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Westin to open three hotels in China

Starwood Hotels and Resorts Worldwide has revealed its Westin brand is to open three new hotels in China over the next six months as part of plans for further growth across the country.

Ningbo, Xian and Xiamen are the three cities set to feature new Westin hotels, with the business to include 16 Chinese properties by April 2012 and looking to double its footprint by 2014.

Westin Ningbo will be a 312-bedroom hotel comprising six restaurants and bars and more than 14,000sq ft (1,301sq m) of space for meetings, as well as a Heavenly Spa.

The 326-bedroom Westin Xian will include a 2,500sq m (26,910sq ft) Heavenly Spa with 10 treatment rooms, one of which will be a couples' room. A sauna; a steamroom; a whirlpool; and a fitness suite will also form part of the spa, which will offer Comfort Zone products.



All three hotels will include Westin's Heavenly-branded luxury spas

The Westin Xian will also offer an indoor swimming pool; and an art and artefact museum below the hotel, as well as extensive meeting facilities.

Meanwhile, the 304-bedroom Westin Xiamen will also include a 1,100sq m (11,840sq ft) Heavenly Spa and an indoor swimming pool, along with three restaurants. It will form part of a wider mixed-use complex.



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Spas are deemed "offensive" by some Maldivians

Maldives spa ban lifted by government

Tourist resorts and hotels in Maldives will be able to continue offering spa facilities after the government delayed a ban imposed earlier this month.

A circular sent by the country's Tourism Ministry ordered operators to close their spas following protests led by opposition political parties. However, the government has now asked the Supreme Court to adjudicate whether spas are legal under the Maldivian constitution and has lifted the ban until a decision is made.

Ritz-Carlton announces first Austrian hotel

The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company has announced plans to open its first property in Austria with the 202-bedroom Ritz-Carlton Vienna, which is due to launch in mid 2012.

Two 19th century palaces on Schuberting and culturally-protected by the government are set to house the hotel, which will be owned by an investor represented by Verry Capital.

The new Austrian property forms part of the operator's ongoing international expansion and follows the recent acquisition of The Ritz-Carlton, Moscow in the Russian capital.

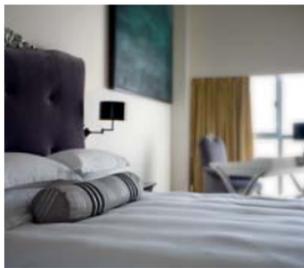
Club Med expands Asian portfolio

Club Med, the international all-inclusive destination brand, has announced that it has signed an agreement to open its second Chinese property in Guilin, Guanxi Province, in mid-2012.

An existing Relais and Châteaux resort will be transformed into the new Club Med-branded as part of the deal, which has been signed with owner ChinaPaoShan.

Due to open in pre-launch mode for the summer 2012 season, the 162-bedroom resort is to comprise a spa and two swimming pools, along with a fitness room.

Club Med confirmed the resort will become "fully-aligned" with its standards for full-year trading in 2014, with an expansion to more



The resort is scheduled to open for the 2012 season

than 300 bedrooms planned in summer 2013. It forms part of the group's plans to expand in China, with five sites earmarked to launch by 2015. The aim is to attract up to 10 per cent of upscale resort customers in the country.

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Sundāri unveils first Irish flagship spa

Sundāri, the spa concept established by supermodel Christy Turlington, has announced the launch of its first Irish flagship facility at the Killarney Plaza Hotel in County Kerry.

The 3,000sq ft (278,754 sq m) spa now provides a wide number of treatments from Indonesia, Thailand and India, in addition to tailor-made healing therapies for the mind and body.

Signature treatments offered by the Killarney Plaza include the Sundāri Zana, consisting of a 90-minute facial and hot stone massage using volcanic stones. The Realign treatment is a 75-minute, four-handed signature massage, which uses essential oils from plants, flowers and trees combined with the "energy" of two therapists.

Meanwhile, the Sundāri spa at the Killarney Plaza Hotel also a range of post-natal therapies



The Sundāri Spa at Killarney Plaza Hotel includes six therapy rooms

such as the New Baby Brightening facial and the New Mums' Body Massage.

