Tree Health & Wellness Consulting, the mists debuted recently at the Le Guanahani resort in St Barth, where James created a custom blend for the resort's 30th anniversary. McDonald is training spa staff in the programme. The front desk, restaurant and bar staff will all be trained as 'blending alchemists' as well.

**KEYWORD: BODY BLISS**

## Thalion debuts treatment for women seeking fairer skin

Thalion's Magnificent White facial leverages the combined qualities of two active ingredients, and is designed for women seeking a fairer complexion.

Boasting the same skin-lightening effects as kojic acid, a common ingredient in whitening products, the patented active ingredient Pylawhite is extracted from a macro-seaweed and the product of five years of research by Thalion Laboratories.

Thalion says that Pylawhite lowers melanin synthesis so that dark spots are reduced and the complexion is brightened. It is also combined with vitamin C, which aims to target pigmentation defaults and boosts collagen production for firmer skin.

The blend of ingredients is designed to deliver a treatment that prevents new dark spots and achieves an anti-ageing result.

The treatment has been introduced at the St Gregory, which features locations in Singapore, Malaysia, Japan, China and Vietnam.

**KEYWORD: THALION**



## Skin Authority launches Men's Collection

Skincare brand Skin Authority has launched a new Men's Collection to capture the growing male grooming market.

The Clean Skin Care approach features four products, including a daily wash, anti-ageing shave serum, hydrating sunscreen and reviving eye brightener.

"Our male clients look for two key benefits from skincare: visible results and simplicity," said Skin Authority CEO and co-founder Celeste Hilling.

**KEYWORD: SKIN AUTHORITY**



## Terres D'Afrique adds new crystal massage treatment

Terres D'Afrique has launched new body treatments to complement its product range. The Madagascan Crystal Massage is a 60 to 90-minute revitalising massage, which aims to restore vitality through the healing and stimulating properties of crystals (Desert Jasper, Blue Lace Agate or Blue Tiger Eye). The massage uses hot and cold crystal balls are used to relieve muscle tension and invigorate the whole body, while omega and antioxidant-rich Marula oil soften and soothe the skin, and a neck and face drainage massage is performed using cold crystals.

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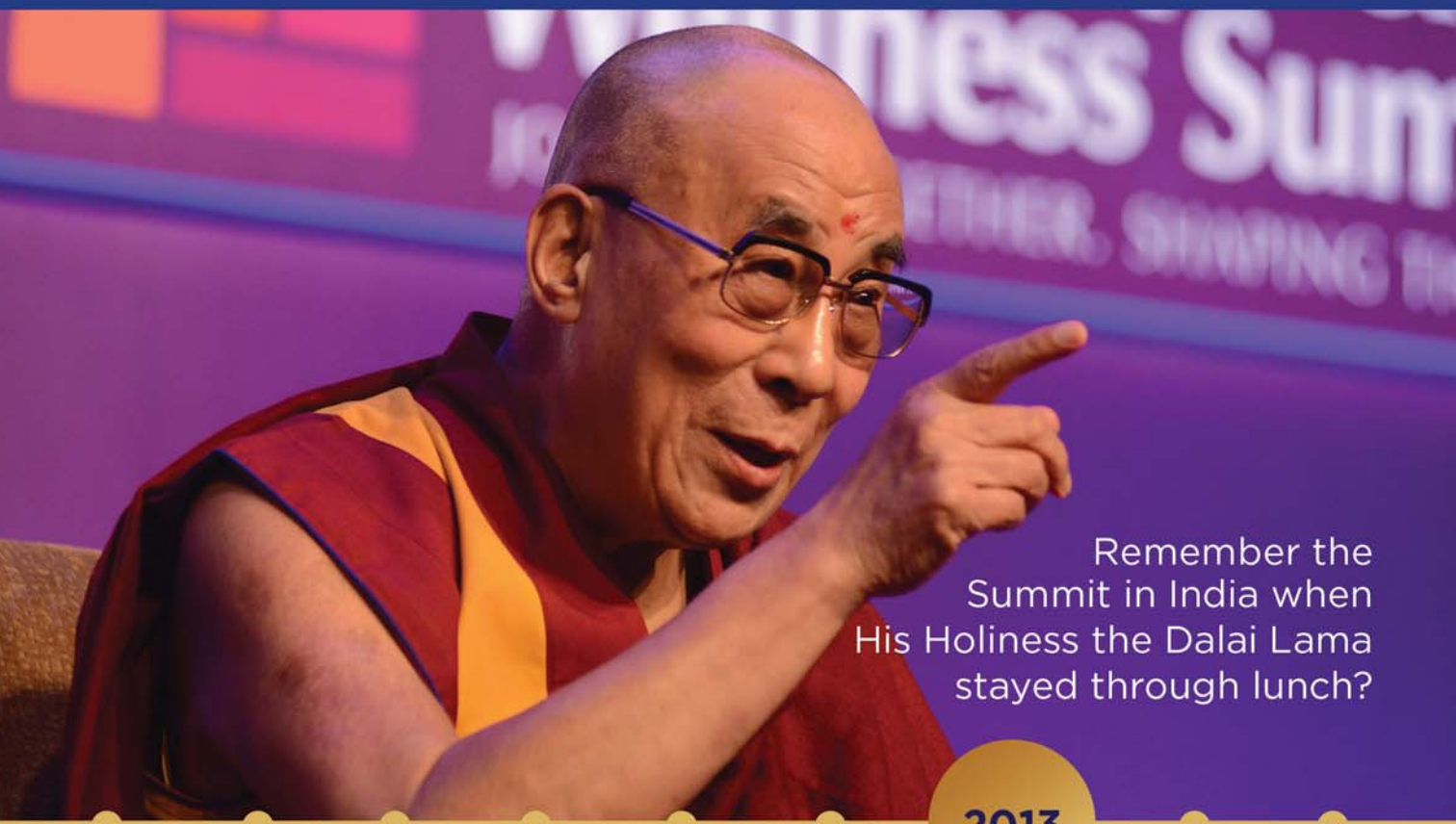
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## Health, wellness experts hold roundtable

