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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CEO

As we draw to the close of another remarkable year, I am thrilled to welcome you to the 2024 Festive Edition of Luxury Xclusives Magazine. This is not just any edition – it is a celebration of African elegance, craftsmanship, and creativity that illuminates the path forward for the continent's luxury industry. Our theme for this issue, "The Spirit of African Opulence," encapsulates the rich diversity of traditions, innovation, and cultural excellence that define luxury across the continent.

This festive season, we explore the finest Africa has to offer, from the unparalleled beauty of our jewelry makers, to the mastery of bespoke fashion designers and the exquisite craftsmanship of our artisans. In a time of connection and celebration, this issue is our gift to you, a curated collection of the continent's most distinguished luxury brands, many of which grace this year's most coveted holiday wishlists.

At Luxury Xclusives, we are passionate about telling the stories behind these brands, showcasing the visionary leaders and artisans who continue to place Africa firmly on the global luxury map. In this edition, we delve into the journeys of designers who are transforming global fashion, the chocolatiers blending tradition with indulgence, and the winemakers whose creations elevate the art of celebration. We also take you behind the scenes of the Wine and Connect platform, where exclusivity meets discovery, providing you with curated access to the continent's finest beverages.

As the year draws to a close, this is the perfect moment to reflect on the growing prestige of Africa's luxury industry. We are witnessing a renaissance – one in which African brands are not just joining global conversations, but leading them. Through our ongoing partnerships with FESTAC Africa, the Africa Luxury Network, and the launch of The Business of Luxury Media Centre, we are dedicated to empowering conversations and building connections that elevate African luxury to unprecedented heights.

I am excited to present this festive edition to you, with stories that inspire, products that mesmerize, and a celebration of the artisans and brands who embody the future of African luxury. May this season bring you moments of joy, indulgence, and connection as we step into the new year with purpose and style.

On behalf of the entire team at Luxury Xclusives, we wish you a festive season filled with luxury, warmth, and unforgettable memories.

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FOUNDER | CEO
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LE DAMIER DE LOUIS VUITTON



A TOUCH OF INFINITY: THE MAISON LAUNCHES A FINE JEWELRY COLLECTION, LE DAMIER DE LOUIS VUITTON – AN EXCITING NEW CHAPTER FOR LOUIS VUITTON'S CELEBRATED DAMIER MOTIF.

Le Damier de Louis Vuitton captures the iconic, strong identity of the Maison's historic Damier pattern – now expressed in a collection of modern and tactile jewels that radiate with the same magnetic touch of infinity.

In 1888, Louis Vuitton and his son Georges Vuitton set out to create a clear and distinctive marker of Louis Vuitton – a seal that would differentiate the Maison from the competition.

Inspired by its birth year and notably the three number eights, the Damier pattern expressed notions of infinity and limitless eternity. Adorning trunks and luggage, Damier became a strong symbol of originality and authenticity, key codes that have anchored its longstanding evolution.

Today, more than a century on, Damier continues to transcend time.







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Channeling the Maison's history with timeless, stylized pieces, Le Damier de Louis Vuitton feels like it's long been a part of the Maison, speaking to all and transcending genders and generations. It also celebrates the authenticity of our bonds and emotional connections, with pieces worn continuously.

"Le Damier de Louis Vuitton embodies what modern jewelry is all about," says Amfitheatrof.



The iconic pattern now welcomes a fresh new expression in Fine Jewelry. Available in either yellow or white gold, the design features gold squares and diamond that reinterpret Damier's unmistakable form.

The gold's polished tactility expresses a moving sensuality, complemented by a pure and geometric center line that lends a striking sharpness and sophistication. Exquisitely crafted for a unique fluidity and continuity, the pieces wear like a second skin, not unlike the softest knitwear.

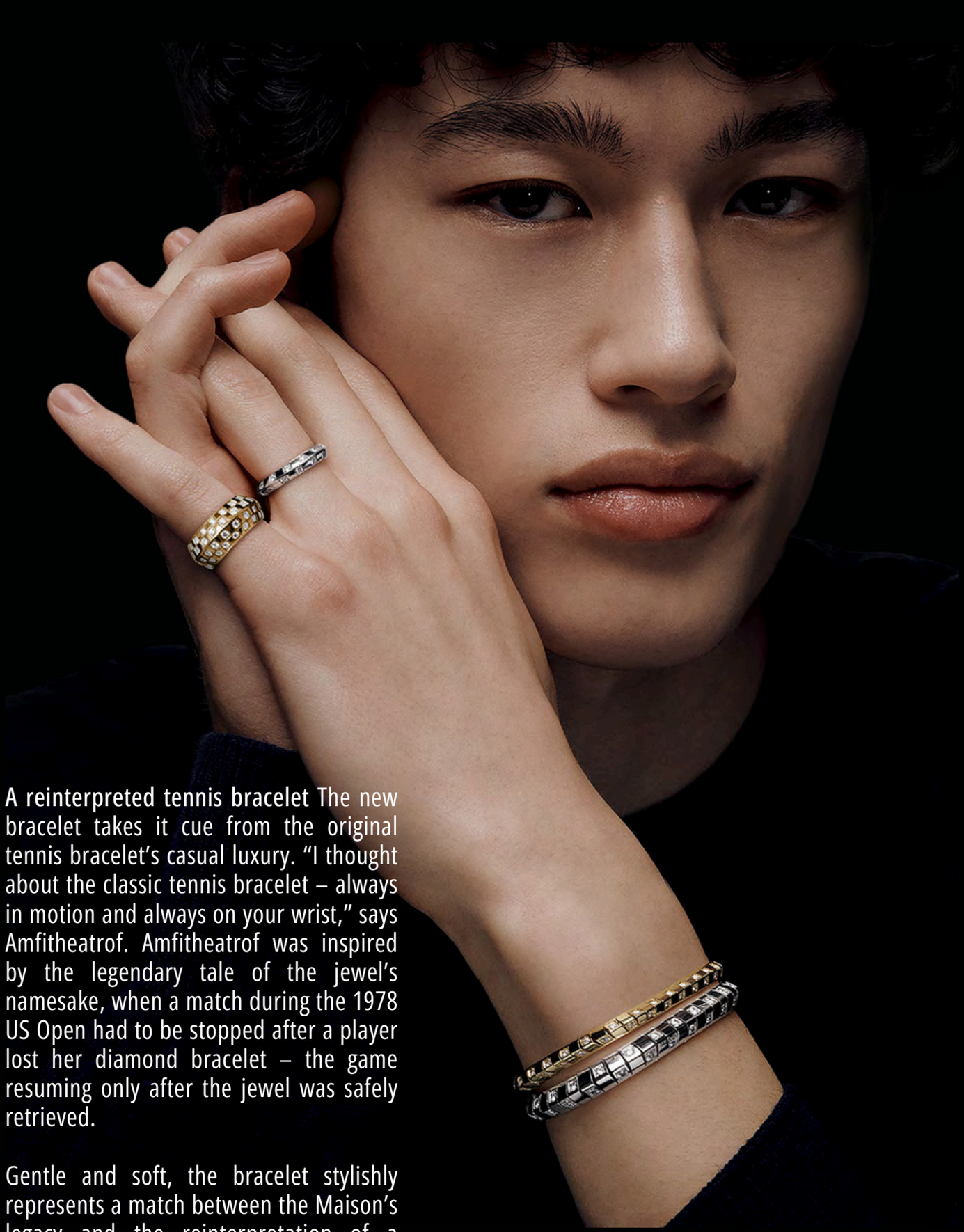
"IT IS A DIAMOND COLLECTION THAT IS NOT JUST ABOUT THE STONES BUT THE PATTERN THAT THEY CREATE."

FRANCESCA AMFITHEATROF,
ARTISTIC DIRECTOR FOR WATCHES AND JEWELRY.



An emblematic ring The mainstay of this new Fine Jewelry Collection is the ring. Emanating a pure and dynamic energy, the ring is the cornerstone of the Collection – a crowning inspiration that's instantly contemporary, impactful and unisex. The ring debuts in three different widths: available in either yellow or white gold, leaning into Damier's limitless possibilities for stacking, layering and styling – and multiplying the inherent infinity that the design possesses.

Versatile and beyond borders, the ring comes in two distinct styles: an elegant, everyday version features two glistening rows of gold and diamonds. Meanwhile a more graphic design is set across four rows of gold and diamonds, presenting an especially striking and statement-making piece.



A reinterpreted tennis bracelet The new bracelet takes it cue from the original tennis bracelet's casual luxury. "I thought about the classic tennis bracelet – always in motion and always on your wrist," says Amfitheatrof. Amfitheatrof was inspired by the legendary tale of the jewel's namesake, when a match during the 1978 US Open had to be stopped after a player lost her diamond bracelet – the game resuming only after the jewel was safely retrieved.

Gentle and soft, the bracelet stylishly represents a match between the Maison's legacy and the reinterpretation of a classic, set in a timeless and cool, unmistakable Louis Vuitton design. Expertly crafted for maximum fluidity and tactility, the design's repeated pattern creates a wonderful suppleness.



Exuding a touch of infinity and endless possibility, Le Damier de Louis Vuitton debuts in 12 extremely tactile pieces. The collection also includes a chic, single round pendant studded with diamonds, set on a slim yellow gold chain.

Meanwhile, a pair of diamond-set yellow gold hoop earrings come in a sculpted, stacked form, again structured around the collection's signature geometric central line.



Like the must-have ring, the collection – unisex, easy to wear and a true second skin – is a strong and timeless collection set to ignite a new chapter of Fine Jewelry at the Maison.

“LE DAMIER DE LOUIS VUITTON IS THE CREATION OF A NEW ERA, A MODERN COLLECTION DESIGNED TO LAST FOREVER”

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LE DAMIER DE LOUIS VUITTON COLLECTION



Le Damier de Louis Vuitton Ring in yellow gold & diamonds.
Louis Vuitton Fine Jewelry



Le Damier de Louis Vuitton Double Ring in yellow gold & diamonds.
Louis Vuitton Fine Jewelry



Le Damier de Louis Vuitton Ring in yellow gold & diamonds.
Louis Vuitton Fine Jewelry



Le Damier de Louis Vuitton Large Ring in yellow gold & diamonds.
Louis Vuitton Fine Jewelry



Le Damier de Louis Vuitton Ring in white gold & diamonds.
Louis Vuitton Fine Jewelry



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Louis Vuitton Fine Jewelry



Le Damier de Louis Vuitton Ring in white gold & diamonds.
Louis Vuitton Fine Jewelry



Le Damier de Louis Vuitton Large Bracelet in yellow gold & diamonds.
Louis Vuitton Fine Jewelry



Le Damier de Louis Vuitton Bracelet in yellow gold & diamonds.
Louis Vuitton Fine Jewelry



Le Damier de Louis Vuitton Hoops in yellow gold & diamonds.
Louis Vuitton Fine Jewelry



Le Damier de Louis Vuitton Necklace in yellow gold & diamonds.
Louis Vuitton Fine Jewelry



Le Damier de Louis Vuitton Large Bracelet in white gold & diamonds.
Louis Vuitton Fine Jewelry

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Alex Israel's Arty and Pop Excursion for Louis Vuitton




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CALIFORNIA DREAM
LOUIS VUITTON
AFTERNOON SWIM
LOUIS VUITTON

Since the beginning of his collaboration with the Maison in 2019, Alex Israel, a multimedia artist in contemporary art, has shared his idealised vision of Los Angeles through the Louis Vuitton Cologne collection. His distinctive style, characterised by vibrant colors and inspired by the Californian lifestyle, has infused the essence of each Cologne.

This year, Louis Vuitton and Alex Israel present a new collaboration around the Cologne Perfumes collection. It is an unprecedented invitation to a three-dimensional pictorial stroll along an imaginary boulevard in Los Angeles. With its faithful nods to the city's typical style, this exceptional piece titled "Ocean BLVD" echoes Alex Israel's 2022 work "Sunset Coast Drive". Each Cologne is integrated into this wildly creative street scene and takes the form of contemporary Californian architecture, including references to his chromatic palette. With this unique creation, the artist captures the West Coast ambiance—a free and passionate territory—and celebrates the pop universe of the Colognes. It's a scent journey along the California coast, with its lights, extravagances, and softness

Crafted in France, this two-meter-long sculpture required over 500 hours of work and the dedication of 20 artisans. Every detail of this imaginary mini city is meticulously crafted and incorporates the Maison's historical expertise as a trunk maker. From the roofs to the facades, including the palm leaves, each element has been hand-shaped and assembled, celebrating the Maison's noble materials such as Taurillon leather, Taiga leather, and natural beige leather. A colourful and immersive sculpture at the crossroads of fragrance and exceptional craftsmanship.



Alex Israel offers his representation of the ideal day, along the Cologne Perfumes. The journey begins with the Pacific Chill spa, a space dedicated to well-being and vitality, reflecting the spirit of this detoxifying fragrance inspired by the Californian cool attitude. This perfume captures the energies of nature to exalt the senses with notes of blackcurrant, carrot seeds, and aromatic herbs. The spa's facade, covered in white cowhide embossed with the Monogram pattern, the Maison's signature leather, echoes the blue and green gradient of the bottle, symbolising the verdant hills and the blue of the sea and sky along the Southern Californian coast. The Pacific Chill spa embodies this desire for horizon and that invigorating breath of fresh air facing the peaceful ocean, while the city gently awakens under a clear sky.

Alex Israel invites a detour to the California Dream restaurant, a place that extends this perfect day to watch the evening settle in and revel in the colors of a sunset as the sky turns pink and blue. This stopover pays homage to the Cologne that marries mandarin with warm, airy ambrette. As night falls, vanilla benzoin envelops the skin in a gentle caress, creating a nocturnal melody. Shrubs adorned with Monogram leaves decorate the entrance. The colours of the place are inspired by the gradient of the bottle, presenting shades of pink and blue, while the roof is covered with pink cowhide. A place to capture the moment and relax in the bliss of summer, while a sense of possibility fills our view to the edges of the endless horizon.

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ABOUT ALEX ISRAEL

Alex Israel explores pop culture as a global visual language, deeply connected to his hometown of Los Angeles. He uses Hollywood film production remnants—backdrops, sets, and props—while also taking on roles such as filmmaker, talk-show host, designer, and hologram. His art practice doubles as a brand, centered on a Southern Californian millennial lifestyle, with his iconic profile-in-shades Self-Portrait as a logo, visible across art, entertainment, fashion, and tech. Each of his projects incorporates an LA landscape and a self-portrait, offering a savvy reflection on a world driven by celebrity, product placement, and online influence. Born in 1982 in Los Angeles, Israel holds a B.A. from Yale and an M.F.A. from USC, with works in major museums and private collections globally.

CHIMI



CHIMI was founded in Stockholm in 2016 by Charlie Lindström and Daniel Djurdevic with the philosophy to inspire the capturing of every aspect of modern life through the lens of eyewear. The products are imagined through the eye of Scandinavian minimalism altered by a futurism. CHIMI has been worn by the likes of Kendall Jenner, Hailey Bieber, and The Weeknd. To date, the collections cover premium eyewear, ready-to-wear and accessories.

CHIMI is distributed in South Africa by Luna Belle Ventures, a local agency committed to bringing luxury global brands renowned for their quality and craftsmanship that go BEYOND LUXURY lunabelleventures.com.

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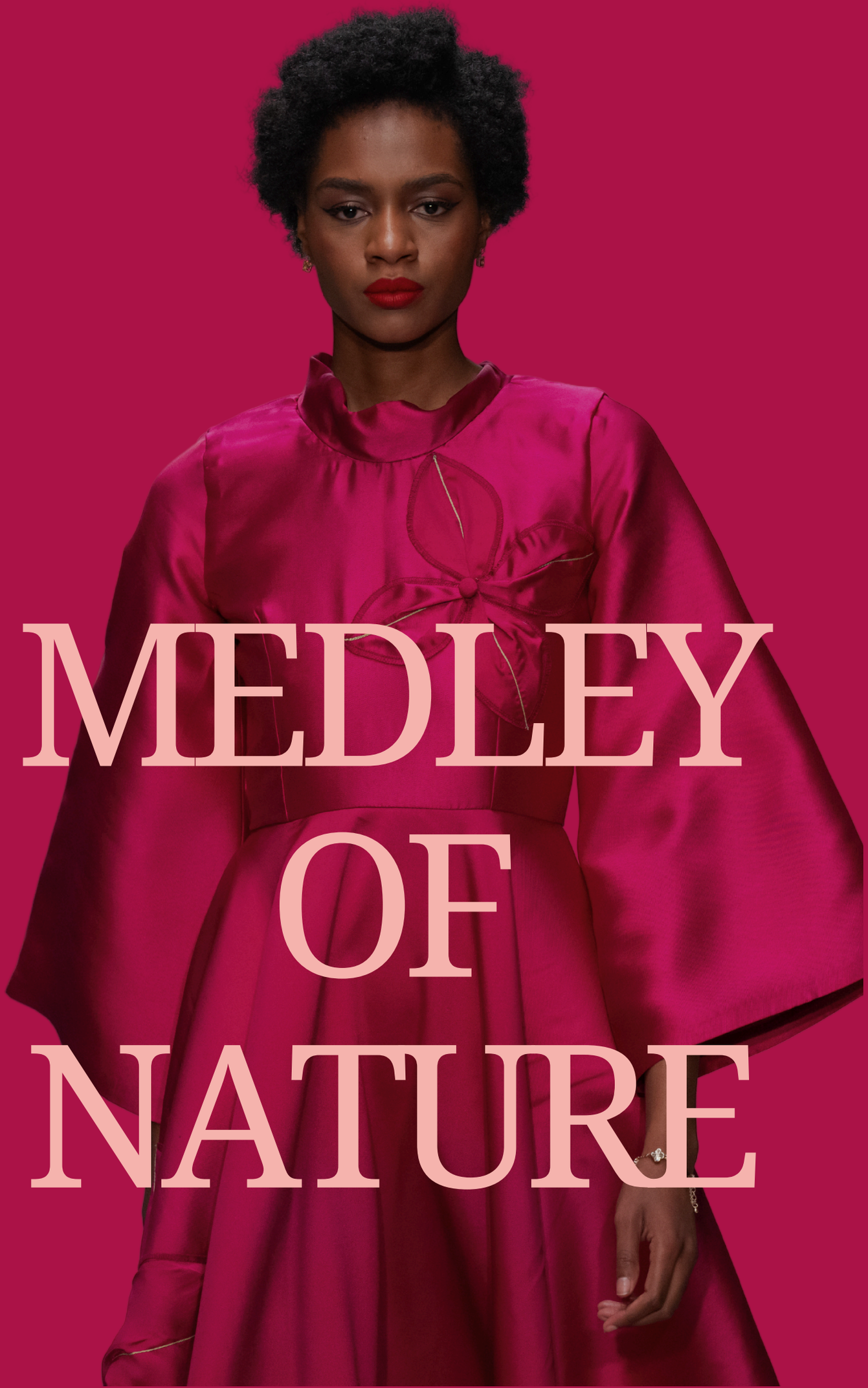
COLLECTION

CHIMI introduces a new collection, featuring innovative eyewear that merges sustainability with modern design. The CORE Collection offers timeless silhouettes, crafted with premium quality that does not compromise on aesthetics or comfort. All styles have customised hinges and wire cores, ensuring durability and elegance. The frames and temples are designed to share the same visual language, drawing inspiration from classic silhouettes with a contemporary twist.

The CORE Collection now includes Renewable Acetate, a groundbreaking material made from cellulose derived from wood and recycled plastic waste. These frames offer the same premium look and feel as traditional acetate, incorporating a circular approach while maintaining superior quality.

With two new styles, the sharp and sleek Model 10, and the soft and sophisticated Model 12, the refreshed CORE Collection allows for an eco-conscious choice without compromising on style.

Shop the CORE Collection online at www.chimi-online.com/za or in-store at 69 Shortmarket Street, Cape Town.


MEDLEY
OF
NATURE







This year's collection is inspired by 'Medley of Nature' based on the great historical Mapungubwe Kingdom in Limpopo. The design aesthetic is derived from the kingdom's social structure, the influence of trade with the far east and the area's ecosystem.

With little research available on the exact fashion trends that were popular in 1200 AD, our head designer and Founder, Hangwani Nengovhela allowed herself to dream and re-imagine fashion history.



