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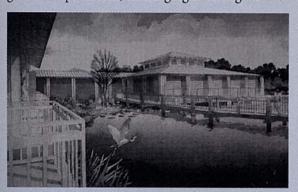
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AMELIA ISLAND NEW SPA

Coveted Island to Host New Destination Spa Robert Henry Architects to Design Exclusive Spa for Amelia Island

Architect Robert Henry has been chosen to build an exclusive destination spa in one of America's rare island paradises. Bringing a luxurious retreat to the Amelia Island Plantation in Florida, Henry is planning an eco-sensitive facility to complement the pristine unspoiled atmosphere in this premier destination. "There is no place in America quite like Amelia Island," says Henry. "Its stunning natural beauty presents a range of design opportunities." The project is scheduled to open Summer of 2001.

Henry is one of the premier spa designers in the country, having designed many successful day and destination spas, with several more on the boards. As an architect, he integrates unique spa treatments with a heightened architectural experience. "I always start with the concept of a sensuous journey when designing a spa," says Henry. At Amelia Island, the main spa facility will guide visitors through a compressed entry hall, and then into a grand reception hall, filtering light through a two-



story forest of exposed timber lattice. Henry will draw on the vernacular architecture of the Old South in designing the buildings. Tin roofs, plantation shutters, exposed wood beams, and covered porches will define the exteriors.

The spa complex reflects Amelia Island's environmental concerns of maintaining a delicate balance between nature and the built environment. The scale of the 16,000-square-foot project is reduced by breaking it down into a series of pavilions that are nestled around a meditation garden. The spa's interior is in harmony with its environment through the use of a palette of natural colors and materials derived directly from the site.

Robert D. Henry Architects is a New York-based, full-service firm offering planning, architecture, and interior design including specialty lighting and furniture design. Henry received an M.Arch. degree from Columbia University, and teaches at the New Jersey Institute of Technology School of Architecture. The diverse practice includes residential, salon and spa, restaurant, and resort projects.

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