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CERTIKIN'S HOTTEST COLLABORATION!

Certikin, and heat pump manufacturer, Global Energy Systems, struck up an ingenious new collaboration this year. And, in the first of its kind, Bicester-based, Central Heat Pumps, recently installed the partnership's first high temperature air source heat pump coupled with a Calorex Variheat, in a domestic pool in Buckinghamshire... with great results!

Global Energy Systems (GES), a British firm with over 50 years of international engineering expertise, specialises in air source heat pump technology. Thanks to this new collaboration, Certikin can now offer those customers buying the Variheat and Delta systems, a high temperature air source heat pump that is a more environmentally conscious alternative heat source than has previously been available.

"With the ability to now offer a 'green' environmental control and primary heat package, this new partnership will enhance, and further consolidate our long-standing, existing relationship with Dantherm, the specialists in heat dehumidification," explains Certikin Marketing Manager, Chris Green.

Designed specifically for the UK climate, the heat pumps outperform gas, oil and electric systems in delivering over 300% efficiency. The capacity of the heat pumps starts from 8.5kW, providing a solution for almost all projects. The models offer remote monitoring with live performance data feedback to GES allowing, if necessary, issues to be fixed remotely.



COMPLEMENTARY STRENGTHS

Putting this new solution through its paces, Bicester-based swimming pool heater specialists, Central Heat Pumps, commissioned the GES heat pump and teamed it with the installation of the Calorex Variheat.

Central Heat Pumps' Paul Casey says: "A client's Calorex unit on his indoor 32 by 16 ft pool gave up the ghost after thirty years of sterling service and was beyond repair. We discussed various options, and my client expressed a desire not to use gas or oil, so an air source heat pump presented itself as the obvious choice. He was keen to try my recommendation of a GES heat pump combined with a Variheat."

The clever, multi-tasking Calorex Variheat Series 3 air handling unit, featuring a PLC touchscreen as standard and endless configuration options, offers the ultimate in flexibility to suit almost every plant room. Total peace of mind is provided as commissioning comes as standard together with a 2-year on-site parts and labour warranty.

With an indoor swimming pool, large volumes of moisture evaporate into the pool hall. Totally self-controlling, the Variheat will remove this moisture and recover energy. In controlling the operation of the heat source and combining it with a highly efficient heat pump dehumidifier, it provides air and water heating, humidity control, ventilation and energy recovery.

By utilising this method, energy costs are kept to a minimum. Typically, for every unit of power that a Variheat consumes, it will convert more than twice this amount to usable heat. The potential energy savings are huge. In fact, compared to traditional heat and ventilation, considerable energy cost saving can be made, and corresponding CO₂ emissions can be dramatically reduced.

The installation took around five days and was very straightforward. "I have an excellent working relationship with Certikin, spanning over 35 years and have seen the company change shape and size enormously," says Paul. "What hasn't changed is its excellent

technical know-how and customer service that we have often come to rely on to get the job done."

Chris Batterham, Central Heat Pump's happy customer, says:
"We use the pool throughout the year so we wanted a robust system and GES heat pump and Variheat have proved to be the perfect solution. The temperature control is accurate and sensitive, plus we have the option to control it remotely. I wouldn't hesitate to recommend Central Heat Pumps, the team are highly knowledgeable and a pleasure to deal with."



Thirty year old Calorex TEC 500 unit finally gives up the ghost and is replaced with a GES heat pump combined with a Variheat

THE LINE-UP CONTINUES TO EXPAND

AS THE UK'S LEADING LINER SUPPLIER, CERTIKIN OFFERS THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE PORTFOLIO OF STYLISH, HIGH QUALITY, DURABLE OPTIONS

Drawing from the extensive portfolios of two main suppliers: Renolit and CGT, Certikin offers customers an unrivalled range of colours and patterns.

2025 sees the introduction of new materials from both suppliers. **The Aquadecor series from CGT** is a collection of exceptional printed pool liner material which is inspired by the latest décor trends and styles.

There are three new ranges from **Renolit** adding to the extensive number of materials already available from Certikin. Designed to simulate large format tiles, the **Tiled range** is the ultimate expression of elegance, combining both design and functionality. **The Alive range** is available in three colours, each allowing you to transform the garden landscape into a picturesque oasis. Finally, the **Renolit Relief range** is available in eight different unicolour textured designs. This multi-purpose, slip-resistant and lacquered membrane will match any architectural design for new pools or renovations.

"Whether it's a factory made 'bag' liner, or a heavy-duty site applied liner, the range and quality of swimming pool vinyl linings has come on leaps and bounds in recent years," says

Certikin Site Project Manager, Scott Cowan. *"The strength and durability of pool vinyl has increased enormously, thanks to the application of improved protective lacquers which, when combined with high quality inks and colourings, improves stain and abrasion resistance, reduces plasticiser migration and helps combat UV degradation."*

There's now a huge variety in styles and patterns. The traditional classics have been joined by liners featuring vibrant colours, photographic printing, metallic, pearlescent finishes, and engraved finishes that offer a natural stone look. The finished look can be unique, classical, dramatic, or plain and simple. Each can be combined with a contrasting or complementary anti-slip material for steps and slopes (many of which are an exact match to the main pool pattern).

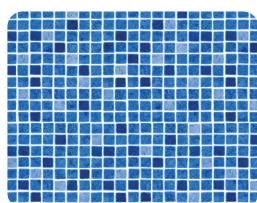
The site applied lining option is increasingly popular with domestic owners due to its durability. Certikin's Infinite On-site Lining range uses a 1.5mm – 2mm three ply product compared to the traditional single ply 0.75mm vinyl used for factory made liners. The service is quick and efficient

– taking around four working days for an average sized domestic hopper pool with steps and there is no curing or standing period. It's suitable for both new and old pools of domestic and commercial size and can accommodate complex shapes, steps, ledges, and pits. The longevity of the product, when compared to thinner linings or paints, is a major advantage, particularly for commercial pools. It comes with a 15-year pro rata warranty, but the life expectancy can be double this in a well-maintained pool.

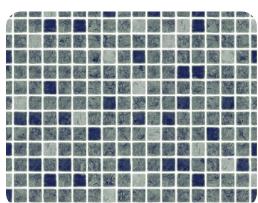
Scott adds: *"On-site lining is generally quick, and it also means that the pool trader can continue working on other projects whilst we are working on their behalf."*



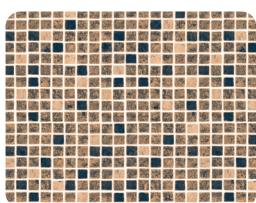
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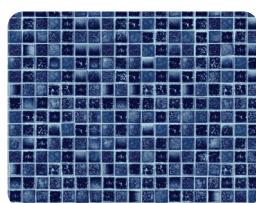
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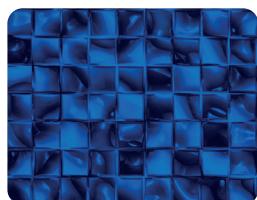
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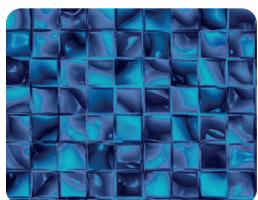
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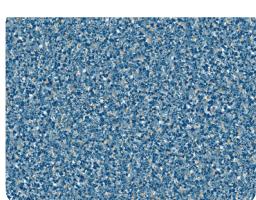
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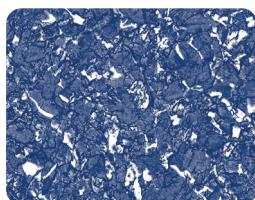
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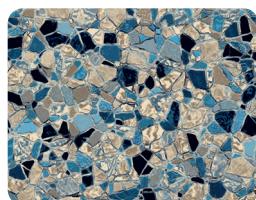
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Sparkle



Butterfly Pearl

RENOLIT RELIEF RANGE

- Cat C DIN Standard
- 1.8mm thick



White



Sand



Light Blue



Adriatic Blue



Caribbean Green



Light Grey



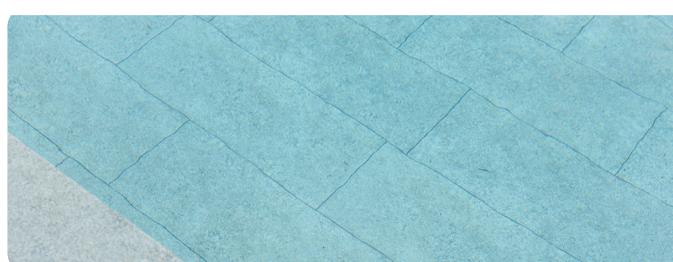
Dark Grey



Black

RENOLIT TILED RANGE

- Cat C DIN Standard
- 2mm thick



Quartz (grey)



Jade (green)

RENOLIT ALIVE RANGE



Chandra (1.65mm)



Dhyana (1.65mm)



Prana (1.65mm)

SITE-LINED SWIMMING POOLS SAVE YOU TIME AND MONEY – IF IT'S DONE RIGHT!