Facilities at the Killarney Plaza Hotel's spa include six therapy pods; two signature therapy areas; a consultation area; a hand and feet therapy space; and a relaxation garden.

Loews Hotels appoints new president and CEO

Paul W Whetsell, founder of the original CapStar Hotel Company in 1987, has been named as the new president and chief executive officer of New York, US-based Loews Hotel.

Loews Hotels currently operates 18 hotels and resorts across the US and Canada, including

the 414-bedroom Loews Atlanta Hotel which opened its doors to guests in April 2010.

Other members of the portfolio include the Loews Miami Beach Hotel, which boasts an Elemis Spa with 16 treatment rooms; a whirlpool; a sun deck and a relaxation lounge.

US mountain spa resort to be expanded

Old Edwards Inn and Spa, a mountain resort located in North Carolina, US, has commenced work on an expansion scheme that will add an outdoor heated mineral pool to its facilities.

Due for completion in the first quarter of 2013, the mineral pool will be the third to be added to the resort. A further 22 guestrooms are also planned, taking the total number to 90. The extra guestrooms will be housed in the new Falls Cottages, which will be created around a courtyard with the free-form heated mineral pool and whirlpool, as well as gardens.

John Lupoli Construction is carrying out the work on behalf of Old Edwards, which features a 25,000sq ft (2,323sq m) European-style spa



An artist's impression of the what the Old Edwards Inn will look like

with 12 head Swiss showers and steamrooms. Spa facilities also include rainfall showers; whirlpools; a ladies' sauna; a solarium; couples' treatment rooms; an outdoor treatment area; additional luxury spa suites; and the Spa Caf .



Mindbody launches daily deals

Health and wellness software provider Mindbody has launched a new daily deals product for its 15,000 subscribers. Called Mindbody Deals, the new service will integrate a social coupon redemption process into the point of sale system as part of efforts to make it easier for staff to handle daily deals.

Mindbody will tailor its deals into each business's current way of doing business, taking into account their check in/out process, reporting system and automated marketing features.

Business owners will be able to create their individual Mindbody Deal via a dashboard within their online management system.

The offer is then automatically distributed to a network that includes more than 500 daily deal sites such as patch.com, Tippr, Dealster and CBS Local – with the potential



Mindbody Deals aims to minimise the strain of voucher deals on spas

of reaching more than 80 million customers. Rick Stollmeyer, co-founder of Mindbody, said: "Subscribers tell us that the daily deals concept is great in theory – but in practice, it's often a frenzy of new clients that strains their capacity to offer a quality service."

"Mindbody Deals is designed to mitigate that strain, bringing a steady uptick in sales, not a disruptive spike in customer volume."



Hotel Verta has been bought from administration

Simon Cowell's brother buys London's Hotel Verta

Christie + Co has confirmed that London's Hotel Verta, which was formerly part of the von Essen portfolio, has been bought by a private buyer in a deal worth "around £20m". The buyer of the 70-bedroom property has been identified as Nicholas Cowell, brother of X Factor mogul Simon Cowell.

The new owners have appointed Hong Kong-based Rhombus International Hotels Group to manage the property.

Hotel Verta and Verta Properties entered administration separate from von Essen in July 2011. Facilities at Hotel Verta include the subterranean Spa Verta, which comprises a hydro-vitality pool; a sanatorium; heated loungers; a steamroom; a sauna; and five treatment rooms.

A relaxation area and a fitness suite are also among the property's facilities, in addition to the Patrisey restaurant. The hotel is located adjacent to the London Heliport.

Pola Orbis completes AU\$300m Jurlique deal

Japanese skincare giant Pola Orbis has completed its acquisition of Australian rival Jurlique in a deal worth AU\$300m (US\$302m, €230m, £194m). The acquisition is seen as a way for Pola Orbis to get a foothold in the Australian and New Zealand markets, where Jurlique's organic products have a strong presence.

In a statement, a spokesperson for Pola said: "This deal will accelerate our overseas expansion plan and will significantly contribute to achieving our long-term vision. Through this acquisition, we'll be able to strengthen our business platform and distribution capabilities globally."

As part of the deal, Pola Orbis will take control of all of Jurlique's nine consolidated subsidiaries in five countries.



Pola Orbis will use the Jurlique brand to get a foothold in Australia

Jurlique's existing management team will continue with the company.