We know that this was a bustling kingdom in which the people lived in abundance. To show their strength and power, Mapungubwe's ruler moved the upper classes to the top of a hill while the working classes remained on level ground. We've included that concept - showing the various levels of authority in where they lived through layering fabrics and constructing our garments from materials that depict movement.

With over 22 years on the global fashion scene, Rubicon has come to be known for one major thing - they pay fine attention to detail. This is what separates the average garment from its exquisite counterpart.

For this seasons collection, Rubicon focused on the finer details including:

- Top-Stitching (inspired by garments worn by emissaries from the far east)
- Magenta, Sage and White colour Scheme (brought in from the Mapungubwe area's surreal landscape, especially its horizon and gorgeous the flora and fauna found in that region)



The great kingdom of Mapungubwe has inspired legends the world over. During its heyday emissaries traveled from near and far to trade in exchange for the kingdom's precious jewels - especially gold and ivory.

The Majestic #RubiconQueen we design for is a globetrotter. Yet, she brings the spirit, the energy, and the power of the Mapungubwe Royal Kingdom to life wherever she travels - wearing our garments in various settings from work through to her social events.

The #RubiconQueen is uncompromising in how she presents herself and is known by those in her life as someone who is regal and operates with integrity.

INSPIRED BY MEDLEY OF NATURE



ABOUT RUBICON:

Since its establishment in 2002, the award-winning, Johannesburg-based Rubicon brand has become one of Gauteng's most desirable fashion destinations for women with a worldly mindset. Rubicon Clothing celebrates 21 years of effortless style, form flattering sophistication, tailored craftsmanship and timeless design. Founder and Creative Director, Hangwani Nengovhela, personifies the brand perfectly, bringing subtle African opulence to each collection.







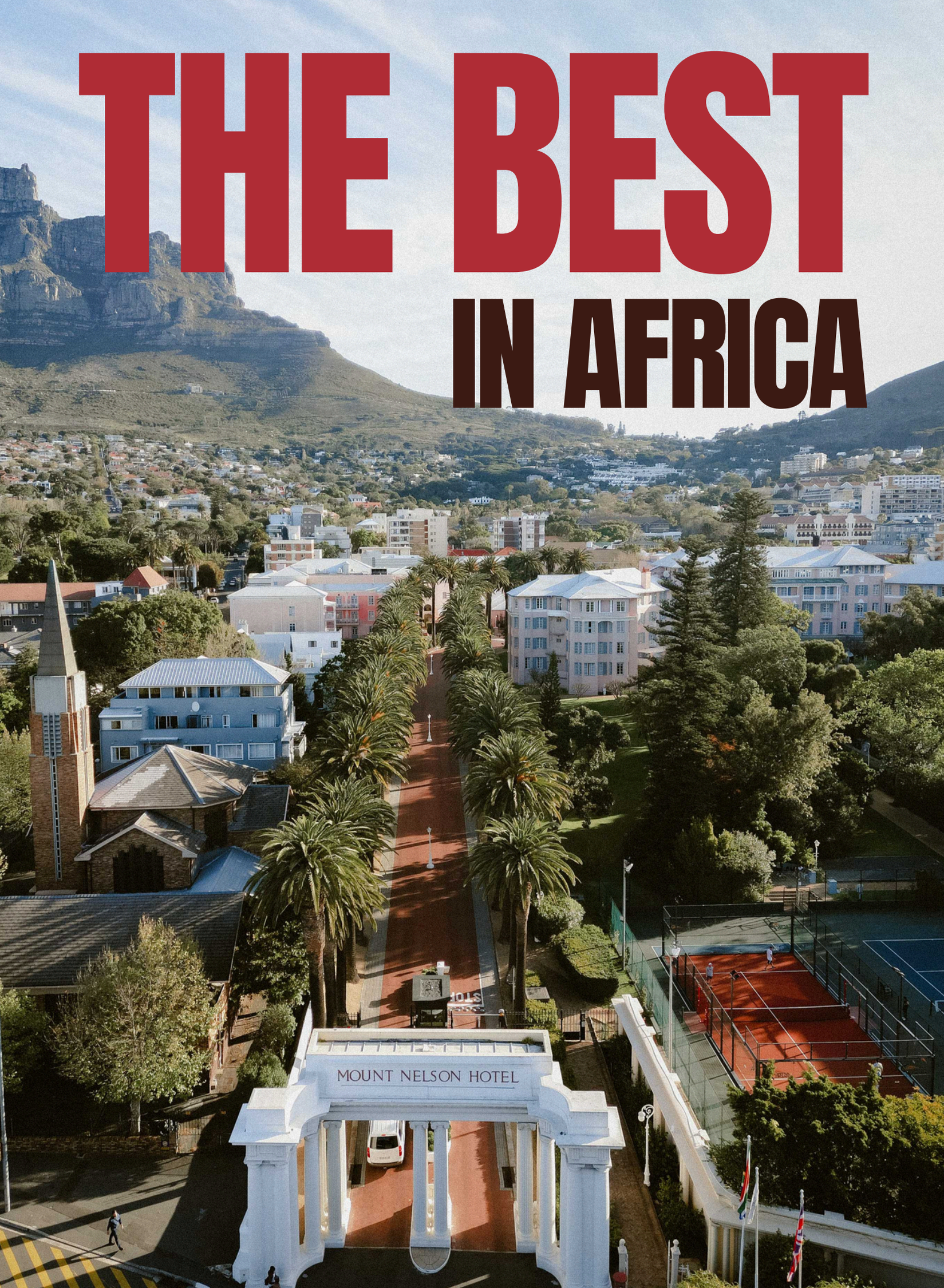


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Tiago Moraes Sarmento,
Area Managing Director, Belmond Southern Africa





WORLDS 50 BEST HOTELS 2024



Mount Nelson, A Belmond Hotel, Cape Town has been named No.28 in the global ranking of The World’s 50 Best Hotels 2024. Following a successful debut in 2023,

the second edition of The World’s 50 Best Hotels has been announced at a captivating awards ceremony in London and includes industry-defining hotels from across six continents worldwide.

This evening's awards ceremony once again brought together the global travel and hospitality community to celebrate the world's best hotels. Held at the historic Guildhall, the event showcased exceptional hotel experiences that will inspire consumers, travellers, and hoteliers around the globe.

At this year’s ceremony, two of Belmond’s legendary properties were awarded: Maroma, A Belmond Hotel, Riviera Maya was named at No.18 and won the Flor de Caña Eco Hotel of 2024. Whilst Mount Nelson, A Belmond Hotel, Cape Town ranks at No.28 and claims the place of 2024's Best Hotel in Africa.







Skirted by mountain and metropolis, Mount Nelson, A Belmond Hotel, Cape Town fuses its 125 years of heritage with 21st-century relevance in the urban heart of the city, surrounded by the country's leading designer boutiques and buzzing cafés. Nestled within 8 acres of verdant gardens that unfold beneath the gaze of Table Mountain, the hotel plugs guests into the pulse of this iconic Southern African destination, from front-row fashion paired with the Nellie's legendary afternoon tea; collaborations with modern and contemporary African creatives; exceptional dining with new Executive Chef Luke Lawrence Barry; to expert-led marine biology adventures and journeys into the city's internationally acclaimed winelands.



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We're thrilled to be back in London celebrating the second edition of The World's 50 Best Hotels.

Bringing together so many influential figures from the travel industry to honour and celebrate the world's finest hotel experiences is truly a special moment.

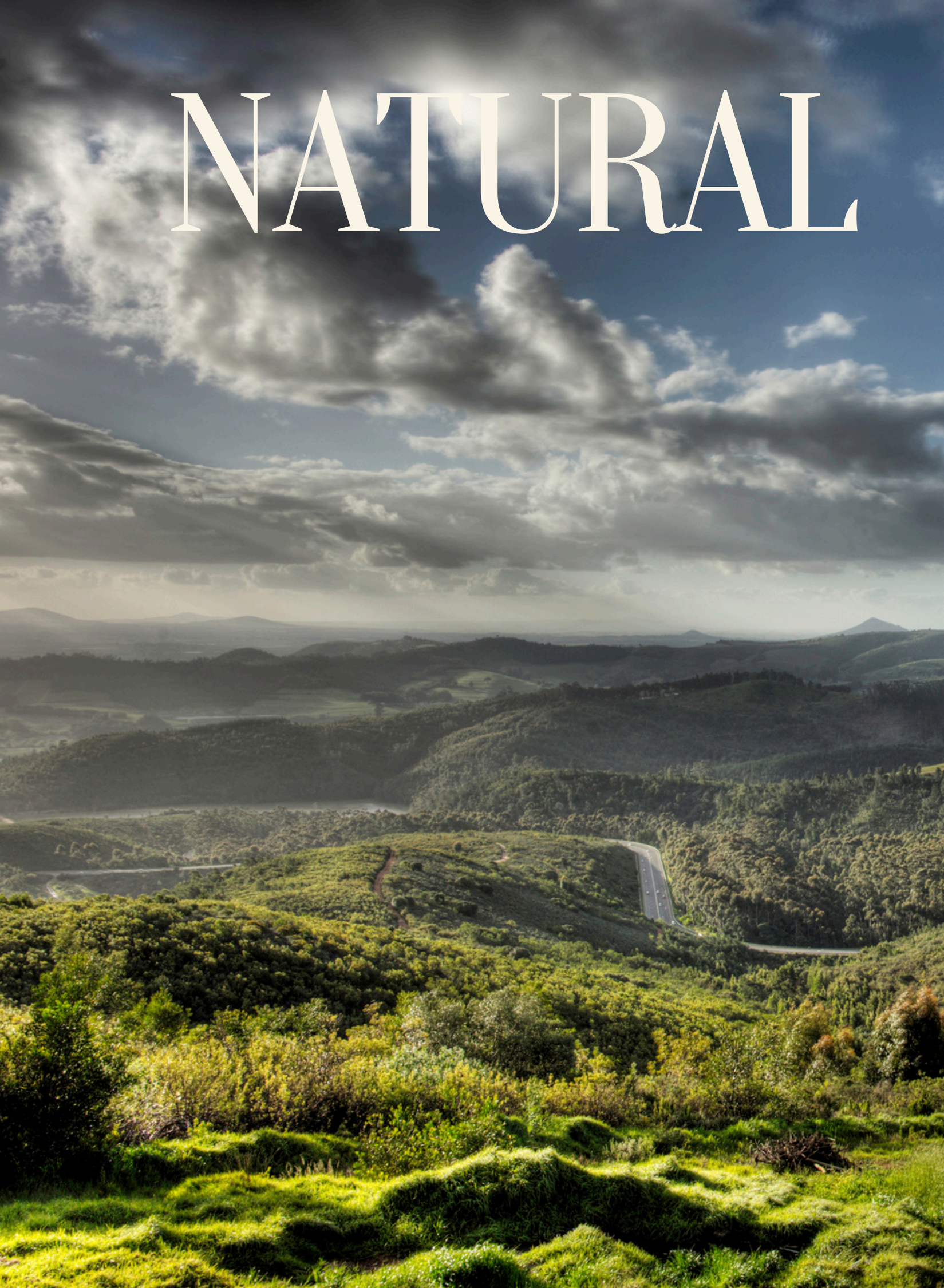
Our heartfelt congratulations go out to every hotel on the list, each of which has clearly made a lasting impression on our Academy of travel experts. We hope 2024's list inspires travel lovers to choose a truly spectacular destination for their next trip."

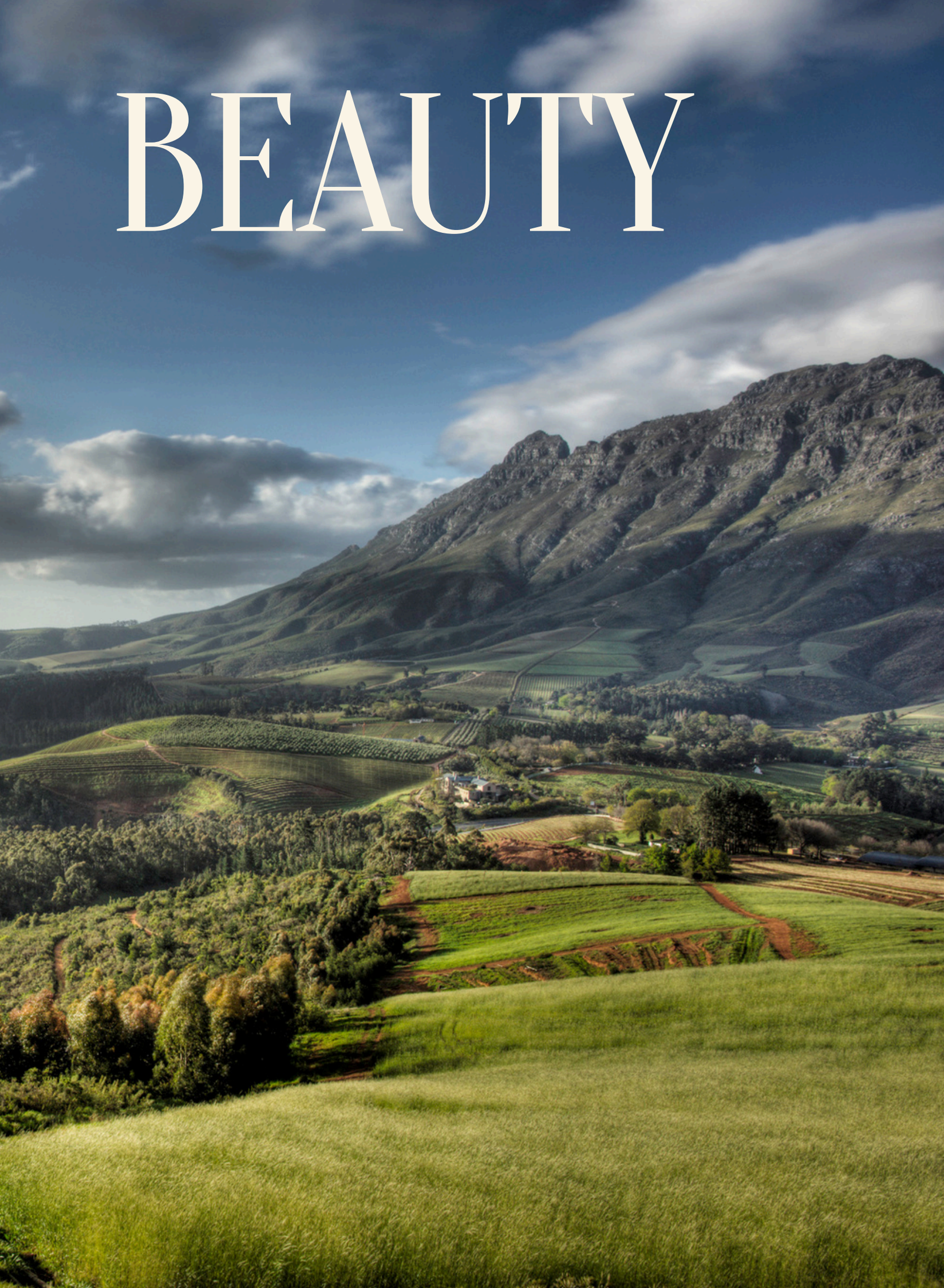
Tim Broke-Webb
Managing Director - The World's 50 Best Hotels

The World's 50 Best Hotels 2024 was revealed as part of a live countdown from No.50 to No.1.

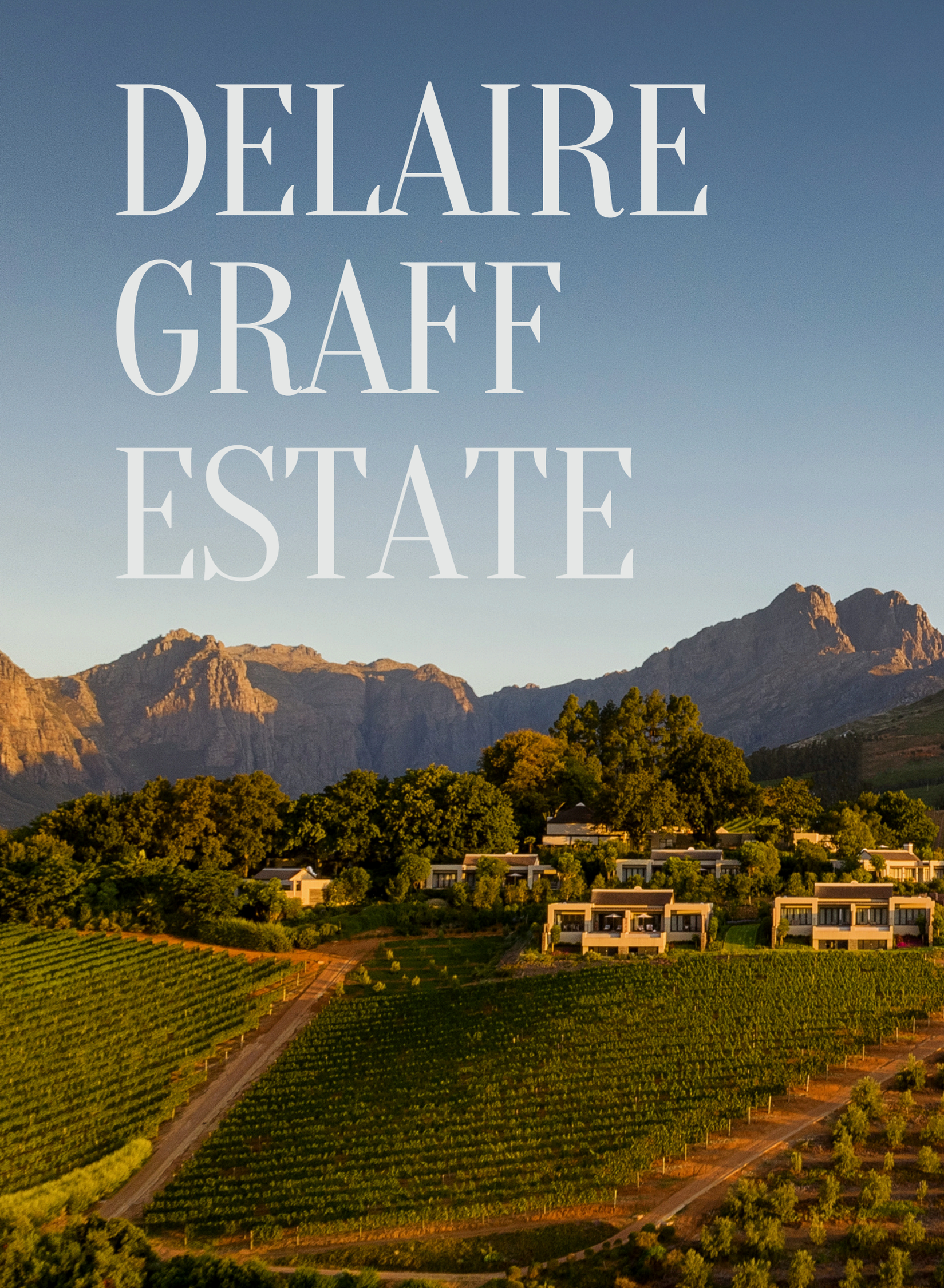
The ranking is complemented by a host of special awards and reflects the very best travel experiences around the globe, collated from the votes of 600 anonymous experts.

This votingpanel – the 50 Best Hotels Academy – comprises a balanced mix of hoteliers, travel journalists, educators and seasoned luxury travellers, led by a group of industry-leading Academy Chairs.


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SIGNATURE Restaurants

The estate is home to two restaurants, both of which serve exceptional cuisine created by renowned chefs. The signature restaurant, Delaire Graff Estate Restaurant, has been awarded numerous accolades and is considered one of the best restaurants in the country.

As a wine estate, Delaire Graff Estate offers guests the chance to taste and enjoy some of the best wines in the region, including its own exceptional wines. The estate's tasting room is the perfect place to sample the wines, or guests can choose from an extensive wine list in the restaurants.

