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Burgundy wellness centre evokes ancient crypt

Italian architect and spa designer Alberto Apostoli has created a wellness centre in the south of France that evokes a medieval crypt. Atrium - Spa & Beauté has been built on one of the mazy streets of Mâcon, the historic gateway town to Burgundy.

The client wanted a spa and sauna complex that reflects the history and religious background of the town – typified by the adjacent Church of Saint Pierre – so Apostoli decided to create a mystical, crypt-like space.

Built on two levels, Atrium welcomes its guests on the ground floor into a New-Baroque salon devoted to facial, hand and hair treatments. A marble staircase leads down to the stone basement and the spa facilities.

The spa is about 270sq m (2,900sq ft) in size and room height is very limited in places. In order to hide the necessary air conditioning units and air ducts, a long curved



The 270 sq m spa reflects the town's history and religious background

corridor was added to obtain a structure in which these elements could be hidden.

At one end of the corridor lies the spa's wet area, with a Finnish sauna, a hydro massage area and a steam bath, almost entirely made of glass. At the other end is

the treatment area, with two single rooms and a double room. A small tea corner completes the environment.

"From the first site inspection I instantly realised the great expressive and design potential of this area but, at the same time, the remarkable complications of adding structures," said Apostoli. "We tried to create emotion through a project that focused on a simple, yet not trivial, layout and considerable efforts in terms of lighting, material research and attention to technical detail."

"What is especially satisfying in the result is the mix of pre-existing stone and contemporary materials,

managed through a thoughtful creative process.

"It goes to show that even in small projects, with due attention and richness, considerable results can be achieved in terms of creativity and wellbeing."

Details: http://lei.sr?a=j4R3x_S

'Sleep With Six Senses' programme launches

Working closely with internationally renowned Sleep Doctor Michael J. Breus Ph.D., wellness resort operator Six Senses has launched a new enhanced sleep standard, Sleep With Six Senses. The rollout has already begun at six of the group's resorts, with the remainder to be fully implemented by mid-2017. All resorts opening in the future will have the programme in place from day one.

The programme starts with an online questionnaire that allows a dedicated sleep ambassador to prepare in advance of the guest arrival.

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Matthews leaving Steiner Leisure

Jeff Matthews is stepping down from Mandara Spa and its parent company Steiner Leisure after 20 years with the company, most recently as president and COO of Mandara Spa Asia.

Matthews will start his own consultancy, Spa Foundations, effective 1 October, and will be based in Canada and Asia, but will work in locations around the world that will not be in competition with Mandara, he said.

"I am seeing a real need in the industry to bring both the spa company or consultant together with the hotel, and create contracts that have a win for both sides, and not one that has each party unhappy two years down the road," said Matthews. "I am committed to creating and building a spa that sees an ROI in 3-5 years, and not something that



Matthews is starting his own consulting company

has no bottom line value. I want to bring a sense of wellness to the hotel spas, but one that makes commercial sense," he continued.

Trent Munday will take over for Matthews at Mandara. Munday has been with the company for ten years, most recently as vice president at Steiner Spa Consulting.

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Attendees get ready for the opening of the 2016 ISPA Expo & Conference in Las Vegas

Inspiration, networking and a plethora of new products at ISPA Expo & Conference

The 2016 ISPA Expo & Conference took place 13-15 September in Las Vegas, bringing more than 2,000 spa industry professionals from 38 countries together for three days of speakers, networking, and a trade show.

University of Houston research professor and author Dr Brené Brown opened the conference, bringing her themes of vulnerability and strength to the industry, and telling spa professionals, "You're healers, but you're truth tellers."

On day 2, Grammy-nominated artist John Ondrasik – also known by his stage name of Five For Fighting – treated attendees to a unique, intimate musical talk and performance. Ondrasik spoke about life lessons he's learned over his career as a singer and songwriter, and found common ground between spa and music.

"Like music, a spa is someplace to go for escape," said Ondrasik. "It's a place you go for a transformative experience – a place you go to feel better coming out than when you went in."

Ondrasik also received this year's ISPA Alex Szekely Humanitarian Award, which is named in honour of the late spa pioneer Alex

Szekely. The award was presented to Ondrasik onstage at the event by Szekely's mother, Deborah Szekely, co-founder of iconic wellness destination Rancho La Puerta in Mexico.

Several other awards were given out at the conference, including the ISPA Dedicated Contributor Award, given to Jean Kolb, former director of wellness for Kohler Waters Spa and founder of Jean Kolb Well By Choice.

