**Elite World Hotels Invested TRY 650 million**

**for its Newest Hotel in Sapanca**

***Elite World Hotels, Turkey’s fastest growing hotel chain, opens Elite World Sapanca Convention & Wellness Resort that offers the largest wellness and spa area in Turkey with an investment worth of TRY 650 million.***

Elite World Hotels, Turkey’s fastest growing hotel chain with a total of seven hotels based in Istanbul, Marmaris and Van, has completed another huge hotel investment in Sapanca by building the most well equipped hotel in the region as its 8th property with the highest capacity in an attempt to change the game in the hotel industry.

Elite World Sapanca Convention & Wellness Resort built with an investment worth of TRY 650 million, has been established on an area of 4.4 acres with a room capacity of 500 and become a pioneer of firsts in Sapanca. The hotel incorporates many novelties including the region’s first and only bio-lagoon, Turkey’s first outdoor and heated seawater pool, Turkey’s largest wellness and spa area boasting a surface of 8,500 m2, and meeting halls each with a capacity for up to 3,000 people. Elite World Sapanca Convention & Wellness Resort has, so far, provided employment to 428 people who are particularly from Sapanca in addition to nearby places like Kocaeli and Sakarya according to Elite World Hotels Board Chairman Coşkun Elik including tourism and hotel management students and newly graduates from the schools in the region. Elik also emphasized that they will continue to provide the region with an employment support and that their Sapanca investment will also help locals thrive economically.

**“We will flourish the congress tourism in Sapanca”**

It took a total of three and a half years to launch Elite World Sapanca Convention & Wellness Resort after the decision to invest in Sapanca followed by preliminary works and construction activities, according to Elik who also said that they will soon create a value-adding guest profile in Sapanca through congress tourism and continued: “We have built high-capacity meeting and congress facilities at Elite World Sapanca Convention & Wellness Resort. We have a column-free, 2,200 square metered congress hall and meeting rooms in 18 different sizes with a total capacity for up to 3,000 people. Our aim is to bring to Sapanca big congresses and other such events organized in different cities. The hotel also includes eating and drinking areas with different designs and concepts to cater to different tastes of each guest. In addition, we have many activity areas including the Game Arena, a bowling hall, the Kids Club, a bio-lagoon, tennis courts, a basketball court, outdoor pool, adventure parks and an aquapark.”

**Turkey’s largest spa with 8,500 m2**

Elite World Sapanca Convention & Wellness Resort also stands out for being host to Turkey’s largest spa center covering an area of 8,500 m2, according to Elite World Hotels Board Member Emel Elik Bezaroğlu who highlighted that the hotel has been designed to introduce Turkey to a whole different spa experience. “At Elite World Sapanca Convention & Wellness Resort, we aim to turn our wellness services into a lifestyle philosophy that our guests can continue to follow even after they leave the facility. To that end, we introduced highly exclusive wellness plans and regimens that they can only enjoy at our hotel. We offer specially designed Kneipp walk pools, rain corridors, hay therapy rooms, outdoor and heated seawater lagoons, an outdoor sauna and outdoor steam rooms. Our hotel is the first and only hotel in the region that offers something beyond massage and skin therapies by also providing wholistic wellness and spa programs which include the Watsu massage, sound healing therapy and various meditation practices. In addition to all these, the Medi-spa facility at our hotel provides our guests with body shaping and anti-aging therapies in line with healthy living and eating practices,” Board Member Elik Bezaroğlu added.

Boasting an architecture based on natural materials and an eco-friendly concept, Elite World Sapanca Convention & Wellness Resort was completed without cutting down any trees and what’s more, the project’s landscaping design process saw the planting of over 600 trees. With its construction process completed in collaboration with teams of environmentalist experts so as to protect nature and create an eco-friendly building, Elite World Sapanca Convention & Wellness Resort has been awarded the LEEDS certificate.