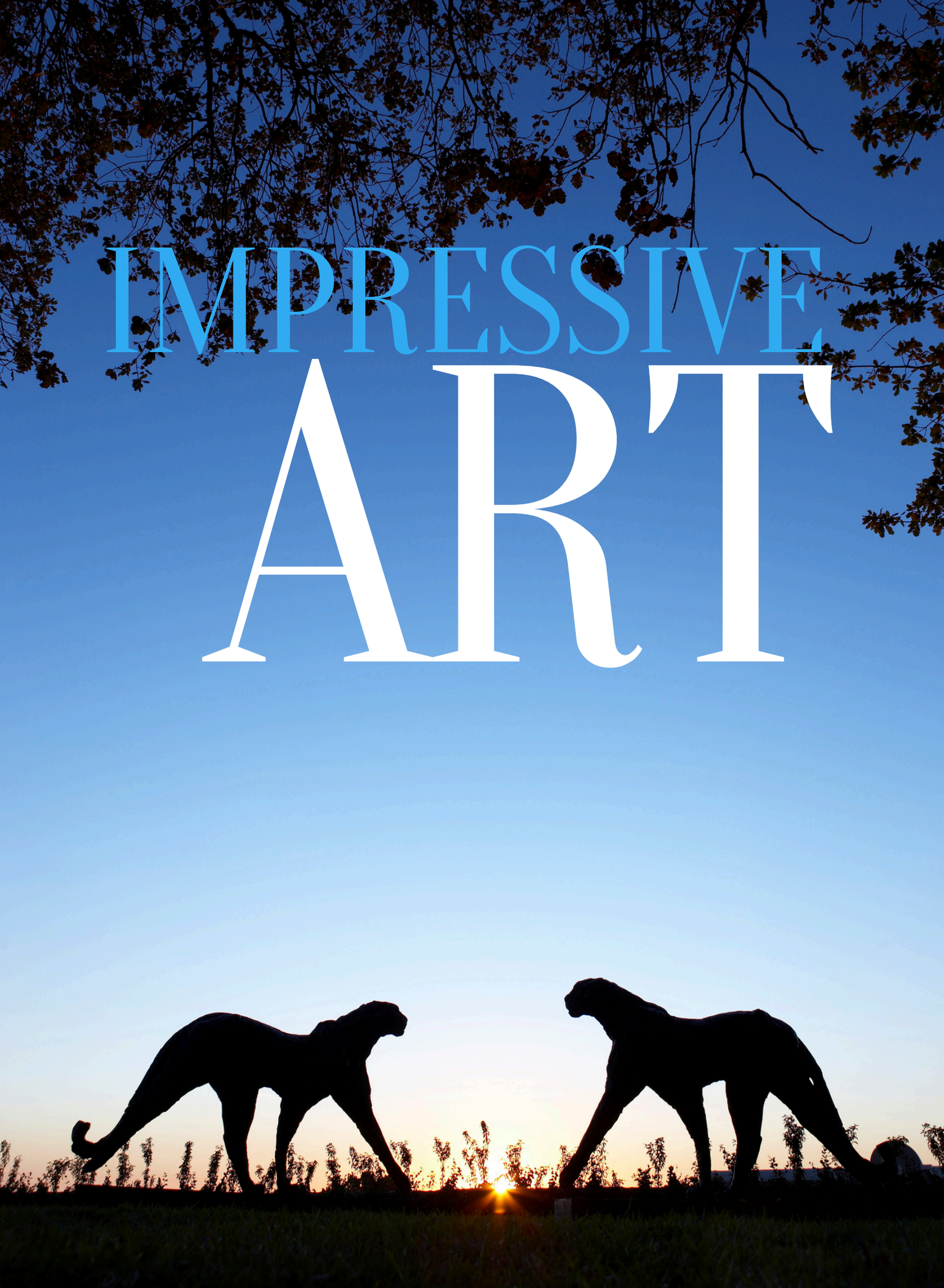



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TO DETAIL





The lodges and public spaces are also beautifully designed, with a focus on elegance and sophistication.

Guests arriving by private helicopter, the estate has its own helipad, making it easy to access from anywhere in the region.

Throughout their stay, guests at Delaire Graff Estate can expect unparalleled service from the friendly and attentive staff, who are always on hand to assist with any request.

The staff pride themselves on their attention to detail and their ability to create a truly personalized experience for each guest.

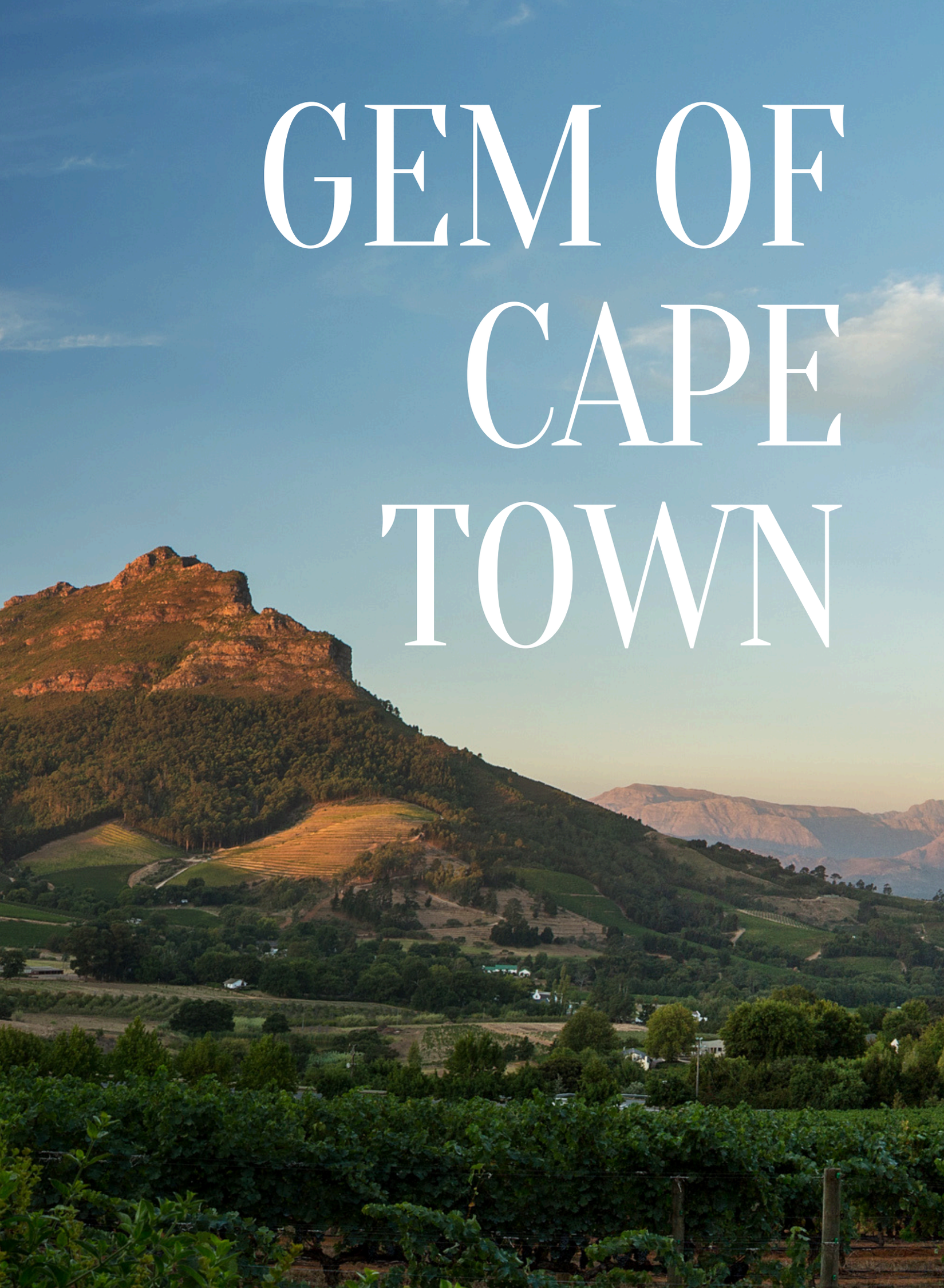









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THE CRADLE BOUTIQUE HOTEL UNVEILS EXCITING ENHANCEMENTS AND NEW OFFERINGS



Nestled within the stunning landscapes of The Greater Cradle Nature Reserve, the Cradle Boutique Hotel is thrilled to unveil its recent renovations, inviting guests to immerse themselves in a revitalized luxury-in-the-bush experience.

Highlighting the recent upgrades are the renovated restaurant in the main building, individual room enhancements, inauguration of the Inyala Spa and the introduction of Riverhorse Lodge. These updates signify Cradle Boutique Hotel’s commitment to elevating the guest experience and embracing the natural beauty of its surroundings.

The revamped restaurant and upgraded hotel rooms reimagine Cradle Boutique Hotel’s signature bush-inspired ambiance, seamlessly blending with the natural surroundings to create a serene and inviting atmosphere.





Expanding its wellness offerings, Cradle Boutique Hotel introduces the Inyala Spa. Complementing the hotel's focus on environmental sustainability, Inyala Spa offers a range of eco-friendly treatments designed to rejuvenate both body and mind. It's the perfect place to pamper oneself or loved ones while consciously caring for the environment.

The Pavilion, a stand-alone facility situated within the Greater Cradle Nature Reserve, offers a versatile venue space ideal for various events, from weddings and conferences to festival and brand launches. Adjacent to the Motsetse stream, The Glade provides a picturesque setting for intimate picnics and enhancing wedding ceremonies

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When guests stay at the Cradle Boutique Hotel, they not only experience the comfort and luxury of its eco-friendly rooms but also become custodians of the origins of man. All profits from the hotel and its restaurant are directed towards supporting projects run through The Cradle Foundation, allowing guests to relax and unwind, knowing they are making a positive impact on the world. From serene solo retreats, romantic getaways, group excursions, elegant wedding venues, professional conference settings, to picturesque outdoor event spaces, the Cradle Boutique Hotel provides a premier destination delivering unparalleled luxury while maintaining its commitment to sustainability.



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PRIMED FOR PRODUCTIVITY-BOOSTING BLEISURE, LALIBELA'S 'OFFICE' IN THE BUSH AWAITS



Workcations are a relatively new and still rising trend at the intersection of wellness, work, and travel. According to an article published by Forbes, working from leisure destinations not only boosts productivity, but improves well-being. It's a way to break your routine, prioritise travel and create balance.

Whether you're planning a company conference or retreat, extending a family holiday with a week of remote work, or pursuing the lifestyle of a digital nomad, there are plenty of reasons to include a workcation in your annual planning. What better place to work away from home than a magnificent Big Five Game Reserve? Change up your routine, breathe in plenty of fresh air, and enjoy the luxury of having your day-to-day needs taken care of.

'You may not be able to unplug completely, but when it comes to feeling rested, a little can go a long way. Simply having someone to prepare your meals, clean your space, and look after your laundry can reduce your mental load and allow you to truly relax when you're not at your desk. The benefits of being close to nature are too many to count,' advises the CEO of Lalibela Game Reserve, Johann Lombard.

YOU CAN SHAPE YOUR STAY TO SUIT YOUR NEEDS

Lombard is well-versed in bleisure - a portmanteau of business and leisure - travel, as Lalibela has played host to remote workers with a range of requirements. He has understood the benefits of having varied accommodations in strategic spots across the reserve, so that there are options to suit different types of travellers and budgets. Lalibela has also added conferencing facilities to its mix in order to cater to team trips and breakaways.

‘“You can shape your stay to suit your needs. Travel solo and recharge your social battery in nature, or take your partner along for a romantic escape that isn’t limited by the number of leave days left on your calendar. Line up your trip with the school holidays and take the whole family along for a trip to remember,’ he says.

Having hosted diverse bleisure guests with distinct working styles, Lombard has ready advice for those who are planning a workation and wish to get all the benefits of a working holiday. ‘Set your working hours and try to stick to them,’ he says, ‘That way you can maximise your off-work time accordingly. Pre-planning means you can relax more when you get here.’



Those early morning game drives, slow weekends in nature, and sundowners overlooking the watering hole are what will make or break your experience. The purpose of a workcation is to improve your sense of balance and vitality, and firm boundaries are an essential ingredient in making this happen.’

Lalibela’s various accommodation options have been designed to facilitate that connection. There’s Mills Manor, Mark’s Camp, Tree Tops, Kichaka, Inzolo and Lentaba Lodge to choose from..



Tree Tops tented camp and Mark's Camp are immersed in the bush, with Wi-Fi limited to the communal areas. If you're looking to unplug in your room, and set up your remote desk during the day, this is the best place to do so.

At Kichaka Lodge, you can work from your private deck, or set up a spot in the communal library. Each five-star room offers panoramic views of 'Hippo Hollow' below, and a communal swimming pool overlooks a watering hole. Bookend the day with a spa treatment and a dip in your own heated plunge pool. With only 10 suites, solo travellers and couples can enjoy optimal privacy and comfort, visit the cocktail bar and connect with other visitors, and dine al fresco at the fire-lit boma. They will also be able to sustain their fitness routine at the lodge's well-equipped gym.







NATURE MEETS NURTURE WITH THE OPENING OF AMANI SPA & WELLNESS IN HOEDSPRUIT





Featuring five luxurious treatment rooms and a VIP couple's suite (complete with private jacuzzi and outdoor deck), the spa offers a variety of bespoke treatments centred around guests' unique needs.

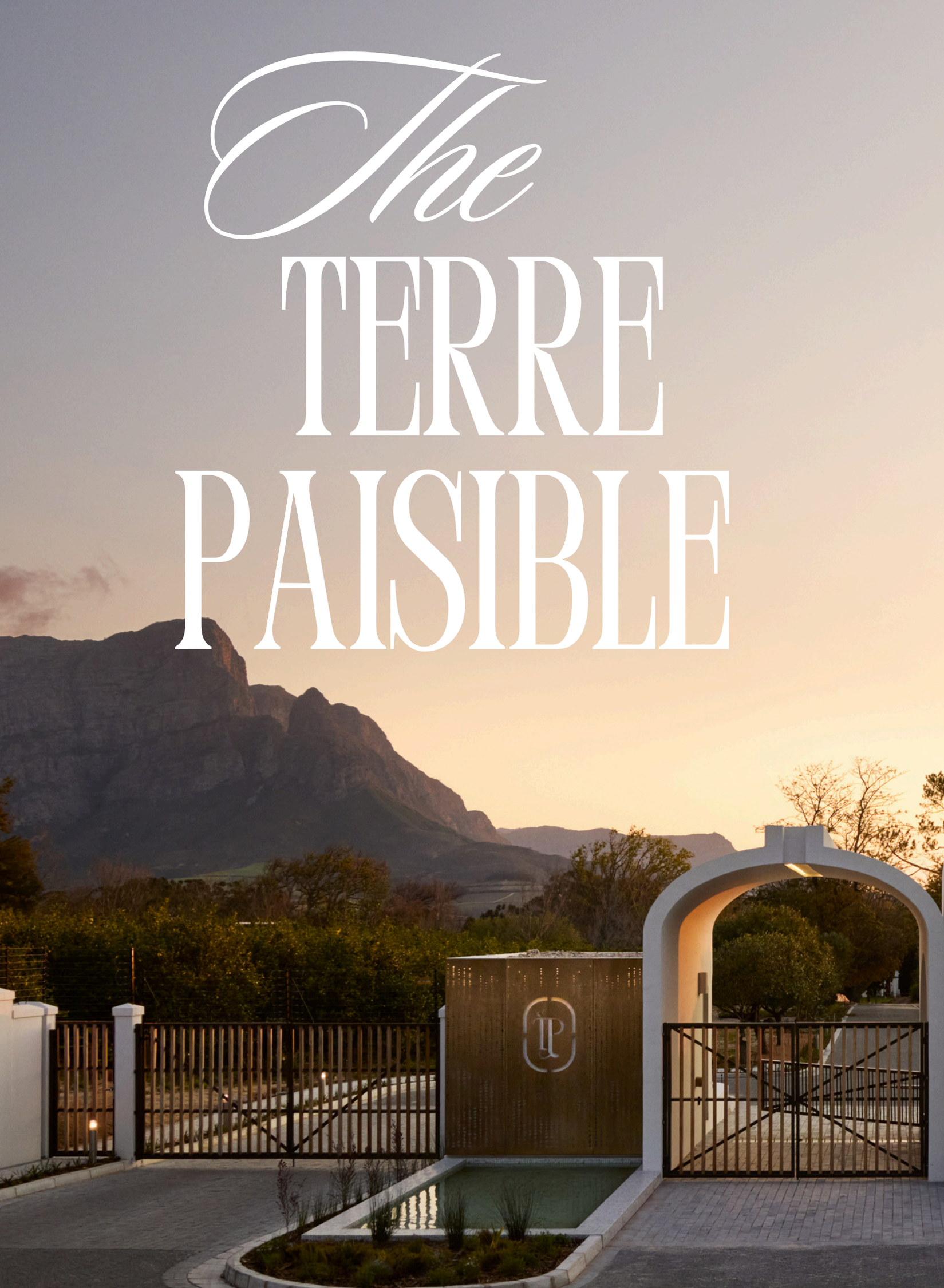
Experience an array of massages, facials, nail treatments and signature journeys. Guests can further enhance their relaxation with a visit to the spa's own health bar, infrared sauna, or the outdoor pool and jacuzzi.

Amani's expert team can also curate personalised experiences including pamper parties, wellness workshops, teambuilding events, special occasion celebrations and corporate wellness packages. These can be tailored based on activities, group size and budget.

"We've dedicated ourselves to showcasing the transformative power of wellness as a way of life," says Danie Smit, Radisson Hotel Safari Hoedspruit General Manager. "To this end, our meticulously designed oasis encompasses spaces inspired by nature, therapies developed with well-being in mind and premium products. Our ultimate goal is to restore your physical energy, emotional equilibrium, and mental acuity, leaving you feeling renewed and refreshed."

A WORLD OF WELLBEING AWAITS AT THE AMANI SPA & WELLNESS, THE NEWEST ADDITION TO THE RADISSON SAFARI HOTEL HOEDSPRUIT. NESTLED AMIDST BREATHTAKING VIEWS OF THE SURROUNDING LOWVELD, THE SPA BOASTS A TRANQUIL




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METICULOUS DIAGNOSIS

Lining up to rival some of the world's leading medical spas with its confluence of advanced aesthetic treatments, luxury facilities and expert practitioners, all in the tranquil natural surrounds of South Africa's famed Franschhoek Valley, Terre Paisible Medical Rejuvenation & Spa offers its guests nothing less than a transformational journey to optimal wellbeing and vitality.

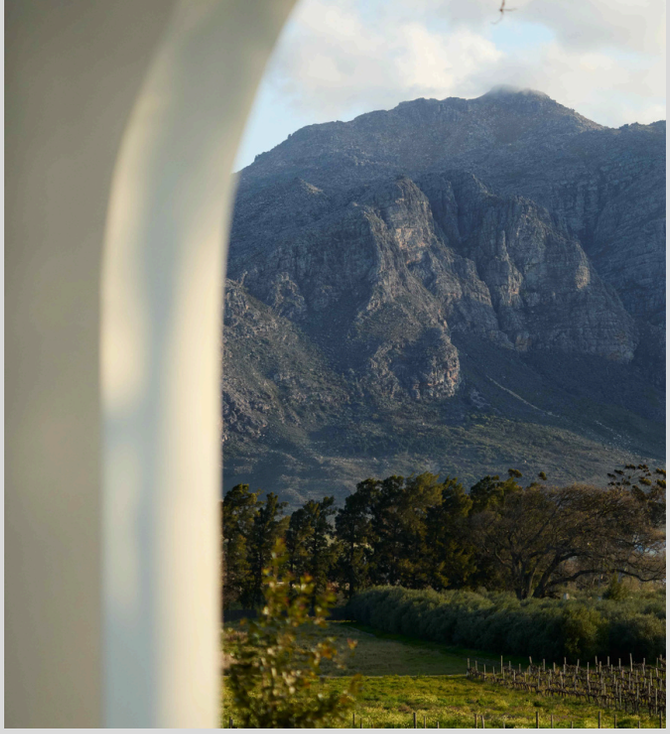
True to its name, meaning 'Peaceful Land', this luxury wellness destination promises the ultimate nurturing retreat and sensory reset for guests from far and near. Within easy reach of other winelands hotspots and a 50-minute drive from Cape Town, it is also serenely tucked away between olive groves and vineyards on a working boutique farm, home to Terre Paisible's award-winning collection of terroir-driven fine wines and extra virgin olive oils. Absolute privacy, deep relaxation and elevation beyond the ordinary are essential underpinnings to the world-class treatments available.