The 2016 ISPA Visionary Award was given in memory of Aromatherapy Associates co-founder Geraldine Howard, and was accepted onstage by Howard's husband, Captain Peter Redman.

Kelsey Brink from Florida Gulf Coast University and Margot Mangiarotti of Cornell University were awarded the ISPA Foundation Mary Tabacci Scholarships.

And *New York Times* bestselling author, motivational speaker and TED Talk participant Simon Sinek closed the event, speaking about leadership and how to inspire people.

Next year's ISPA will take place 16-18 October 2017 at Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas. The following year, the event will move to Phoenix, Arizona, from 24-26 September, 2018.

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ResortSuite CEO
Frank Pitsikalis
with Kelsey Brink,
Mary Tabacci and
Margot Mangiarotti



Best-selling author
Simon Sinek closed the
conference with a talk
on leadership



Jean Kolb received
the Dedicated
Contributor Award



Jeremy McCarthy,
Kate Sornson and
Kelsey Brink enjoy
the industry party



New ISPA chair Todd
Shaw showed off his
dance moves to kick
off the conference



Dr Brené Brown
opened the
conference with
a talk on strength
and vulnerability



Deborah Szekely
presented the ISPA
Humanitarian
Award to John
Ondrasik



Captain Peter Redman
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Visionary Award
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Tracy Lee designs Chileno Bay spa

Tracy Lee of consultancy TLee Spas is working on plans for a destination spa at the upcoming Auberge Chileno Bay Resort & Residences in Los Cabos, Mexico, set to open in December 2016.

Lee is also working on a 10,000sq ft indoor-outdoor spa at the upcoming Auberge in Fort Lauderdale.

The resort is set in the 1,200-acre community of Chileno Bay, and offers a "modern active and outgoing spirit in its design and lifestyle," the company said.

The signature spa will include ten treatment rooms, a couples retreat room, a purification garden, a cool plunge pool, sauna and reflexology pool. An expansive Specialty Suite will feature an outdoor garden with its own plunge pool, private bathroom and steam shower. All treatment rooms will feature private outdoor shower gardens.



The resort and residences will include a ten-treatment-room spa

The 60-bedroom resort will also include a centrepiece, three-tiered, infinity pool, as well as 32 two-, three- and four-bedroom villas.

A waterfront "H2O Cave," adjacent to the Chileno Beach, will host watersports, and an Activity Center will house the fitness centre and movement studio.

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King, Heinemann join Elemis team

British skincare brand Elemis has appointed two new executives to its US-based team: Annet King has been named vice president of global education and Lisa Heinemann is director of sales, East Coast.

"We're thrilled to be adding two exceptional executives to our growing team with our robust brand expansion plans in the United States," said Sean Harrington, president and co-founder of Elemis, who relocated to the US last year. "Annet will be integral to building the brand and bolstering the learning developments across treatment, product and commercial education while Lisa's passion for spa and wellness will support our sales growth strategies."

Both executives will help the brand continue to build its presence within the US market and work to service its existing partners across the spa and retail channels, the company said.

King joins Elemis most recently from The International Dermal Institute and Dermalogica, where she was the senior director of global education responsible for developing, writing, presenting and monitoring the success



Annet King is vice president of global education for Elemis

of all classes and creating the curriculum.

In her new role, King will be tasked with leading the development of global education on behalf of Elemis and rolling out Elemis Education Hubs and Training Academies across the US.

Lisa Heinemann joins Elemis directly from HydraFacial MD/Edge Systems, where she was regional sales manager of medical/corporate spa divisions. Heinemann brings more than 20 years of sales and marketing experience in the wellness, skincare and spa industry.

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Mandara opening St Petersburg spa

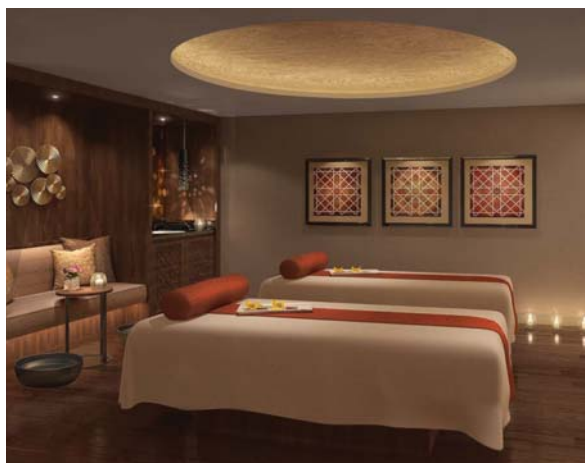
Mandara Spa will operate a spa at the Lotte Hotel in Saint Petersburg, Russia, set to open in mid-2017.

