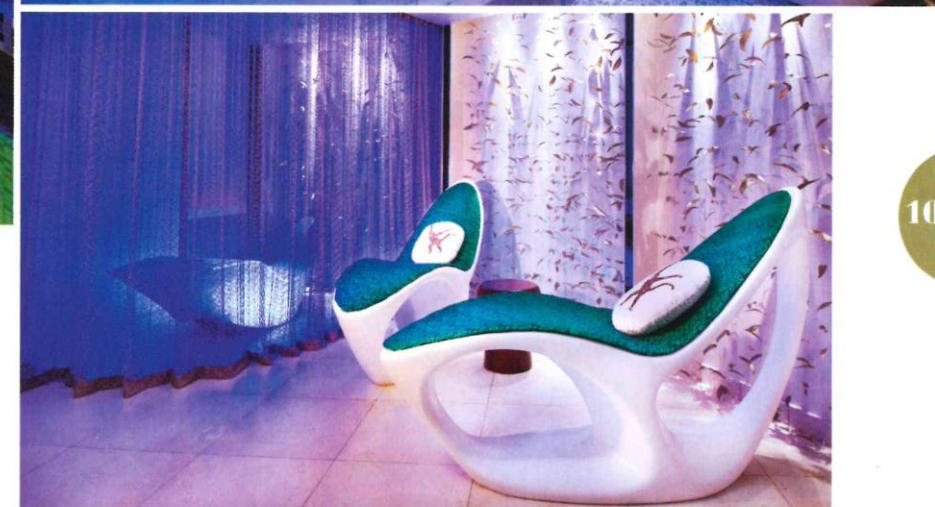
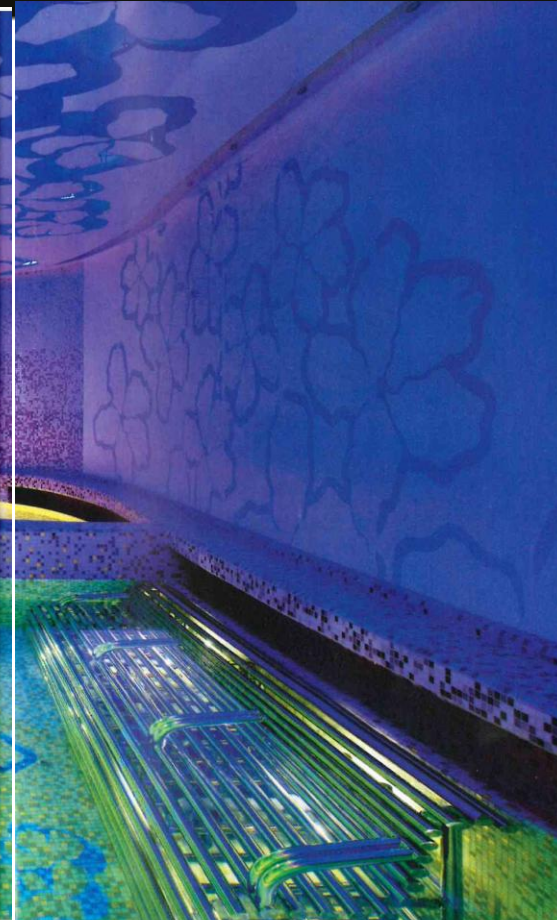
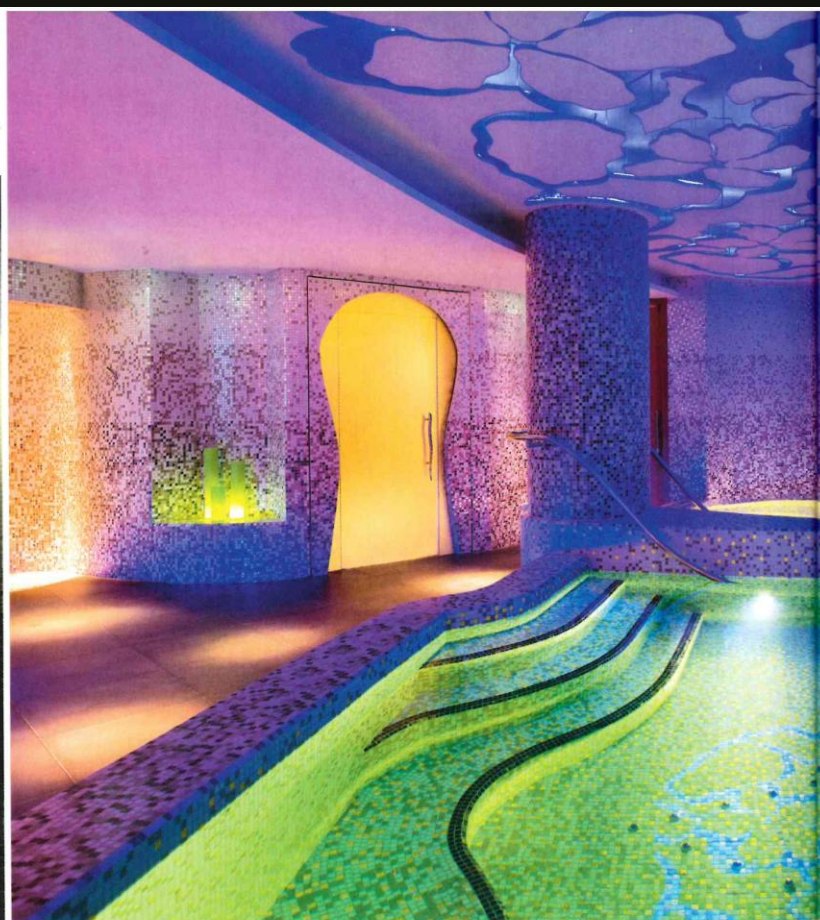
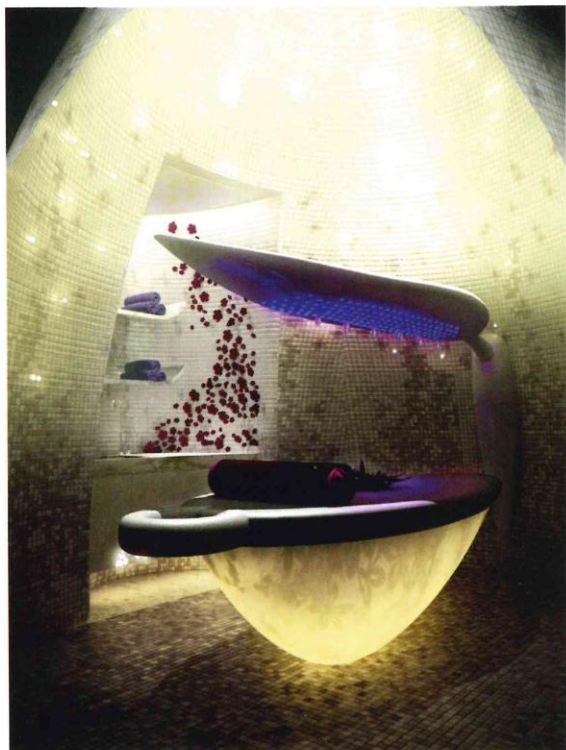


