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Floating arctic spa for Sweden

Architects Bertil Harström and Johan Krauppi have created a free-floating hotel on one of Sweden's longest rivers, with the micro-destination featuring a spa among its offerings.

Owned and conceptualised by the architectural duo, the circular Arctic Bath Hotel and Spa will float on the Lule River during the summer months, with the structure frozen in place through the winter. It's set to open in Harads on 15 January 2020.

The main building is circular and was inspired by a log jam, while the overall design was influenced by the local tradition of log-driving.

Harström and Krauppi were first inspired to create Arctic Bath in 2010 during the opening of the Treehotel in Harads – a property with seven unique rooms suspended above the forest floor.

Arctic Bath will feature a spa, restaurant and 12 rooms: six floating ones and six elevated on poles onshore.



Architects Bertil Harström (inset) and Johan Krauppi designed the free-floating hotel



The spa will have one treatment room and will offer a variety of treatments – such as massages, facials, and body treatments. Kerstin Florian has been chosen as product house, alongside the brand's sister skincare range ANDA, which is both organic and vegan. Additional facilities

will include the outdoor cold bath – a circular pool at the building's centre – as well as saunas, a steam sauna and thermal baths.

The outdoor cold bath will be available all year, as during the winter the pool will be kept free from ice.

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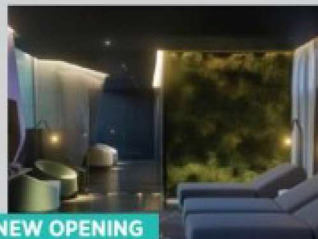


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GROWING FOOTPRINTS

Four Seasons to expand into Mexico

Four Seasons Hotel and Resorts has announced plans to add a fourth Mexican Resort – Four Seasons Resort and Residences Cabo San Lucas at Cabo Del Sol – which is slated to open in 2022.

The 80-key resort will be built on the southern tip of Mexico's Baja California Peninsula, with 40 private residences, sitting on more than 50 oceanfront acres.

The property will be developed under a partnership between Four Seasons and Oakmont Corporation.



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John Davison

The destination will offer a signature Four Seasons spa, fitness centre, dining options and a private beach and golf club – The Cove.

"With our second property on the Baja Peninsula, we are excited to offer another opportunity to live and stay with Four Seasons in the Cabo region," said John Davison, president and CEO, Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts.

"Guests and residents will enjoy the adventure and activity that Cabo San Lucas is known for."

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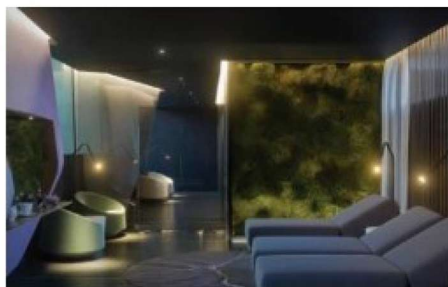
DESIGNER SPA

Formentin to open Alberto Apostoli-designed thermal spa

Architect Alberto Apostoli is designing a new four-level spa for the Formentin Hotel, which is set to open next year. A historic thermal hotel built in 1911, the Formentin Hotel is located in the centre of Abano Terme, an ancient thermal area located between Verona and Venice, where natural thermal water flows to the surface at 87°C, delivering about 300 litres of water per minute.

Apostoli has taken inspiration from the Aurora Borealis and the icebergs of the Northern seas for the spa.

The 840sq m (9,042sq ft) spa will include a swimming



■ The spa is scheduled to open in April 2020



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Alberto Apostoli

pool; a thermal area with Turkish bath, sauna, ice waterfall, outdoor whirlpool; a couple's treatment cabin; three individual treatment rooms and a double treatment cabin.

"Hot-cold and water-fire combinations have always been the basis of wellbeing," Apostoli said. "For the Formentin spa, I wanted to create a Nordic environment in opposition to the sauna and the Turkish bath."

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