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NAUTICAL OASIS

SPA AT CASA MADRONA
(SAUSALITO, CA)





CLOCKWISE: The spa's modern design is evident in the finishing studio, the reception area, and the treatment rooms.

standing tall

ESPA is reaching new heights thanks to its latest location in the Ritz-Carlton, situated in the International Commerce Center (ICC), the tallest building in Hong Kong and the third tallest in the world. Set on the 116th and 118th floors, the 10,000-square-foot Hirsch Bedner-designed spa serves as the ultimate urban escape with stunning views of Victoria Harbor, Hong Kong Island, and the New Territories. "The spa's height provided Hirsch Bedner Associates's concept inspiration," says HBA principal Ian Carr. "To create a sanctuary of softness in a high and manic place, we chose to make a spa cocooned and protected in the clouds. The silkworm's cocoon is a soft, white pillow of finely spun silk, making it an ideal metaphor for the spa—a place of peaceful, protected transformation." With floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking the city, the treatment rooms are curved to further induce the cocoon-like feeling. If the treatments don't leave spa-goers feeling on top of the world, the views certainly will.—H.M.

ON THE HORIZON

A look at up-and-coming spas

THE CALEDONIAN, A WALDORF ASTORIA HOTEL • Edinburgh • Summer 2012 Waldorf Astoria Hotels and Resorts will debut in Scotland next summer with a 241-room hotel (formerly The Caledonian Hilton Edinburgh) that will include a spa.

ADELBODEN ALPINE BATH • Bernese Oberland, Switzerland • 2013 This Alpine resort will combine a health spa and a hotel. The 48,400-square-foot, 19-treatment-room spa will also include 14 sauna rooms, 20 swimming pools, a medical wellness center, a meditation bath, several retail areas, and a restaurant.

MANDARIN ORIENTAL PUDONG, SHANGHAI • China • 2013 Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group will manage a new luxury hotel that is currently under construction that will be located in the heart of the Lujiazui Central Financial District. The property will form part of Harbour City, a 61-acre mixed-use development, and will feature 362 guest rooms and 210 serviced apartments, three restaurants, an 80-foot indoor swimming pool, a fitness center, and a **Spa at Mandarin Oriental**.

ST. REGIS AMMAN • Jordan • 2014 The first St Regis hotel in Jordan, with design concepts by New York-based Perkins Eastman Architects, the hotel will feature 270 guest rooms, four restaurants, a cafe, a destination bar, a pool and pool bar, a fitness center, and a signature spa.—J.K.

Edinburgh, Scotland