As the owner or manager of a growing and increasingly busy pool company, have you ever looked for ways to free up your time while maintaining healthy profit margins? - One such way is to re-evaluate how you line or reline your customers' pools.

The traditional method of using factory-made bag liners has been relied upon for decades and remains an efficient and effective way to line pools. However, this approach ties up your staff for several days, and you bear full responsibility for ensuring a proper fit. You **must** also provide precise site measurements to the liner manufacturer.

In contrast, opting for site-lined pools eliminates many of the challenges associated with ordering and installing pre-tailored liners, freeing up valuable time for more profitable work. There is no need for precise site measurements—the lining company handles this. Additionally, the lining company installs the underlay, conducts the final pool sweeping, and assumes responsibility for the fit and any potential damage during installation. This also removes the costs and

disruptions associated with fitting liners in low temperatures or experiencing delays due to wet weather.

Several key factors must be evaluated when deciding whether your team should undertake the work. Beyond the technical aspects, considerations include the necessary skills, availability of trained personnel, required tools and equipment, time constraints, and material availability. Project complexity, safety regulations, cost-effectiveness, and potential risks should also be assessed. It's also important to consider whether outsourcing might improve efficiency or quality. Evaluating these elements thoroughly will help ensure the job is completed successfully, on time, and within budget.

HERE'S WHAT TO CONSIDER:

FITTING PROCESS:

Flat sheets of material are cut from a roll and shaped before being laid onto the floor. These sheets are joined together using a heat welding process to create a water-tight seal.

A liner lock track or profile, akin to a thin foil lining, is used to fix the liner along the top of the wall face surface. Strips of material with a thicker beading element welded to one edge are shaped on-site to match the wall profile. The walls are hung in place and the floor is then laid and welded to the underlap of the walls. If the floor is sloped or leading into a slope the bottom edge of the wall is fixed and the floor laid from here.

A gap is intentionally left between the bottom of the liner wall section and the pool wall to allow water pressure to evenly tension both elements when the pool is filled. The use of underlay, such as felt for walls and floors, or foam for rough blockwork, depends on the pool shell's surface finish.

JOINING AND SEALING METHODS:

In addition to heat welding using hot air or a hot wedge machine - special situations may call for solvent and PVC adhesives to join materials. Regardless of the method, all joins are sealed with a hand-applied liquid PVC bead along the upper join line.

USE IN BALANCE TANKS:

While 'pre-tailored' liner material may pose fixing challenges in balance tanks due to wall movement, on-site liner material can typically be fixed more securely to the wall.

GUARANTEES:

The guarantee for on-site liners, which can be used in both domestic and some public pools, is generally longer and more comprehensive compared to pre-tailored liners. Guarantees may vary based on usage, so early communication with the liner supplier is crucial.

Liners usually carry a full guarantee in swimming pools with a running temperature of 32°C or less. The guarantee may be reduced for spas or hydrotherapy pools up to 35°C, while temperatures exceeding 35°C can further shorten the liner's life expectancy.

WITH ALL THIS IN MIND, ONE POOL COMPANY OWNER COMMENTED:

"I have considered training my own staff for this type of work, but with only a few lining jobs each year, maintaining their skill level and efficiency would be impossible. Also, I can put them to better use while someone else takes care of it!"

Another issue with performing occasional lining jobs is material batch continuity. Leftover partial rolls of expensive material can significantly cut into profit margins if not used promptly. This challenge is minimal for professional installation companies that consistently move from one job to another, efficiently utilising these materials.

Mastering the skills needed for site lining a swimming pool is critical to success. It takes years of hands-on experience to handle anything beyond a basic rectangular pool. Features such as steps, intricate angles, curves, bowls, ledges, and cover pits demand precise vinyl application, secure welded joints, and a flawless aesthetic—qualities only a highly skilled installer can achieve. Choosing the right installation partner is essential. A reputable installer not only represents your business professionally but also ensures accountability, returning to address any issues if needed.



Because on-site swimming pool lining requires a specialised skill set, it is best left to professionals who perform these tasks routinely throughout the year. Continuous practice and refinement can achieve a true 'expert installation'. It is also beneficial to partner with a company that is a member of the SPATA (Swimming Pool and Allied Trades Association), as SPATA members commit to industry standards and adhere to a Code of Ethics.

THE FINANCIAL BENEFITS OF SITE LINING

The most persuasive arguments in favour of site lining a swimming pool are the financial ones. Take the example of a typical 12' x 24' pool with a hopper configuration. Assuming ordinary conditions and using very approximate costing criteria, the pool company might spend at least two, and probably three days on-site fitting the liner – this would include a final sweep of the pool, clipping and vacuuming the liner into place, cutting out all the fittings and then supervising the filling which would almost always involve subsequent visits over the next day or two.

- Let's assume that the liner will cost £900, and being generous, say that this will have taken up three days on site at a total cost of £400 per day. This gives a theoretical cost of £2,100. If the pool company doubles this, it can charge, say, £4,200.
- In comparison site lining the same pool. The cost of the installed liner would be about £5,000 and involve, at the most, one day on site. So, the total cost would be £5,400.
- Typically, the percentage margin on a site lined pool is less than a liner pool, so by adding 50%, we get to a selling price of £8,100. This gives the pool company a return of £2,700 for one day's work on-site compared to a return of £2,100 for the bag liner with three days on site. Furthermore, the time saved can be put to better and more profitable use elsewhere.

The installation must be executed correctly to capitalise fully on these financial benefits. A poorly installed liner can result in costly return visits and delayed payments, quickly eroding profits. A highly experienced lining partner makes all the difference.

Choosing a company with recognised



installation accreditations ensures high-quality work and reduces liability.

Both systems offer cost-effective solutions, but site-lined pools come with significant advantages:

- Extended guarantees
- The lining company assumes responsibility for measurements and fit
- Reduced risk from weather-related delays
- No need for the pool company to be present during installation
- Less liability and higher profits with fewer resources invested

The best way to determine what's right for your business is to make an informed decision. To support pool companies, SPATA offers a Liner Course covering essential topics such as:

- How liners are manufactured
- Surveying and preparing the pool
- Installation techniques
- Proper maintenance
- Common pitfalls and how to avoid them

The course also includes a short test to ensure an understanding of key concepts. Training is crucial for recognising the complexities of liner installation and understanding when to rely on specialist liner partners. Even with general knowledge of liner manufacturing and installation, occasional site lining can lead to errors in complex shapes, welded joints, and material management.

When executed correctly, site-lined swimming pools present a more efficient and profitable alternative to pre-tailored liners. This approach

eliminates the need for precise measurements, reduces weather-related delays, and shifts the installation company's responsibility for fit and material use. Professional liner specialists bring the expertise needed to handle intricate pool designs and maintain material consistency, ensuring superior results. Financially, site-lined pools provide higher returns with less on-site labour.

By leveraging professional installation teams, pool companies can streamline operations, enhance efficiency, and boost profitability. This allows them to focus on their core business while leaving liner installation to their skilled expert partners.

To learn more, secure your place for the next training opportunity, which provides 5 CPD points for attending this course.