Jurlique's CEO, Sam McKay said: "The transaction represents a significant milestone for Jurlique. Our brand is well positioned with a strong presence in key strategic markets, with a focus on Asia, the Americas and Australia."

Jumeirah to enter Italian market with Rome hotel

Jumeirah Group, the Dubai-based luxury hotel company, is to manage the five-star luxury Grand Hotel Via Veneto in Rome, Italy.

Jumeirah Group will take over the running of the 122-bedroom, privately-owned hotel and integrate it into its global portfolio of luxury

hotels. The property will be rebranded as Jumeirah Grand Hotel Via Veneto, Rome.

Hotel facilities include the Aqva City spa, which boasts six treatment rooms and a couples' room; a vichy shower; hammam; saunas; vitality pool and a relaxation area.

Raison d'Etre's Bjurstam predicts spa trends for 2012

Anna Bjurstam, managing director of Swedish spa consultancy Raison d'Etre has predicted that personal treatment schedules and eye therapies will be among the top spa trends of 2012.

Listing "booking time, not treatments" as her top trend for the year, Bjurstam said: "There is an emerging trend towards booking spa time, not treatments, allowing therapists to design a bespoke treatment plan for each guest according to their needs and expectations."

Bjurstam's other predictions for 2012 include the emergence of eye treatments; spas adapting to accommodate all ages; Social Spa-ing; and nutritional advice.

Ukraine plans new 'tourist city' development

Ukrainian vice prime minister and minister of infrastructure Borys Kolesnikov has unveiled plans to develop a new "tourist city" near Yevpatoria over the next three-and-a-half years.

Addressing delegates at the recent Inside Ukraine conference, Kolesnikov said the project is part of a national programme to transform the Crimean peninsula into a visitor destination. It is expected the development will be built from scratch and will offer hotel accommodation and opportunities for investment in the creation of new infrastructure for the region.

Two new airports are also proposed for the Crimean peninsula, with Ukraine's government looking to maximise the area's potential as a tourist destination and for foreign investment.

"In the next three and a half years, essentially, a completely new tourist city will emerge near Yevpatoria," said Kolesnikov.



The hotel has been designed by Capita Symonds

New £20m scheme for Saudi Arabian eastern coast

Plans for a £20m (EUR23.8m, US\$31m) mixed-use development on Saudi Arabia's east coast have been unveiled by the UK-based firm, Capita Symonds.

The firm designed the 50,000sq ft (4,645sq m) project on behalf of a private client, which is to include a new gym and a spa facility within a six-storey building.

It is expected that construction work will start in early 2012, with the design of the building incorporating a triple-skinned façade with chevrons of stainless steel and LED-lit faceted acrylic crystals.

Due for completion in 2013, the new development also boasts a roof formed as a balanced wing with tapering edges to all sides and a gold leaf soffit to reflect light from the top floor.

US Virgin Islands resort revamped

Marriott Hotels and Resorts (MHR) has unveiled its iconic Frenchman's Reef and Morning Star Marriott Beach Resort in the US Virgin Islands, following a US\$48m (€36m, £31m) revamp.

Among the new amenities that have been added to the property is the 4,000sq ft (372sq m) Lazule Sea Spa, which features seven treatment rooms; a couples' room; three poolside treatment cabanas; and a spa pool.

A relaxation room also forms part of the spa, while a spa pool deck is located away from the enlarged main swimming pool area and features hot and cold mini-plunge pools.

Elsewhere, the Frenchman's Reef and Morning Star Marriott Beach Resort also comprises a newly-expanded health and fitness club and a full-service salon with hair and manicure/pedicure stations.



The Frenchman's Reef boasts a 4,000sq ft Lazule Sea Spa with three pools

All 302 bedrooms have been completely overhauled as part of the refurbishment, while there is also a new adults-only infinity pool with swim-up bar.

General manager Jose Gonzalez said: "We are ecstatic about the results of the renovation. The Reef has always been a popular St. Thomas resort and with this investment I believe we have set a whole new standard."

Hotel Missoni to open in Mauritius

Rezidor Hotel Group (RHG) has announced its luxury lifestyle brand, Hotel Missoni, is to open a new 80-suite property overlooking the Indian Ocean in Mauritius in 2014.