"Our treatment programmes are expertly curated to offer complete revitalization at a cellular level, extending beyond aesthetic enhancement to include metabolic and hormonal enhancement as well as compensating for imbalanced genetic characteristics. Through the combination of advanced medical aesthetics with personalised wellness regimens and the uplifting experience of being in a beautiful, calming location, guests will feel restored to their best self. The treatments we offer are results-driven, and we employ the highest calibre of devices, people and facilities in order to fulfill them, ensuring our guests a glowing new lease of life through the process."

Shirley van Wyk, Terre Paisible's Managing Director







CUSTOMISED TREATMENT PLANS ARE DEVISED USING THE ANALYSIS TO ENSURE EACH INDIVIDUAL WELLNESS JOURNEY IS AS UNIQUE AS THEIR GUESTS.

The foundation of the bespoke treatment plans devised for guests by TPMRS's rigorously trained team of medical professionals and experienced therapists in advanced aesthetics. London-based functional medicine practitioner Tania Malan—founder of the 'Raw to Roar' movement—serves as a consultant to discern a full picture of hormonal to gut biome health, using tests such as the DUTCH™ test (DUTCH™ is a group of validated tests that provide a complete evaluation of sex and adrenal hormones, including metabolites) as well as looking at genetic predisposition through DNAlysis™ tests.

DNAlysis™ tests available include the DNA Core, DNA Skin, and DNA Hair Loss amoung others.

Other diagnostic technologies employed by TPMRS include the internationally lauded Visia Facial Analysis and Inbody Assessment Analysis tools, which are facilitated on site by the nurse practitioner.

FROM *Non-Invasive Laser* TO MICRONEEDLING THERAPY

Therapies are provided in eight elegantly appointed treatment rooms, which include two ultra-discreet suites with separate, private access. Each is equipped with ergonomically designed LEMI treatment beds, completely customisable to meet guests' highest level of comfort, along with every other aspect of their experience at the wellness centre which was created with guidance of international spa consultant Jacoline Wentzel.

With the release from the outside world comes an invitation to surrender to full sensory immersion, starting with a grounding sound bath ritual through to the powerful Solfeggio vibrations of the soothing music, chosen as part of the individualised healing journey. It continues post-treatment, when relishing the indulgent hydrotherapy, sauna and steam room.

Leading the advanced aesthetics team is Dr. Marlé le Roux, a trusted name in the field of aesthetic medicine, who provides treatment with the cutting-edge Ultherapy®, considered the global gold standard in non-surgical skin lifting and tightening. This treatment joins other safe, highly effective, FDA-approved therapies such as the Emerald Laser™, a revolutionary full-body fat loss treatment which works on a cellular level and is currently a first in South Africa and exclusively offered at TPMRS.

From non-invasive laser to microneedling therapies, all TPMRS treatments aim for minimal downtime and provide sustainable results through a considered and personalised approach. These can be augmented with other spa treatments with skincare lines including the clinically approved Biologique Recherche, Mesoestetic®, Philosophia Botanica, ZO® by Dr. Zein Obagi and certified organic Esse Microbiome Skincare. Significantly, guests will be able to continue with their advanced aesthetic treatment programmes at associated medical spas around the world in line with TPMRS's collaborative international footprint.

In addition to this, TPMRS have included expertise and internationally advanced cosmetic dentistry focused on restorative and aesthetic dentistry using advanced international techniques.

A quiet, contemporary sanctuary in complete harmony with its natural surrounds, the wellness centre was designed with interior architects Tristan du Plessis Studio taking care of the immaculately conceived spaces within. A considered use of screens lends a subtle play of light and shadow to the architecture while creating a series of secluded spaces for rest or meditation, both indoors and out. Guests can also unwind at the poolside, positioned to take advantage of the awe-inspiring scenery.

Every detail of the design and sensory experience at TPMRS is a celebration of natural wellness in all its vibrancy, a reference to the farm's plenitude and the rejuvenating environment of this luxurious Franschhoek retreat. In the bountiful spirit of Terre Paisible, a sparkling toast to one's health, wellbeing, and looking and feeling one's vital best.









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SERENA MIVUMO *River* LODGE

Perfelcly situated in the remote and untamed Selous Game Reserve, now known as Nyerere National Park, the Serena Mivumo River Lodge presents a unique opportunity to escape into the beauty of Tanzania's pristine landscapes. Located along the banks of the Rufiji River, this exclusive safari lodge offers an unmatched experience filled with wildlife encounters, comfort, and excitement. Whether you are an adventurous traveler or seeking a peaceful retreat, Serena Mivumo is an ideal place to explore the wonders of Africa's wilderness.



A GEM IN THE HEART OF SELOUS GAME RESERVE

As one of Africa's largest protected areas and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, thisGame Reserve is celebrated for its rich biodiversity and expansive untouched terrain. Unlike some more frequented parks in Africa, it remains largely unspoiled by mass tourism, allowing visitors to enjoy an authentic and serene safari experience.

Situated on a cliff with views over the Rufiji River, the lodge provides stunning panoramas of both savannah and forest landscapes; the river plays an essential role in sustaining the region's diverse wildlife. While enjoying your morning coffee or unwinding with evening drinks, it's common to glimpse elephants, hippos, or crocodiles approaching for a drink.

EXCLUSIVE COMFORT AMIDST NATURE

In contrast to the wild nature surrounding it, Serena Mivumo River Lodge offers an inviting sanctuary brimming with comfort. The lodge beautifully merges traditional African design with modern comforts to create an atmosphere that feels both genuine and luxurious.

The chalets are equipped with high-end amenities like king-sized beds and en-suite bathrooms featuring rainfall showers. Private decks offer tranquil spots for soaking in the sights and sounds of nature. For those desiring something extra special, there is also a Presidential Villa available that boasts additional space along with a private plunge pool and butler service.

Dining at Serena Mivumo promises unforgettable moments whether you're having breakfast by the river or enjoying dinner beneath a starlit sky.



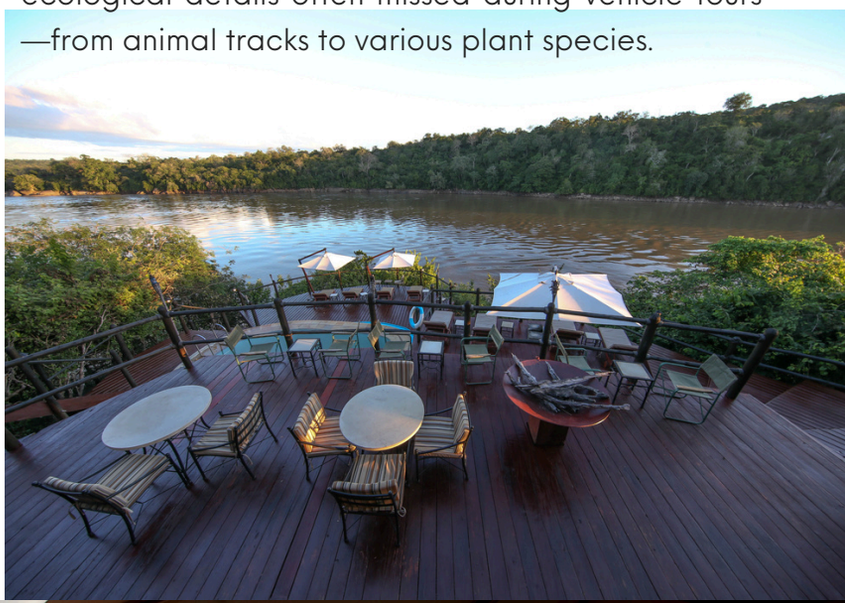
A visit to Serena Mivumo River Lodge encompasses more than just relaxation; it opens doors to thrilling adventures amid one of Africa's last great wildernesses. Guests can partake in varied activities that showcase all that Selous Game Reserve has available.

Game drives are essential during any stay at Selous—knowledgeable guides will escort you through this remarkable reserve where fewer vehicles enhance your intimate connection with nature as you track iconic African wildlife.

Excursions IN SELOUS

For those seeking novel experiences regarding animal sightings, boat safaris on the Rufiji River offer unique perspectives where guests can observe hippos and crocodiles up close. The magic intensifies during sunset cruises when hues from dusk envelop everything around you.

Guided walking safaris present yet another exciting option by encouraging exploration on foot led by expert guides who share insights into smaller ecological details often missed during vehicle tours —from animal tracks to various plant species.







DEDICATED TO *Sustainability*

Serena Mivumo River Lodge prioritizes sustainability through initiatives designed while considering environmental protections alongside social responsibilities within local communities. Our goal is creating value across our operations ensuring benefits reach not just our lodge but also our community partners while safeguarding our natural surroundings.

To reduce environmental impacts effectively we embrace energy-efficient practices alongside water conservation efforts coupled with responsible waste management strategies.

Moreover we actively engage local communities through preserving cultural legacies acquiring locally sourced products while focusing employment opportunities aimed at nearby residents fostering responsible tourism principles promoting ecological stewardship sustainable development enhancing community welfare all while delivering authentic safari experiences for our guests.





IMMERSIVE EXCLUSIVE *Encounters*

For anyone wishing either reconnecting intimately with nature indulging premium experiences—Serena Mivumo River Lodge encompasses both worlds effortlessly woven together showcasing stunning landscapes diverse wildlife superior hospitality establishing itself among Tanzania's leading safari destinations.

For those yearning after genuinely immersive exclusive encounters inquire no further than bubbling excitement awaiting at Serena Mivumo River Lodge! Secure your booking today uncover enchanting Tanzania where tranquility adventure intermingle harmoniously setting lies amidst breathtaking scenery captivating many hearts worldwide!





PLAN YOUR *Escape*





DISCOVER LUXURY & SUSTAINABILITY

ANKAYA VILLAGE

Luxury Lifestyle Awards is thrilled to announce that **Zanzi Island Ventures LTD** has been awarded the prestigious title of Best Luxury Mixed-Use Community Development in Zanzibar for 2024. This prized recognition is for its groundbreaking project, Ankaya Village—a development that sets a new standard for luxury living, wellness, and sustainability on the idyllic shores of Paje Beach.

BEST LUXURY MIXED-USE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN ZANZIBAR FOR 2024

Ankaya Village is a visionary project that captures the essence of luxury and the spirit of sustainable living. Conceived by the renowned Kalojan Georgiev and his family, Ankaya Village is a harmonious blend of laid-back authenticity, familial warmth, and a solid commitment to the environment. This exclusive community comprises 100 opulent villas, each offering an immersive experience of serenity, wellness, and natural beauty.


ZANZIBAR





At the heart of Ankaya Village is a deep-rooted philosophy that intertwines luxury with sustainability. The development features cutting-edge green architecture, with energy-efficient designs that include solar panels and smart systems across all buildings. This commitment to sustainability extends to every aspect of the project, from the eco-friendly filtration systems for pools and sports facilities to advanced water recycling mechanisms that ensure minimal environmental impact. The farm-to-table dining experience at Ankaya Village is another highlight, where guests and residents can enjoy organic produce grown on-site, complemented by the freshest locally sourced ingredients.

In addition to its luxurious accommodations and sustainable features, Ankaya Village is a sanctuary for wellness and personal growth. The community is designed to cater to those who prioritize health and well-being, offering a comprehensive sports program, wellness retreats, and spaces dedicated to relaxation and recovery. Here, the noise of the outside world fades away, replaced by the sounds of the ocean and the whispers of the wind through the palm trees, creating a perfect environment for physical and mental rejuvenation.



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Ankaya Village is not just a place to live; it's a lifestyle that celebrates wellness, community, and the beauty of the natural world.

For those seeking an exclusive retreat that embodies the principles of luxury and environmental consciousness, Ankaya Village offers an unmatched experience.

Discover more about this award-winning development and immerse yourself in the pinnacle of luxury living by visiting https://www.ankaya.villas/



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GLOBAL HOTEL ALLIANCE EXPANDS ITS FOOTPRINT



Four new prestigious regional hotel brands have joined the fast-growing Global Hotel Alliance (GHA), expanding its presence in some of the world's most popular tourism destinations.

Unike Hotels in Norway, Sunway Hotels & Resorts in Malaysia, Andronis in Greece, and Paramount Hotels in the UAE add 32 properties to the world's largest alliance of independent hotel brands, enriching its diverse portfolio with a mix of city and resort hotels that cater to the preferences of a wide range of travellers.

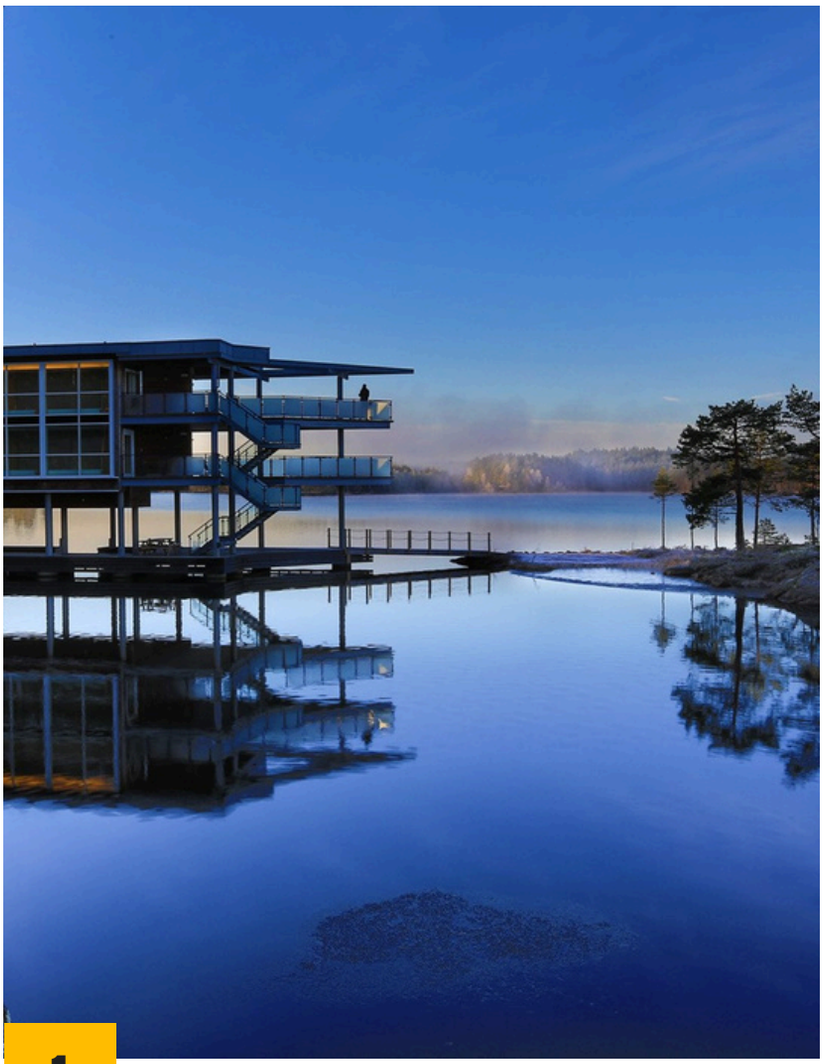
This expansion provides the 28 million members of the GHA DISCOVERY loyalty programme with even more choice of unique properties in sought-after leisure destinations, from remote islands to vibrant metropolitan hubs.
Known for its charming collection of properties across Norway, Unike Hotels brings a distinctive Scandinavian touch to the GHA portfolio.

Each hotel in the Unike group is a unique reflection of its local environment, offering guests a blend of modern comfort and traditional Norwegian hospitality.

In just a few years, Unike Hotels has grown to become a hospitality industry success with a collection of 17 exclusive hotels in sought-after locations across the country.

Like pearls on a delicate string they span from Bergen, through mountains and fjords at Leikanger Hotel and into the deep forests at Rømskog Spa, all the way down to Utsikten Hotel in southern Norway.





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SUNWAY HOTELS & RESORTS – MALAYSIA



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SUNWAY'S MALAYSIA PROPERTIES ARE KNOWN FOR THEIR PRIME LOCATIONS AND EXCELLENT AMENITIES

Sunway Hotels & Resorts, the hospitality division of Malaysian conglomerate Sunway Group, manages 11 hotels and resorts, offering GHA DISCOVERY members a wide range of choice in Malaysia, as well as the increasingly popular Asian cities of Phnom Penh, Cambodia, and Hanoi, Vietnam. Sunway's Malaysia properties highlighted at three iconic hotels in Sunway City Kuala Lumpur – Asia's leading fully-integrated premier hospitality, entertainment, and MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions) destination. They include the luxury five-star Sunway Resort Hotel a favourite among family vacationers







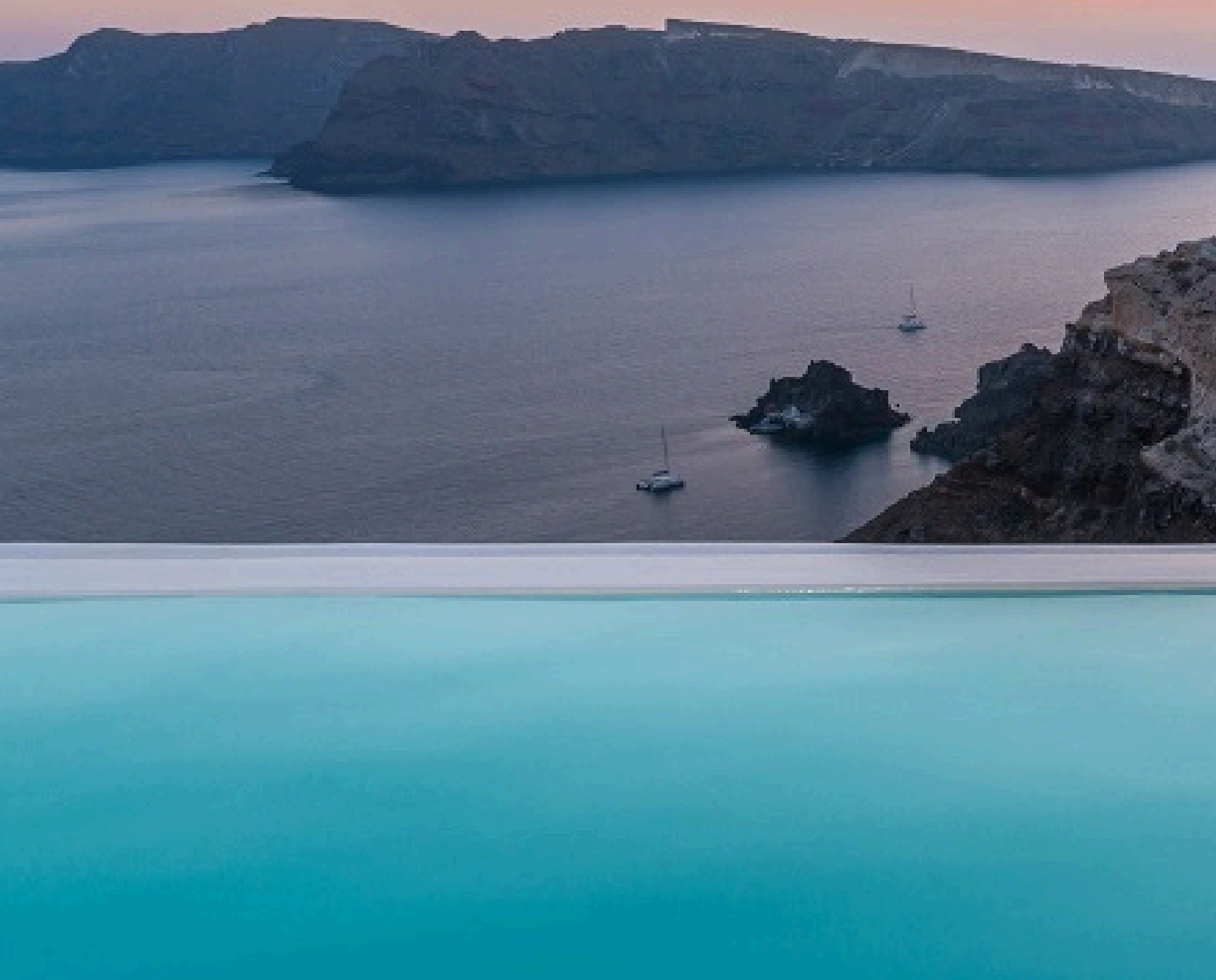
ANDRONIS – GREECE



Greece



Andronis brings to GHA an exquisite collection of boutique hotels on two popular islands in the Aegean Sea - Santorini and Paros. Synonymous with luxury and elegance, and offering unique wellness and dining experiences, each overlooks the Aegean Sea.