The five-star property is situated near Saint Isaac's Square, and constructed on the historically significant location of Yakunchikova's Mansion, built in 1849.

The original building design was drawn up by the French architect Adrian Robin and has housed famous historical figures such as John Quincy Adams, the first US ambassador to Russia and later the sixth US President, and the Russian writer Nikolai Gogol.

Architects plan to preserve the building's historical front face and walls, while modifying the interiors. Korean-based Lotte Hotels & Resorts will manage the hotel.

The Mandara Spa will be a 440sq m (4,736sq ft) Asian-inspired facility



The Asian-inspired spa will feature Mandara's signature spa rituals

with a contemporary, luxurious decor that reflects elements of Russian style.

It will include a double spa suite with hydrobath and steam shower, three single treatment rooms, changing rooms with sauna, a swimming pool and a fitness centre.

Details: http://lei.sr?a=r4d4u_S

Bannatyne focuses on lifestyle at spas

The Bannatyne Group – which operates a portfolio of health clubs, spas and hotels in the UK – has plans to rebrand and remodel its spas with more of a lifestyle approach.

The company recently debuted an updated and expanded spa in Bury St Edmonds, with its Colchester location to follow soon after. The rebrand features more customer engagement and relationship-building with clients, including things like a “play table” with skincare testers and an open, social area for skin consultations and nail treatments.

All this is being done with a partnership with – and investment from – skincare brand Elemis. The updated spas will include Elemis Biotec Speed Spas, and some locations, including Bury St Edmonds, will feature premium Loft Rooms branded by Elemis with their own look and feel.

“It’s an exciting phase for us,” said Karen Wilkinson, group head of spa. “It’s not just a sales exercise; it’s an engagement factor.”

Bannatyne also recently acquired a health club in the London suburb of



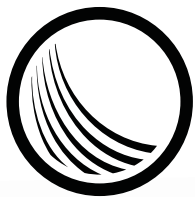
The rebrand features more customer engagement with social areas

Orpington, which will open in early 2017 with a new ten-treatment-room spa, including one Elemis-branded room.

Wilkinson said the company is focusing on customer education, and bridging the gap between fitness and spa.

“It’s more than running on a treadmill – it’s about social; it’s about interaction; it’s about nutrition; it’s about educating people,” she explained. “We’re trying to bridge everything. You have to make people feel good – that’s the key moving forward.”

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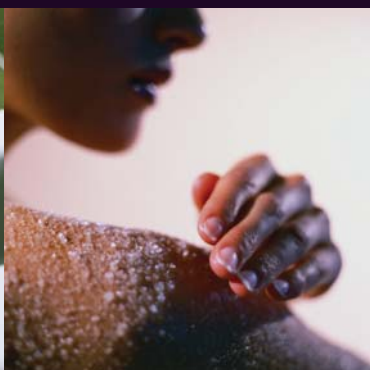
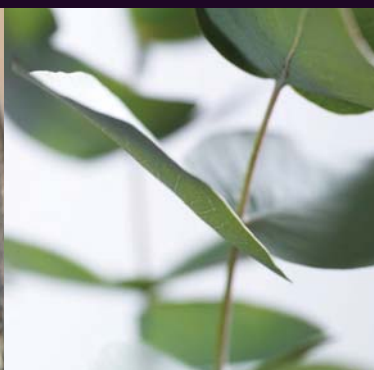
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JW Marriott aims to demystify spa

The JW Marriott Austin has opened a new Spa by JW, with a concept designed to “demystify and reimagine” the spa experience.

The Texas hotel’s spa was developed in collaboration with skincare brand Aromatherapy Associates, and includes treatments and products to address four core benefit states: Calm, Indulge, Invigorate and Renew.

The spa includes nine treatment rooms and will offer massages, nail treatments Express Spa Suites and HydraFacial services.

Designed for guests who have limited time, Spa by JW express treatments provide on-demand services for busy guests, which start at a 12-minute entry point and are available without an appointment.

“Our guests are incredibly passionate about wellbeing but they don’t always have the time



The Texas spa’s menu was developed with Aromatherapy Associates

to invest in cultivating it,” said Mitzi Gaskins, vice president of global brand management and guest experience for JW Marriott. “Spa by JW offers an environment where you can choose exactly what you want, when you want, without any of the intimidation or hassle.”

