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Alberto Apostoli

ITALY: A comprehensive new spa offering has opened in the heart of the Veneto region at the family run Terme Preistoriche resort in Montegrotto Terme, Padua. The Neró Spa covers 1,400sqm and combines innovative thermal therapies with Ayurveda and advanced spa treatments.

Designed by Studio Apostoli with consultant Alessandra Trevisan to offer guests 'a new experience of wellness', the spa was created on the 'Noble' floor of the existing building, which overlooks the centuries-old Colli Euganei Regional Park. Spa guests can enjoy views from the panoramic thermal pools which draw upon Terme Euganee, one of the largest thermal basins in Europe.

"Neró Spa has been a great opportunity to express new wellness concepts," said Alberto Apostoli. "I found an extraordinary understanding with my client and the result has been exceptional."

The spa's wellness centre comprises five treatment rooms; two face treatment stations and three Ayurveda rooms as well as a private spa space. An extensive treatment menu of thermal, mud and body therapies utilise the properties of salsobromiodic waters and the D.O.C Mature Natural Mud of the Abano and Montegrotto Terme thermal basin. Italian brand Migliori Erbe Italiane has supplied the products, as well as creating the spa's private label, called 'Neró Spa – Beauty Experience'.

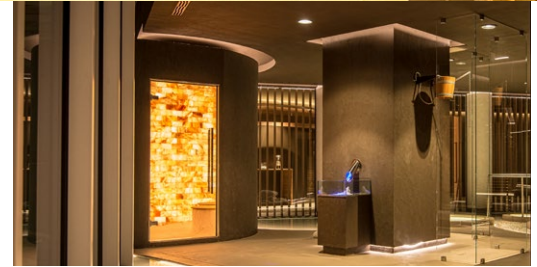
Spa facilities include a gym affiliated to CrossFit, which has been equipped by Technogym and KingsBox; two outdoor thermal pools and two indoor covered pools equipped with 56 whirlpools and six circular waterfalls. Supplied by Sanae, heat experiences include a glazed Finnish sauna, a hammam and a cylindrical salt cabin.

A large, contoured water basin provides the



aesthetic focal point of the spa, outlined around its perimeter by an LED immersion lighting system from iGuzzini. Other standout facilities include a Kneipp path; a temazcal, which features cedar wood seats; and a kotatsu, inspired by Japanese cultural tradition, which comprises a circular bench and a central table, where guests can enjoy herbal teas and infusions whilst keeping their legs in the low central basin.

www.termepreistoriche.it | www.studioapostoli.com



Elemis celebrates 25th anniversary of Champneys partnership

UK: In celebration of 25 years of business with Champneys Health Resorts, Elemis has created a collection of its best-selling Pro-Collagen products, which will be available exclusively at Champneys Health Spas.

Speaking about the enduring partnership, Champneys spa director Laura Tatlow said: "We are delighted to be celebrating a very successful 25-year partnership with Elemis. The brand's commitment to natural ingredients and scientific innovation have always been in line with our own philosophy at Champneys and their spa treatments and products continue to be hugely popular with spa guests of all ages."

Elemis sales director Harrison Gregory added: "We're so proud to be celebrating this extraordinary milestone with such a fantastic partner. From the beginning, we knew our brands had great synergy as both value quality and integrity and this has continued throughout our long partnership."

In other news, Elemis co-founder and UK managing director Oriele Frank has been given a CEW Achiever Award in recognition of 'outstanding achievements in her career and contribution to the beauty industry'. www.elemis.com





Nimue brings focused skincare treatments to Malmaison Spas



UK: Derma-cosmeceutical brand Nimue Skin Technology has launched at two Malmaison Spa locations. Distributed in the UK and Republic of Ireland by Sweet Squared, the high-performance brand specialises in a range of advanced skincare treatments and products that can be tailored to each spa client's individual needs.

The two Malmaison Spas in Newcastle and Birmingham will now feature key Nimue treatments including the Active Rejuvenation Peel, which combats sun damage, and the Thermal Detox Peel, a 'flash facial' that aims to deliver instant hydration.

Malmaison spa manager Luci Raybould commented: "We have been looking to add a results-focused skincare brand to the offering in our Malmaison Spas for a long time. We felt that Nimue and Sweet Squared would be the perfect partners for us to venture into the cosmeceutical category." www.sweetsquared.com | www.malmaison.com

Thalgo flagship at Harvey Nichols

UK: Marine skincare specialist Thalgo has opened a flagship London location within Beyond Medispa at Harvey Nichols Knightsbridge.

Offering a range of face and body treatments as well as retail products, Thalgo's new site has been launched in partnership with medical and aesthetic brand Beyond Medispa, which was established in 2006 and currently has outlets at Harvey Nichols stores in London, Liverpool and Edinburgh.

Marian Harvey, managing director of Thalgo Group UK, said she believes the new partnership is a perfect fit. "We're thrilled to be partnering with Beyond Medispa," she explained. "For us, it represents an important opportunity in terms of our UK portfolio to be in a central London location, one that is not only luxurious and highly prestigious but which provides the perfect environment to showcase the Thalgo brand."

www.thalgo.co.uk



December debut for Airelles Mademoiselle Val d'Isère

FRANCE: Luxury hotel group LOV Group Holdings is to add to its portfolio with the launch of Airelles Mademoiselle Val d'Isère.

Opening on December 19 this year, in the centre of Val d'Isère at an altitude of 1,850m, the new Mademoiselle property is intended to offer an authentic French sense of hospitality in both its accommodation and wellbeing services.

A 1,200sqm spa, said to be the largest in Val d'Isère, has been created in partnership with premium skincare brand Guerlain. Facilities will include a swimming pool, six treatment rooms including 'Le Boudoir' which has been designed specifically for manicures and pedicures, and a hammam and sauna.

Designed to be a reinterpretation of a medieval-inspired castle, Mademoiselle's accommodation will include nine suites and five private penthouses.

LOV Group Holdings' portfolio also includes Les Airelles and La Bastide de Gordes with both properties defined by their Palace classifications and Leading Hotels of the World status. Future projects include renovation of Château de la Messardière, St. Tropez, which the group already manages, and in Spring 2020 the launch of Airelles Château de Versailles.

www.lovgroup.com