Perfect for travellers seeking romantic getaways and seaside escapes, properties range from the flagship Andronis Luxury Suites on Santorini, with just 33 villas and suites perched on a cliff and a restaurant hailed by National Geographic for its stunning location, to the Andronis Minois on Paros, offering transformational stays for guests of all ages.



PARAMOUNT HOTELS – DUBAI









PARAMOUNT HOTEL - DUBAI

Paramount Hotels introduces Hollywood glamour and cinematic experiences to GHA DISCOVERY, offering members two signature properties in one of the world's most dynamic city destinations. Paramount Hotel Dubai, located in the vibrant Business Bay, exudes timeless elegance with film-inspired design, luxurious themed and characterised suites, and world-class dining, ideal for both leisure and business travellers. Meanwhile, Paramount Hotel Midtown, also in the Business Bay district, is envisaged as an artistic retreat with a focus on wellness and creativity, featuring breathtaking views, chic interiors, and a rooftop infinity pool. Both hotels embody the essence of Hollywood's Golden Age, providing an unforgettable, star-studded stay.

"The addition of these four regional independent hotel brands provides our 28 million GHA DISCOVERY members with an even greater choice of unique destination experiences. Each brand brings its own distinct character, appealing to growing traveller appetite for enriching stays in upscale and luxury properties, whether for culture and heritage, wellness and relaxation, or family fun and connection," said GHA CEO Chris Hartley.

"The integration of Unike Hotels, Sunway Hotels & Resorts, Andronis and Paramount Hotels into GHA DISCOVERY will also generate significant growth opportunities through the platform, enhancing cross-brand activity and revenue for all GHA hotel brands."

Expansion punctuates a landmark year for GHA as it celebrates its 20th anniversary. Since it was established in 2004, GHA has grown into a collection of 40 brands with more than 800 hotels, resorts and palaces in 100 countries, all supported by GHA DISCOVERY. First launched in 2010, and reimagined in 2021, this loyalty programme now serves 28 million members worldwide, generating $2.3 billion in revenue and 10 million room nights (as of 2023).

Other recent milestones include the 2023 launch of Green Collection, empowering members to make conscious travel choice; new partnerships forged with ultra-luxury cruise line Regent Seven Seas Cruises in July 2023 and vacation rental platform Plum Guide in March this year.

A Black Forest Health Resort



Water is an indispensable resource and plays a central role in our well-being. At the Luisenhöhe - Gesundheitsresort Schwarzwald, set in the stunning landscape of the UNESCO Black Forest Biosphere Reserve, the importance of water is celebrated in harmony with nature and health. This extraordinary resort is more than just a retreat; it is a “health sanctuary” dedicated to the holistic nurturing of body, mind and soul. The harmonious integration into the surrounding countryside and the resort's innovative approach to promoting its guests' and employees' health and well-being is also reflected in the careful selection of furnishings and interior design. For example, the rooms at Luisenhöhe have been equipped with innovative bathroom solutions from hansgrohe.



NEW STANDARDS

FOR HEALTH & WELL-BEING

The resort's unique elliptical architecture allows for 83 individual rooms and suites with breathtaking views. Guests at the Luisenhöhe enjoy the gentle rain of hansgrohe Raindance showers in their room.

These shower heads are equipped with hansgrohe AirPower technology, which enriches the water with air to create a gentle, sparkling stream. Combined with the hansgrohe EcoSmart technology with integrated flow limitation, this not only ensures a unique shower experience but also reduces water consumption - in line with the sustainability goals of the resort and the premium brand.

Every detail has been carefully thought through to create a feeling of lightness, freedom and security that guests can enjoy at every moment.

We are delighted that hansgrohe is contributing to the feel-good character of the exclusive rooms at Luisenhöhe. Our shared values regarding well-being and environmental awareness make the partnership with the health resort particularly valuable for us," says Frank Ecker, Head of Global Projects for Hansgrohe Germany. "As the resort is located in the immediate vicinity of our German headquarters and production sites in Schiltach and Offenburg, it is particularly important for us to do everything we can to preserve the beautiful environment in the Black Forest and show it to international guests."

In addition to feel-good rooms, the health resort offers a large wellness experience in over 4,400 square meters of space. This spa area includes medical fitness, individual treatments, various saunas, and a wide range of water experiences. These water experiences promote relaxation, reduce stress, and improve circulation. Water's many positive effects range from loosening muscles to gentle movement of the joints, making it a revitalising source of physical well-being.








FROM SUN TO
SHADE IN
SECONDS

South Africa, with its blend of sub-tropical and temperate climates, offers breathtaking natural beauty and sunny days. However, the intense summer sun can sometimes turn a comfortable room into an inconvenient glare zone. Whether you're struggling to focus on a Microsoft Teams call with sunlight reflecting off your screen or trying to enjoy a weekend binge-watching session without the distraction of unwanted reflections, these challenges are now a thing of the past. Enter Lutron, the global leader in lighting and shading control, now making waves in the South African market. The brand not only provides innovative automated lighting but also offers smart shades and blinds, ensuring the perfect lighting to suit your mood. All fully automated, these solutions bring ease, elegance, and sophistication to any space.

CUTTING-EDGE SOLUTIONS FOR SOUTH AFRICA'S SUMMER DAYS

Tailored Solutions for Local Needs

Lutron's entry into South Africa is made possible through a valued partnership with Homemation, a distributor known for its expertise in high-end audio-visual and home automation products. Homemation's deep understanding of local conditions and preferences makes them the ideal partner for introducing advanced solutions to a diverse range of customers.

The brand's approach in South Africa reflects a keen awareness of local needs and preferences. Here's how:

Climate Considerations: The South African climate, with its high temperatures and intense UV rays, demands durable and resilient products. The solutions are crafted to withstand these conditions, ensuring long-lasting performance and reliability.

Aesthetic Preferences: South Africa's architectural diversity, from modern luxury hotels in Cape Town to rustic lodges in Limpopo, is well-matched by the brands customisable designs. Whether it's sleek and contemporary or more traditional, Lutron's range caters to a wide spectrum of tastes.

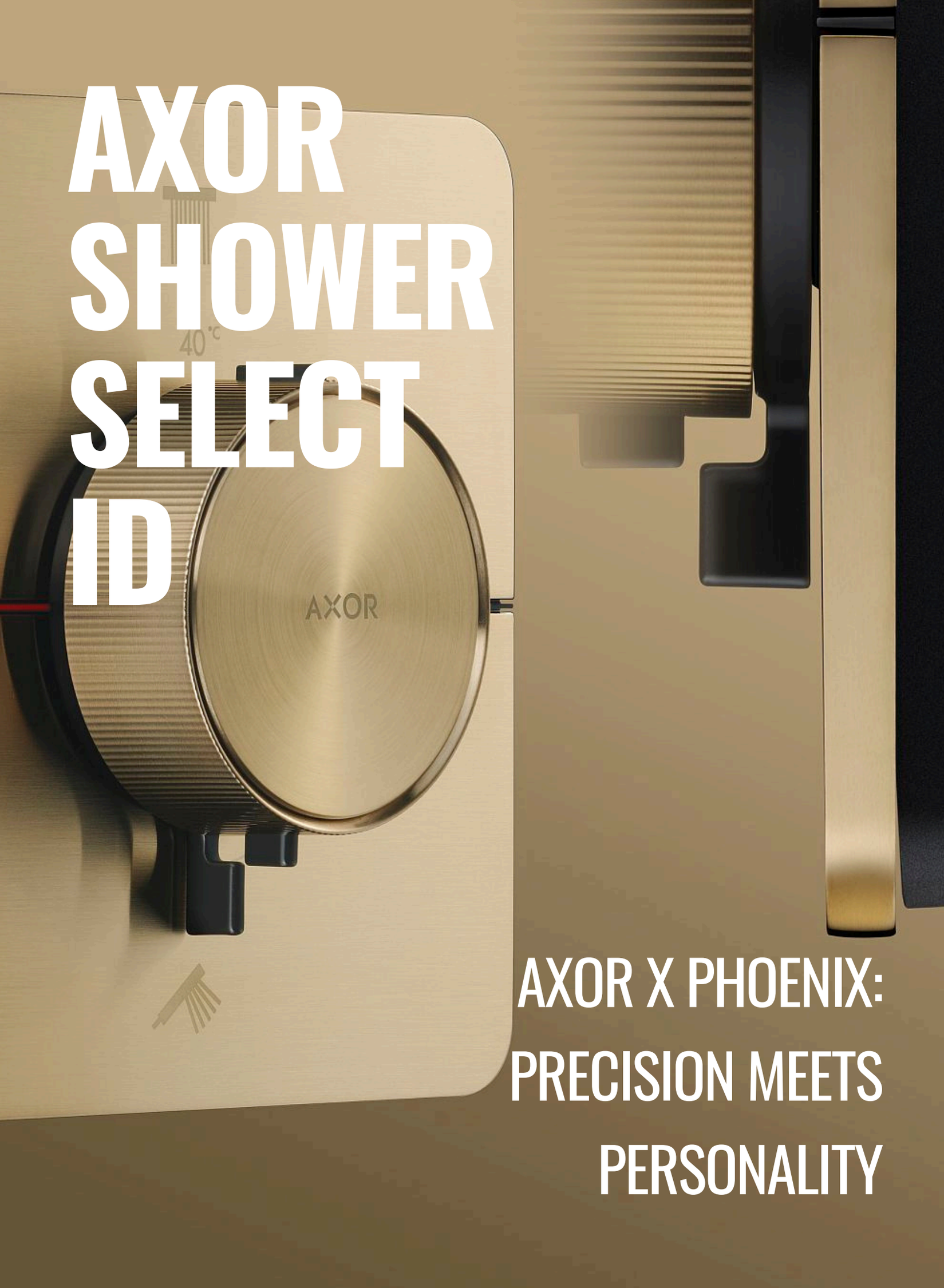
Energy Efficiency: With a growing focus on energy conservation, it aligns with South Africa's green building initiatives. Features like daylight harvesting and occupancy sensing are integrated to reduce energy consumption and support sustainability.

Technological Integration: As smart homes become more prevalent, Lutron's systems integrate seamlessly with popular smart home technologies. This compatibility allows users to control their environments through mobile apps, voice assistants, and other smart devices, reflecting the trend towards connected living.





AXOR SHOWER SELECT ID



AXOR X PHOENIX: PRECISION MEETS PERSONALITY

AXOR X PHOENIX - PRECISION MEETS PERSONALITY

AXOR ShowerSelect ID brings unprecedented precision and personalisation to the shower experience. Developed in collaboration with PHOENIX, the concealed thermostatic mixer extends just 45 mm from the wall, a feat made possible by the new AXOR iBox universal 2. Within these sleek confines, a central temperature control dial offers satisfying haptic and auditory feedback while surrounding paddles utilise the latest Select technology, allowing for quick, easy switching among spray types and outlets.

With three design styles to choose from—round, square or softsquare—as well as a wide range of AXOR FinishPlus surfaces and AXOR Signature custom inlay options, AXOR ShowerSelect ID is more than a marvel of technology and design. As its name suggests, it's a unique opportunity to express one's individual identity, taste and style.

AXOR SHOWERSELECT ID BALANCES UNIVERSAL APPEAL WITH PERSONAL PREFERENCE, ITS MINIMALIST DESIGN CREATING A STRIKING AESTHETIC AND ENHANCING EASE OF USE. SOLID METAL SURFACES INSCRIBED WITH FINE SYMBOLS LET YOU START OR STOP WATER FLOW WITH THE SIMPLE TOUCH OF A FINGERTIP, WHILE A CENTRAL THERMOSTATIC HANDLE GIVES ACCURATE AND SOPHISTICATED FEEDBACK WHEN THE TEMPERATURE IS CHANGED. WITH A VAST RANGE OF FINISHES AND MATERIALS, THE APPEARANCE OF THE THERMOSTAT CAN BE CUSTOMISED TO MAKE A DISTINCTIVE DESIGN STATEMENT IN A VARIETY OF INTERIORS,"

Matthias Oesterle, PHOENIX.





CHARACTERISTICS

AXOR ShowerSelect ID is characterised by ultra-precise control, universal design styles and unique customisation options. Users can combine AXOR ShowerSelect ID thermostats to cover up to four outlets, with each Select paddle representing one outlet (e.g., a hand shower or spray type). The paddles feature laser-engraved icons for ease of operation and can be activated with a simple push. The monolithic dial's finely grooved rim provides tactile interaction, with each turn of the dial adjusting the water temperature in small, precise increments. An integrated water volume control enables the user effortlessly to adjust the rate at which water flows right up to a full stop (for easy cleaning), while the SafetyStop feature, as a built-in scalding prevention mechanism, allows the user to relax and enjoy.

Engineered from high-quality metal, AXOR ShowerSelect ID comes in three distinct design languages—square, round and softsquare—and the full range of exclusive AXOR FinishPlus surfaces. Custom inlay options via AXOR Signature Service include black Nero Marquina marble, white Lasa Covelano Vena Oro marble, black walnut and mirrored glass. Leveraging the modular potential of the AXOR iBox universal 2, AXOR ShowerSelect ID offers a seamless complement to the entire AXOR Shower portfolio.

THE PROGRAM

AXOR ShowerSelect ID consists of six product types, each available in square, round and softsquare design languages. The assortment includes a 1-function shower thermostat, a 2-function shower thermostat and a 2-function bath thermostat. In addition, a three-way diverter valve can be combined with a non-closing thermostat available either with or without an additional outlet, in order to accommodate almost any shower configuration, from a small 1-outlet shower enclosure up to a 4-function wellness shower.

THE BOLD WOMEN AWARD



KEY INSIGHTS FROM THE VEUVE CLICQUOT INTERNATIONAL BOLD BAROMETER



A CLOSER LOOK AT THE STATE OF FEMALE ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN SOUTH AFRICA

As part of Veuve Clicquot's ongoing commitment to supporting and celebrating women in business, the Maison has created the Bold International Barometer in 2019 to shed light on and provide meaningful insights into the evolution of female entrepreneurship.

WHAT'S MOTIVATING WOMEN TO BECOME ENTREPRENEURS?

Now in its 3rd year, the Barometer continues to lead the conversation around women and their presence in business, offering a deep dive into the data on female entrepreneurship in South Africa.

In 2023, over 49,000 women and men from 25 countries were surveyed. Encouragingly, South Africa's data results speak to a robust female-led industry. The survey, which was self-administered online, asked respondents to give their views on several statements relating to the nuances of being a business owner and entrepreneur. Taking a global look first, the survey suggests that the rate of female entrepreneurship has slowed and is even diminishing in some countries. In some cases, this is due to both external—such as ongoing geopolitical crises—and internal factors, like striking a fair work-life balance.



In short, female entrepreneurship in South Africa is flourishing. South Africa stood out as one of the global leaders in female entrepreneurship where, currently, 61% of women self-identify as entrepreneurs (primarily aged between 20 to 29). According to the survey, they tend to be better educated and have higher incomes than their male counterparts. Yet they remain concentrated in lower-income sectors like beauty, food, retail, and fashion, while men dominate tech. However, in industries such as transportation, finance, and real estate, there is relatively equal representation, suggesting there could be potential for more women to succeed in these fields, should they want to diversify.

InAccording to the data, 39% of female respondents said 'that being your own boss' was the biggest driver for becoming an entrepreneur. Despite this, most women and half of men agree that it is more difficult for women to become entrepreneurs. Further to this, most women concur that securing business funding is easier for men, a view that remains consistent with previous years.

"[This] finding resonates deeply with me," says Morongwe Mokone, the 2024 Bold Woman Award by Veuve Clicquot winner and Co-Founder of Mo's Crib. "It highlights the persistent gender and structural barriers that women face."

She continues by commenting on the need for strong role models among respondents, with most women and men agreeing on their importance. "[This] emphasises the need for female visibility and representation," Morongwe adds. 72% of aspiring South African female entrepreneurs can name a successful woman they admire, surpassing the global average. Refilwe Sebothoma, 2024 Bold Future Award winner and Founder of Hakem Energies adds, "It remains our responsibility to keep forging a way for those who come after us. In this way, success doesn't become a too far-fetched idea but a reality which can be attained by fellow women entrepreneurs."

However, as glowing as some of these statistics may be, women still face challenges that, in many cases, their male counterparts don't experience. In addition to difficulties accessing funding, women also must navigate balancing work and family, with 63% of women and 56% of men agreeing this is harder for female entrepreneurs. Further to that, since the conversation about working women can't happen without mentioning their families, half of the female respondents believe that female entrepreneurship disrupts family life, compared to only 25% who feel the same about male entrepreneurship.

This, however, is not the case in South Africa, where the data suggests a dynamic environment for women, fueled by a contagious desire among them to become entrepreneurs. **Amanda Dambuza, Founder and CEO of Uyandiswa** and the 2017 winner of the International Businesswoman Award by Veuve Clicquot says, "I am forever impressed by the spirit of South African female entrepreneurs. Despite the many challenges they face, they get up and back themselves to 'bring home the bacon'. Next to Nigeria, we stand shoulders above the rest with high numbers of females identifying as entrepreneurs."



Women must know without a shadow of a doubt that despite cultural and family pressures, they deserve to pursue their dreams of entrepreneurship," says Amanda. Further to this, two-thirds of women say that managing entrepreneurship with family life is harder for women, and about half say that working full-time affects family life. This indicates that while entrepreneurship is thriving amongst women in South Africa, there is still much work to be done to support women getting into business, as well as helping them stay there.

"It is encouraging to see the growth and resilience of women in this field despite economic challenges," says Morongwe. "However, it is essential to focus on breaking down the barriers that limit women's participation in higher-revenue sectors and ensure equal access to funding opportunities. By addressing these issues and promoting diverse role models, we can further empower women and drive sustainable economic growth."

AUTHENTICITY, RESILIENCE, AND JUST BEING OURSELVES IS VERY IMPORTANT. AS WOMEN, WE NEED TO KEEP MAKING A DIFFERENCE, NO MATTER HOW INSIGNIFICANT WE THINK IT IS BECAUSE WHEN THAT IMPACT IS REPLICATED, WOMEN WILL CHANGE THE WORLD," CONCLUDES REFILWE.


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THE PERFECT GIFT *for a Maverick*

A journey through Glenfiddich's Collection

When it comes to finding the perfect gift for a person who defies convention, nothing captures the essence of a maverick quite like Glenfiddich Single Malt whisky. Known as the World's Most Awarded Single Malt Scotch Whisky, Glenfiddich's pioneering spirit is reflected in every bottle, making it the ultimate gift for those who appreciate luxury, craftsmanship, and boldness.

This festive season, celebrate with a range of Glenfiddich's finest, from the 12-Year-Old to the exclusive Grand Château 31-Year-Old — each offering a distinctive experience that echoes the daring personality of a true maverick.

As a brand that embodies innovation, Glenfiddich has long been at the forefront of whisky-making, breaking boundaries and the standard for excellence, its setting founder William Grant, had a vision to create the best dram in the valley and today, Glenfiddich continues to push the limits with its mastery of the craft.

This pioneering attitude makes Glenfiddich not just a whisky, but a testament - a perfect reflectio of the maverick's bold approach to life



This Glenfiddich 31YO whisky is matured in American and European oak and finished in iconic Bordeaux wine casks. The finish in Bordeaux casks is 9 years, which is very unusual for a Single Malt Scotch Whisky and represents the pinnacle of craftsmanship and luxury.

Like a fine wine, this unique whisky is limited, covetable and highly collectible. Expect a warm cocooning vanilla slowly unveiling fruity and floral notes of beautifully ripe cassis berries with piquant nutty aromas. The indulgent and rich flavours of slowly caramelised cherries and apples intertwine with an unmistakable warming spice and toasted oak. This rare whisky is for the maverick who is not just bold, but truly exceptional.