SPATA LINER COURSE

Date: Tuesday 7th October 2025

Time: 9.45 am – 3.45 pm

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NATIONAL HOT TUB DAY

DISCOVER THE ULTIMATE IN RELAXATION AND WELLBEING

March 28th was National Hot Tub Day, dedicated to celebrating hot tub ownership's incredible benefits. Whether you want to unwind after a long day, improve your overall wellbeing, or create a social hub for friends and family, a hot tub can transform your home into a sanctuary of relaxation and enjoyment.

A hot tub is an affordable luxury—it's a way to enhance your lifestyle and improve your health. The warm, soothing water and powerful jets offer a range of benefits, from easing muscle tension and reducing stress to promoting better sleep and enhancing circulation. Hot tubs provide a personal retreat where you can escape the pressures of daily life and focus on your wellbeing.

For many, a hot tub becomes the heart of the home, a place to reconnect with loved ones, share meaningful conversations, and create cherished memories. Whether you use it for quiet, solo relaxation or lively gatherings with family and friends, a hot tub enriches your lifestyle in countless ways.

Taking time for yourself is essential; a hot tub makes self-care effortless. The combination of warm water, buoyancy, and hydrotherapy jets helps to relieve aches and pains, reduce anxiety, and encourage deep relaxation. Many hot tub owners find regular use improves mental clarity, enhances mood, and supports overall emotional wellbeing.

In today's fast-paced world, having a dedicated space to unwind and recharge is invaluable. National Hot Tub Day is the perfect reminder to prioritise relaxation and embrace a more balanced, stress-free lifestyle.

MAKE AN INFORMED CHOICE – CHOOSE A BISHTA MEMBER

If you're considering investing in a hot tub, choosing a trusted professional to ensure the highest quality, safety, and aftercare is essential. The **British and Irish Spa and Hot Tub Association (BISHTA)** represents the UK's leading hot tub specialists, ensuring that every BISHTA-accredited company adheres to strict industry standards and best practices.

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By choosing a BISHTA member, you can be confident in receiving expert advice, quality products, and reliable support for years. BISHTA also provides valuable consumer resources, including buying guides, maintenance tips, and inspiration to help you create your perfect hot tub experience.

Visit the Hot Tub & Spa Hub at www.bishta.co.uk to learn more about the benefits of hot tub ownership, download free guides, watch 'Ask the Expert' videos, and connect with BISHTA members.



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APRIL POOLS DAY



April 1st marked **April Pools Day**, spearheaded by SPATA, the Swimming Pool and Allied Trades Association. This day celebrated the incredible benefits that owning a swimming pool can bring to your home and lifestyle. Whether you're looking for a way to boost your physical fitness, create lasting family memories, or enjoy a private retreat in your garden, a pool can transform your way of life.

Owning a pool is about so much more than just swimming. It's about embracing a lifestyle that enhances your health and wellbeing. Swimming is a fantastic, low-impact exercise that improves cardiovascular health, builds strength, and relieves stress. Beyond fitness, a pool offers a serene space for relaxation, a place where families and friends can come together, and an escape from the hustle and bustle of daily life.

A swimming pool can profoundly impact your overall well-being. Water's calming effect promotes relaxation, helping to reduce stress and anxiety. Floating or swimming in warm water can soothe aching muscles, improve sleep quality, and encourage mindfulness. Spending time in and around the pool provides a natural setting for unwinding, socialising, and reconnecting with loved ones, fostering a greater sense of happiness and balance in your daily life.

FIND TRUSTED PROFESSIONALS THROUGH SPATA

When considering a pool for your home, choosing experienced and accredited professionals is essential to ensure the highest quality and safety standards. The Swimming Pool and Allied Trades Association (SPATA) connects consumers with trusted experts who adhere to industry-leading standards and ethical practices.

SPATA provides invaluable resources, including consumer guides, inspirational project galleries, and a searchable directory of accredited members who can help bring your dream pool to life.

Find out more about the benefits of pool ownership, download guides, watch 'Ask the Expert' videos, and connect with SPATA members today at www.spata.co.uk.

TRENDS AND INSIGHTS FROM THE UK MARKET:

STRENGTHENING THE WET LEISURE INDUSTRY THROUGH GLOBAL, EUROPEAN, AND DOMESTIC COLLABORATION

In this issue, Chris Hayes, Managing Director of the British Swimming Pool Federation (BSPF), provides readers with a comprehensive update on developments in the UK wet leisure sector over the past year. From technological advancements to shifts in consumer priorities and evolving sustainability practices, the UK's wet leisure industry has experienced significant transformation. Chris Hayes delves into the challenges and opportunities that have shaped the sector, highlighting key milestones and initiatives undertaken by the BSPF and its members. He also offers insights into the Federation's strategic vision for the future, including planned initiatives for 2025. He underscores the critical role of collaboration within the industry and with external stakeholders to ensure continued growth and innovation.

The wet leisure industry continues to evolve at an exciting pace, driven by innovative technologies, shifting consumer priorities, and a growing appreciation for health and wellness. The BSPF is pivotal in fostering growth, sustainability, and excellence at the heart of the UK's wet leisure sector. Through its key members, the Swimming Pool and Allied Trades Association (SPATA) and the British and Irish Spa and Hot Tub Association (BISHTA), there is promotion of industry standards and provision of invaluable guidance to ensure continued success and innovation.

Since its establishment in 1999, the BSPF has grown and developed as the umbrella organisation for industry entities, including SPATA, BISHTA, SPATEX (the UK's wet leisure trade exhibition), and Pool Industry Promotions (PIP). Governed by a

board of representatives and led by President Dyfed Thompson-Smith, the federation's dedicated team in Andover works tirelessly to support businesses and professionals across the sector. The BSPF's strategic vision prioritises innovation, collaboration, and excellence, achieved through a blend of domestic initiatives and international partnerships.

A key aspect of the BSPF's strategy is its active involvement with the World Alliance of Pool and Spa Associations (WAPSA) and its membership of the European Union of Swimming Pool and Spa Associations (EUSA). These collaborations provide essential platforms for exchanging best practice, analysing trends, and influencing global and European standards. The BSPF ensures its members remain competitive in an interconnected market by aligning the UK wet leisure sector with international advancements.

Participation in WAPSA offers members insights into global trends and emerging technologies, while EUSA's continental expertise helps UK businesses adapt to evolving European regulations, standards, and consumer demands. BSPF Managing Director Chris Hayes highlights the importance of these partnerships: "Our collaborations with WAPSA and EUSA are vital to ensuring the UK wet leisure industry remains competitive and innovative. These partnerships allow us to bring our members the best knowledge from around the world, helping our members to continually raise their game to deliver exceptional service to their customers."

The industry's growth is fuelled by increasing consumer interest in wellness and the transformative role of technology. Hot tubs, spas, swimming pools and wellness are increasingly seen as essential to a healthy lifestyle, promoting physical health, mental wellbeing, and social connections. Technological advancements, such as automated pool cleaning systems, app-controlled water monitoring and energy management tools, enhance user



experience while improving efficiency.

Sustainability is another central focus for the BSPF President Dyfed Thompson-Smith, who emphasises the Federation's commitment to supporting businesses in adopting eco-friendly practices and reducing their respective carbon footprint. "Sustainability remains a central focus," he notes, "with a commitment to developing long-term strategies that enable stakeholders to meet and exceed environmental standards." This includes promoting renewable resources and energy-efficient technologies, ensuring the industry complies with current regulations and setting new benchmarks for the future.

Integrating artificial intelligence and data-driven decision-making is also gaining traction within the wet leisure sector. Dyfed Thompson-Smith underscores the importance of exploring AI-driven efficiencies in business operations: "We need to collaborate with stakeholders to unlock the potential within the AI and data ecosystem, ensuring UK businesses remain at the forefront of innovation."

The BSPF's efforts extend to empowering its members through resources and training. Members of BISHTA and SPATA benefit from exclusive access to industry standards, safety guidelines, and supplements, all housed in the dedicated online Members' Hubs. These resources, advocacy initiatives, and enhanced training opportunities enable businesses to implement cutting-edge solutions and deliver exceptional value.

Safety and environmental standards are key pillars of the BSPF's mission. By working closely with WAPSA and EUSA, the Federation ensures that UK businesses align with international regulatory frameworks, while amplifying the industry's global influence. This enables companies to develop products and services that meet the highest standards, fostering trust and innovation.

