

Alyeska Resort

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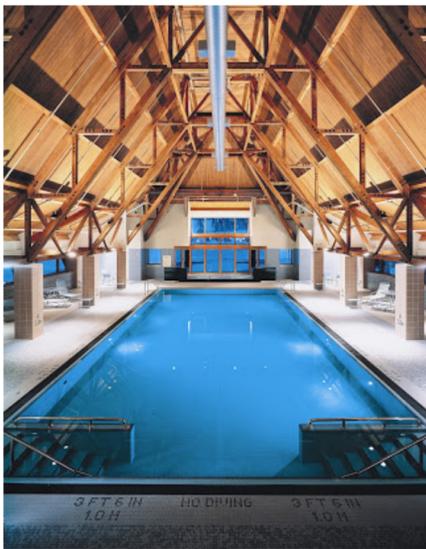
We sat down with Larry Daniels, Facilities Director and Senior Project Manager for Alyeska Resort and Melissa LaRose, GM of the new Alyeska Nordic Spa, to discuss our long relationship with Alyeska Resort and their exciting current expansion into the Nordic Spa market.



Alyeska Resort in Girdwood, Alaska is the only true resort in Alaska. It was modeled after the Canadian Pacific Chateau style hotel and designed back in 1989/1990. At that time, Larry was the project manager, and he was with the Resort in August 2003, when the then GM decided to convert to a Salt Pure® pool due to chemical accidents that had occurred around other local pools. Commercial salt systems were relatively new to the US but since he had experienced salt pools in Hawaii, he felt confident that this was the right choice for the resort. In 2011, they upgraded their salt systems and in 2014, upgraded their controllers. Larry recalls that while the Salt Pure® upgrade significantly improved the quality of the water, the controller upgrade made operations smoother and more dependable.

"There are sometimes wild fluctuations in pool usage with an awful lot of people at one time and the new controllers still keep the water within the correct parameters. We get nothing but positive comments from our customers."

In 2019 Alyeska was acquired by Pomeroy Lodging, Western Canada's leader in hospitality and lodging in the secondary and tertiary markets, with a range of hotels to serve every need. Pomeroy has several properties in Canada, one of which is the Kananaskis Mountain Lodge in Alberta, home of the Kananaskis Nordic Spa.



Canada has seen a surge in interest in Nordic Spas over recent years. Nordic Spas are best experienced in cold weather countries and offer a style of hydrotherapy that has been popular in Scandinavia for generations. The belief is that taking your body from hot to cold temperatures can strengthen your immune system, detoxify, and help soothe various aches and pains. It is a great wellness experience and also a relaxing way to connect with nature. The extraordinary success of the Kananaskis Nordic Spa created interest in Alyeska Resort, which also had space for the addition of a Nordic Spa.



Alyeska's Nordic Spa configuration will include 12 bodies of water consisting of the main 17,000 gallon heated pool, two 5,000 gallon hot spas, a 4,000 gallon and a 1,500 gallon cold plunge, a walk through cold pool, five hot barrels and one cold barrel; all bodies will be sanitized with Salt Pure® and will include TMI's state of the art RSC line of controllers and Low Pressure UV systems. It will also offer steam and dry saunas, an exfoliation room and relaxation space.



Melissa LaRose

Melissa is the GM of the emerging Nordic Spa at Alyeska, and she has a rich history in resort & spa management, along with design, remodel and development projects. Melissa explained how the Nordic Spa concept is an inclusive one and designed with the goal of making everyone feel comfortable and connected. They plan to open the Alyeska Nordic Spa this summer and, by the sound of things, we in the US can look forward to seeing some Nordic Spas popping up as Pomeroy expands across the United States.

"It was a big decision to go salt with our Nordic Spa project and the years of experience Larry has had working with the TMI Salt Pure® pool and spa at the resort were a major consideration. With our wellness focus good quality water is critical and we are confident that with the Salt Pure® systems we will be able to provide the best experience to our guests."

This will be TMI's first Nordic Spa project and we are grateful and excited to be part of this new trend in health and aquatic recreation.

We will be partnering with Evolution Pool of Kelowna as part of our BRIDGING® Program rollout, currently collaborating on 14 additional Nordic Spa projects. Quite apart from Evolution's experience with the 3 Nordic Spas completed, they have also become a



leader in the technology being shared with developers around the country and this includes complete design build, operations, training and handover. It is a no-nonsense turnkey operation. What sets Evolution apart from most other builders is the technique of mono-pouring - everything from the floor, walls, benches and stairs is completed in a single pour ensuring a successful result with no chance of cracks, leaks or separation. Evolution is also a leading expert in the increasingly popular "Salt Rooms", which is essentially a sea salt scrub in a steam room using sea salt scented with eucalyptus; and "Salt Floating Ponds" which have a very high salt level (double the ocean) making the body 100% buoyant. These are usually indoors, built in cave like structures, with fiber optics in the ceiling to mimic floating outdoors in the ocean. The collaboration with TMI will ensure that all bodies of water will be sanitized with Salt Pure®.

If you are interested in learning more about Alyeska Resort, located in Alaska, go to www.alyeskaresort.com.

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