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HYDROTHERMAL

Spa & Wellness Specialists

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WE MAKE SPA VISIONS A REALITY.

Because luxury doesn't just happen.

OUR HISTORY

We've specialized in the design of award-winning hydrothermal spa and wellness areas since 1991.

With headquarters in London and Austin, TX, Design for Leisure (DFL) is the go-to design firm for high-end, turnkey wet spa areas for both luxury homes and professional wellness projects.

Our clients include major hospitality and spa brands, such as Disney, Canyon Ranch, Caesars Palace, Four Seasons and Six Senses; prestigious architect groups, including Foster and Partners, Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners, Bjark Ingels Group, Michael Graves and Thomas Heatherwick; as well as spa consultants and interior designers.

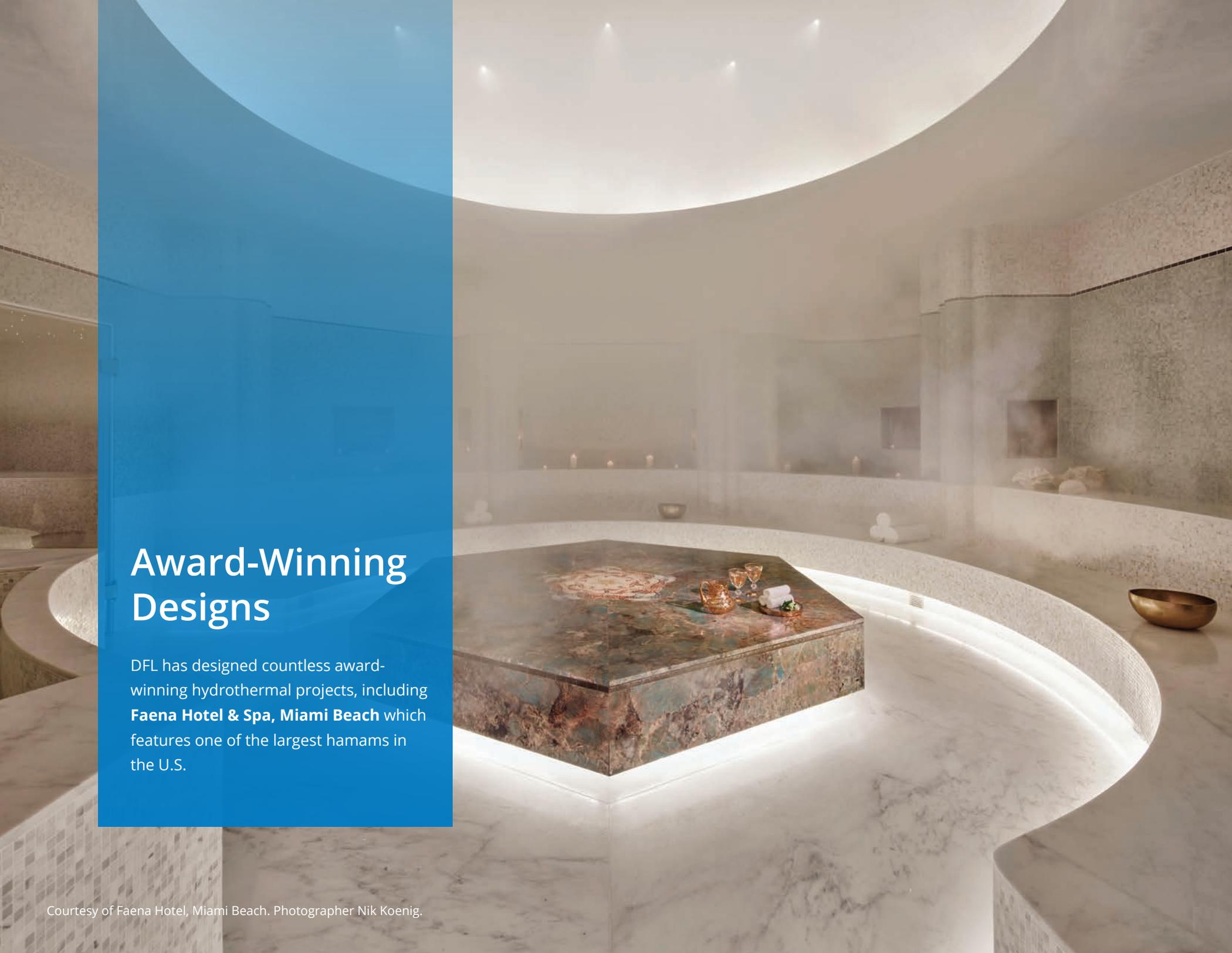
After more than a decade of designing wet spa areas throughout Europe, Asia and the Middle East, we were tapped by Canyon Ranch, the luxury spa and wellness leader in the U.S., to design and ultimately oversee the building of its Miami spa in 2003, this was closely followed by its project at The Venetian in Las Vegas. The success with these projects led to the opening of our USA headquarters in Austin, TX. Today, we are proud to be considered the leading hydrothermal design specialists in the U.S. and around the globe.



Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, USA

"Thank you for being so professional and passionate and look forward to continuing our successful collaboration!"

- Anna Bjurstam, Wellness Pioneer, Six Senses

A large, circular, marble-clad steam room (hamam) with a central stone table and a curved marble ledge. The room features a central stone table with a decorative top, surrounded by a curved marble ledge. The walls are made of light-colored marble, and the ceiling is a large, circular, white dome with recessed lighting. The floor is also made of marble. The overall atmosphere is serene and luxurious.

Award-Winning Designs

DFL has designed countless award-winning hydrothermal projects, including **Faena Hotel & Spa, Miami Beach** which features one of the largest hamams in the U.S.

WHY PARTNER WITH DESIGN FOR LEISURE?

Without the technical knowledge of a hydrothermal specialist during the planning and design stages of your spa, it's easy to make common mistakes that will ultimately cost the project both time and money. Enter *Design for Leisure*.

Working in collaboration with clients, we are able to make every unique spa vision a reality— all while ensuring the plans meet all technical requirements, building codes and regulations required when building for environments that are subject to extreme heat and water.

Creating a luxury spa environment is complex but we can provide you with authoritative expertise on every aspect of your hydrothermal build, including:

- Space requirements for thermal rooms/pools and behind-the-scene equipment
- Deep understanding of people flow of both guests (bathing journey) and staff
- Materials and construction techniques required to deal with water, humidity, heat
- Minimizing noise emission and potential water egress
- Building to local code and ADA standards
- Sustainable, environmentally-conscious building practices



Photo Courtesy of Barr + Wray

We are thankful for DFL's collaboration and trusted partnership without which the project vision, design and execution would not have been such a success.

– DMAC Architecture, P.C.

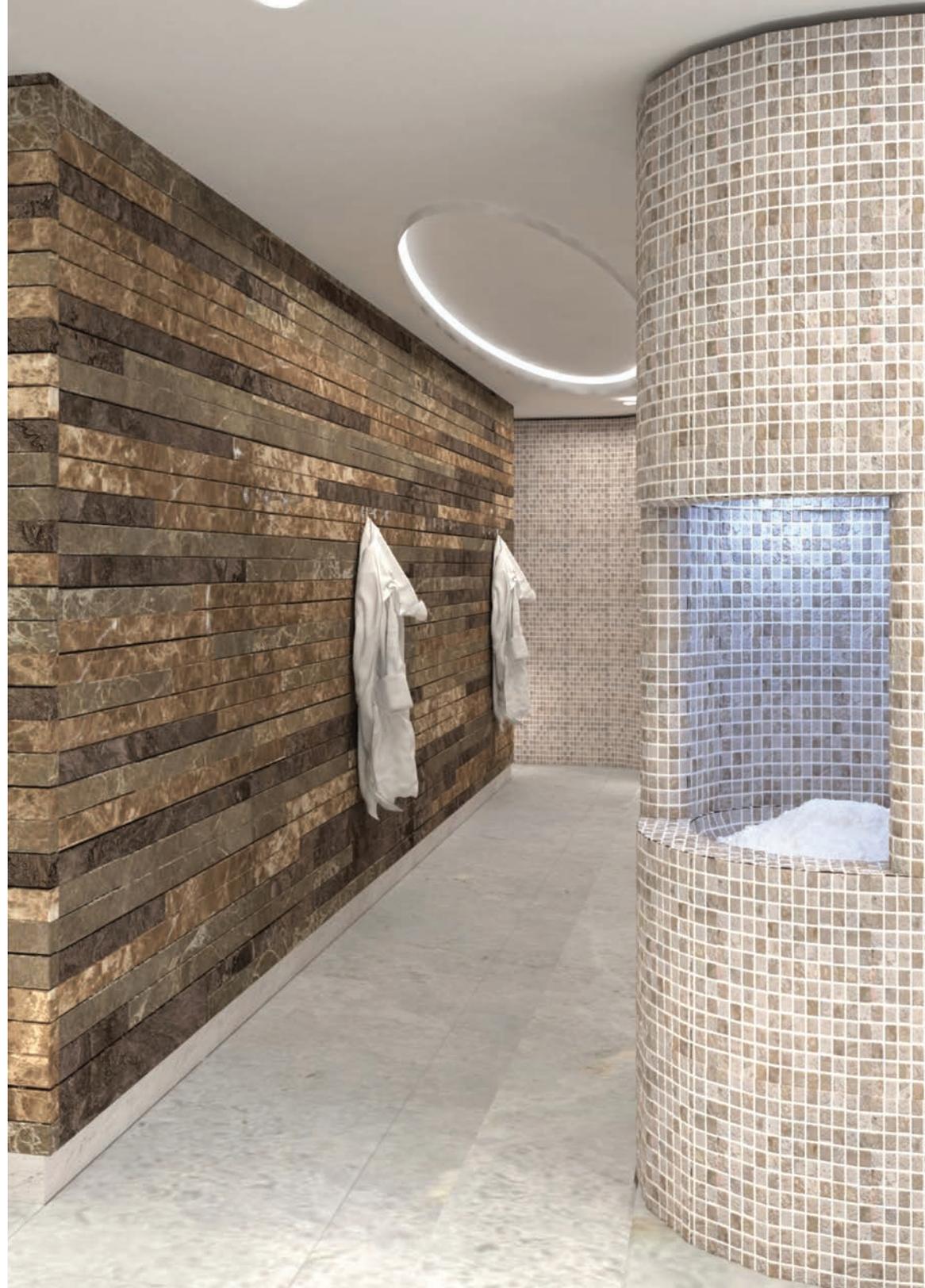
“We’ve had the pleasure of working with the DFL team for over 15 years on numerous projects around the world and DFL has consistently been the north star for our hydro and thermal feature challenges. DFL is an invaluable strategic partner to Blu in introducing innovative concepts and features and providing reliable, exceptional technical support services.”