Recognising the growing interest in water immersion for health and wellbeing, the BSPF is also investigating the potential advantages of cold water immersion, working collaboratively with partners to establish research and development, to substantiate the benefits of cold (and warm) water immersion further. Collaborations are being developed through working with Coventry University and the University of Portsmouth, which aim to provide groundbreaking research on the specific benefits of water leisure products to help futureproof the industry.

With the support of the BSPF, BISHTA has spearheaded an industry subgroup focused on producing comprehensive guidance on cold water immersion. During 2024, the subgroup worked on producing industry guidance for cold water immersion products, with this eagerly anticipated document planned for publication in early 2025, providing valuable insights for industry professionals. This effort is complemented by consumer-friendly cold water immersion factsheets, already available on the BISHTA website.

To highlight the developments and achievements of its members, SPATA and BISHTA host the annual British Pool and Hot Tub Awards, showcasing excellence in construction, design,

installation, retail, hire, service, and innovation. These prestigious awards are the longest-running and most esteemed in our field, offering unparalleled marketing opportunities for members. The awards ceremony takes place during SPATEX hosted by the BSPF at the Wet Leisure Industry Gala Evening. This glamorous evening is the highlight of the industry calendar, bringing together professionals, visionaries, and enthusiasts to honour outstanding achievements and enjoy an unforgettable night of networking and celebration.

For some lucky winners, they will also be shortlisted for the 2025 European Pool and Spa Awards, hosted by EUSA. These awards are held at one of the European shows and in 2025, they will be hosted in Barcelona.

SPATEX is an essential platform, shining a spotlight centre stage on the UK wet leisure industry. As with many exhibitions around the world, SPATEX's primary purpose is to promote trade and offer networking opportunities. The quality of the exhibition stands has continued to increase, leading to a better and bigger show and enhancing the experience for visitors.

The education programme is unparalleled, and for the first time at SPATEX 2025 in February, the IOS (Institute of Swimming) was joined by RLSS UK (Royal Life Saving Society), ISPE (Institute of Swimming Pool Engineers) and STA (Swimming Teachers' Association) for a series of hands-on workshops and speaker panels - all aimed at the commercial pool operator, covering essential topics such as operational procedure compliance, pool safety and advanced filtration.

As the industry (via the BSPF) owns the show, the profits raised from SPATEX are ploughed back into supporting the promotion of the wet leisure sector and new initiatives in the UK. The SPATEX Foundation continues to assist with targeted funding in categories such as Training, Education, Research, Sponsorship and Charitable donations.

The BSPF, alongside its members SPATA and BISHTA, is dedicated to advancing Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) within the wet leisure sector. In 2024, they established a dedicated EDI working group comprising industry professionals to identify challenges and opportunities, develop best practices, and foster an inclusive culture encouraging innovation and growth. This group has been instrumental in creating the BSPF EDI policy, adopted by SPATA and BISHTA, and launching a pilot EDI training course to provide practical insights for workplace implementation. Through these initiatives, the BSPF and its associations strive to ensure fair representation, address barriers to inclusion, and celebrate the diverse backgrounds that contribute to the industry's strength.

In summary, the strength of the UK wet leisure industry comes from the BSPF's multifaceted approach, which empowers its members to thrive in a dynamic and competitive market, and acknowledges those companies that are not members. By aligning local practices with global trends, fostering innovation, and championing sustainability, the Federation continues to elevate the UK wet leisure industry. Through advocacy, partnerships, and educational initiatives, the BSPF ensures its members are well-equipped to succeed while driving progress across the sector.

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THE POWER OF UV WATER TREATMENT

As the world of pool management evolves, embracing cutting-edge advancements in water treatment has never been more essential. Among the most transformative innovations is UV water treatment—a game-changer in pool water treatment that offers a sustainable and highly effective alternative to traditional chemical-based methods.

For decades, chlorine and other chemicals have been the go-to solutions for pool maintenance. While effective, these methods come with drawbacks, including harsh chemical by-products, skin and eye irritation, and strong odours. Enter UV water treatment — an eco-friendly technology that enhances water quality and safety while reducing chemical dependency.

HOW UV WATER TREATMENT WORKS

UV water treatment utilises ultraviolet light to neutralise bacteria, viruses, and other harmful microorganisms. As pool water passes through the UV system, it is exposed to high-intensity UV rays, disrupting the DNA of contaminants,

and preventing their reproduction. Unlike chlorine, which continuously disperses chemicals into the water, UV treatment sanitises as the water flows through the system, ensuring a cleaner, more natural swimming experience.

THE BENEFITS OF UV WATER TREATMENT

ENHANCED WATER QUALITY

By eliminating harmful microorganisms without producing unwanted chemical by-products, UV treatment ensures crystal-clear water while reducing reliance on chlorine and other additives.

HEALTHIER SWIMMING ENVIRONMENT

Swimmers often experience fewer respiratory issues, skin irritations, and eye discomfort with UV-treated water, as it minimises exposure to chlorine-based compounds like chloramines.

ECO-FRIENDLY AND COST-EFFECTIVE

UV systems require minimal power and maintenance while significantly

reducing the need for harsh chemicals. This leads to lower operational costs, decreased environmental impact, and improved sustainability.

POOL INFRASTRUCTURE LIFESPAN

Excessive chemical use can corrode pool surfaces and equipment over time. UV treatment mitigates this damage, extending the lifespan of pool components and reducing maintenance expenses.

THE FUTURE OF POOL MANAGEMENT

UV water treatment delivers superior water quality, reduced chemical dependency, and long-term cost savings. Whether for residential pools or large commercial facilities, investing in UV technology is a step toward a cleaner, healthier, and more sustainable swimming experience.

At Certikin we have a range of UV solutions specifically designed for both residential and commercial pools. For further details speak to a member of our CertiChem or Commercial Teams.

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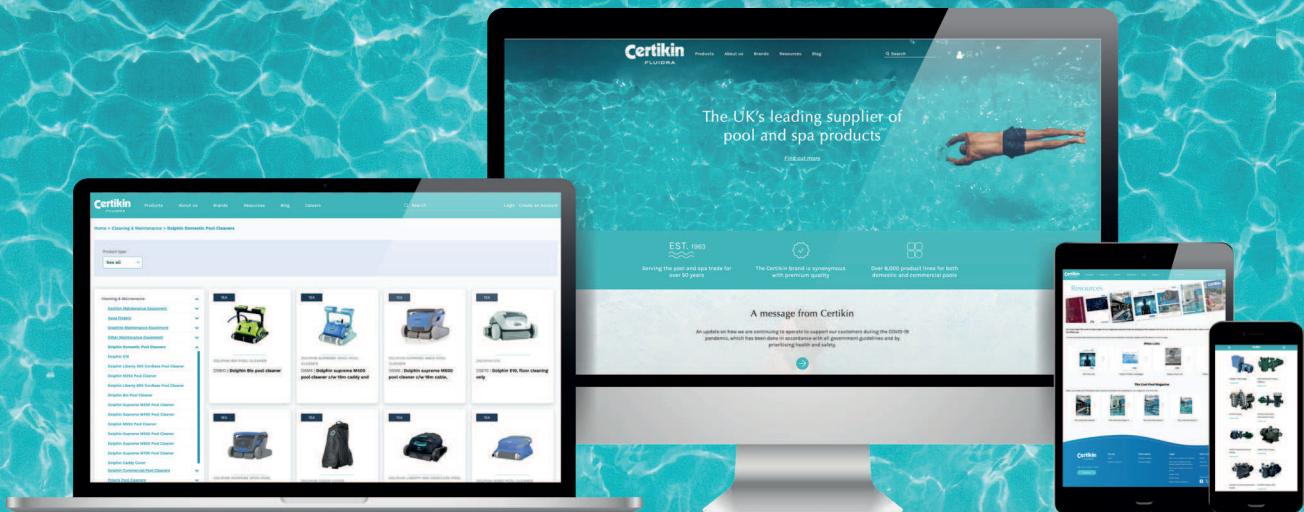
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- Reduces Chloramine levels
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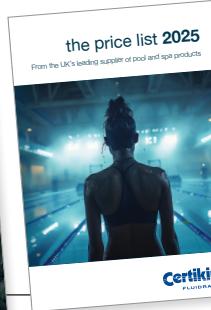
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MAKING WAVES IN THE WET LEISURE INDUSTRY: 2025 BRITISH POOL & HOT TUB AWARDS - THE WINNERS REVEALED

HONOURING OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS, TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE, AND SUSTAINABLE INNOVATIONS IN THE WET LEISURE SECTOR.