The hotel will be owned by Bouigie Développement and will include the brand's signature dining concept, Cucina; a Choco Café; a fitness area; and a 900sq m (9,688sq ft) spa.

Hotel Missoni Mauritius, which will join the brand's existing properties in Edinburgh, UK, and Kuwait, will also offer access to a 650m (2,133ft) beach and outdoor swimming pools. Each of the hotel's suites will incorporate Missoni's signature patterns and fabrics, as well as a large covered outdoor living area known as a Varangue in Mauritius.



The property is the third Missoni-branded boutique hotel to open with a spa

RHG president and chief executive officer Kurt Ritter said: "Combining Missoni's iconic design with the local culture influenced by Europe, Africa and Asia, the hotel will be unique in Mauritius."

US company to rejuvenate Scottish spa hotel scene

US-based golf and leisure developer Southworth International Holdings (SIH) will relaunch two iconic Scottish hotels in early 2012 following a restoration of the properties.

Kintyre Development Company, a subsidiary of SIH, will own and operate The Royal Hotel

in Campbeltown and The Ugadale Hotel in Machrihanish after the pair open during Q1.

The Ugadale Hotel closed nearly 30 years ago but has undergone an extensive revamp and is to incorporate 22 guestrooms and suites, The Kintyre Club restaurant and a spa.

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Inbound arrivals to Cambodia up by 15 per cent

Inbound tourism arrivals to Cambodia increased by 15 per cent year-on-year during the first 10 months in 2011, according to the country's tourism ministry.

A total of 2.31 million foreign tourists entered the country between January and October 2011 – up from 2 million in the same period in 2010. Asian visitors make up a large majority of arrivals with visitor numbers from Vietnam and South Korea totalling nearly 800,000. The tourism industry is the country's second largest industry. In 2010, the sector received a total of 2.5 million foreign tourists, generating a total revenue of US\$1.75bn (€1.34bn, £1.12bn).

Spa tourism is one of the most rapidly growing sectors of the industry, with a number of new facilities having been launched in recent years.



The revamp includes the addition of a day spa

New spa planned for UK independent luxury hotel

Boringdon Hall Hotel director James Nettleton has announced plans for a new multi-million pound development to include a spa and a 60-bedroom expansion of the Devon property.

Further details of the project are expected to be announced in the New Year, with Plymouth-based ADG chosen as architects and Ward Williams Associates named as project manager.

The planned scheme follows the announcement earlier this year that the Nettleton Group had taken over the 41-bedroom property, which also includes The Gallery Restaurant. It is expected that 50 new jobs will be created as part of the development, which forms part of a long-term strategy designed to secure the future of the historic hotel.

Nettleton said: "The building has an amazing history and hopefully this new development will secure its future."

New-look for Mauritius spa

The Residence Mauritius has announced the unveiling of its new-look Sanctuary Spa, which has benefited from an extensive €700,000 (US\$939,000, £597,000) refurbishment of its facilities.

Facilities at the 600sq m (6,458sq ft) spa include 11 treatment rooms, including two couples' rooms, which feature an Asian-influenced design with pebbled floors and lattice furniture.

Beauty and haircare treatments have been designed by France-based brand Carita, which has developed the Haute Beauté concept in reference to the Haute Couture fashion term.

Adults and children can now benefit from new treatments at The Residence Mauritius' spa, including two signature treatments for parents – The Sanctuary Massage and the Yang Yang Couples massage. The Sanctuary



Following the overhaul, the resort's spa now houses 11 treatment rooms

Massage comprises a combination of yogic breathing techniques, aromatic massages and Reiki, while the Yang Yang Couples Massage uses a signature aroma.

Meanwhile, a new gym with cardiovascular equipment has been created as part of the revamp, with a personal trainer offering tailor-made programmes using Tai Chi and Yoga.

Kempinski opens Haitang Bay Sanya resort

Resort operator Kempinski opened its latest property in Haitang, China on 8 January.

Kempinski Hotel Haitang Bay Sanya will offer accommodation in 576 guest rooms and 52 luxuriously appointed villas. Facilities include a spa golf course and five restaurants.