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## Get AWAY to relax and refuel



Derek Barton  
 Managing director  
 Barr + Wray, Hong Kong

Clockwise from left:  
 A hi-tech rain pod shower and lit, wet massage table; AWAY Spa's vitality pools; a Duo Delight treatment room; rainforest accents aid relaxation in the Resonance room

Established more than 50 years ago, Barr + Wray has evolved from being a distributor of pumps into a global water and heat specialist whose products enhance spas, hotels and resorts in 40 countries.

With its headquarters in Glasgow, over the last five years the company has opened offices in Hong Kong and Dubai to serve its clients in those regions, such as Burj Khalifa in Dubai and the Jumeirah Messilah Beach Hotel and Spa in Kuwait.

Barr + Wray Hong Kong's managing director Derek Barton reveals how the W Singapore hotel's AWAY Spa, on Sentosa Island, recently called on the company's water engineering expertise.

### What was your project brief for AWAY Spa?

"The layout and equipment defined within the spa had been fully developed by AW Lake Spa Concepts, who delivered the brief for the client. We received a copy of the equipment specification, a plan drawing and a series of 3D renderings for bespoke equipment which we were required to design before we were able to offer our services."

### What did you supply to enhance the spa journey?

"We supplied and installed separate male and female vitality pools, herbal pool bubblers, infra-red cabins, steamrooms, rain pods, experience showers and cold mist showers. We also installed the UV treatment plants for the vitality pools and herbal pool bubblers. Each feature compliments the last and is designed to work together to rejuvenate the body."

### What makes AWAY Spa unique?

"The compact wet area manages to squeeze in many features that provide the guests with a series of different experiences. The vitality pools have specifically-designed water and air experiences including bubble massage. The smaller pools incorporate mineral-dosing systems infused with micro bubbles to soothe the body.

"We also designed and constructed unique rain pod showers with multi-function showering and lighting on a purpose-built, lit, wet massage table. The unique, colourful design of these pods provides a stimulating atmosphere and they were designed to work well with the spa's menu of revitalising treatments."

### Were there any design challenges to overcome?

"By the time we won the contract, the pools had been constructed with no penetrations for pipework and we were not allocated any space for the treatment plants. The lower levels beneath the pools had been earmarked for parking and our installation then became far more complex.

"Many designers forget that pools and thermal equipment also require technical plant which has to be located adjacent to them and with sufficient access for operation and maintenance.

"We had to come up with a solution and we decided to split the plant into three separate areas in order to install each feature treatment."

### What are you most proud of in the spa's design?

"We are very proud of the overall wet experience. It has many functional, high quality elements and absolutely no gimmicks. Many spas contain features which could be regarded as little more than a novelty, adding no value to the spa experience."

### Why are wet spa areas worth the investment?

"Thermal and hydro experiences provide an extension to the spa experience and add to guests' enjoyment. Many day spas offer a full range of massage therapies but do not go as far as providing wet facilities which could attract guests."

Design focus: AWAY Spa, W Singapore

"The experiences we have installed at AWAY Spa add to the overall spa journey and give guests the option to enjoy a treatment and leave, or to stay and spend the day relaxing in the thermal experiences and hydro pools."

### What trends do you see emerging?

"Barr + Wray is still receiving many enquiries for hammam rooms to be provided within spa resorts. We have recently finished large hammam installations in Abu Dhabi, Baku and Singapore which are visually different but all operate on similar principles.

"Vitality pools also continue to be central to most developments and designers are always pushing our company to develop new attractions for their guests."

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Size of spa: 576sqm

Treatment rooms: Two double rooms, three single rooms and two 'beauty alcoves'

Facilities include: Infrared sauna, steam room, vitality pools, rain pod shower, experience shower, Refuel room with Alpha lounge and Resonance room featuring male and female Jouvence dry floatation beds