The British Pool & Hot Tub Awards 2025 celebrated the pinnacle of achievement in the wet leisure industry, spotlighting the dedication of UK (and some overseas) companies in delivering high-quality products, services, and solutions. Organised by SPATA (Swimming Pool and Allied Trade Association) and BISHTA (British and Irish Spa and Hot Tub Association), this annual event serves as a benchmark for excellence across the swimming pool, spa, hot tub, and wellness sectors.

AN UNMISSABLE EVENT FOR INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS

This year's awards ceremony, held on 4 February 2025 as part of the Industry Gala Evening at the Coventry Building Society Arena, was a standout event during SPATEX 2025 (the UK's leading exhibition for showcasing pool, spa, hot tub and wellness solutions). The event is renowned for gathering the best

and brightest in the pool and hot tub sector and showcasing innovative products, services, and industry advancements. The ceremony also featured Ollie Morgan as the Guest of Honour to present awards onstage. Morgan is a member of Team GB, a five-time British Champion swimmer, a 100m Backstroke British record holder, and a Finalist at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

The awards honoured achievements across various categories, recognising businesses that have consistently upheld rigorous British and European standards while setting benchmarks for quality and ethical practices in the industry.

SPOTLIGHTING THE 2025 CHAMPIONS

The 2025 winners represent the best of the wet leisure industry, with accomplishments that span technical mastery, design brilliance, and customer-focused solutions:

New for 2025, these two awards are now open to both SPATA and BISHTA members, expanding opportunities for recognition across the industry.

Peter Geekie Award for Retail Excellence (sponsored by Certikin)

1 Stop Spas (BISHTA Member) excelled, securing the prestigious Peter Geekie Award for Retail Excellence for their unwavering commitment to delivering superior products and exceptional customer experiences in the wet leisure retail sector.

Paul Kite Award for Pool/Spa Star of the Year (sponsored by Nsure)

Patrick Edwards from **Concept Spa** (BISHTA Member) shone brightly, earning the distinguished Paul Kite Award for Pool/Spa Star of the Year for their exceptional dedication, expertise, and outstanding service in the wet leisure industry.



1 Stop Spas collected the Peter Geekie Award for Retail Excellence

Also dazzling at the British Pool & Hot Tub Awards;

Dick Millward Trophy for Pool Contractor of the Year

Centurion Leisure (SPATA Member) triumphed, earning the coveted Dick Millward Trophy for Pool Contractor of the Year, underscoring their commitment to technical brilliance and customer satisfaction.

The **Outstanding Pool of the Year** was awarded to **Whitewaters** (SPATA Member), which dazzlingly impressed judges with its stunning and innovative design.

Peter Newbery Award for UK Innovation

SpaFlo (BISHTA Member) impressed and earned the esteemed Peter Newbery Award for UK Innovation for their groundbreaking approach to enhancing the wet leisure experience and introducing innovative solutions that set new benchmarks for the sector.

Cornish Hot Tubs (BISHTA Member) claimed the prestigious **Hot Tub Happiness Award**, reinforcing their commitment to providing products

that bring joy, health, and wellness to people's lives.

Hot Tub Suppliers (BISHTA Member) was honoured with the **Hot Tubs Change Lives Award**, a testament to their dedication to improving wellbeing through hot tub therapy.

INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP AND COLLABORATIVE SPIRIT

Managing Director of SPATA and BISHTA Chris Hayes

commended the winners: "The 2025 British Pool & Hot Tub Awards reflect the exceptional talent and innovation thriving in our industry. These companies exemplify excellence in skill, quality, and business ethics, inspiring trust and admiration across the sector."

Generous support from industry sponsors and partners further underscored the collaborative spirit that propels the wet leisure community to greater heights. Thanks are due to Adtrak, AstralPool UK, Aquafinesse,

Certikin, Complete Pool Controls, Dantherm Group, Fairlocks Pool Products, GMT Spas, HTH T/A Innovative Water Care, Heatstar, Nsure, OASE, Plastica, Sprayed Concrete Solutions, Swimming Pool News and What Pool & Hot Tub magazine.

EXPLORE THE 2025 WINNERS AND LEARN MORE

The 2025 British Pool & Hot Tub Awards celebrated the winners and the dedication of countless professionals who contribute to making wet leisure a thriving, vibrant industry.

Visit www.spata.co.uk and www.bishta.co.uk to see all the winners, access the trade resources and information hubs, and learn about the benefits of joining SPATA and BISHTA.





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CENTURION LEISURE STRIKES SPATA GOLD AGAIN... WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM CERTIKIN EQUIPMENT

As the UK's largest supplier and manufacturer of water leisure goods, Certikin is renowned for bearing the product hallmark of a long list of award-winning pools. It's therefore little wonder that Certikin's long-standing customer, Centurion Leisure, scooped Gold in the Indoor Residential Freeboard Pools £150,000 and Over category at the 2024 British Pool & Hot Tub Awards (hosted by SPATA and BISHTA) for this eye-catching pool in Ware, Hertfordshire.



No stranger to awards, Hornchurch-based Centurion Leisure has just this February added SPATA National Pool Contractor of the Year 2025 to its crowded trophy cabinet – no mean feat, it is the second year of winning the much-coveted title and the third time in its 57-year history.

"As one of the country's most established pool builders, we have been at the forefront of design and construction in this highly specialised field since 1968," says Centurion Leisure's MD George Clifton. "We have a rare breadth and depth of experience spanning residential and commercial pools."



Instructed to build this concrete, deck-level 10m by 4m pool, with varying depth and an integrated spa and steps, Centurion Leisure chose Certikin, their trusted supplier, to fulfil the brief for "an energy-efficient, stylish installation to complement the airy pool hall."

A Calorex Delta 2 was top of the shopping list. Designed to re-circulate 2,600M³/hr of room air, whilst introducing up to 1,300M³/hr of fresh air, the UK manufactured Delta is a unique multi-functional environmental control system. Featuring touchscreen technology, it takes full control, in the most efficient way possible, of the whole indoor environment and pool water heating.

Totally self-contained, the Delta removes moisture and recovers energy, which is then re-used to heat the pool water and air. By utilising this method of heat recovery, energy costs are kept to a minimum. Typically, for every unit of power that a Calorex heat pump consumes, it will convert 2.4 times this amount to usable heat. The potential energy savings are huge. In fact, compared to traditional heating and ventilation methods, cost savings of over 50% are achievable while corresponding CO₂ emissions can be dramatically reduced by as much as 70%.

Further fulfilling the energy efficiency brief, Centurion installed an automatic Roldeck PVC slatted cover within the deep end wall. The ultimate in energy saving, evaporation control, and durability, the Roldeck is made to measure with the coiling mechanism installed above or below ground or in the pool itself. In an above ground installation, the protective roller cover can be reinforced to create a bench. Touch pad type switch and remote control for easy calibration and operation, a safety lock available for new builds, and the ability to interlock with the air handling system (indoor pools), are just some of its outstanding features.

Roldeck's standard PVC slats are supported by a 5-year pro-rata warranty and come in white, blue, cream, grey, solar, and transparent (with a blue tint). The translucent slats allow under water lighting to shine through. The 24 volt In-Roller Motor system (negating the need for a separate motor pit) features Formula 1 shock absorber seal technology and built-in pressure sensor and a concealed stainless steel motor driven spindle.

Leaving aside the aesthetics, a pool is only as good as its filtration system and, for this, Centurion chose a 1Hp Aquaspeed pump, and Certikin's Blackline 650mm diameter high-rate sand filter complete with side mount multiport valve, pressure gauge and filter media.