RSP: R40 000,00.

SINGLE MALT WHISKY



Glenfiddich 15-Year-Old Solera Reserve

Innovative and rich, the 15-Year-Old is aged in a unique Solera vatting system that combines American bourbon, Spanish sherry, and new oak casks. Harmonious layers of sherry oak, marzipan, cinnamon and ginger, resulting in a satisfying rich finish with lingering sweetness. This whisky speaks to the adventurous palate of a maverick.

RSP: R979,00



Glenfiddich 18-Year-Old Small Batch Reserve

For those who desire a more refined experience, the 18-Year-Old Small Batch Reserve offers a deeper, richer character that is perfect for any occasion. Luxurious rich aroma with notes of ripe orchid fruit, baked apple and robust oak. A warming, rewarding and distinguished finish. It's the ultimate gift for someone who appreciates the finer things in life.

RSP: R1999.00



Glenfiddich 12-Year-Old Special Reserve

A staple in the world of single malts, the Glenfiddich 12-Year-Old is the starting point for those who appreciate smooth and complex flavours. Characteristically sweet with fruity notes developing into butterscotch, cream, malt and subtle oak. Distinctively fresh with a hint of pear. Beautifully crafted and delicately balanced, it's the embodiment of approachable luxury—an ideal introduction to the brand's range.

RSP: R679,00



ON TURKISH THYME

INGREDIENTS:

- Rose Syrup - 15ml
- Pineapple Cordial 15ml
- Lemon Juice 15ml
- Litchi Juice 25ml
- Aquafaba (the juice of a can of Chickpeas) 15ml
- Musgrave INSPIRIT 50ml

METHOD:

Add all ingredients to a shaker with ice and shake for 30 seconds and pour through a strainer into a Coupé Glass.

Garnish with a skewer of Turkish Delight and Thyme

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ROADHOUSE SHAKE

This grown-up takes on a roadhouse shake is a chilled crème-based gin fizz that sings with blackberry and rosewater flavours. Rosy, lemony, creamy, and cheeky.

METHOD:

Add all the ingredients except for the tonic into a shaker, stir and add lots of ice.

Shake vigorously for 15 seconds. Double strain into a chilled glass and top with chilled tonic water.

GARNISH:

Rosemary sprig and 1 winterberry

INGREDIENTS:

- 50ml Musgrave Inspirit
- 2 bar spoons of Blackberry jam
- 10ml sugar syrup
- 15ml Fresh lemon Juice
- 1 rosemary spring
- 25ml fresh cream
- Tonic



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SWEET, SMOOTH AND FRUITY:
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Tamnavulin Double Cask Single Malt Scotch Whisky (RSP R489,00)



Tamnavulin (Gaelic for “mill on the hill”) is a single malt Scotch whisky brand renowned for its rich heritage and exceptional craftsmanship. The brand is celebrated for its commitment to quality and tradition, using only the finest ingredients and time-honoured distillation methods to create a whisky that is complex yet accessible.

Nestled in the heart of Speyside, tucked away on the edge of the River Livet, in the rural village of Tomnavoulin, Scotland, the story began with a small group of skilled, time-served craftsmen and women at Tamnavulin Distillery who began creating this signature Speyside malt over 50 years ago. Home to over half of Scotland’s operating malt whisky distilleries, Speyside is the perfect location to produce whisky. The unique microclimate of the region makes it a very temperate area of Scotland. This, combined with the abundance of rich farmland, makes it an ideal place to grow barley and mature whisky.

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Inspired by their location and using the finest ingredients, combined with age-old distilling expertise and new sophisticated techniques, these men and women continue to create Tamnavulin’s signature, twice-matured Speyside malt – guaranteeing a single malt with double the flavour.

The whisky is aged in American oak barrels, and finessed in Sherry casks, imparting a distinctive character to each expression. You can expect a whisky so deliciously flavourful – you simply won’t be able to keep it to yourself. Enjoy responsibly, and don’t forget to pass it on.

Tamnavulin Sherry Cask Edition Single Malt Scotch Whisky (RSP R509,00



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EMBRACING DURBANVILLE



GROOT PHESANTEKRAAL LAUNCHES NEW RESTAURANT INSPIRE BY LOCAL HERITAGE

Durvanville welcomes a new culinary gem: Groot Phesantekraal's beautifully reimagined restaurant, led by chef Germaine Esau.

Honouring the rich heritage of the 326-year-old farm, fourth-generation owners André and Ronelle Brink, together with Germaine, have relaunched their eatery to, like the farm's wines, evoke a sense of authentic, generous hospitality - rich in delicious local flavour, community, and heart.

"We're so much part of the history of our setting here in Durbanville. Established in 1698, this farm stands as one of the oldest in the region," André explains. "We're here for the past, the present and the future, with our new restaurant highlighting our deep-rooted connection to this land in our food, in our wine, in good company, in community, in spirit and in soul. That's what we're about."

Housed in the Groot Phesantekraal's restored 1767 stable, the refreshed space boasts original features like its centuries'-old cobble stone floor and wooden troughs that seamlessly complement contemporary, comfortable furniture, while historic photographs and custom-blue Dutch tiles adorn thick walls.

The gesellige setting combines history and modernity, creating an authentic and relaxed culinary experience that celebrates hearty Cape farm-style, sustainable cuisine in a welcoming atmosphere.

“This place is very special. It’s a privilege to be here,” says Germaine, who now proudly heads up the Groot Phesantekraal kitchen.

Born and bred in Stellenbosch, this University of Stellenbosch BSc graduate in geology and environmental studies switched paths in 2009 to pursue a culinary career. Earning a diploma in professional cheffing and culinary arts from the Institute of Culinary Arts in 2010, his change served him well, securing him prestigious positions at top establishments including Delaire Graff, Myoga at The Vineyard Hotel, and Majeka House, among others.

He explains that, under his direction and the dedication of his kitchen team, the Groot Phesantekraal restaurant now serves hyper-seasonal menus that showcase fresh produce with a specific focus on ingredients sourced directly from the farm, including free-range eggs, dairy, venison, honey and olive oil, and when available figs and quinces.

“We’re even chatting to artisans to hand-mill the wheat that comes right here from the farm. And we recently planted fields of pumpkin and makataan. So, yes, we’ll be doing a lot of preserving and fermenting.





OUR RESTAURANT'S GREAT FOR A LEISURELY FAMILY-STYLE BREAKFAST OR LUNCH ON WEEKENDS OR A QUICK MID-WEEK TREAT. WE LIKE TO KEEP IT DOWN-TO-EARTH."



Lunch dishes are thoughtfully crafted to pair with Groot Phesantekraal's award-winning wines, produced by talented young winemaker Richard Schroeder.

Starters include dishes like venison tartare with potato crisps, pickled mustard, fried capers, sour cream and chives; Cape Malay coconut curry with mussels, radish, coriander and vetkoek; and shaved pickled ox tongue with sweet mustard, shaved cauliflower, brown onions and macadamia nuts.

"These past few weeks, working with the locals and fresh farm produce from right here, I check myself, appreciating the incredible imprint of this farm on the local community," he reflects. "I think beyond the arrival of the Brinks, and the Louw and Bergh families who preceded them, to right at the beginning of recorded history, in 1698, when this land was granted to Olof Bergh, an early Swedish-South African explorer, often described as an entertaining, colourful character.

"What did they grow back then? How did they prepare their food? What did they combine and how? These are the questions that keep me fascinated and invigorate me and my journey with food. And this is the ideal place for what I have to share. Big-heartedness: it defines the dining experience here.

""The breakfast menu offers something for everyone, from souffle omelettes with Huguenot cheese, tomato smoor and toast; and homemade granola with farm yoghurt, fynbos honey and cinnamon-stewed apples; to plaatkoekies with whipped peanut butter, grilled banana, bacon and golden syrup; and smoked fish cakes with eggs, hollandaise, spinach and chives. The Ou Grote spread comes with all the traditional trimmings - fried eggs, boerewors, bacon, roasted tomatoes, mushrooms, crispy potatoes and toast.



Meanwhile, the main course menu offers mouth-watering options like dry-aged free-range beef with salt-baked seasonal celeriac, confit garlic and jus; braised lamb shoulder with smoked aubergine, tomatoes and olive oil; venison pie with homemade gravy; and grilled yellowtail with braised gem lettuce, peas, bacon and bokkoms.

Main meals are served with a side dish of your choice. The selection features crisp potatoes with kapokbos salt, sour cream and chives; honey and orange-glazed sweet potatoes with pecan nuts; garden salad with mustard dressing, croutons and Huguenot cheese; and drieboneslaai.

You're in for an absolute treat when it comes to the delectable desserts. Choose from milk chocolate cremeux with preserved ginger, honeycomb and vanilla ice cream; strawberry pavlova with Chantilly cream and strawberry sorbet; Cape date & brandy pudding with pecan nuts and vanilla ice cream; and an assortment of top-quality local cheeses with homemade preserves and fresh fruit.

A very children-friendly kids' menu is also available.
Meals are also served outdoors on the grassed terrace, offering a spectacular view of the Boland Mountains and surrounded by a charming garden.

Special events are hosted throughout the year. Follow Groot Phesantekraal's social media and website for updates on happenings at this Durbanville farm-to-fork restaurant.




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TERRE PAISIBLE EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL





ELEVATING A HOLISTIC HEALTH ESSENTIAL TO A DAILY LUXURY

Long before the concept of super foods became a phenomenon, and way ahead of the curve of eco-conscious eating and plant-based diets, there was olive oil. It's defied the waves of faddish trends endemic to the pursuit of longevity for decades, remaining a health stalwart for its natural goodness and the life-enhancing conviviality with which it's been associated through the ages.

IS THERE ANYTHING MORE INDICATIVE OF WHOLESOMENESS AND DELICIOUSNESS COMBINED THAN WEDGES OF WARM SOURDOUGH SCOOPED THROUGH BOWLS OF EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL, PLATTERS OF FRESH SALADS, PERHAPS A CARAFE OF WINE, AND THE COMPANY OF FRIENDS?



In the Franschhoek valley, it's a way of life, and where boutique farms like Terre Paisible are producing extra virgin olive oils expressive of its unique terroir while raising the quality bar ever higher. For not all olive oils are grown or made equally, with quality superseding quantity in terms of the real health benefits to be found, from heart to head, gut to skin.

With increased demand across the globe by consumers enamoured of the near-mythical Mediterranean diet, there's a glut of industrially produced olive oils available that forfeit nutrition for a lower price point.

Authentic, extra virgin olive oils carefully pressed from smaller batches of superior olive varietals stand apart not only for their depth of flavour but also their higher levels of health-giving polyphenols. Once harvested, Terre Paisible's olives are cold-pressed to preserve the natural antioxidants, oleic and linoleic acids.

This, in addition to the lack of additives and preservatives, results in an artisanal product of substance, enhancing one's overall wellbeing as much as it does cuisine, making it both a daily essential and a luxury worth investing in.

For all the credible claims that have come to be associated with it, including overall heart health, better cognitive function, and the prevention or management of diabetes and cancer, olive oil might seem something of a miracle cure-all, yet these are deeply rooted in science.

While the not insignificant marvel of nature—fertile soil, the warmth of the sun, and all the elements that conjoin to produce the olive fruit—are part of its holistic allure as a super food, consumers can look to a plethora of rigorous studies that endorse actual health benefits.

Quality extra virgin olive oil is especially rich. in particular oleocanthal, considered an enemy of cancer cells, and which also gives the oil its distinctive slightly bitter taste.

Polyphenols and other antioxidants like vitamin E have anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial, antiviral, anti-atherogenic, anti-thrombotic, and hypoglycemic properties, which regulate inflammation in the body.

Dieticians, wellness practitioners and heart-health specialists alike extoll the virtues of 'good fats', and it's olive oil's high monounsaturated fat content (against a low saturated fat content) that draws much of the attention, particularly oleic acid, which can help improve cholesterol levels and lower blood pressure. Diets high in oleic acid have been linked to stroke prevention, too.

Studies show olive oil can support brain health, suggesting it may safeguard cognitive function and reduce the risk of age-related cognitive decline, even warding off neurodegenerative diseases like Alzheimer's and Parkinson's.

While perhaps somewhat lesser to these more consequential benefits, olive oil is just as powerful as a natural beauty aid.

Gently fragrant, its been used in simple soaps over millennia for its moisturising and softening properties, while its nourishing effects on hair and skin through diet are well documented, contributing to supple skin and shinier hair.

Olive oil is not only health-promoting when ingested in its raw state. New research points to its retention of many beneficial properties even after cooking, contrary to popular belief. With a higher smoke point compared to other unrefined oils, it's among the healthiest oils to cook with and a taste-transforming ingredient to use freely in the most health-conscious of kitchens. Redolent of sunshine and the vitality of life, glug it over lemony grilled fish, pasta dishes, and bright bowls of leaves and herbs, or drizzle over goat's cheese with figs and a myriad of other nutritious dishes with wild abandon.



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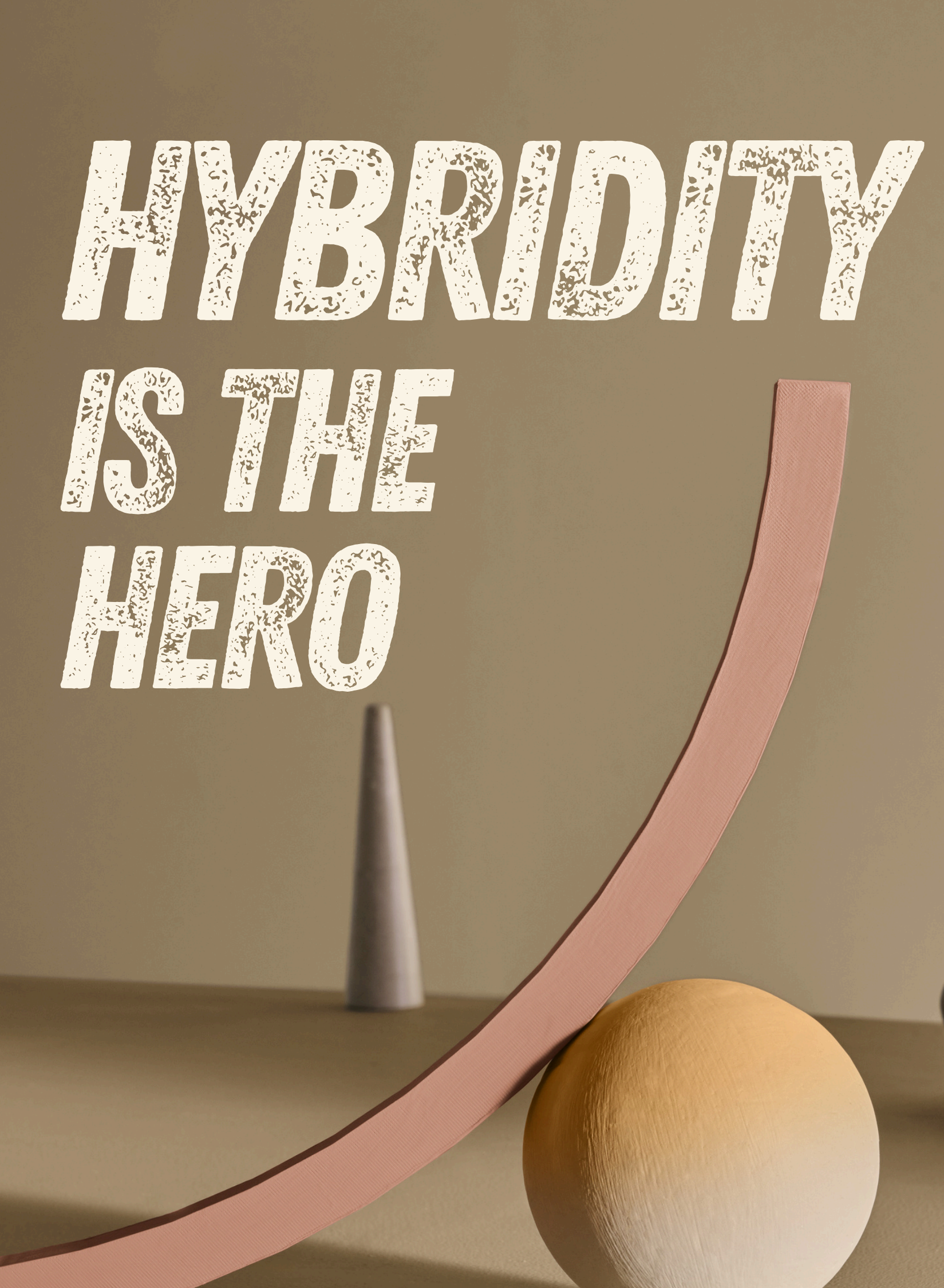
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PLASCON'S COLOUR FORECAST UNVEILED!

BRIGHT, DARK, NATURAL AND NEUTRAL

COMBINE COLOURS AS YOU WISH.

CO-CREATION

IS THE SPIRIT OF THE 2025 COLOUR FORECAST

Plascon flips the script to harness the power of polarities and mixed states in its much-awaited annual Colour Forecast. Rather than focusing on a single colour, a colour combination, or seasonal shifts, it is the theme of hybridity that takes the day - or the night, for that matter - for 2025.

Unexpected, evocative colour sets that reference the beauty of our local context will scintillate in the months to come.

> "WE HAVE TAKEN A VERY DIFFERENT DIRECTION FOR 2025. WE UNDERSTAND THE INDUSTRY IS USED TO THE CONVENTION OF HAVING A SINGLE COLOUR OF THE YEAR, OR EVEN A COLOUR COMBINATION OF THE YEAR, AND WE SHARE IN THIS OURSELVES, BUT WE'RE JUST NOT FEELING THIS IN THE ZEITGEIST FOR 2025,"
>
> Kristel Dreyer, Plascon Brand Manager

The theme of hybridity runs through four carefully considered colour families: Bright, Dark, Natural and Neutral. Each colour family is based on the meeting of opposites, creating a commanding effect that is more striking than the sum of its parts. Further distinguishing the Forecast from the format of previous years, Plascon takes the theme of hybridity a step further, extending an invitation to combine colours across the family groupings to create new possibilities.

'With so much flux in the world right now, we can't see our way to dictating a single hue that will be meaningful for everyone, everywhere, and all at the same time. With the increasing melding of digital and physical realms, we feel hybridity is the state everyone shares. Rather than one way of being or doing, for 2025, we're pleased to share a multiverse of colour with you.

We are trusting in our decision that an open-ended rather than finite approach to colour for next year is what people will relate to most!' she says. 'The spirit of the 2025 Colour Forecast is co-creation, it's in how you interpret and bring the colour families to life yourself. It goes way further than just a single colour of the year.'

According to trend researcher Chris Reid of ITI, 'From a conceptual level, the zeitgeist is all about multiplicity right now. No-one is any one thing any more. We change identity the way we change outfits. So the most relevant or top-of-mind colour isn't fixed for as long as a year.

Maybe we'll be able to be more definitive about a single-minded colour of the year when our identities and thinking coalesce more and the world is less in flux, but for now it's all about playing with possibility.'

