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Camelback Lodge & Aquatopia Indoor Waterpark and Architectural Design Consultants, Inc., Aquatic Development Group, Vortex Aquatic Structures International Inc., Weber Group, Inc. and WhiteWater West Industries Ltd.

FOR THEIR WORK ON CAMELBACK LODGE & AQUATOPIA INDOOR WATERPARK



CAMELBACK LODGE & AQUATOPIA INDOOR WATERPARK
TANNERSVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA, U.S.A.

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Camelback Lodge & Aquatopia Indoor Waterpark opened its doors in May of 2015, welcoming guests to its innovative and expansive waterpark environment in the Northeast. Nestled in Pennsylvania's Pocono Mountains, this region draws 28 million leisure travelers annually.

Aquatic Development Group (ADG) was the lead designer and builder of Aquatopia. Drawing on decades of experience, ADG's team designed the park to include exceptional attention to detail with innovative features and attractions that appeal to guests of all ages and interests.

Arthur Berry III and Ken Ellis, who is also President of ADG, purchased Camelback Resort in June 2005 with the vision to expand the mountain's amenities and to one day build the most innovative indoor waterpark in the country, transforming Camelback Resort into a year-round destination.

ADG's creative design and construction teams worked closely throughout the project with industry experts including The Weber Group, Vortex Aquatic Structures and WhiteWater West in the construction and design of Aquatopia Indoor Waterpark. A unique partnership was formed with Stand Rock Hospitality, from Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin, to manage the colossal 453-suite Camelback Lodge & Aquatopia Indoor Waterpark. Architectural Design Consultants, Inc. (ADCI) was charged with bringing to life the "mountain-modern" style architectural and interior design concept that ADG developed for the lodge and their expertise in detail is evident throughout the 453-suite lodge.

Highlighting ADG's design philosophy of bringing the "best of the outdoors in" the 125,000 square feet of indoor waterpark is covered by their Texlon® Transparent Roofing System. Situated over 1.5 acres, it is the largest install over a waterpark in North America and the innovative material and design allows guests to soak up the sun and get a tan year-round in a comfortable 84-degree setting.

Aquatopia features 13 waterslides, seven unique adventure pools and a multitude of thrilling water attractions including the Double FlowRider® and the nation's longest indoor water coaster by WhiteWater West. Through an extensive collaboration between ADG and design experts, The Weber Group, a worldly expedition theme is brought to life through fictitious, yet legendary explorer, Kartrite Van Der Berris, who has filled the lodge and waterpark with wonders from his travels.

"I'm extremely proud of the talented and diligent teams at ADG, ADCI, WhiteWater West, Weber Group, Vortex, our partners at Stand Rock Hospitality and the work put forth by so many others who brought our vision to life," said Ellis. "Camelback Lodge & Aquatopia Indoor Waterpark is incredibly innovative because we had the full force of the industry's best people behind it."

Kalahari Resorts & Conventions and Architectural Design Consultants, Inc., Neuman Group, ProSlide Technology Inc. and Weber Group, Inc.

FOR THEIR WORK ON KALAHARI RESORTS & CONVENTIONS



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POCONO MOUNTAINS, PENNSYLVANIA, U.S.A.



ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN CONSULTANTS, INC.
LAKE DELTON, WISCONSIN, U.S.A.



NEUMAN GROUP
BEAVER DAM, WISCONSIN, U.S.A.



PROSLIDE TECHNOLOGY INC.
OTTAWA, ONTARIO, CANADA



WEBER GROUP, INC.
SELLERSBURG, INDIANA, U.S.A.

Kalahari Resorts and Conventions isn't your typical resort—its authentically African theme is designed to bring families together and offer guests a world away, beyond expectations experience. Kalahari Resorts combines the convenience of an all-under-one-roof vacation with the "World's Coolest Indoor Water Parks" (Condé Nast Traveler).

Ideally located in the tri-state area, the newest Kalahari Resorts and Conventions opened July 1, 2015 in the Pocono Mountains, Pennsylvania, and features its gigantic indoor waterpark, nearly 500 one-, two- and three-bedroom suites, an outdoor waterpark, a 30,000-sq.-ft. family entertainment center, three full-service signature dining experiences, Spa Kalahari & Salon, a 100,000-sq.-ft. convention center, 6,000 sq. ft. of retail space and more.

