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The Spa at Mandarin Oriental Jumeira

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Silverfox Studios creates the flowing interior forms within Mandarin Oriental's debut Middle Eastern spa.

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Silverfox Studios has revealed its interior scheme for The Spa at Mandarin Oriental Jumeira, Dubai. Occupying 2,000m² within the group's Middle Eastern debut, the venue comprises nine treatment rooms including hammam and VIP suites, as well as a series of sculpted gym and studio pods. Created by studio leaders Patrick Waring and Susan Heng, the spaces reflect elements of the distinctive desert landscape, local culture and touchstones of contemporary wellness, with guests welcomed by timber and silk screens alongside cup-shaped partitions representing the petals and swirling cacti forms of the UAE's desert plains. The design is housed within a spiralling layout that connects subtly with the scheme's organic forms, with a curving staircase leading from the reception to the main treatment and spa above, where softer circulation corridors lined with sloping timber and fabric invoke references to the gulf's wave movement. Unique to the VIP suites are panoramic views out over beach and ocean, and balconies equipped with seating lounges and privacy screens. Elsewhere, a dedicated relaxation room sees guests enveloped in the distinctive pods as natural light spills in from adjacent water treatment rooms. With Silverfox Studio's interior design scheme fusing elements of locally-sourced tradition and luxurious contemporary touches, the treatment menu follows suit to offer therapies native to the region alongside signature Mandarin Oriental packages.

