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1 Hotel's first Chinese resort to have focus on wellness

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Consultancy, development and management firm GOCO Hospitality has worked on the concept and technical design of the upcoming 2,138sq m (23,013sq ft) spa and wellness area of the 1 Hotel Haitang Bay in Sanya, China.

The first Chinese development for 1 Hotels, the 280-bedroom property is being developed in partnership with Sunshine Insurance Group. It is due to open in late 2018.

The wellness area will be prominently located just off the main reception and will include seven treatment rooms with views of the surrounding landscape, each with their own outdoor terrace relaxation areas. Two spa suites also feature private gardens and outdoor whirlpools.

Significant indoor heat and water facilities include a women's bio sauna and herbal steam room and a men's sweat lodge and salt steamroom. An outdoor vitality pool will provide guests with various combinations of massage-jet settings, and a large, circular communal relaxation lounge acts as one of the main focus points of the wellness facilities, along with a wellness cafe and spacious gym.

A dedicated wellness concierge will guide guests on all of the wellness opportunities available, and an onsite farm will be run and managed by the property, providing fresh and organic fruits and vegetables for the 15,000sq ft (1,393sq m) of signature restaurants and lounges.

Designed by Hong Kong-based architects The Oval Partnership, the whole resort is being created with a strong emphasis on sustainable design, said Ingo Schweder, CEO of GOCO Hospitality, and will employ natural materials and green spaces. Interiors are from Singapore-based FARM, and will have a natural feel, using earth tones to set a warm, comfortable mood.

"1 Hotel Haitang Bay is really an exceptional resort for this market," said Schweder. "It has a very boutique and intimate feel to it. The 1 Hotel team have a fantastic passion for the project, and are very keen for wellness to be a major selling point of the resort."

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