To complete this massive project in just 20 months, Kalahari Resorts and Conventions partnered with some of the best companies and firms in the industry. Kalahari Resorts worked with general contractors, Kraemer Brothers, and hand-in-hand with Architectural Design Consultants, Inc. to create a design that aligned with Kalahari's vision and allowed for an easy flow between the convention center, on-site restaurants, spa and family entertainment center.

The Neuman Group worked alongside ProSlide Technology Inc. and the Kalahari team to develop the ultimate waterpark experience for guests of all ages and integrate Kalahari's signature attractions in the 100,000 sq. ft. of waterpark space, including: "Wild Wildebeest," a raft ride with the longest hang times and zero-gravity oscillations; "Tanzanian Twister," which sends riders into a whirling vortex and free fall exit; and "the Anaconda," a fast and furious, up and down water coaster with open flumes and enclosed tunnels, just to name a few.

One of Kalahari Resorts and Conventions' favorite indoor waterpark attractions is "Tiko's Watering Hole" designed specifically for toddlers. Perfectly sized, and jam packed with fun, it features hands-on activities, pint-sized slides and a mini leisure river made just for the little ones.

Kalahari Resorts and Conventions is best known for its authentically-African theme, and with the help of Weber Group, the facility was able to create beautifully designed and themed areas throughout the resort, including the Big Five Fireplace, restaurant entrances, the convention center and more.

Kalahari Resorts and Conventions is committed to bringing the spirit of Africa to its guests at every touch point in the resort—through the décor, amenities and design of the resort.

Siam Park and ProSlide Technology Inc.



FOR THE "SINGHA"

SIAM PARK
TENERIFE, SPAIN



PROSLIDE TECHNOLOGY INC.
OTTAWA, ONTARIO, CANADA

Recognized as the number one waterpark on the planet by "TripAdvisor" in 2015 for the second consecutive year, Siam Park guarantees guests a breath-taking experience by offering amazing fun areas for the whole family, which impress all visitors from all nationalities visiting Tenerife, Spain. Continuing their commitment to innovative, unique water attractions has allowed Siam Park to reach a leading position within the new generation of water theme parks.

Its latest truly revolutionary move made by Siam Park is the new attraction called "Singha"—a three-person float slide that is more than 240-meters long, includes 14 changes of direction and ensures an adrenaline rush by enabling an unprecedented speed of 6-meters per second uphill and 18-meters per second downhill. It is an unforgettable aquatic experience that leaves visitors from all over the world astonished.

"Singha" was built by Siam Park in collaboration with ProSlide Technology Inc., a recognized world leader in water rides and inventor of the new generation hybrid rides. Five patents, exclusive technology and customized iconic features are the key to the successful collaboration of Siam Park and ProSlide Technology Inc. in the creation of the amazing "Singha."

At Siam Park the best quality is assured, as the company is internationally known for its high standards. An impressive environment and an exquisite Thai design convert this tourism magnet into a unique place in which the whole family enjoys fun, adventure and adrenaline.

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Vana Nava Hua Hin Water Jungle and WhiteWater West Industries Ltd.

FOR THEIR WORK ON VANA NAVA HUA HIN WATER JUNGLE



VANA NAVA HUA HIN WATER JUNGLE
HUA HIN, PRACHUAP KHIRI KHAN PROVINCE, THAILAND



WHITEWATER WEST INDUSTRIES LTD.
RICHMOND, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

Vana Nava Hua Hin and WhiteWater have created the first “water jungle” in Asia with a list of truly unique attractions.

On December 1st, 2014, Vana Nava Hua Hin opened in the beach resort town of Hua Hin in Thailand with the unique concept, “Asia’s First Water Jungle,” transforming 3.2 hectares into a tropical jungle with over 200,000 plants and trees.

“We set as our benchmark that we would not be just another waterpark in Thailand, but the first one people think of and the one in step with world standards,” said Ms. Proudpuh Liptapanlom, Managing Director of Proud Real Estate Co., Ltd.