**– Cary Collier and Doug Chambers, Principals,
Blu Spas, Inc.**

DESIGN SERVICES

Our team supports both residential and commercial design and is committed to working with all stakeholders—owners, operators, architects and designers—to develop a spa and hydrothermal area to fit the budget, desired results and available space. For commercial builds, DFL always keeps a keen eye on ROI and profitability.

We also know how important it is for homeowners to have access to a customizable, high-quality home wellness suite that delivers personalized wellness experiences for the whole family and is built to stand the test of time. Our residential spa design and installation is guaranteed to be to the same standards and specifications as our 5-star spa projects—just on a smaller scale!





Complete Spa Design

Our full-service DFL Design Studio turns provided concept drawings (from the client's team) into fully developed drawings, renderings and supporting documentation that enables a seamless transition to any local building contractor.

The DFL Design Studio works on projects all over the world from its UK headquarters—both large and small. Clients consult with DFL on the design and refurbishment of entire spa areas (including all treatment rooms, retail/reception, fitness, hydrothermal, water features, etc.), or come to us solely for our hydrothermal technical design expertise.

Whether you're looking to build a completely new spa or refurbish an existing one, Design *for* Leisure can help!



Hydrothermal Technical Design

Our DFL Design Studio includes a highly specialized technical design team for hydrothermal or wet spa features. Working from existing schematics, DFL often focuses solely on a spa's hydrothermal features, developing detailed service drawings and specifications, ensuring that a best-practice solution is conceived at the earliest stages of the design, long before specialized vendors are identified.

DFL's extensive experience in designing and building hydrothermal areas makes our team uniquely suited to take the lead on these areas, as does our partnerships with some of Europe's leading spa equipment manufacturers, ensuring that thermal rooms, pools and equipment we build and install are always made to the highest manufacturing and sustainability standards.

