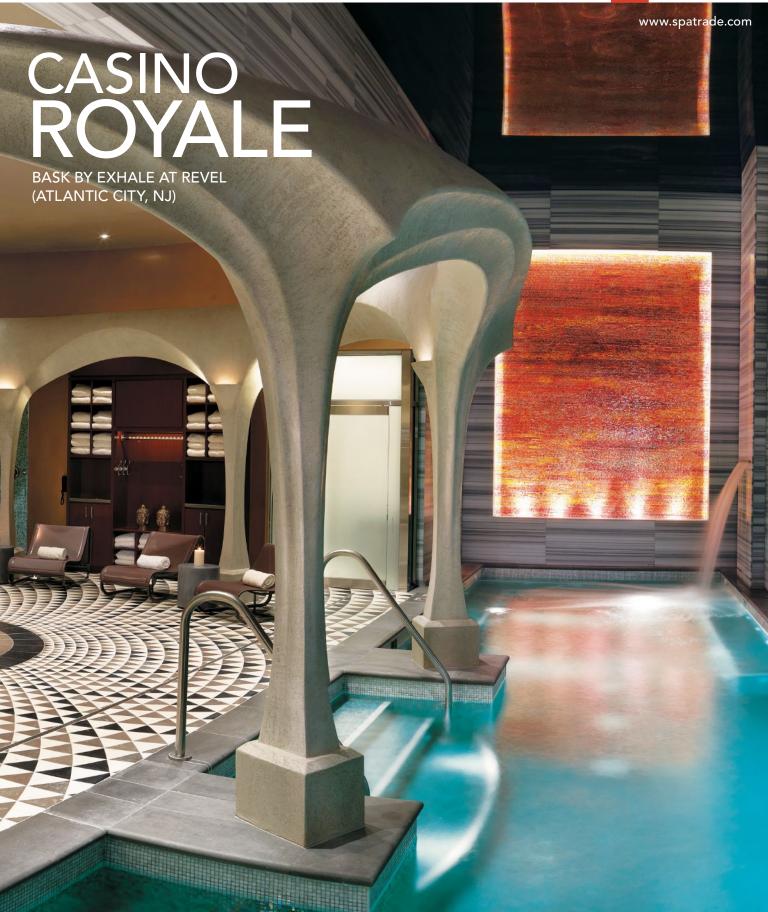
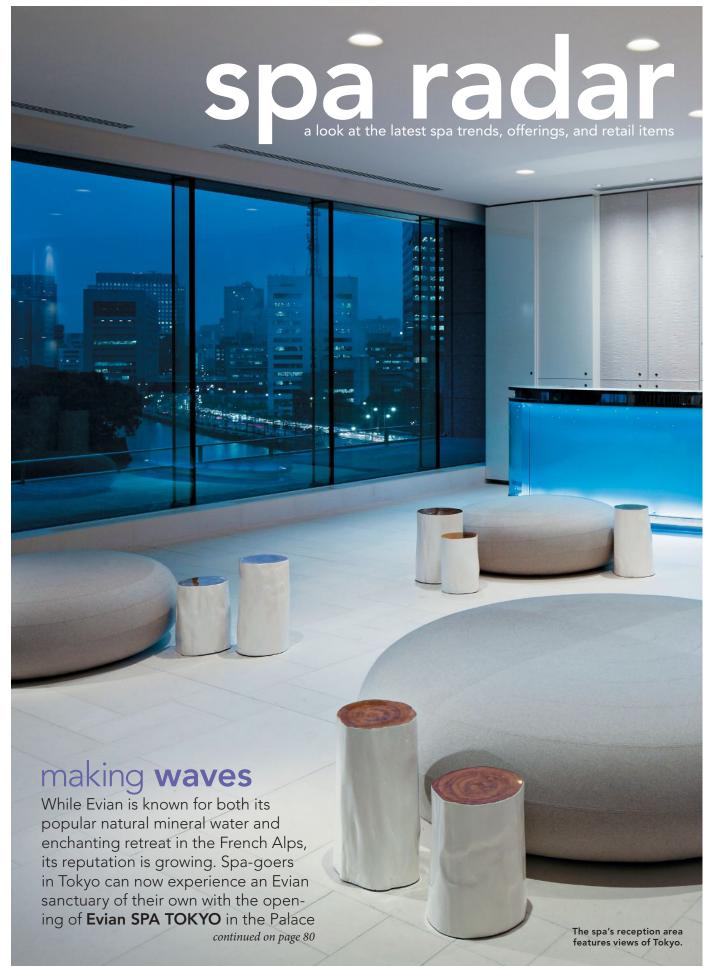
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Hotel Tokyo. The recently opened 12,916-square-foot Alpine-inspired spa is a first for Japan and relies on products from Paris-based Anne Semonin and Omnisens. It features five treatment rooms and a spa suite, each named after a peak in the Alps. In addition, it has heated baths, a marble sauna, a cold plunge pool, a dry sauna, reclining baths, and separate men's and women's relaxation lounges. A sculptural origami ceiling installation representing a flock of birds is just one highlight of the spa's unique design, which is an interpretation of the purifying journey undertaken by Evian natural mineral water. The Palace Hotel serves as an ideal location, offering views of Japan's own Mount Fuji in the distance. "Like Evian natural mineral water itself, the concept for this spa springs from the mountains," says the hotel's executive director and general manager Masaru Watanabe. "The journey of Evian water through the French Alps, which leads to its purification and balance, is the same metaphorical journey we're endeavoring to embark upon with our guests." It's certainly a voyage avid spa-goers won't want to miss.—Heather Mikesell



Tricks and Treats

This month, Eau Spa at The Ritz-Carlton, Palm Beach (FL) is pulling out all the stops. In celebration of Germany's famous Oktoberfest, spa-goers can indulge in a sudsy soak with Bath on Tap (\$217, 60

minutes), a beer scrub and brew bath in a private villa. After the intoxicating bath, guests are served a four-pack of local Florida ales to top off hoppy hour. To help guests get in the

Halloween spirit, the spa has also introduced a host of Spooktacular seasonal treats. Throughout October, guests can give their skin a double dose of vitamins with the Pumpkin Perfecting Facial (\$235, 60 minutes). "The ever-popular pumpkin is a super ingredient for the skin and a powerful antioxidant," says spa director Catherine Warren. Those haunted by aches and pains will want to take advantage of the Monster Mash Massage (\$160, 60 minutes; \$235, 90 minutes). Other aptly named treatments include Mummies Dry Float Treatment (\$255, 90 minutes); Madame Tussaud's Hand Treatment (\$75, 60 minutes); Trick or Treat, Fix My Feet! (\$65, 45 minutes); and Bride of Frankenstein Body Tan and Shine (\$255, 60 minutes). These seasonal treats are sure to scare any stress away.—H.M.



A sudsy brew bath (above) rates right up there with imbibing a tall cold one (left).