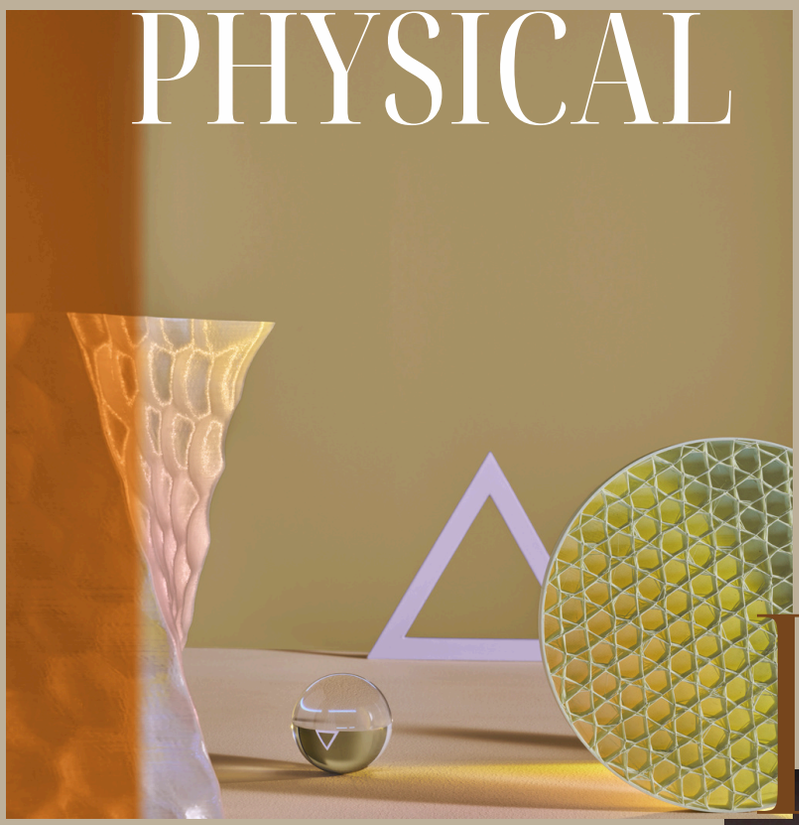
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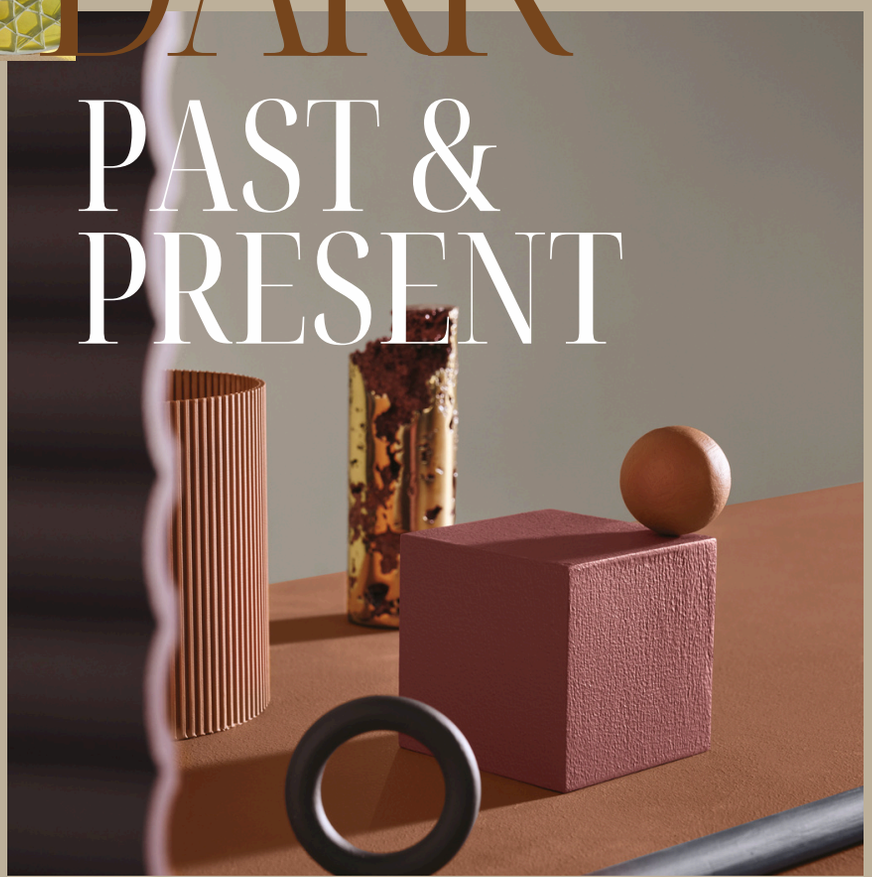
DIGITAL & PHYSICAL



Leaning into the playful irreverence of online culture, the Bright colour family is as vivid as its name suggests. These hues express energy and extraversion through mood-boosting soft neons and digital fluorescents. They are perfect for those who wish to master the art of the unexpected in their interiors, or simply want to design a room that makes a statement. Included in the set are pared-back versions of four of the colours; these are more subtle, but undoubtedly imbued with the same lively spirit. They can be paired with their electric counterparts but they're also strong enough to stand alone. Even when used sparingly, this colour family is local and current. With one foot in the future and another in the past, it raises a hat to a Capetonian context in the form of the vibrant colours of the historic homes lining the streets of the Bo-Kaap.

DARK

PAST & PRESENT



Regency era opulence meets sleek contemporary design to produce the Dark colour family. Its jewel tones and rich leather colours have been selected to build tone-on-tone spaces with incredible depth or to bring a sense of grounding to a room furnished in softer palettes. The darkest colours play the role of classic black in contemporary design and this simple swop can transform the feel of a room by adding an undertone of old world-luxury. In step with South African trends which are starting to favour lavish finishings over stark, cold minimalism, the Dark colour family is poised to make a lasting impact on local audiences in 2025.

NATURAL

ORGANIC & MANMADE



Inspired by the unexpected synergy at the intersection of nature and the built environment, colours drawn from naturally occurring organic pigments and cultivated construction materials form the basis of the Natural colour family. The seven colours in this grouping are effortlessly evocative, creating a sense of calm and a feeling of oneness with nature.

Beyond being gentle on the eyes, this colour family is in line with the international Japandi trend, a blend of Japanese and Scandinavian craftsmanship and balance. Building on this, the Natural palette encapsulates intentional combinations and intuitive design, with the human connection to nature tying them together.



NEUTRAL
HARD AND SOFT

Africa's silos and the versatile colour and form of local unisex clothing brands, this colour family is built on pigmented neutrals that are defined yet flexible. The grouping of colours plays with contrast and harmony, offering a movement away from pure minimalism towards purposeful warmth and noticeable nuances. Concrete, wood and steel tones combine to tell a tonal story, but each colour is just as capable of acting as a neutral base for other combinations.

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Visit www.plasconcolour.co.za for more details on the Plascon 2025 Colour Forecast.

In response to a world that offers more options than ever before, Plascon's 2025 Colour Forecast puts a new spin on the definition of choice. It offers a permission slip to replace 'or' with 'and', rejecting the rigid rules that once dictated interior design to embrace hybridity and create constant possibilities for the future.

By paying close attention to local and global trends, the four colour families offer a glimpse into the next phase of our country's diversity, integration and celebration of its differences as well as its similarities. It places the power in the hands of the individual to make and remake spaces that continue to evolve.

NEUTRALS ARE A PERENNIAL STAPLE BRINGING LASTING ELEGANCE TO INTERIOR AND OUTDOOR SPACES. IN PLASCON'S 2025 NEUTRAL COLOUR FAMILY.


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THE UNFORGATTABLE ADVENTURE

Cape Town offers an unparalleled experience that every adventure-seeker should have on their bucket list: a Jeep Tour through the rugged and scenic wonders of the Cape Peninsula.

Jeep Tours Cape Town elevates exploration into an extraordinary luxury experience, taking you off the beaten path and into the heart of South Africa's breathtaking landscapes, all from the comfort of a custom Jeep built for adventure.





A JOURNEY THROUGH

UNTAMED BEAUTY

Imagine cruising along coastal cliffs with panoramic ocean views on one side and the rugged Table Mountain range on the other. Jeep Tours Cape Town takes you on a route that winds through the iconic Chapman's Peak Drive, revealing the stunning contrasts of Cape Town's wild beauty.

This is not just a drive; it's an immersive experience where you're part of the scenery, with the freedom to feel the wind on your face and breathe in the scents of the Cape's famed fynbos vegetation.

From secret beaches to secluded lookout points, each stop is more awe-inspiring than the last. Your guide, a local expert, shares the history, ecology, and cultural stories that make this area unique—whether it's the legends of Table Mountain or the flora that blankets the Cape in vibrant color.



WHERE THRILL MEETS LUXURY



Jeep Tours are designed for those who love both luxury and adventure, With a fleet of premium vehicles equipped to handle every twist and turn of this wild terrain. Picture yourself in a customized, fully kitted Jeep, complete with plush interiors and refreshments for the journey. This is where rugged luxury takes on new meaning: a high-end, off-road adventure where you're exploring nature's most breathtaking playground.

With a maximum of four passengers per Jeep, the tours are intimate and personalized, ensuring that every moment feels exclusive. Whether it's a sunset cruise or an exhilarating daytime trek, you'll have the freedom to stop, explore, and snap photos along the way, capturing memories that will last a lifetime.

MORE THAN JUST A TOUR

What makes Jeep Tours Cape Town Adventure experience truly remarkable is its carefully crafted blend of excitement and indulgence. Along the journey, you'll pause for gourmet picnics with locally sourced treats like biltong, fine cheeses, and celebrated South African wines, surrounded by Cape Town's majestic landscapes. Every detail is curated to offer the best of Cape Town's luxury and natural beauty.

rom wine-tasting escapades through the Stellenbosch vineyards to exhilarating coastal drives along the Atlantic Seaboard, each route can be tailored to suit your interests. This flexibility turns each tour into a uniquely personal journey.





A BUCKET LIST ESSENTIAL



An absolute must for those craving an adventurous escape.Cape Town Jeep Tours is where raw natural beauty meets uncompromising luxury, in an experience that will forever redefine what it means to travel in style.

Whether you're a thrill-seeker or a luxury enthusiast, this tour brings you the best of both worlds, in a way only Cape Town can offer.

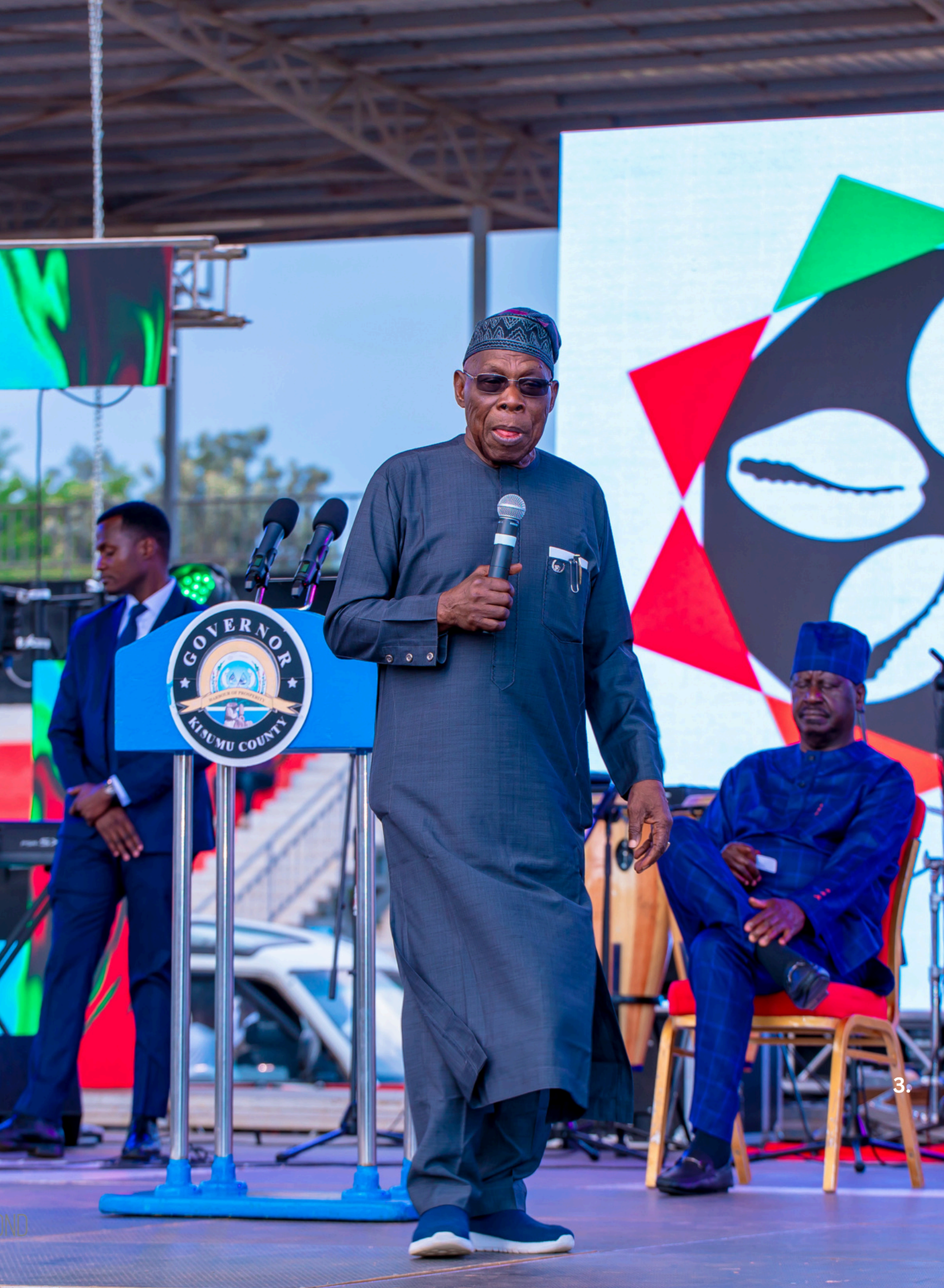
take your bucket list to new heights. Jeep Tours Cape Town awaits, ready to reveal a side of the city you've never seen before—a journey of discovery that is nothing short of epic.

Lifetime EXPERIENCE



OUR EVENTS

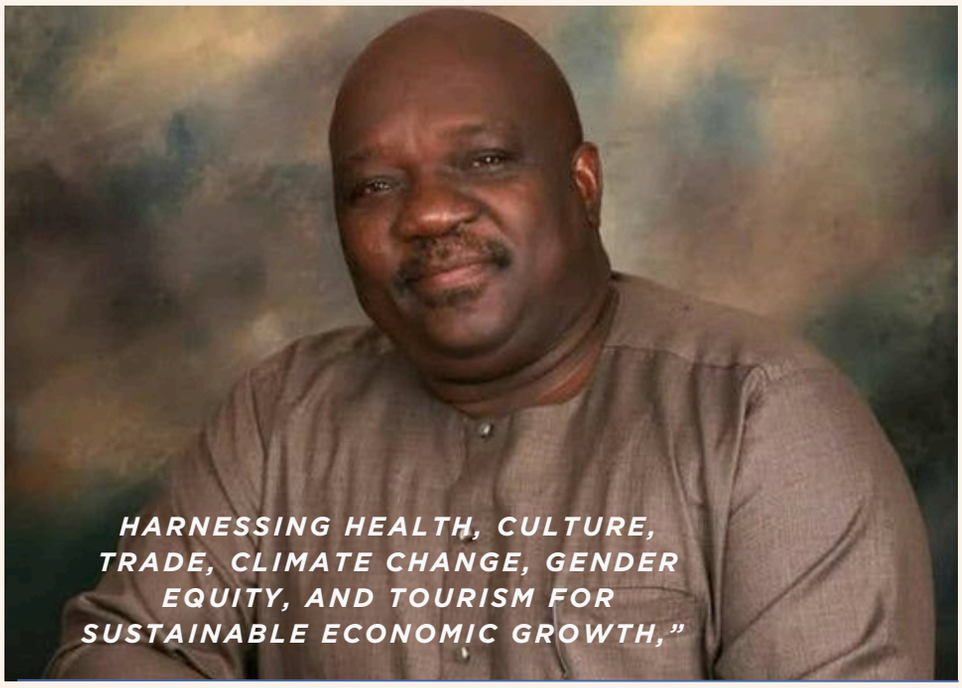

KISUMU, KENYA
AUG. 25
ALIGN YOUR BUSINESS WITH AN
EVENT THAT SERVES YOUR PURPOSE


GOVERNOR
KISUMU COUNTY



> It was a great pleasure to join so many Africans from across the continent and the world to celebrate Africa and its culture. At events like this, we reaffirm what we often take for granted that Africans are one people.
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> **H.E. RT. HON. RAILA ODINGA**

WELCOME TO FESTAC AFRICA FESTIVAL 2025



AFRICA IS A HEALTHY AND WEALTHY CONTINENT

The success of FESTAC AFRICA 2024, hosted in Kisumu, Kenya, was a testament to the festival's growing impact. We showcased Africa's cultural richness while fostering cross-border trade and investment opportunities. We connected global business leaders, artists, and innovators to collaborate and develop lasting solutions. It's with this momentum that we embark on the journey towards FESTAC AFRICA 2025.

Our theme for 2025, "Harnessing Health, Culture, Trade, Climate Change, Gender Equity, and Tourism for Sustainable Economic Growth," resonates with the urgent need to leverage Africa's wealth of resources—both natural and human—for the betterment of our people and the global community.

Health will take center stage as we explore medical tourism, innovation in healthcare, and traditional wellness practices. Culture remains the heartbeat of FESTAC AFRICA, weaving together diverse traditions and modern artistic expressions.

Trade, as ever, will drive economic integration across the continent, while we prioritize gender equity, ensuring that women remain at the forefront of Africa's social and economic evolution. Climate change and sustainability will be critical pillars of our discussions, focusing on how Africa can lead in environmental stewardship.

Tourism will continue to serve as a key engine for growth, as we promote Africa not just as a destination for leisure, but as a cradle of innovation, cultural exchanges, and dynamic partnerships.

As we step into the next chapter of FESTAC AFRICA, I am filled with immense pride and anticipation for what 2025 will bring.

Over the years, FESTAC AFRICA has grown to be more than just a cultural festival; it has become a platform for meaningful dialogue, economic transformation, and cultural renaissance, celebrating the vibrancy and potential of our beloved continent.

Each edition has demonstrated the festival's power to unite nations, drive economic growth, and amplify the voices of Africa's creators, entrepreneurs, and change-makers.

FESTAC AFRICA 2025 will be an unprecedented platform for exploring the intersection of these vital sectors. We invite governments, businesses, investors, cultural practitioners, and communities to join us in crafting a shared vision for a prosperous and sustainable Africa.

Our collective strength, creativity, and resourcefulness will drive this festival forward and leave a lasting legacy for future generations.

With each festival, we are reminded of our capacity to shape Africa's narrative and unlock its boundless potential. Let us continue to walk this journey together and make FESTAC AFRICA 2025 a catalyst for sustainable growth and a celebration of the essence of Africa.

Yinka Abioye

ENGR. YINKA ABIOYE
CHAIRMAN, FESTAC AFRICA RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL 2025

As we set our sights on FESTAC AFRICA 2025, we are driven by an unwavering commitment to elevating the vibrancy and resilience of African culture, trade, and innovation on a global stage.

FESTAC AFRICA is not just a festival—it is a movement, a celebration of Africa's boundless potential and the immense opportunities that arise when we come together with purpose and vision. Building on the successes of 2024.

Our journey in 2025 promises to be even more transformative, uniting diverse voices, fostering groundbreaking collaborations, and showcasing Africa's rich heritage and dynamic future.

With a new host city and renewed energy, we aim to inspire the world and solidify Africa's place as a leader in culture, innovation, and sustainable development.

