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2010 debut for ESPA facility at Yas Hotel

A 15,069sq ft (1,400sq m) spa is to open in January 2010 at the Yas Hotel in Abu Dhabi.

The ESPA at the Yas Hotel will have 10 treatment rooms on the upper level with a traditional hammam on a lower level.

Designed by Heidar Sadeki of Richardson Sadeki architects, the spa is intended to offer a modern and minimalist feel.

The northern tip of the spa will house a cylindrical room called the rotunda, with stone furnishings surrounding a central column. ESPA - who also consulted on the project - will be used for treatments.

The property will be the first hotel operated by Aldar and one of seven hotels opening on Yas Island. The hotel will consist of two separate buildings, connected by a bridge overlooking Yas Marina Circuit, featuring a bar concept atop the racetrack, devised by Georges V Restauration whose work includes the Buddha Bar.

The Yas Hotel will be the first hotel operated by Abu Dhabi-based property, management and investment company Aldar Properties. The 500-bedroom hotel will boast a wide range of facilities, including entertainment venues and restaurants. Details: aldar.com

