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# WIDE OPEN SPACES

**HOMES & GETAWAYS** THE GREENEST ENVIRONS IN AHMEDABAD, NAINITAL, GOA & FORMENTERA **FOCUS ON OUTDOORS** WABI SABI GARDENS, PLUNGEPOOLS, LOUNGERS, SURFACES & MORE



Photographs by Matthias Parillaud  
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## INDULGENCE OF THE SEASON NATURAL BEAUTY

*Architect Alberto Apostoli brings the outdoors in, at the spa complex of eco-resort Portopiccolo in Italy*

**N**estled between pristine cliffs and overlooking the sea, eco-resort Portopiccolo in the Gulf of Trieste, Sistiana, Northern Italy introduces its latest addition, the Spa by Bakel. Taking inspiration from the landscape, Studio Alberto Apostoli has ingeniously integrated natural coloured stones with glass, while using renewable sources. "Specific materials, technologies, atmospheres and internal paths were conceived to emphasise this integration," states architect Alberto Apostoli. Spread over three levels, the ground floor shaped like a fan accommodates the reception, playroom, conference rooms and outdoor pools. The first level features a relaxation area, fully equipped in-out pool, cocoon bar, showers, Kneipp path, salt caves and more. With a breath-taking sea view, the last floor is devoted to cabins that provide beauty treatments and other exquisite facilities. ♦ **Risha Merchant**

Website [www.portopiccolosistiana.it](http://www.portopiccolosistiana.it)

**From Top** The glazed sauna in the couple's treatment room features a glass roof with a wooden board and scenic views; The relaxation room on the first floor is made of local materials to create an interaction with the outdoors; Fine porcelain stoneware and local stone add a touch of luxury to the hot and cold water pools

