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Dusit plans hot springs resort in China

Dusit International has announced plans to develop a large spa and wellness resort in Hainan province, China.

Dusit Devarana Hainan will be located within rare natural hot springs – called Baoting's "Seven Fairy Mountain" – and the 300-bedroom resort is scheduled to launch in 2013.

The resort will be designed as a low-rise complex of villas and deluxe rooms featuring dozens of crafted spring-water bathing pools of varying sizes and temperatures.

Hot and cold spring water will be supplied to guest bathrooms across the resort and also used in the resort's large spa. Dusit will manage the site on behalf of owner, Hainan Yuan Qi Investment Company Limited.

Chanin Donavanik, chief executive of Dusit, said: "Our unique hot springs resort in Hainan reaffirms Dusit International's strong commitment to expansion into China."



The resort will be located among rare natural hot springs in Hainan

The company previously announced its inaugural resort in China, Dusit Thani Hainan, in 2011 and has aggressive expansion plans underway in China and throughout the region.

The three other properties under the Dusit Devarana brand concept are in India; Dusit Devarana New Delhi (2012), Dusit Devarana Jaipur and Dusit Devarana Rishikesh, both due to open in 2014. Dusit was founded in 1948 by Thanpuying Chanut Piyaoui.



All three new hotels will have large luxury spas

Hyatt plans three new spa hotels for Saudi Arabia

Hyatt Hotels Corporation has secured an agreement with Naseel Holding Company to open three branded hotels in Saudi Arabia within the next four years.

The deal means that the operator has six properties under development across five brands in Saudi Arabia, with Park Hyatt Jeddah - Marina, Club and Spa its sole hotel to have opened. All three properties will have spas and the first to open will be the Hyatt Regency Jeddah in 2015, designed by Skidmore, Owings and Merrill.

Vivanta by Taj expands portfolio in India

Taj Hotels and Resorts' Vivanta brand, which launched in September 2010, has expanded its portfolio with the opening of a new 181-bedroom hotel in Begumpet, Hyderabad.

Located in the corridor between Hyderabad and Secunderabad, the property is the fifth Taj to open in the region and is situated close to the business district and transport links.

Vivanta by Taj - Begumpet, Hyderabad incorporates a spa and a fitness centre, as well as a number of dining options - such as Viva, with live interactive cooking, and The Grill.

A.W.Lake to draw up Dubai Pearl strategy

Consultancy A.W.LAKE Spa Concepts (A.W. Lake) has been appointed master spa strategist for the US\$4bn (€3bn, £2.5bn) Dubai Pearl development in Dubai.

The company has been tasked with designing the strategy for all of Dubai Pearl's world class spas, which include international brands such as Baccarat, Bellagio, and MGM.

When completed, the 1.86 million sq m (20 million sq ft) destination will feature 1,500 luxury residences; five-star hotels; more than 60 restaurants; art galleries and theatres as well as office and retail space.

The number of spas is yet to be confirmed, but A.W. Lake will position each within their



Dubai Pearl will include a number of branded spas

brand while aligning them with the overall vision of Dubai Pearl.

Located within the Dubai Media and Technology Free Zone (TECOM) overlooking Palm Jumeirah, Dubai Pearl will be owned by Pearl Dubai FZ LLC, a consortium of investors led by the Al Fahim Group.

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