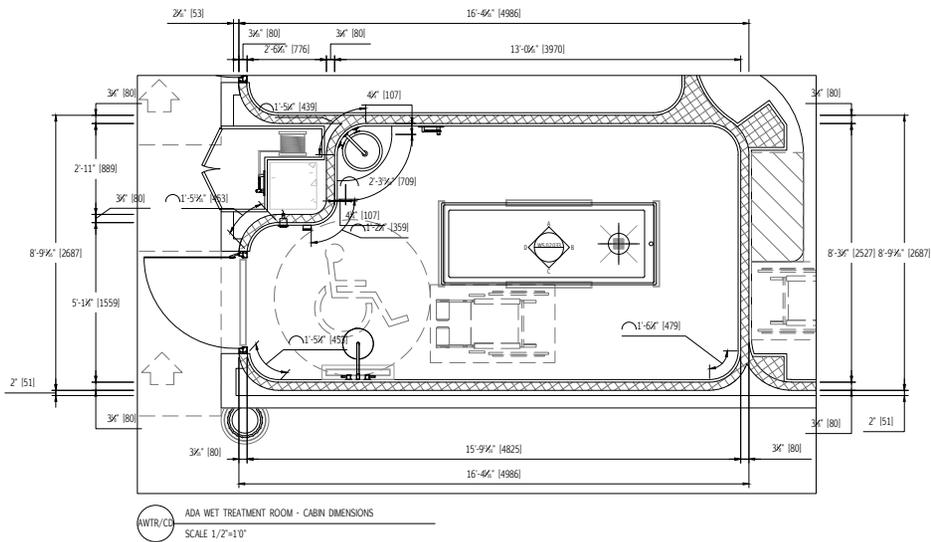
“The spa and wellness industry has become extremely competitive. We increasingly look to hydrothermal features as a key differentiator and added WOW factor for our clients. DFL’s international expertise is critical in assisting with the conception, design and build of these dramatic and experiential features.”

**– Kim Matheson, Senior Vice President,
WTS International**

DESIGN PHASES

For hydrothermal design to be successful, it must follow the tried-and-true design principle: *Form follows function*. As a highly specialized company, we bring a unique understanding of how to integrate design aesthetic with the engineering requirements required for implementing hydrothermal experiences. Working in collaboration with the client, the project will be developed through drawings, renderings and supporting documentation to enable a seamless transition when bringing a project to the point of operational readiness.





Concept Design

We work with the client's design team to refine existing plans to ensure first-class thermal experiences are created. All building and equipment requirements are considered, including recommendations for suitable and durable finishes. DFL can also consult on ways to maximize spa revenue and ROI.



Schematic Design

We create technical project drawings that ensure everything fits into the space. At this stage, we also provide a schedule of building and equipment costs to assist the client in finalizing the overall project budget. CGI renderings are created to allow the client to visualize the finished space.



Detailed Design

Refining the schematic design, we prepare detailed floor plans and sectional elevations, provide details for all MEP connection points at feature locations and incorporate supporting documentation for performance specifications. Detailed AutoCad and Revit drawings, including the often overlooked mechanical spaces, are also provided.



Construction Documents

We confirm all performance specifications and equipment requirements for the thermal spa facilities designed in the Detailed Design phase, including providing construction quality drawings and technical specifications for all facilities and equipment within the project scope.



Designing for Intimate Living Environments

Designing hydrothermal areas for private use requires clever planning due to limited space. In addition, because this is an intimate living environment, the rooms also include more space for lying down versus sitting in a commercial design. Our knowledge of prefabricated modular components as well as the current trends for home automation makes DFL uniquely qualified to design your home spa.

SPA & WELLNESS IN THE HOME

Designing private wellness areas in homes is a DFL specialty. For these spaces, we maximize the functionality of the thermal rooms, e.g., showers can transform into steam rooms while saunas can provide gentle or strong heat, depending on personal taste. The tubs are also multi-functional and can facilitate hydrotherapy bathing or even serve as cold plunge pools. Whatever a homeowner wants, DFL can deliver it with the same specifications as we do for our larger-scale 5-star designs.



"The entire team at HBG Design thanks you and the Design for Leisure crew for your expert guidance on our spa projects."

- Landon Shockey, Interior Designer, HBG Design



Creating Hydrothermal Design Solutions

CIVANA had limited space for implementing their desired goal of offering guests a full hydrotherapy thermal circuit of hot and cold pools. Through clever use of space—including the installation of a multi-climate KLAFS SANARIUM, the first in the U.S.—we were then able to also include a European-style Kneipp hot/cold wading pool and Tepidarium therapeutic soaking pool.