The resort's Spa Centre is located by the Haitang river and has been built using elements from an old Shanghai-style house which was previously owned by early 20th century crime lord Du Yuesheng – dubbed "China's Al Capone".

Elemis announces five new spa agreements

Elemis, one of the UK's leading spa and skincare brands, has continued with its expansion following the addition of five new UK spas to its portfolio this winter.

Among the latest venues to partner with Elemis is The Garden Spa at The Bath Priory Hotel, which features four treatment rooms – including one double room – and an indoor swimming pool.

Fullerton Place Spa at Shortflatt Tower near Newcastle-upon-Tyne, which has four treatment rooms, hammam, steamroom and an outdoor hot tub, now offers a range of Elemis therapies.

Two venues in West Yorkshire have also partnered with Elemis – Wood Hall Hotel and Spa in Wetherby, which has two treatment



Bath Priory is one of the five UK spas to agree a deal with Elemis in 2011

rooms, and The Potting Shed Spa in Batley. Meanwhile, Elemis has also joined forces with The Rush Salon Group's flagship salon in the centre of London – The House of Rush – which spans two floors.



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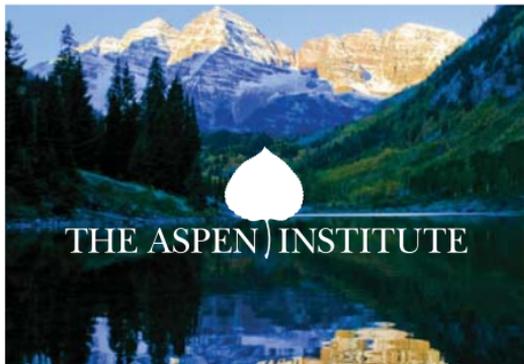
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Quality assurance for Thailand

The Thai Spa Association (TSA) has teamed up with certification company SGS to establish a voluntary code of standards for the country's spa and wellness industry.

According to a spokesperson, the standards will be introduced to "ensure provision of an international service offering in keeping with client expectations".

The code is based on five key elements identified by SGS – facilities and infrastructure; spa operations; sanitation and cleanliness; personnel and staffing; and monitoring and improvement.

It is hoped the new set of standards will help Thai spa operators and owners to define, roll out and monitor the quality and safety performance criteria in their business strategies.

In a statement, SGS said: "We will aim to help protect the reputation of Thai spas and



The quality assurance scheme aims to raise the standards of the sector

leverage the industry's potential for continuous improvement, including improving internal cost controls by providing key stakeholders endorsement to best practice.

"We know this new standard will help TSA and its members to reinforce their premier market positioning in Asia."

India's Ananda Spa appoints new manager

Ananda in the Himalayas, the destination spa in the Tehri Garhwal district of Uttarakhand, India, has announced the appointment of Luis Guillermo Molina Guisado as spa manager.

Guisado joins Ananda with more than 14 years of experience within the spa industry, and

was formerly spa manager at The Sanctuary Spa at Mount Wolseley Hotel in Ireland.

The 24,000sq ft (2,230sq m) spa offers includes 24 treatment rooms with specialised areas for Ayurvedic, Oriental and European-inspired body and beauty therapies.

Sorenson named CEO of Marriott International

Marriott International president and chief operating officer Arne Sorenson has been named as the hotel group's new chief executive officer, with effect from 31 March 2012.

Sorenson becomes only the third chief executive officer in the group's history and succeeds Bill Marriott, who has been elected executive chair and chair of the board from the same date.

The new leadership appointments, which also included Robert McCarthy as chief operating office, come ahead of Marriott International's 85th anniversary this year.

Marriott said: "As we approach the 85th birthday of our company in 2012 and I proudly celebrate my 60th year of service, I decided to



Sorenson will become only the third chief executive in Marriott's history

recommend to the board that Arne Sorenson take over the CEO responsibilities.

"Arne knows the business, lives our core values, and has earned the respect and admiration of all of our company's major stakeholders."

Cosmoprof to launch new Middle Eastern show

BolognaFiere, the organiser of the Cosmoprof beauty trade fair, has teamed up with Turkish expo company Interteks to launch Cosmoprof Middle East.