Details: http://lei.sr?a=T5b6X_S

GWS to host European economists

Four European economists will be keynote presenters at the Global Wellness Summit taking place from 17-19 October in Kitzbühel, Austria.

David Bosshart, CEO of the Gottlieb Duttweiler Institute; Barbara Kolm, director of the Austrian Economics Center; Jan-Emmanuel De Neve, associate professor at Oxford and co-editor of the *World Happiness Report*; and Thierry Malleret, co-founder of The Monthly Barometer, will analyse the key economic, geopolitical, social, technological and environmental trends now unfolding that will radically change our world, and re-write the wellness “concept” and market in the future.

“With uncertainty the new ‘certainty’ (i.e. Brexit, new waves of terrorism and political populism, lightning-fast technology and climate change), we want delegates to hear from top economic strategists who can help them see beyond the reactive short-term, and grasp the most critical changes on the horizon that will transform the world and the wellness market,” said Susie Ellis, GWS chair and CEO. “These are provocative and prescient thinkers...and I encourage delegates to fasten their seatbelts.”



Bosshart’s keynote will kick off the Global Wellness Summit

Bosshart’s keynote, ‘Wellness 2030: From Old-Fashioned Industrial Romance to Data Buddhism’ will kick off the Summit. Kolm will explore crucial macro-economic developments now brewing across Europe. De Neve will present on new ways of measuring happiness/wellbeing/wellness from an economic perspective. Malleret will provide a crash course on the most pressing economic, social, geopolitical and environmental trends underway globally.

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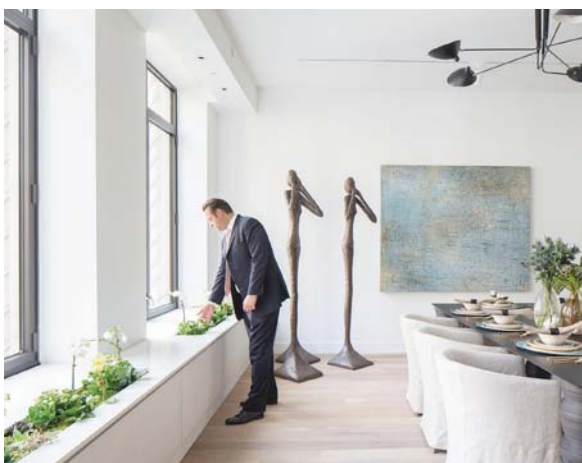
The Well Living Lab – a research centre investigating the links between health and well-being and indoor environments – has announced its founding “alliance members”.

Architecture and engineering firm Arup, technology giant IBM, real estate developer Lendlease and energy saving window company View Inc are among the founding supporters of the project.

The announcement was made during the first Well Living Lab Alliance Summit, held on 13 – 14 September in Rochester, Minnesota.

A collaboration of wellness real estate developer Delos and non-profit healthcare group Mayo Clinic, the Well Living Lab expands upon the principles of the WELL Building Standard – which focuses on how indoor environments consider air, water, nourishment, light, fitness, comfort and mind.

The lab generates evidence-based practical information to create healthier indoor environments “in which to live, work and play.”



The Lab expands upon the principles of the WELL Building Standard

CBRE Group, the world's largest manager of commercial buildings, and Chinese developer Sino-Ocean Group are the two other founding members of the lab. International Flavors & Fragrances Inc, which designs products consumers can taste, feel or smell, and healthcare group the Noaber Foundation have also joined the lab as Sustaining Alliance Members. Steel and energy company Welspun is a Supporting Alliance Member.

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Massage Envy raises funds for arthritis

During a one-day event on 28 September, 1,150 Massage Envy franchised locations donated US\$10 (€8.89, £7.72) to the Arthritis Foundation for every 60-minute massage or facial session they performed.

The company also donated 10 per cent of every Murad, Performance Health and Wyndmere product sold on that day to the cause.

“Studies continue to prove the power of massage therapy, and we've seen first-hand how our members and guests who suffer from arthritis find relief



The one-day event raised funds for the Arthritis Foundation

by incorporating therapeutic massage into their total body care routine,” said Debbie Gonzalez, chief brand officer. “Healing Hands for Arthritis brings awareness to a condition that impacts so many Americans, and to the wide range of benefits regular massage provides.”

Ann M. Palmer, president and CEO of the Arthritis Foundation, said: “Our focus is to help people with arthritis live a full life – and massage

therapy can play a vital role in the wellbeing of the many people living with arthritis.”

