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Splash World water park to highlight Malaysian development

Polin Waterparks to supply waterslides, water play structures

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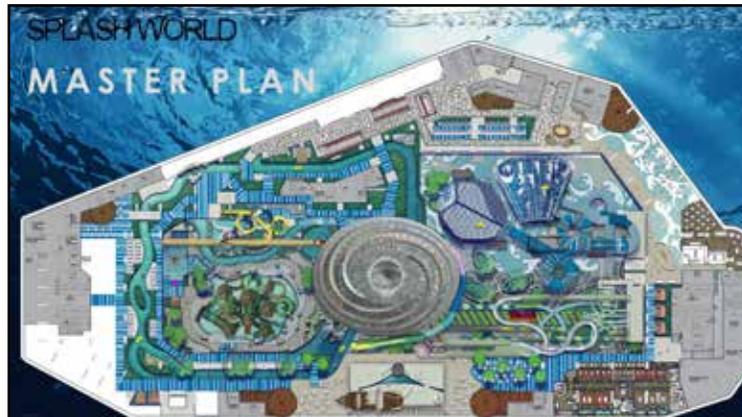
PULAU MELAKA, Malaysia — An elevated water park combining ultra-modern amenities with the latest waterslide innovations is in the works off the tropical shore of manmade Malacca Island.

Called **Splash World**, the indoor / outdoor project will be situated on the 14th level of a massive, cruise ship-shaped development, which will reach 30 stories at its highest point. Designed as a family-friendly holiday destination, the resort comprises hotels, residential units, an 800-store retail mall and multiple amusement and entertainment options in a location just three hours from Singapore and two hours from Malaysia's national capital, Kuala Lumpur. The area already draws 16.5 million tourists annually.

The overall design of the US\$198 million complex, being built by **Hatten Group** of Malaysia, pays homage to the area's history as a port city. It was conceptualized by Kuala Lumpur-based **WHZ Environmental Design**.

Expected to open in 2020 and designed and installed by **Polin Waterparks** of Turkey, **Splash World** itself will offer a variety of exciting rides, slides and splash pools. The 46,452-square-meter facility includes a two-level, interconnected lazy river that will wind through and around more than 50 other water attractions. Polin's **Navigatour**, a water coaster slide, will be the means by which guests can move from the lazy river's lower level to upper level, while various slides will let gravity do the work of moving guests from the upper level to lower level of the facility.

Eleven of **Splash World's** rides will be extreme waterslides offering high speeds



Splash World, part of a sprawling, cruise ship-shaped resort development near Malaysia's manmade Malacca Island, was designed by Polin Waterparks and will feature numerous waterslide and water play products manufactured by the company. COURTESY POLIN WATERPARKS

and sharp curves, with added visual effects created by color patterns and special lighting. The length of all slides combined totals more than one kilometer.

Polin's multi-award-winning **King Cobra** waterslide will be a **Splash World** highlight. The ride's configuration sends two double tubes racing through a circular path filled with twists, turns and a climactic drop.

Dato' Colin Tan June Teng, managing director of **Hatten Group**, felt that including **King Cobra** in the park was "imperative" in light of its impressive aesthetics and thrill value. "It's a revolutionary ride," he said. "It's exhilarating, entertaining and takes the guest experience to the next level. It was at the top of our list of must-have attractions."

Guests will also be able to get an adrenaline rush from numerous other Polin products, including:

- **Surf Safari** — a waterslide featuring a daring, 40-degree sloped entrance and parabolic design.

- **Looping Rocket** — a high-drop waterslide incorporating dazzling translucent colors.

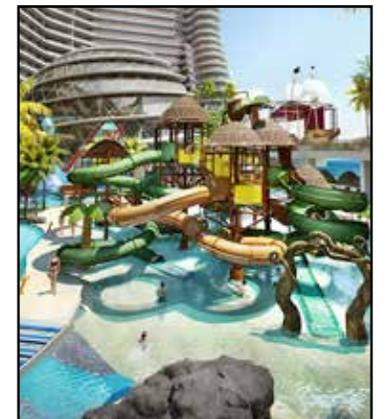
- **Windigo** — enclosed tubes that fan out to create geometrical curves and wind back together to conclude in multi-racer lanes.

- **Aquatube** — an enclosed slide that carries guests through twists and turns in complete darkness.

Datuk Wira Eric Tan Eng Huat, chairman of **Hatten Group**, was confident that the result of **Splash World's** meticulous planning and large number of attractions will be happier guests who spend less time waiting in line and more time having fun.

"We aim to create a water-park that offers an unforgettable experience for our guests and their families," he said. "Our expectations are that the experience we offer lives up to every guest's wildest expectations."

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Wave pool concept to create concentric surfing-quality waves

YEPPOON, Australia — A project described as Australia's first full-scale surfing wave pool was expected to begin demonstrations this month after a period of testing.

Developed by Gold Coast-based **Surf Lakes Intl.**, the concept deploys concentric wave technology that is able to produce high-quality surfing waves closely mimicking ocean waves. At full operational capacity, the technology can produce up to 2,400 waves per hour because each concentric wave produced breaks into further waves on several reefs around the lake. Wave shapes are varied and crests can reach as high as 2.4 meters.

The full-scale realization of the concept in **Yeppoon** is intended for technology refinement and shareholder / media / potential licensee demonstration only, and it will not be open to the general public. Shaping of the lake and reef was completed over the summer, followed by the installation of the massive, hydraulically powered central wave-making machine.

Surf Lakes was originally conceived by former mining engineer **Aaron Trevis**. **Chris Hawley**, engineer, and **Reuben Buchanan**, corporate advisor, joined the company as directors in 2016.

Surf Lakes plans to license the technology around the world as a standalone attraction or as a feature for incorporation into resort properties, theme parks and leisure destinations.

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Surf Lakes relies on concentric wave-making technology and reefs positioned around the pool to bend and vary wave shapes. Excavation and construction at the demonstration site was completed over the summer. COURTESY SURF LAKES INTL.