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Bespoke hydropool set to feature at Ritz-Carlton Bali's spa

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Ten of the 14 villas on-site are cliff-top properties, designed by hospitality architecture firm WATG

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Guests of the Ritz-Carlton Bali, Indonesia, will be able to swim with dolphins in the Indian Ocean, go sailing and participate in night dives when the property opens in Q2 of 2015.

Located in the developing Sawangan area, south of Nusa Dua, the 288-key property – including 90 suites and 14 villas – is owned by PT Bali Nusaintan and will feature a 25,000sq ft (2,323sq m) spa.

The spa will comprise 14 treatment rooms, four of which are spa villas for couples. Thermal spa engineers Barr+Wray have supplied the thermal areas, including a large bespoke version of its Hydro-Vitale pool, which treats the water with ultraviolet sterilisation to improve the water quality. There are male and female wet areas with hot pools, cold plunge pools, a salt sauna, steamroom and experience shower. The spa will be run in-house by Ritz-Carlton staff and products will be supplied by ESPA.

This new-build has been designed by architects WATG and the interiors have been created by design firm Burega-Farnell, which also worked on the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Shanghai. The landscape gardener for the Bali project is Belt-Collins.

The resort will include six dining outlets, a business centre and a fitness centre. This coastal resort will be entirely different from the recently announced Ritz-Carlton Reserve in Ubud, in the middle of Bali's jungle – whose wet zone was also supplied by Barr+Wray.

This is the sixth contract Barr+Wray has entered into on the island of Bali, including the Heavenly Spa at The Westin Resort, Nusa Dua. Most recently, the spa suppliers have won a contract to fit the thermal experiences of a spa at a new 13-key Ritz-Carlton on the Malaysian island of Langkawi, which will feature separate male and female heat experiences including a sauna, steamroom, ice experience, unisex outdoor vitality pool, treatment pavilion hammam and spa suites with steam showers.

Ritz-Carlton has already contracted Barr+Wray to work on three of its properties in Thailand, Bangalore and Abu Dhabi.