Finishing the pool, are Certikin's main drains, skimmers and inlets.

Delighted with his customer's "over the moon" reaction to the finished article, George says:

"I believe we have designed and installed a truly wonderful project. Taking eight months to build, the pool and spa combination, with the shallow/deep end, and the cover 'cave' situated up the wall within the deep end, were quite technically

challenging but well worth the forethought that was put into them."

"When you're working on a project that isn't run of the mill, such as this one, we really appreciate the excellent customer support that Certikin offers and the premium quality of its goods."





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CERTIKIN STANDS AND DELIVERS AT SPATEX 2025

Befitting its status as the UK's largest water leisure supplier, Certikin once again took centre stage at the country's only dedicated expo, SPATEX 2025, at the Coventry Building Society Arena in February. Visitors from 24 countries gathered for the 29th show which was declared an industry-wide success.

The company's four eye-catching stands allowed visitors to browse its latest products and innovations and consult with Certikin's technical team. Introductions for 2025 include walls mounted and floor standing dehumidifiers, Global Energy Air Source Heat Pumps, Almost Heaven Barrel Saunas, the Mr Light Salt Chlorinator, WDT Experience Showers, BADU Counter Current Units, Dolphin Liberty 600, SuitSpin Swimwear Dryers and the stylish range of pool and outdoor furniture from Ledge.

The attractive outdoor living stand, that was introduced at SPATEX 2024, was in place again to showcase Certikin's

comprehensive range of wellness and outdoor products.



The Dantherm stand included the much-anticipated I-PAC PRO – the next generation of high-performance inverter heat pumps designed specifically for energy efficient heating of swimming pools. Manned by Certikin and Dantherm's H&V specialists, visitors appreciated seeing first-hand the technicalities of the brand's best-selling equipment and hearing how the carbon conscious units can greatly reduce pool running costs.

The other two stands featured products from across all Certikin's other divisions, catering for both the residential and commercial markets. As well as a host of new products, the showcase included established products, such as the multi award winning Polypool panel pool system, for which Certikin is the official UK distributor.



Certikin's Marketing Manager, Chris Green says: "We had an incredible three days at the show, reconnecting with familiar faces and meeting new customers. It's always inspiring to be at the epicentre of such creativity and there's nothing quite like SPATEX for generating excitement for the forthcoming pool season. It's always good to see what's new to the market and sharing industry-wide experiences. Thanks to everyone who stopped by our stands and gave us the opportunity to discuss how we can support your pool and spa projects. We are already looking forward to next year's show."

SPATEX Organiser, Michele Bridle says: "A big thank you to all our wonderful exhibitors and visitors for rewarding us with such a thriving, buoyant show. It was a great prelude to next year's milestone 30th anniversary edition, February 3rd to 5th, which marks three decades of SPATEX proudly serving and showcasing the water leisure industry. We are planning something special and aim to make it the biggest and best event to date."

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Features:

- 120% boost mode
- Low salt level at only 1000ppm (1g/l)
- Self cleaning cycles of 2, 4 or 6hrs (4hrs default)
- Stylish oval controller with simple touch screen interface
- Average cell life of 10,000hrs
- 5 year warranty on both the controller and salt cell

CLASSIC OVALPAD DESIGN

- Streamlined modeling for compact installation
- Easy one-tap water quality regulation

INVERPURE TECHNOLOGY

With its built-in innovative inverter algorithm, InverPure technology is able to adaptively control the chlorine production and pH regulation to

ensure that the pool always maintains a safe and healthy water condition. Meanwhile, thanks to the 120% Hyper Disinfection mode, InverPure tech enables the pool to recover fast from challenging conditions, InverPure takes all in control.

1G/L LOW-SALT CHLORINATION

Enjoy a more natural and healthier swimming experience with Mr. Light. Its operating salinity is only 1g/L, which reduces salt usage, promotes sustainability, and extends the lifespan of pool equipment with 3x lower salt levels.

SMARTLINK CONTROL

For inverter pool devices, SmartLink Control enhances the user's experience of Mr. Light. It enables seamless interaction with variable-speed pool pumps and other essential devices of your pool system, making it more user-friendly and efficient.

VISUALIZED WATER QUALITY

Observe the real-time water condition effortlessly with the OvalPad screen or your smartphone App. Mr. Light offers automated pool water treatment and management, ensuring a user-friendly experience even for those unfamiliar with pool chemistry.

Blue: perfect water quality

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120% HYPER DISINFECTION

Save time and enhance the swimming season: Mr. Light seamlessly manages its chlorine production, responding with precision to maintain optimal water quality. It automatically operates at 120% capacity when significant reductions in ORP levels are detected.

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- Self-cleaning cell
- Simple touch screen
- Build-in pH
- Regulator
- Auto low mode



WHAT IS AN INVERTER SALT CHLORINATOR

An inverter salt chlorinator is a pool sanitation system that uses salt (sodium chloride) to automatically generate chlorine, offering a more natural and convenient alternative to traditional chlorine-based pool maintenance.

HOW IT WORKS:

- Salt is added to the pool water, and the chlorinator uses electricity to split the salt ions into chlorine.
- This generated chlorine then sanitises the pool water, killing bacteria and algae.
- Inverter technology allows for precise water quality management and enhanced electrolytic chlorine production, matching the electrolysis rate based on the pool water quality.

BENEFITS:

- **Reduced maintenance:** Salt chlorinators automate the process of sanitising the pool water, reducing the need for manual chlorine dosing.
- **Softer water:** Saltwater pools are often perceived as having softer, more comfortable water compared to traditional chlorine pools.
- **Lower environmental impact:** Using salt instead of chlorine can reduce the amount of chemicals used in pool maintenance, leading to a more sustainable approach.
- **Convenience:** Inverter technology allows for precise water quality management and enhanced electrolytic chlorine production, making pool maintenance simpler and more user-friendly.

INVERTER TECHNOLOGY:

- **Precise Control:** Inverter technology allows for precise control of chlorine production, ensuring the right amount of chlorine is generated for optimal sanitation.
- **Efficiency:** Inverter salt chlorinators are designed to be energy-efficient, reducing running costs.
- **Low-Salt Protection:** Some inverter salt chlorinators include low-salt protection to prevent damage to the equipment and ensure proper functioning.



SWIM ENGLAND JOIN AQUATIC BODIES TO SAY “SUPPORT SCHOOL SWIMMING”

Aquatics GB, Swim England, Scottish Swimming and Swim Wales are joining forces to launch a campaign to raise awareness of the vital importance of school swimming across the country.

As Olympic and Paralympic champions finalise their preparations for the upcoming Aquatics GB Swimming Championships, Aquatics GB and each of the home nations are rallying support from families, aquatics fans and the Government to ensure that every child leaving school is able to enjoy the water safely.

Ensuring children are able to swim is not just about providing health, wellbeing and enjoyment benefits, but ultimately offering them a vital, life-saving skill as well.

Despite swimming being a National Curriculum requirement, only 50% of children from the poorest families in England are leaving primary school able to swim 25m, while only 35% of children in Wales from years 3-6 can swim that distance – a record all-time low for Wales. Meanwhile, a sportscotland review in 2024 found

that the cost of community swimming lessons had risen by 53% over the previous five years.

With 90% of children saying they either like or love swimming* and 74% of children wanting to swim more, we know that children are desperate for the opportunity to swim.

Speaking ahead of the British championships, the chief executives from Aquatics GB, Swim England, Scottish Swimming and Swim Wales said:

“When fans are cheering our Olympic and Paralympic champions on to their incredible performances in the pool, they are watching one step in a journey that began with these athletes learning how to swim as children.

“Those vital water safety skills and a love for being in the water are the most important elements of our sport. For many children, school swimming lessons may be the only opportunity they have to gain those skills and develop that passion.

*Only children in years 1 and 2 were asked this question.

"Across Aquatics GB and our Home Nations partners, we want to shout about the huge value of school swimming and ensure that more is done to improve the chance for every child in the country to benefit. We acknowledge the pressures on schools, so we are keen to work with schools to help improve that picture."

