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# ALEXANDRE CANTIN

on Groupe Nordik's plans to have 10 nature spas by 2027

## DIARY DATES

23-26 January 2020

**Les Thermalies**

**Carousel du Louvre, Paris, France**

Water and wellness show with a focus on thermal spas and thalassotherapy.

[www.thermalies.com](http://www.thermalies.com)

26-29 January 2020

**Green Spa Network Congress**

**The Oaks, Ojai, California, US**

GSN's signature event, which brings together sustainably minded spa professionals, with a theme this year of 'transformation'.

[www.greenspanetwork.org/green-spa-network-congress/](http://www.greenspanetwork.org/green-spa-network-congress/)

16-17 February 2020

**World Spa & Wellness Dubai**

**Festival Arena, Dubai, UAE**

A leading networking event for CEOs and owners of spas, hotels and wellness centres.

[www.worldspawellness.com](http://www.worldspawellness.com)

6-8 March 2020

**Beauty Düsseldorf**

**Messe Düsseldorf, Germany**

An international beauty show that attracts 55,000 trade visitors.

[www.beauty.de](http://www.beauty.de)

11-13 March 2020

**APSWC Round Table**

**Naman Resort, Danang, Vietnam**

The Asia Pacific Spa & Wellness Coalition gathers industry leaders across the region to create a white paper focusing on sector challenges and opportunities for growth.

[www.apswc.org](http://www.apswc.org)

13-16 March 2020

**Cosmoprof Worldwide**

**Bologna, Italy**

One of the world's biggest beauty trade fairs with 10,000+ exhibitors. Includes a spa symposium.

[www.cosmoprof.com](http://www.cosmoprof.com)

29-30 March 2020

**World Spa & Wellness Convention**

**ExCel, London, UK**

International spa figures convene for talks, networking and a trade show.

[www.worldspawellness.com](http://www.worldspawellness.com)



The spa uses glass to immerse guests in nature

## Temazcal, kotatsu and ayurveda feature at new Apostoli-designed Italian spa

A new spa experience in Montegrotto Terme, Italy integrates spa treatments, ayurvedic medicine and fitness, along with traditional experiences from as far away as South America and Japan.

Neró Spa, located a few kilometres from Venice, has been designed by Studio Apostoli, and created overlooking a centuries-old park, where guests can admire the vapours rising from the panoramic thermal pools, which are open until midnight. The 1,200sq m spa is in addition to two outdoor thermal pools and two indoor pools equipped with hydro-pools and water jets, for a total water course covering more than 500sq m.

Neró Spa is described by the designers as "a multipurpose, holistic and avant-garde spa, conceived as a work of art and an

expression of the history of the location". Thermal treatments use the properties of the salsobromiodic waters and natural mud from the Abano and Montegrotto Terme thermal basin.

Unusual in Italy, the spa also features both a temazcal and the kotatsu - two facilities with roots in far-away cultures. The temazcal is a circular, dome-shaped sweat lodge with ancient origins in pre-Columbian South American civilisations used to restore wellbeing, with healing and purification properties. The kotatsu is a Japanese cultural tradition. Located in the relaxation room, it's composed of a circular bench and a central table from which it's possible to enjoy herbal teas while keeping the legs in a low central basin.

**More:** [http://lei.sr/n4N6P\\_B](http://lei.sr/n4N6P_B)



Alberto Apostoli

## Sangha appoints former Aman exec John Reed as COO

Sangha Retreat by Octave in China has appointed John Reed as chief operating officer. Originally from the US, Reed spent 25 years with boutique hotel group Aman Resorts, gaining insights into the markets of southern Asia and Indochina.

With more than 35 years of industry experience, Reed, a graduate of Cornell's School of Hotel Administration, has worked in the US, Australia, Thailand, Myanmar, Bali and Bhutan.



John Reed

Fred Tsao, chair and founder of the Octave Institute, says: "John will be developing a sales-driven culture throughout the organisation and leading the team to the next level."

Jamie Waring, Octave's managing director of wellness, along with Eddy Ram, Octave's managing director of hospitality, village operations and The Living Room in Shanghai, will report to Reed. **More:** [http://lei.sr/T9W4M\\_B](http://lei.sr/T9W4M_B)