The first Cosmoprof dedicated to the region will be held in Istanbul, Turkey from 22 to 25 March 2012 at the Lüfti Kırdar – Rumeli Exhibition Center. The show will occupy 20,000sq m of floor space and will be set up in sectors representing the cosmetics and beauty industry – such as packaging, aesthetics, spas, medical, nails, national pavilions, hair and perfumery.



The new contract will come into effect on 1 April

New services provider for UK's hair and beauty sector

The UK Commission for Employment and Skills (UKCES) has chosen Habia to deliver key training and business development services to the UK's hair and beauty sector.

The group has been selected as the preferred provider for "universal services", which includes National Occupational Standards; apprenticeship frameworks; and qualification-related activities.

Habia secured the UKCES deal, which covers a minimum three-year period from 1 April, after a commissioning process.

Ali Kasikci to head Orient-Express Hotels in the US

Orient-Express Hotels has appointed Ali Kasikci as regional managing director for North America, Mexico and the Caribbean, with effect from 30 January.

Kasikci's responsibilities will include managing the renovation and reopening of El Encanto – a 92-bedroom hotel in Santa Barbara, California, US, which is due to open late next year.

The hotel will be Orient-Express' first on the US' West Coast and will comprise a six-room boutique spa; an infinity-edge swimming pool and a restaurant.



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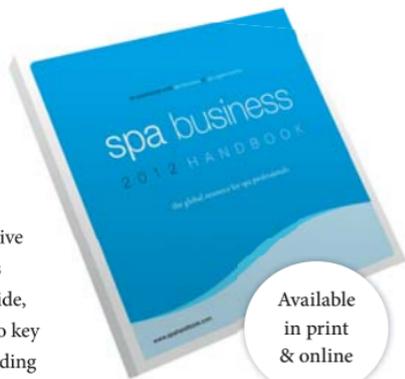
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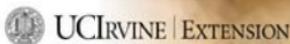


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Mondrian hotel to open in London

US-based hospitality company Morgans Hotel Group (MHG) has revealed plans to launch Europe's first Mondrian-branded property at the iconic Sea Containers House in London. The 652,000sq ft (60,573sq m) office building, which is located on the South Bank, is set to accommodate a 360-bedroom hotel and is expected to become the brand's sixth property.

Due to open in 2014, facilities at the hotel are to incorporate an "innovative restaurant" and ground floor and rooftop bars conceived by the Light Group, as well as a spa. MHG has revealed that it will spend around €9m (£10.6m, US\$14.1m) of "key money" into the project, which was the third management deal for Mondrian in 2011. Earlier this year, the group announced its plans to launch Mondrian-branded hotels in Doha,



The iconic Sea Containers House in London will be home to Mondrian

Qatar, and Nassau in The Bahamas as part of its strategy to expand the business.

MHG chief executive officer Michael Gross said: "Sea Containers House is an exceptional property in a key gateway city that will allow us to serve our guests for business and pleasure throughout the year."

SHA clinic reopens following expansion

SHA Wellness Clinic in Alicante, Spain, has relaunched after the completion of an expansion and renovation of its facilities, which now boasts a larger spa area.

The clinic has doubled in size to span 2,000sq m (21,528sq ft) as a result of the work and now offers guests a new fitness room; additional treatment rooms; and the SHA Boutique retail store.

Eight medical consultation rooms, three macrobiotic consultation rooms and an acupuncture room have been created as part of the scheme, along with a dentist consultation room.

Other facilities include two sickbay rooms; two rooms for hydrotherapy colon; 11 cabins for natural therapies; one double cabin with



The clinic now offers additional treatment rooms following the work

outdoor terrace; and an en-suite cabin. A spokesperson for SHA Wellness Clinic said: "SHA is a world-wide pioneering well-being clinic, focused on improving and notably lengthening people's health and well-being."

Glenn Fusfield named COO of Steiner's Onboard Spa

Steiner Leisure has appointed Glenn Fusfield as chief operating officer of its Onboard Spa Company arm. Fusfield has served as executive vice president of the company since April 2007, having held various leadership roles with Steiner's maritime operations since 2000.

Leonard Fluxman, president and chief executive officer of Steiner Leisure, said: "Over the years, Glenn has demonstrated his talent for skillfully directing the operations of our maritime division and expertly guiding its expansion and development."

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