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The two-day event gathered experts from the World Health Organization, the European Union, the World Travel and Tourism Council, the European Spas Association, and the Global Wellness Institute.

"It's a testament to just how fast the category of travel for health and wellness is growing that the UNWTO and the ETC convened this roundtable," said Susie Ellis, chair and CEO, Global Wellness Institute.

Anna Bjurstram, board member of the Global Wellness Summit and VP of spas and wellness for Six Senses, attended the roundtable on behalf of the Global Wellness Institute, and said the event made "significant advancement" in classifying tourism under the banners of health, medical and wellness.



GWS board member Anna Bjurstram attended the event for the GWI

"The roundtable was a powerful gathering of the minds and authorities in these fields, and the spirit was incredibly passionate and positive, with a common goal to make the best decisions for the many parties of interest," Bjurstram told *Spa Opportunities*.

"I believe we made fantastic progress and look forward to further advancements in the same direction," she continued.

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## Welsh wellness village moves ahead

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The Llanelli Wellness and Life Science Village aims to transform the way the region delivers care and promotes wellness and wellbeing by pairing health, research and life science with leisure opportunities that help people live healthier lives. It was conceived as a direct result of a Global Wellness Roundtable held jointly between Swansea University and the Global Wellness Institute last year.

"It developed through ideas and innovations discussed during the event," said Rodde. "The alignment of the vision from all partners is astonishing, and it's the collaborative nature of our ambitions which has developed the concept with such pace."

Dr Franz Linser, managing partner of Linser Hospitality, who spoke at last year's roundtable, advised the team early on about the spa concept.

The project is in the master-planning stages, said Rodde, but he hopes to begin construction in mid-2017 with an opening date of mid-2019.



Former Wales Economy Minister Edwina Hart (left) joins Welsh councillors and members of ARCH at the village's proposed site

"The Wellness and Life Science Village is an innovative proposal with the potential to make an impact on the health and wellbeing of residents," said Welsh cabinet secretary for economy and infrastructure Ken Skates. "It is also designed to boost the region's economy and skills base in a sustainable way, while supporting the regeneration of the area. I am pleased to announce funding for a masterplan and associated business case to take the project forward."

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