The *Spa Business Handbook* listed Social Good in its Spa Foresight trends for 2016, remarking that with consumers increasingly drawn to companies with a social conscience, spas will work more actively to help charitable causes.

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Stanaway is business development manager

Nicole Stanaway promoted at Springer-Miller Systems

Hospitality and spa management systems provider Springer-Miller has named Nicole Stanaway as SpaSoft business development manager. Stanaway joined Springer-Miller Systems in 2014 as SpaSoft trainer. In her new position, she will consult with spas to identify opportunities for the SpaSoft spa management system.

“Nicole has a strong passion for the spa industry and for SpaSoft,” said Michelle Young, vice president, sales and marketing for Springer-Miller Systems. “We look forward to leveraging her energy and expertise to expand our impressive list of SpaSoft installations and take our customer service to the next level.”

Stanaway has a degree in business and tourism from Arizona State University.

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Radisson Blu adds spa in Edinburgh's Royal Mile

The Radisson Blu Hotel in Edinburgh, Scotland, has completed a £12m (€14m, US\$15.6m) refurbishment by adding a new Melrose Spa and Health Club to its location in the heart of the Royal Mile.

The urban spa offers a fitness centre, sauna, steamroom, indoor heated swimming pool, three treatment rooms, and a dedicated nail bar.

Facial treatment highlights include the Elemis White Bright facial, designed to illuminate pigments and provide natural radiance, as well as a wide range of Caci treatments, including the Caci Super Non-Surgical Lift.

An on-site Perfume Studio Experience also allows guests to create their own unique fragrance, designed to capture ‘the essence of you.’ Guests can take home their own bespoke scent as a keepsake.

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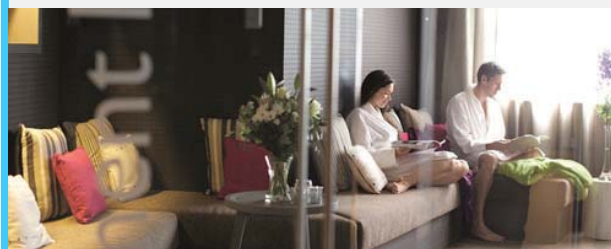
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Six Senses debuts new sleep programme

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The questionnaire allows Six Senses to understand the relationship that a guest has with sleep, and based on this information, ambassadors provide their guests with tools and tips on how to improve the quality of sleep.

Fundamental to the guest room setup are items including handmade mattresses by Naturalmat, made from natural materials that are fully biodegradable; Hanse organic pillows and duvets, which feature natural breathing and cooling zones; organic cotton sheets made by Beaumont & Brown; and toweling and bathrobes from The Madison Collection.

Guests can also upgrade their sleep experience to a package including a Sleep Bag, Valley Forge moisture-wicking linens and a Withings Aura Sleep Tracker/App.

The results from the sleep app will be reviewed with a Six Senses Integrated Wellness



The programme has already debuted at six of the group's resorts

Practitioner during a consultation, and the wellness practitioner may recommend a personalised programme of spa treatments and activities to help improve sleep.

The Sleep Bag contains a selection of specially developed and sourced sleep aids including bamboo fibre pyjamas, eye mask, ear plugs, nose strips, nasal neti pot and jasmine sleep spritzer.

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Brad Pitt developing Croatian resort

Actor Brad Pitt travelled to Croatia last month to tour the site of a proposed €1.5bn (US\$1.7bn, £1.3bn) resort development near in the coastal town of Zablance, local media are reporting.

The plans are to transform the city of Zablance into a "modern ecologically-responsible planned community," *People* magazine reports, with a flagship luxury hotel, shops, villas, a school and clinic.

Swiss-based investment company TFI Holding has invested €60m (US\$68m, £51m) to buy land in Zablance over the last seven years.

All the facilities for the community will be "in accordance with the highest environmental and spatial standards," the *Independent Balkan News* reported.

"We are building a city, not a tourist destination nor a tourist resort," project architect Nikola Bašić, who also designed the Zadar sea organ and the D-Resort in Sibenik, told the news agency. "Nothing like fake scenes for



Actor Brad Pitt plans to transform the Croatian city of Zablance

some pseudo tourist experience. It's a real, live city." Bašić reportedly travelled with Pitt to tour the area in September.

Pitt is not the first Hollywood star to delve into luxury resorts; actor Leonardo DiCaprio owns Blackadore Caye, a private island in Belize that will be home to a green development featuring a Deepak Chopra wellness facility; and actor Robert De Niro is developing hotels in Barbuda and London.

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