Vana Nava provides 19 of the world’s best attractions, completely original in Thailand, from industry leader WhiteWater West, the highest safety standards from the U.S. and the most updated wallet-free technology throughout the park.

One attraction in particular, “Vana Nava Falls,” was designed as the tallest man-made mountain waterfall in Asia at 31-meters height, while WhiteWater West tailored the green and blue of the huge funnel shaped “Abyss™” to match the jungle and water concept. The “Abyss™” is the world’s largest waterslide and the only one of its kind in Thailand. Eye-catching from a distance, it has become a landmark of Hua Hin.

Thailand’s tallest “Boomerango” at 179-meters is recorded as the longest slide in the country. The “Aqualoop,” the only vertical looping slide in Thailand, is praised by visitors for spine-chilling excitement. “Aqualoop is terrifying, but excellent!” was on a TripAdvisor review from a visitor from the UK. A heart-pounding “Freefall” reaches sliding speeds of 50 km per hour from 18-meters’ height. These four attractions have become “The Splastastic 4” of Vana Nava.

Great for parties is the interactive “AquaCourse™,” another first of its kind in Asia. The inner tube slides, “The Rattler,” “Super Bowl” and “Master Blaster” are a good start for the first time visitor before experiencing “The Splastastic 4.” The wave pool, “Wave River” (Lazy River), the “Rain Fortress,” with its giant tipping water bucket and the “Kiddie Cove,” with 11 interactive water features, deliver family laughs with the little ones.

In the outdoor Adventure Zone, are a ropes course, climbing wall and the FlowRider® Double—all supplied by WhiteWater West.

“We stay committed to our vision to elevate Hua Hin’s status as a world-class destination. Our emphasis is on safety, delivering fun without fear. WhiteWater’s trusted facilities and maintenance program help us maintain our commitments and reputation,” said Liptapanlom.

Wet'n'Wild Las Vegas and WhiteWater West Industries Ltd.

FOR THEIR WORK ON LAUNCHING SLIDEBOARDING



WET'N'WILD LAS VEGAS
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, U.S.A.



WHITEWATER WEST INDUSTRIES LTD.
RICHMOND, BRITISH COLUMBIA,
CANADA

Covering more than 20 acres in the breathtaking Mojave Desert, Wet'n'Wild Las Vegas is known as Las Vegas' summer playground with a plethora of events and activities for all ages.

In May of 2015, Wet'n'Wild Las Vegas took a gamble and leveled up with the ground-breaking addition of Slideboarding—the world's first video game integrated waterslide, a WhiteWater West Industries Ltd. attraction.

Added to "Zipp Zapp Zoom," a popular park slide at Wet'n'Wild Las Vegas, Slideboarding has pushed tradition into the future by transforming a classic waterpark experience into a competitive and interactive, gaming waterslide. Slideboarding is more than a game; it's an app and an analytic tool for engaging consumers in a personalized, repeatable cross-platform entertainment experience. Slideboarding, inspired by the game play that "Guitar Hero" mastered in video games, has integrated gaming into a waterslide. It is a video game come to life! As players ride the waterslide, they need to press the corresponding colored buttons on the ride vehicle's handles as they pass under LED color-changing targets. If the rider presses the correct color at the correct time, they rack up points.

Slideboarding is accompanied by a highly engaging app that simulates the real-life Slideboarding experience allowing players to build their skills both online and offline. Slideboarding is the first game to create a dynamic system that intertwines real-life play with in-app play seamlessly. Players use a single identity to gain points and badges at the park and within the app.

The exclusive Slideboarding ride vehicle, the Slideboard, is essential to the success of the game. Not only is the ride vehicle edgy, colorful and designed for comfort, it contains the technology that connects the rider to the waterslide. The Slideboard is designed with comfort in mind, with an enclosed base that reduces water impact in ways that enhance the rider's comfort.

"Wet'n'Wild Las Vegas is always on the hunt for new and unique experiences to entertain our guests and we're proud to be the pioneers in this new technology," said Takuya Ohki, General Manager of Wet'n'Wild Las Vegas. "The Slideboarding addition was a fantastic investment and has created friendly-competition that encourages repeat visitation so guests can beat their previous score or get to the top of the leaderboard."

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