

THE DIPLOMAT RADISSON SAS TO HAVE DEDICATED SPA CONCEPT RESEARCH UNDER WAY

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The five-star, 15-storey extension of the Diplomat Radisson SAS Hotel, Bahrain is to have a dedicated spa – only the second to be housed in a luxury hotel in the island kingdom.

“Our owners, National Hotels Company, took the decision to include a spa after detailed research which revealed demand from within Bahrain but also from two-to-three day weekend breaks from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Qatar,” explained Radek Cais, General Manager, Diplomat Radisson SAS Hotel, Bahrain.

Conceptualisation of the new spa, which will serve both male and female clientele, is now under way.

“We are investigating a possible Diplomat theme,” explained Cais. “The spa will be an oasis in the centre of Manama as it will be purpose-designed.

“The facility will be open to residents and guests from outside and will be a fantastic add-on to our new hotel extension and serviced apartments. With the hectic pace of life these days, people are increasingly looking for facilities to give them relaxation and a sense of well-being. An added attraction of the facility is that it will have access to 50 underground car parking spaces to make visits more convenient for guests.”

Meanwhile, piling on the new Diplomat Radisson SAS Hotel extension is now under way and visible signs of the new towering structure should be seen by the end of this year, according to Cais.

The new extension, due for completion by the end of next year, includes a new 22,000 square metres of hotel and generously proportioned serviced apartments, which will include one, two and three-bedroomed units as well as a number of VIP penthouse suites.

The luxurious new building is situated alongside the existing 244-room Diplomat Radisson SAS Hotel which is in the heart of Bahrain's capital, Manama city and close to the country's main tourist attractions and shopping areas. The current property, which recently underwent major refurbishment, also has 19 suites, seven meeting rooms, a business centre, a health club and some of the island's most popular restaurants, including the new, trendy Mondo lounge bar and restaurant and Polynesian-style Kontiki.

"The new outlets and our new spacious Classic, Italian and Maritime room styles and Royal Club rooms have been well received with new and long-staying guests," said Cais. "One of our key differentiators is that our rooms are the largest on the island as are our bathrooms, which is important as recent industry research has shown that hotel guests spend more of their non-sleeping time in the bathroom than elsewhere."

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