SWIMMING GIVES CHILDREN SO MANY SKILLS

The ongoing National Curriculum review in England presents a great opportunity to put school swimming and water safety at the heart of the PE syllabus, giving it greater priority within schools and raising its importance for school children across the country. Making PE a core subject would be a huge step towards that. In Scotland, meanwhile, there is an ongoing push to lobby Government for additional funding into school swimming.

All of this comes with less than a month to go until the likes of James Guy, Maisie Summers-Newton, Alice Tai and Duncan Scott – all gold medallists from last year's sensational Paris Olympic and Paralympic Games – take to the London Aquatics Centre pool to compete in the biggest domestic swimming event in the UK.

That world-class event also gives us the chance to turn the spotlight on ensuring every child is able to get into the pool, learn water safety skills, enjoy themselves in the water through high quality school swimming lessons and maybe even one day be the next Team GB hero.

Summers-Newton, who has qualified as a teacher alongside training as an elite athlete, said: "Giving children the opportunity to swim throughout their time in school is so important.

"Not only is swimming one of the only sports that can save your life, it gives



the children so many different skills, whether that be physically or socially, that will stay with them forever.

"Seeing first-hand the different children that come into school and the lack of swimming experience that some have, it's shocking to me as an athlete to see how many children can't swim 25m by the time they leave Year 6."

"Hopefully with more promotion and support, schools can provide children with those lessons they need to become confident in the water, while also being able to enjoy it and love the sport like so many of us do."

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LEARNING, CONNECTING AND GROWING WITH HARVIA & CERTIKIN

Last month, Certikin proudly partnered with Harvia to deliver two one-day seminars exploring the many benefits of wellness and the science behind sauna and steam. The events also provided a comprehensive look at Harvia's market-leading product range, available in the UK from Certikin as an official partner and distributor.

Hosted at Certikin's in-house training facility, The Academy, the seminars welcomed industry professionals eager to expand their knowledge. Attendees had the unique opportunity to engage with both Certikin's highly experienced in-house team and Harvia's leading experts. Topics covered included the different styles of saunas available, alternative hot room treatments, and best practices for integrating these wellness technologies into commercial and residential spaces.

HARVIA CELEBRATES 75 YEARS OF HEALING WITH HEAT

Harvia proudly celebrate their 75th anniversary in 2025, marking decades of dedication to sharing the healing heat of sauna with the world. What began in 1950, when Tapani Harvia founded a small Finnish workshop producing wood-burning sauna heaters, has grown into a global leader in sauna solutions, offering relaxation and natural wellbeing in nearly 100 countries.

From their Finnish origins, they have embraced a global perspective, expanding their expertise to reflect the rich diversity of sauna cultures worldwide. Today, Harvia's portfolio spans traditional, infrared, and steam saunas, as well as hot tubs and cold

plunges, providing comprehensive solutions for a variety of sauna experiences. With a focus on great user experience and innovation, they invest in areas such as digitalisation and energy efficiency while introducing exciting advancements across all sauna types.

One highlight of this milestone year is the expansion of the popular Harvia Cilindro series to include wood-burning heaters. Designed and manufactured in Finland, the heater features a generous stone capacity for excellent steam production, a unique ventilation duct for fast heating, and a durable stainless-steel shell that ensures quiet operation.



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DOLPHIN LIBERTY™ 600

Elevate Your Cordless Pool Cleaning Experience

The Dolphin LIBERTY 600 Cordless Robotic Pool Cleaner is the latest 2025 model with an amazing list of functions, making it the ultimate in cordless pool cleaning.

It comes with multiple brushes for powerful, intense active scrubbing and a scanning system for unparalleled cleaning.

It is capable of 4 1/2 hours of operation thanks to a 9,800mAh Lithium-ion battery, a much larger battery than rivals and, if put on eco mode, it will last up to 1-2 weeks on a single charge. It comes complete with low voltage and low energy consumption with an automatic shut off at the end of the cleaning cycle time.

Controlled by the Maytronics One app using either Bluetooth or Wi-Fi, you can see the filter status, choose between customised cleaning programs and activate Eco-Mode.

Suitable for pools up to 15m with PVC, fiberglass, and stone surfaces, mosaic and ceramic tiles, the Dolphin LIBERTY 600 will brush and filter the pool floor, clean the walls and waterline as well as jet clean the stairs.

It has a large filtration compartment, convenient for emptying and maintenance as well as interchangeable fine & ultra-fine filters to tackle every level of dirt, dust and debris.



A homing clicker system is also included. You can choose between the Click-Up method, where the cleaner reacts to the sound of the Maytronics "Rattle" included in the kit and climbs the wall to be lifted out of the pool, or Pick-Up mode, where the cleaner will stay at waterline level more often in the last 5 minutes of the cycle.

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From production and sales to customer service and marketing, each department at Certikin plays a crucial role in delivering exceptional products and services to our customers.

Many of the team have been with Certikin for a number of years, developing their career and contributing to the success of the company.

WHAT OUR TEAM HAS TO SAY ABOUT WORKING FOR CERTIKIN...

ROBERT ROBERTSON

ON SITE LINING TEAM LEADER

HOW LONG HAVE YOU WORKED FOR CERTIKIN?

I've worked at Certikin for 8 years, with my anniversary coming up in May.

WHAT HAS YOUR CAREER JOURNEY BEEN LIKE SO FAR?

My career journey has been a fascinating one. I started out as a trainee receiving on-site training. Over time, I gained the experience needed to run my own installation jobs. Pushing for further advancement, I became the On Site Lining Team Leader, where I manage jobs, offer advice, and bring fresh ideas to the table.

WHAT DOES A TYPICAL DAY LOOK LIKE FOR YOU?

A typical day involves starting work between 6am and 8am, depending on the job's location. I begin by inspecting the pool shell to ensure it's ready for the liner installation. Then, I plan and delegate tasks to the engineers working with me, making sure we complete each step of the job as professionally and efficiently as possible.

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THE COMPANY CULTURE?

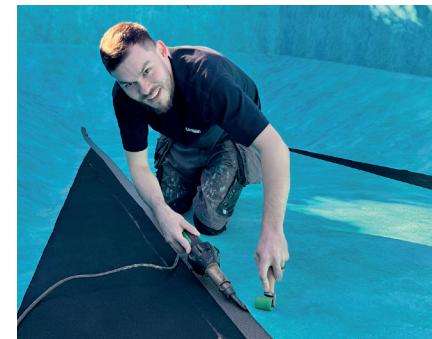
The culture at Certikin feels more like a family than just a team of colleagues. The supportive environment makes the job less stressful, as I can always reach out to someone if I'm having issues.

WHAT IS THE BEST THING ABOUT WORKING AT CERTIKIN?

It's hard to pinpoint just one thing, but for me, traveling around the country and discovering new places stands out. I enjoy bonding with the team over a meal or a drink at the end of the day when we stay away in hotels and the banter on site is always a plus.

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR CO-WORKERS AND MANAGERS?

My co-workers and managers make the job feel less like work, everyone's supportive and seems to want you to push yourself but with none of the added pressure.



WHAT IS YOUR TEAM LIKE?

The team I work with varies from week to week, depending on the job, but no matter who I have alongside me it works well. Most jobs you'll be in a team with 2 or 3 great lads, occasionally on bigger jobs you could have everyone on site together which always makes for a good laugh.

HOW HAS THE ORGANISATION HELPED YOU WITH YOUR DEVELOPMENT?

Since joining Certikin, my confidence has grown immensely. I've gained valuable experience and leadership skills that have shaped me both personally and professionally.

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THE GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES AT CERTIKIN?

The growth opportunities at Certikin are there for anyone who's willing to put in the effort. The company provides a clear path for progression, and if you're dedicated, you can advance in your career.

TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE BENEFITS OF WORKING AT CERTIKIN AS WELL AS OUR LATEST VACANCIES, VISIT WWW.CERTIKINCAREERS.CO.UK

OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE OF THE SEASON

At Certikin we believe in recognising and celebrating the incredible efforts of our team members. That's why we introduced the Outstanding Employee of the Season award.