PROJECTS

North America & Caribbean Projects

- Admirals Cove Country Club, Jupiter, FL
- Aman Hotel, New York
- Aqua Caliente Hot Springs, Palm Springs, CA
- Beverly Wilshire Hotel Spa, Beverly Hills, CA
- Caesars Palace Qua Spa, Las Vegas, NV
- Cache Creek Resort and Spa, Brooks, CA
- Carillon Hotel and Spa, Miami Beach, FL
- Canyon Ranch SpaClub, Palazzo Hotel, Las Vegas, NV
- Chateau Beaver Creek, Beaver Creek, CO
- CIVANA Resort Spa & Sanctuary, Carefree, AZ
- Como Metropolitan Hotel, Miami Beach, FL
- Condado Vanderbilt Hotel Spa, San Juan, Puerto Rico
- Disney Dream Cruise Ship
- Disney Fantasy Cruise Ship
- Epic Hotel Spa, Miami, FL
- Faena Hotel & Spa, Miami Beach, FL
- Faena House Condominium Spa, Miami Beach, FL
- Fairmont Hotel, New Century Plaza, Los Angeles, CA
- Four Seasons Cayo Largo, Puerto Rico
- Four Seasons at The Surf Club, Surfside, FL
- Four Seasons Hotel, Philadelphia, PA
- Glen Ivy Hot Springs, Corona, CA
- Gotham Plaza Residential, New York
- Midtown Athletic Club Spa, Chicago, IL
- Murray Street, New York
- Nizuc Hotel and Spa, Cancun, Mexico
- Oceanwide Plaza Hyatt, Los Angeles, CA
- Oceanwide Plaza Residences, Los Angeles, CA
- Oceanwide Center, San Francisco, CA
- Omni Homestead, Hot Springs, VA
- Omni Resort, Barton Creek, Austin, TX
- Palms Casino Resort, Las Vegas, NV
- Shou Sugi Bath, Water Mill, New York
- Six Senses New York, New York
- St Andrews Country Club, Boca Raton, FL
- Tropicana Hotel Mandara Spa, Las Vegas, NV
- Watermark, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands
- Zemi Beach Boutique Hotel and Spa, Anguilla, Caribbean

International Projects

- Amanoi Hotel, Vietnam
- Atlantis, The Palm, Dubai
- Edition Hotel, Reykjavik, Iceland
- Four Seasons Astir Palace, Vouliagmeni, Greece
- Four Seasons Hotel, Dubai
- Four Seasons Hotel, Doha, Qatar
- Hot Springs Medical & Spa Hotel, Banya, Bulgaria
- Porto Montenegro Hotel and Spa, Montenegro
- Raffles Hotel Spa, Jakarta, Indonesia
- The Berkeley Hotel, London, UK
- The Curtain Hotel, London, UK
- Villa la Coste, Provence, France



Capitalize On Over 30 Years in the Wellness Industry

Beyond our hydrothermal expertise, our team holds a wealth of knowledge about the global wellness market. Actively involved with the Global Wellness Institute (GWI), we know the trends leading the rapidly evolving spa and wellness industry. Capitalize on our knowledge and—together—let's create the next 5-star wellness experience.

FAST FACTS ABOUT DFL



30+ Years

In 1991, DFL was founded in London by Don Genders. After more than a decade of creating high-end, turnkey wet spa areas for hotels in Europe, Asia and the Middle East, DFL was tapped by luxury spa and wellness leader Canyon Ranch in 2003 to design and build its Miami and Las Vegas spas. And opened the U.S. office in 2003.



5-Star Quality

We're committed to delivering 5-star, European-crafted wellness journeys that seamlessly merge the health benefits of ancient bathing practices with modern design, materials and technology.



Global Leader

Design for Leisure has designed and built unforgettable—yet culturally relevant—hydrothermal journeys on four continents (and dozens of countries). Today, DFL is the leading hydrothermal design and building specialist in the U.S. and around the globe.



Award Winning

DFL has designed and created countless award-winning hydrothermal projects, including Faena Saxony Hotel and Spa, Four Seasons, Nizuc Hotel and Spa, Zemi Beach Boutique Hotel and Spa, Canyon Ranch, and many more.



500,000+ Sq. Ft.

We've designed over 500,000SF of hydrothermal areas, including Finnish Saunas, Russian Banyas, Bio Saunas, Infrared Saunas, Steam Rooms, Caldariums, Sudatoriums, Turkish Hamams, Moroccan Hammams, Laconiums, Tepidariums, Hydrotherapy Pools, Snow Rooms, Igloos, Experience Showers, Plunge Pools and more.



Trusted Partner

DFL's expertise in the latest design trends and the best materials, products and equipment to use in areas that are exposed to extreme temperatures and water makes us the trusted partner for many of the world's leading wellness and luxury destination brands.



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