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Royal Champagne Hotel & Spa to open in France

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The storied history of Champagne – one of the world's great wine regions – will take on another dimension this summer with the launch of the Royal Champagne Hotel & Spa.

The hotel will make its debut as the destination's first contemporary luxury hotel, which embraces the lush bounty of the wineries and the surrounding UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Guests will have exclusive access to private Champagne houses, harvesting sessions with local wine producers and tastings with Champagne producers, personally curated by the in-house concierge team.

The Royal Champagne Hotel & Spa boasts an enviable location, situated right in the middle of the vineyards that stripe the hills of Epernay the capital of Champagne and the historic villages of Champillon and Hautvillers of Dom Perignon fame. Reimagining a wine-country retreat for all seasons, local Reims-based architect, Giovanni Pace has designed the property in the style of a contemporary amphitheatre, incorporating the original 19th Century Post House, where it is said that King Charles X of France stopped over before heading to Reims for his coronation. Each of the 49 rooms and suites affords spectacular views of the Champagne valley, appointed with Hermès amenities and state-of-the-art comforts.

The original property has been closed since 2014 after it was acquired by Boston-based Champagne Hospitality collection, a group of boutique luxury hotels and spas that includes the award-winning Le Barthelemy Hotel & Spa in St. Barths.

The hotel will be led by Nicolas Béliard formerly general manager of the Peninsula Paris.

The Royal Champagne Hotel & Spa will unveil the region's first world-class destination spa spanning 16,000ft2.

In partnership with acclaimed French brand Biologique Recherche, the wellness centre comprises nine treatment rooms; state of the art fitness facilities; a wood lined yoga studio; eucalyptus-infused sauna; manicure and pedicure stations and a mosaic tiled Hammam.

Two-star Michelin chef Jean-Denis Rieubland will be the Royal Champagne Hotel & Spa's executive chef, where he will lead the two gastronomic dining experiences – a gourmet dining room, Le Royal, and a more casual, all-day restaurant, Bellevue.

"It is my great pleasure and privilege to introduce Royal Champagne Hotel & Spa," said Beliard.

"We are embarking upon something absolutely unique in this very special place, enveloping our guests in a sensory experience that is wholly restorative and as uplifting as the bubbles in a glass of champagne.

"The beauty of our surroundings will be matched only by the inner sanctuary we're creating at Royal Champagne."