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Full opening of Puglia's Vair Spa

Italy: The San Domenico Hotel Group has unveiled its comprehensive, 1,800sqm Vair Spa located within the Borgo Egnazia resort in Puglia.

The spa's part-opening in the summer of 2010 included the 11 top-floor treatment rooms and a swimming pool, while the lower floor redevelopment, including studios and a large wet area, was completed in August this year.

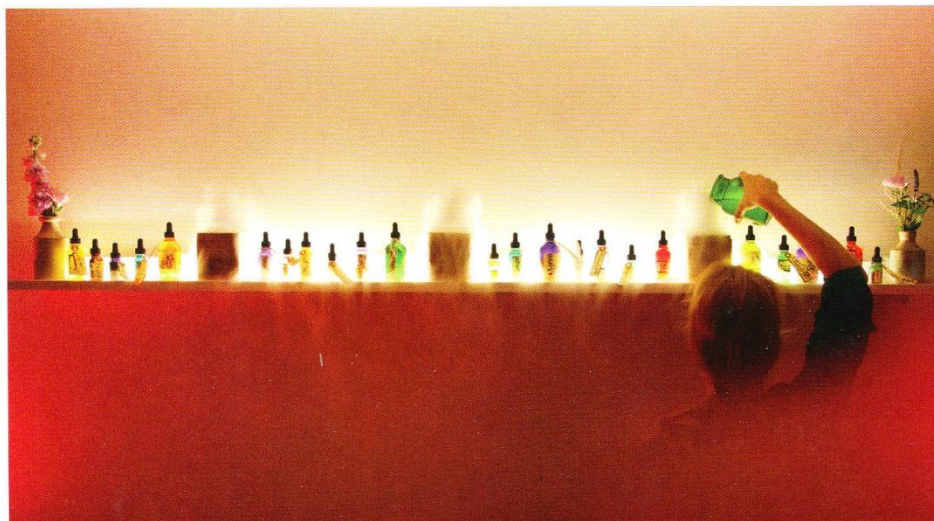
The spa's concept is based upon preserving local traditions as well as an affinity with the Apulian land. The team has been trained to observe clients' skin, muscles and underlying tension, as well as paying particular attention to communicating with non-verbal language. The majority of products have been locally sourced and the treatments have been designed by spa manager Patrizia Bortolin.

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Right: The Vair Spa – meaning 'truth' – became fully operational in August 2011



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A jolly British Parisian debut for the Lush Spa brand

UK: Handmade cosmetic company Lush is to expand its spa portfolio to France with the opening of The Lush Spa Paris in December 2011. The company currently has four spas in the UK as well as a further spa in Japan, and will soon launch another in the Korean market.

Located on the Rue Vieille du Temple, the €300,000 Parisian facility is owned by Lush and the spa rooms will be attached to the Lush shop. The design brief, created by Lush co-founder and MD Mark Constantine, was for the team to envisage a space that embraced and celebrated both massage and English heritage.

Reminiscent of a traditional English country cottage, the spa also features countryside sounds and the scents of English gardens.

Constantine explained the spa brand's uniqueness: "There are a few unique points to the Lush Spa. Our treatments can take anywhere between six to 18 months to develop and each is designed to stimulate all the senses. We create beautiful visuals at the beginning of treatments, working with dry ice or flash paper and, at the end of the treatment, we send clients off with tea and biscuits around the kitchen table."

www.lush.co.uk

Barr + Wray expands

UK: Spa and water engineers Barr + Wray has won a landmark trio of UAE contracts and has established a regional office in Hong Kong.

Since launching its first overseas office in Dubai three years ago, Barr + Wray has steadily increased its Middle Eastern presence. It will provide a range of services at the Burj Khalifa Tower as well as Capital Gate and the Burj Al Arab.

The company's Hong Kong regional office has been set up to facilitate the expansion of Barr + Wray's South-East Asian project portfolio.

Managing Director of Barr + Wray (HK) Ltd, Derek Barton, said: "Hong Kong is strategically located in the heart of Asia, which facilitates us in meeting with and serving our clients across the region."

www.barrandwray.com

£1m boost for NHS Health and Wellbeing Boards

UK: Health Secretary Andrew Lansley CBE MP has announced funds of nearly £1m to support the development of Health and Wellbeing Boards in the UK.

The Boards have been created to bring together councillors, clinical commissioning groups and local communities and act as a forum to ensure patients and the public experience more 'joined-up' health and care services in the future. They are a key part of broader plans to modernise the NHS and are intended to help strengthen the working relationships between health and social care.

The funding will help local partners to identify how councils and the NHS can best use the Boards to make genuine improvements to the health and wellbeing of local communities.

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