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Leela Buddhist Trail

Nepal

Opening: 2018

Leela Palaces, Hotels and Resorts and developers Summit Group of Nepal are to collaborate on four hotels across Nepal as part of a major rollout.

The five-star Leela Kathmandu hotel and spa – to be designed by John Gerondolis of Smallwood, Reynolds, Stewart, Stewart & Associates of Atlanta,

USA – will be the first to open in three years time. It will be followed by a hotel in Lumbini, the birthplace of the Buddha, plus another in Pokhara after that.

The main goal is to create a Buddhist Trail from Nepal to Leela's other properties in Bodhgaya, Nalanda and Varanasi in India. Leela has eight properties in India in total, all of which have spas including five ESPA facilities.

Under the Nepal deal, Summit will develop the sites, while Leela is set to market and manage them.

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A 6,200sq m wellness facility is planned

Changbai Mountain International Hot Spring Resort

China

Opening: 2015

A hydrothermal kids spa is just one of the elements planned at the 6,200sq m (67,000sq ft) wellness facility at the Changbai Mountain International Hot Spring Resort in China.

The AW Lake-designed spa will be divided into five zones with natural spring water of varying temperatures. Areas includes a Forest zone with healing herbal pools and a Mountain zone with therapeutic hot stone baths. There will also be five express treatment rooms and a wet area with Korean scrub stations.

AW Lake also conducted the feasibility of the spa and consultancy owner Adria Lake says: "In the first year, the hot spring expects 168,570 guests – inclusive of in-house hotel guests and walk-in visitors."

The 300-bed InterContinental resort will operate under the Crowne Plaza brand and is located in China's largest nature reserve near the Korean border.

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