This special recognition, voted for by colleagues, shines a spotlight on those who consistently go above and beyond in their roles – whether it's through exceptional teamwork, outstanding customer service, or making a positive impact on the workplace. It's our way of saying "thank you" to the people who help make Certikin such a great place to work. As well as a personalised trophy and certificate, the quarterly winner receives a day off in lieu and £100 which can be taken as a voucher or donated to a charity of the winner's choice.

THE WINNER OF OUR WINTER OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE OF THE SEASON IS JOSH BUTLER

Josh is a fantastic addition to the IT department – he is hardworking, committed and often stays late after work to finish tasks and complete jobs on a timeframe.

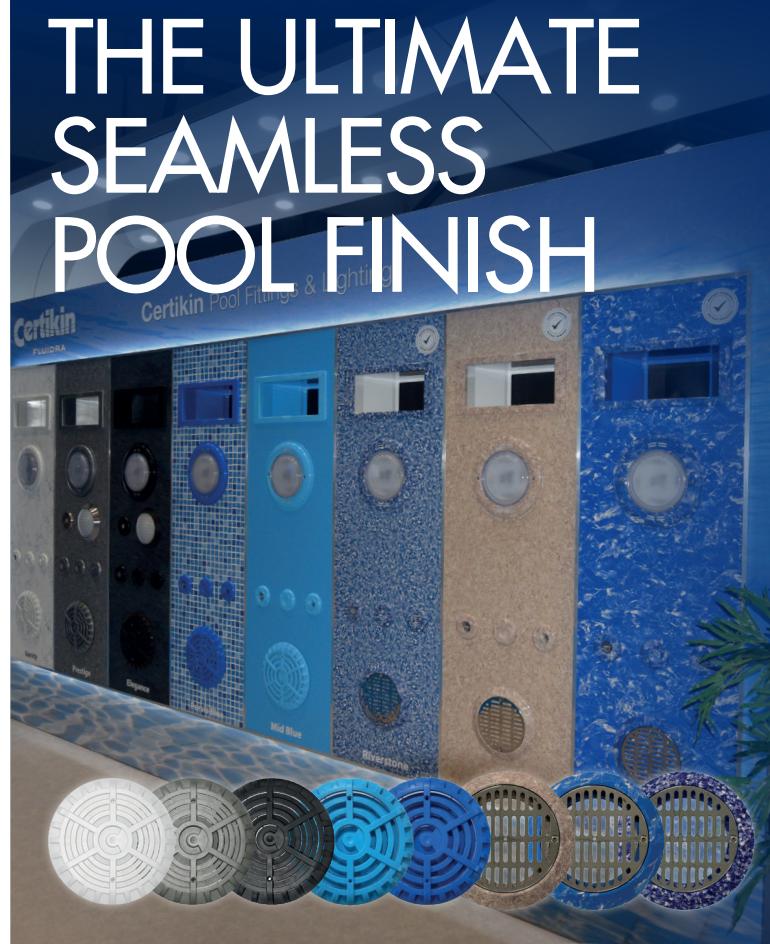
Recently he was the only cover for IT for a day and unfortunately an issue meant that a large number of staff were unable to log in to their accounts on a Monday morning! Josh handled this extremely well with a controlled and methodical manner and displayed resilience which, as an apprentice, was new for him. He showed grit and determination and a strong teamwork ethic to not get rattled and perform the job needed to get people back to work.

As well as this, he has been really good at handling the increased workload in the department and he always presents himself with a smile.

CONGRATULATIONS JOSH!



Josh receiving his Employee of the Season award from Steve Thorne, IT Manager



With Certikin's range of patterned fittings you can now get the perfect match to complement the design of the pool. Specifically tested and developed for swimming pool conditions they are available to complement three of our best-selling liner patterns. For each pattern the full range of fittings is available ensuring the ultimate seamless pool finish for your next liner pool project.





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TRANSFORM YOUR WELLNESS ROUTINE WITH A BARREL SAUNA

If you're looking to boost your health, improve your sleep, and enhance your outdoor space, a barrel sauna is the perfect addition to your home. While traditional saunas have long been associated with luxury hotels and wellness retreats, owning one is more accessible than ever. Imagine waking up on a crisp morning, stepping into the comforting warmth of your own personal sauna, and feeling the stress melt away – all from the comfort of your garden.

THE HEALTH BENEFITS OF REGULAR SAUNA USE

Stepping into a sauna isn't just about relaxation – it's a scientifically proven way to support overall health. Here's why incorporating a barrel sauna into your routine is a game-changer:

- ✓ **Stress Reduction & Mood Boost** – The soothing warmth helps your body release dopamine, the "feel-good" hormone, promoting deep relaxation and reducing anxiety.
- ✓ **Heart Health & Circulation** – The heat naturally expands blood vessels, improving circulation and cardiovascular function while lowering blood pressure.
- ✓ **Pain Relief & Muscle Recovery** – Whether you're recovering from a workout or easing chronic aches, the warmth helps relax muscles and joints, reducing stiffness and discomfort.
- ✓ **Better Sleep** – A sauna session before bed can enhance melatonin production, helping you fall asleep faster and enjoy deeper rest.

WHY CHOOSE A BARREL SAUNA?

Whilst saunas in general are known for their therapeutic benefits, what makes a barrel sauna stand out?

The unique, rounded design isn't just visually striking – it's also highly efficient. Unlike traditional square or rectangular saunas, the barrel shape allows for faster heating, even heat distribution, and improved energy efficiency. Plus, its compact footprint makes it an ideal choice for outdoor spaces, seamlessly blending into nature while offering a rustic yet modern retreat.

BRING THE FINNISH TRADITION TO YOUR NEXT PROJECT

Almost Heaven have been building easy-to-assemble saunas in the Finnish tradition for over 40 years and their range of barrel saunas are available in the UK, exclusively from Certikin.

Now part of the Harvia Group, one of the world's leading sauna brands, Almost Heaven saunas are equipped with the latest Harvia equipment. Other features include interior LED lighting, tempered glass, stainless steel bands, hinges, and fasteners, weather-resistant plastic support cradles and hand-crafted lumber profiles and end sections.

There are various models available which have been further enhanced this year thanks to the addition of the Onyx lumber upgrade. Available in both the Pinnacle and Princeton designs, these new models offer a sleek and modern look. The exterior is made from stained Hem-Fir lumber with the benches made from a contrasting clear Hem-Fir with LED mood lighting and a black steel wall heater to complete the look.

For further details contact our Commercial Team

 **ALMOST HEAVEN**
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This is a fantastic FREE marketing service that is too good to miss...

...and there's no catches! Are you currently working on, or have you recently completed, a stand-out installation? Then, Certikin should be your first port of call.

Where a project is a fine example of your company's expert craftsmanship, and features Certikin equipment, it makes sense that we join forces and do some joint promotion.

What's involved? From your point of view, very little. Simply email Certikin's Marketing Manager, Chris Green (cgreen@certikin.co.uk) with:

1. Details of location
2. Certikin equipment used
3. Date of completion
4. Where possible, but not essential, some images (it doesn't matter if they are low resolution at this stage)

We look forward to hearing from you.

*Subject to available space in the magazine.

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Spectacular Pools | "Quality needs no introduction, it speaks for itself..."

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The house renovation and extension complete, the owner turned his attention to landscaping the sprawling garden. An old swimming pool had been filled in some 15 years ago but the house's new owner wanted to start afresh with a new location for a new pool.

Calling on the services of local pool installer, Preece Pools, a new site was carefully marked out but, as the plans were being drawn up, the owner had a change of heart and decided to leave the old, undamaged pool in situ. The old pool had been covered and left in one corner of the garden to miss it. The new pool would start to blend in with the new garden and the old pool would be removed. The owner was so pleased with the results that he has now decided to go for a larger, eye-catching 30ft x 15ft.

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The rest is up to us. If we select it as one of our chosen case studies (and subject to the owner's permission), we will organise our in-house photographer to visit and arrange for photos to be taken and a case study written. All will be sent to you for your approval. The whole service, from start to finish, is **FREE OF CHARGE**.

The case study will appear in **Cool Pool***, and offered to the industry trade magazines, such as **Swimming Pool News** and **Swimming Pool Scene**, for editorial use. We can even produce a glossy point of sale flyer and provide you with a set of photos for your own use.

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