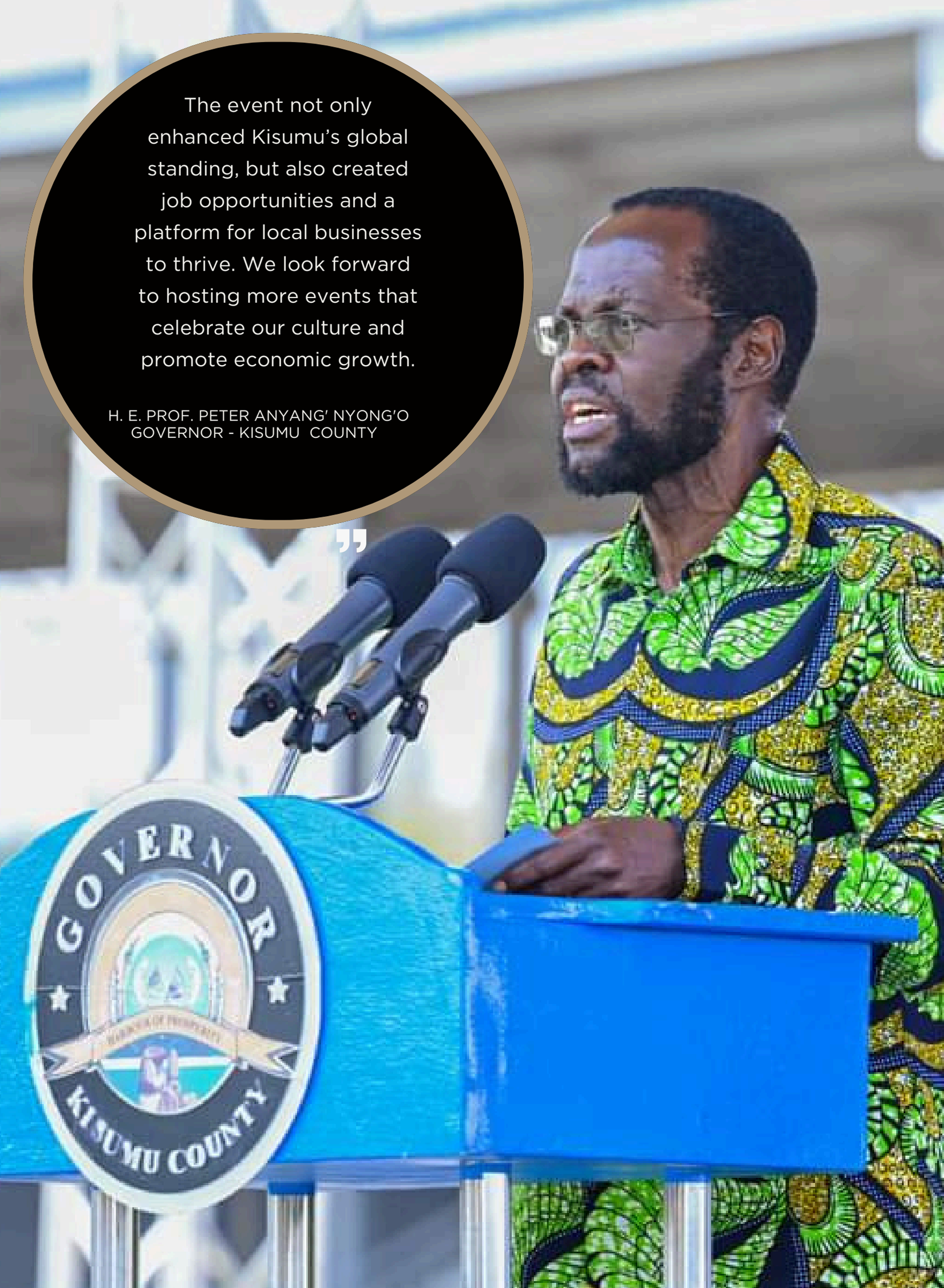
ENGR. YINKA ABIOYE,
CHAIRMAN,
FESTAC AFRICA.



"Africa stands on the brink of a collective, peaceful monumental rise that will surprise itself and the world.

At FESTAC AFRICA 2024, we witnessed the immense potentials of this Continent—its rich culture, resilient people, and boundless opportunities for growth. The journey ahead for Africa is one of unity, nay oneness, unleashing their forces of creativity and innovation, and domestic wealth generation & prosperity backed by an awakening of the spiritual powers of the "source mentality" and self elevation of the nations of Africa.

In this way, the world begins to see Africa's rise as not only inevitable but highly transformative and contributive for the global future."



The event not only enhanced Kisumu's global standing, but also created job opportunities and a platform for local businesses to thrive. We look forward to hosting more events that celebrate our culture and promote economic growth.

H. E. PROF. PETER ANYANG' NYONG'O
GOVERNOR - KISUMU COUNTY

FESTAC AFRICA RENAISSANCE 2025

HOST CITY ANNOUNCEMENT COMING SOON



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FESTAC AFRICA RENAISSANCE

THEME 2025

HARNESSING HEALTH, CULTURE, TRADE, GENDER EQUITY, CLIMATE CHANGE AND TOURISM FOR SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH"

THE 2025 THEME FOR THE FESTAC AFRICA FESTIVAL CAPTURES THE POWERFUL SYNERGY BETWEEN WELLNESS, AFRICAN HERITAGE, COMMERCE, AND THE TOURISM INDUSTRY, ALL WORKING TOGETHER TO DRIVE AFRICA'S FUTURE GROWTH. THE FESTIVAL WILL EXPLORE HOW THE INTEGRATION OF THESE ELEMENTS CAN LEAD TO NOT ONLY HEALTHIER POPULATIONS BUT ALSO MORE VIBRANT ECONOMIES.

Festac AFRICA RENAISSANCE

VISION

To become Africa's premier cultural and wellness festival, recognized globally as a catalyst for social inclusion, economic empowerment, and sustainable development. Our vision is to harness the continent's cultural richness, health innovations, and tourism potential to create a healthier, more prosperous, and united Africa.



MISSION

To celebrate and promote African culture, health, trade, and tourism through a vibrant and inclusive platform that empowers communities, fosters innovation, and drives sustainable economic growth. We aim to inspire wellness, unity, and social change across the continent by showcasing Africa's rich heritage, unlocking creative potential, and advancing the well-being of all Africans.







2025 PURPOSE

FESTAC AFRICA 2025, under the theme "Harnessing Health, Culture, Trade and Tourism for Sustainable Economic Growth", is a week-long festival that brings together leaders, innovators, artists, and wellness advocates from across the continent and the globe. Set to take place over 7 days, the festival is designed to highlight the importance of health and wellness as critical pillars for sustainable development, while celebrating Africa's rich cultural heritage and natural beauty as drivers of tourism and economic growth.

FESTAC AFRICA 2025 will explore the synergy between health, wellness, culture, trade and tourism, leveraging Africa's cultural richness and natural beauty to create a holistic, sustainable economic growth model. Taking place over 7 days, this festival will emphasize well-being as the foundation of a prosperous future, while celebrating Africa's heritage and diverse cultures to boost tourism and travel.

FESTAC AFRICA 2025 aligns with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), focusing on health, gender equality, and sustainable development.















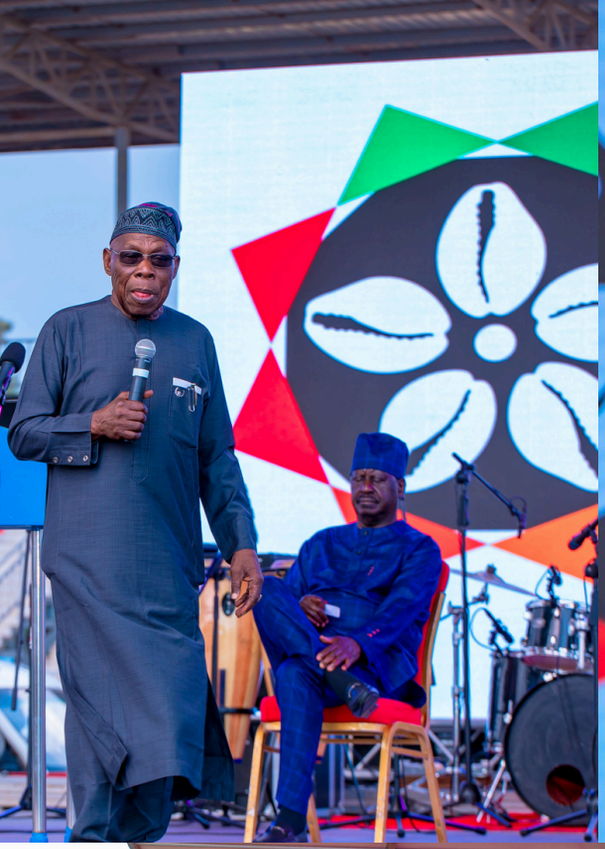








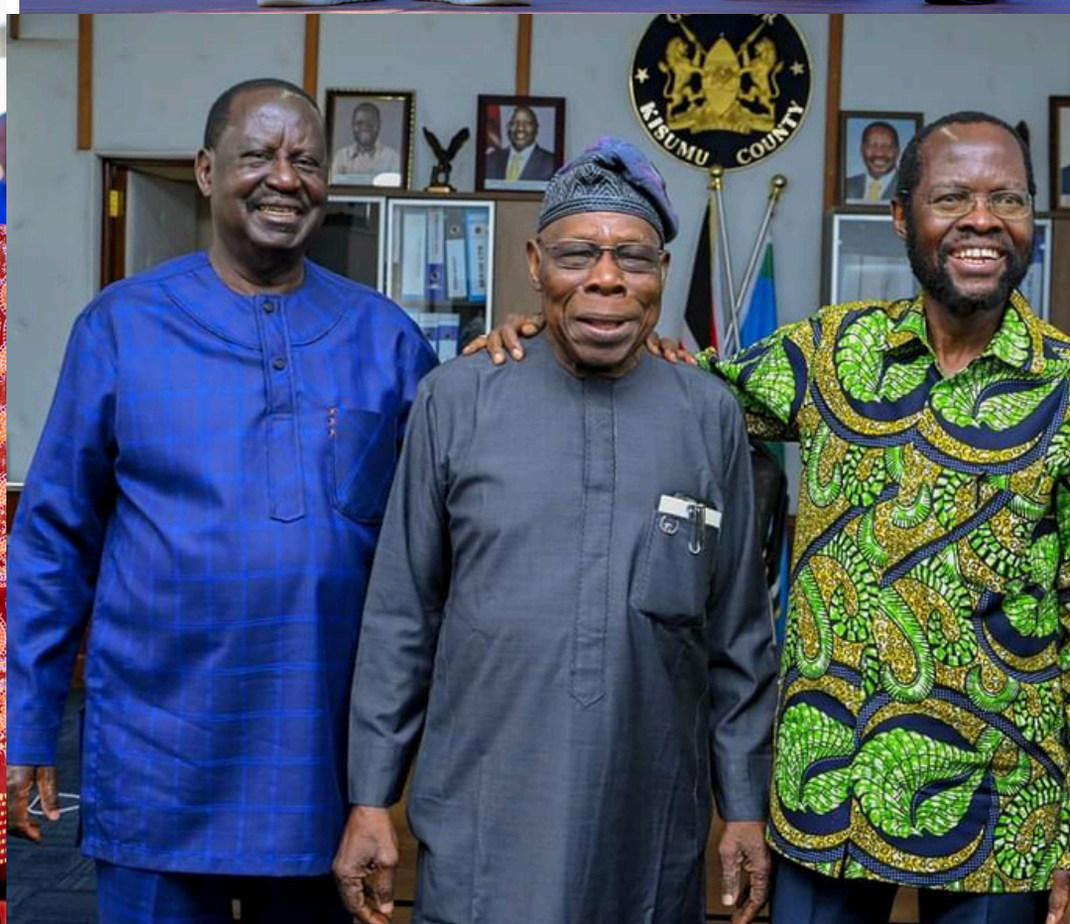
2024 Events Highlights










KISUMU COUNTY


FESTAC AFRICA FESTIVAL
AUG. 25TH - SEPT. 1ST 2024
Destination KISUMU, KENYA
PAN-AFRICAN AND GLOBAL CULTURAL EXCHANGE FESTIVAL








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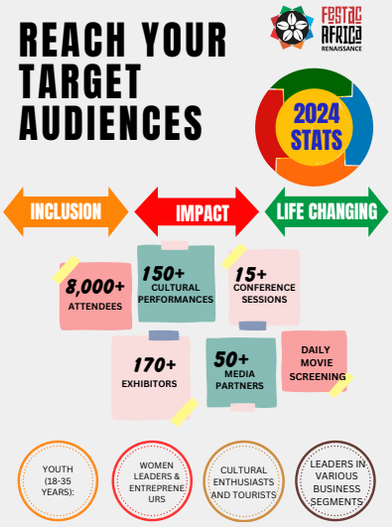





MISS WORLD KENYA 2024
FIRST RUNNER'S UP


WELCOMES THE WORLD TO
THE CITY OF KISUMU
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REACH YOUR TARGET AUDIENCES
FESTAC AFRICA RENAISSANCE
2024 STATS
INCLUSION
IMPACT
LIFE CHANGING
8,000+ ATTENDEES
150+ CULTURAL PERFORMANCES
15+ CONFERENCE SESSIONS
170+ EXHIBITORS
50+ MEDIA PARTNERS
DAILY MOVIE SCREENING
YOUTH (18-35 YEARS):
WOMEN LEADERS & ENTREPRENEURS
CULTURAL ENTHUSIASTS AND TOURISTS
LEADERS IN VARIOUS BUSINESS SEGMENTS



BENNY WILLIS (NIGERIA)

GENRE - AFROJAMROCK

Presenting the festival
theme song..
"MAMA AFRICA!"

100 GBV CYCLISTS PROMOTING AWARENESS









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A FESTAC AFRICA INITIATIVE

800+

PARTICIPANTS

10,000

SEED BOWLS DONATED









+2000

FREE HEALTH SCREENING








Kenya
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LAKE VICTORIA

Chess Tournament





400

PARTICIPANTS FROM 8 COUNTRIES ACROSS EAST AFRICA






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KENYA













1200
ATTENDEES

AFRICA ASIA
CULTURE EXCHANGE NIGHT












FESTAC AFRICA








HINDU COUNCIL OF KENYA
KISUMU BRANCH
WELCOME
MISS JAMHURI
KISUMU COUNTY 2023/24





DR. KRISTINA KENYATTA - PRATT
CHAIRPERSON, N.F.D.K.
FESTAC AFRICA AMBASSADOR - DISABILITY INCLUSION




Practical
ACTION






National Government
Affirmative Action Fund


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SOCIETY FOR
THE BLIND


EMPOWERMENT

KENYA SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND AND THE NATIONAL FUND FOR THE DISABLED OF KENYA





200+

ATTENDEES

20+

VISUALY IMPARED TEAM SERVED THE ALL DELEGAGES


250
WOMEN SUMMIT
ATTENDEES


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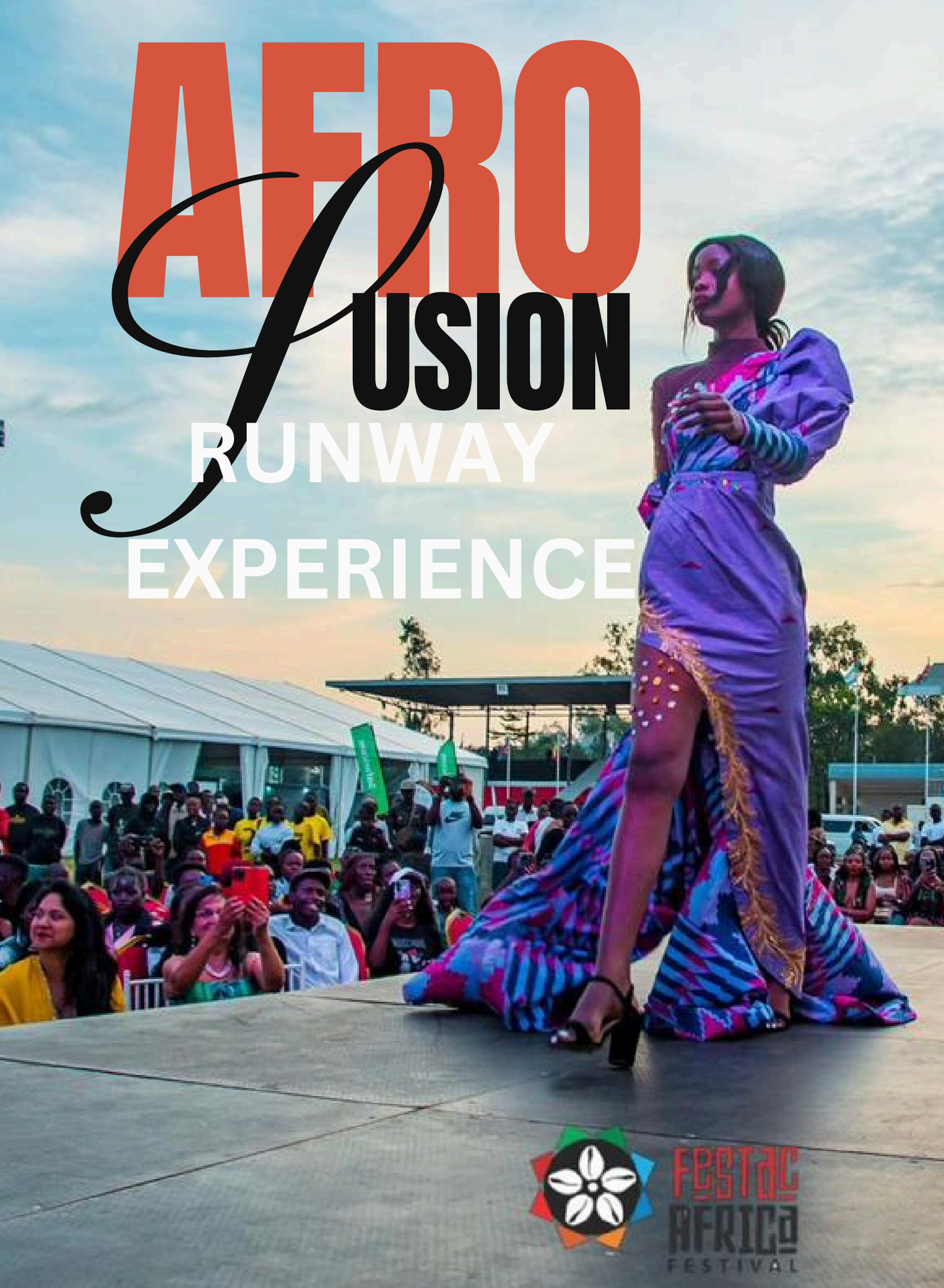



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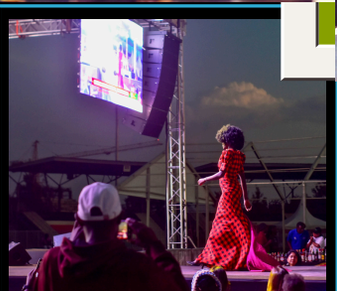




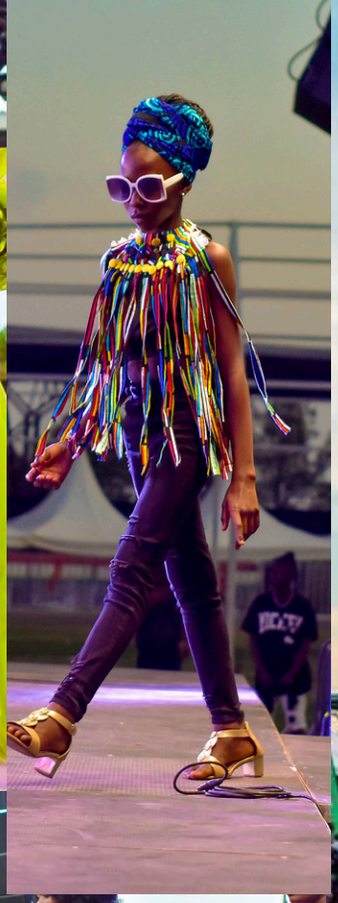























MRS. TOURISM
KISUMU COUNTY 2024
MRS. GLUK 2024/25






08


GLUK 2024/25
MISS WORLD KENYA 2024
FIRST RUNNER'S UP




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FASHION



ALL WHITE - DRESS CODE DAY






RAHMA
Worldwide









SAVE THE DATE

2025

FESTAC AFRICA FESTIVAL

24th - 31st May 2025



"FESTAC Africa 2025 will be a beacon of unity and collaboration, bringing together diverse cultures and minds from across the globe. This festival is not just a celebration of Africa's heritage, but a powerful movement towards collective growth and prosperity. I am proud to continue fostering global connections and ensuring that more people experience the richness and brilliance of Africa firsthand.".

AMB. ABRAHAM PAUL VATAKENCHERRY,
FESTAC AFRICA RENAISSANCE
AMBASSADOR FOR ASIA.

INSPIRE AFRICA CONNECT

NETWORK | TRADE | EXPLORE | FUN

2025

GOLF OPEN

ARUSHA - TANZANIA

JULY
2025

KILI-GOLF
ARUSHA

Entry
$50/per
Person

Grand Prize
$5000

AFRICA CONNECT THROUGH GOLF



WHAT TO EXPECT

- 100 PLUS PARTICIPANTS
- GOLF WITH A PURPOSE
- FORGE NEW PARTNERSHIP ON THE COURSE
- SUSTAINABLE TOURISM THROUGH SPORTS

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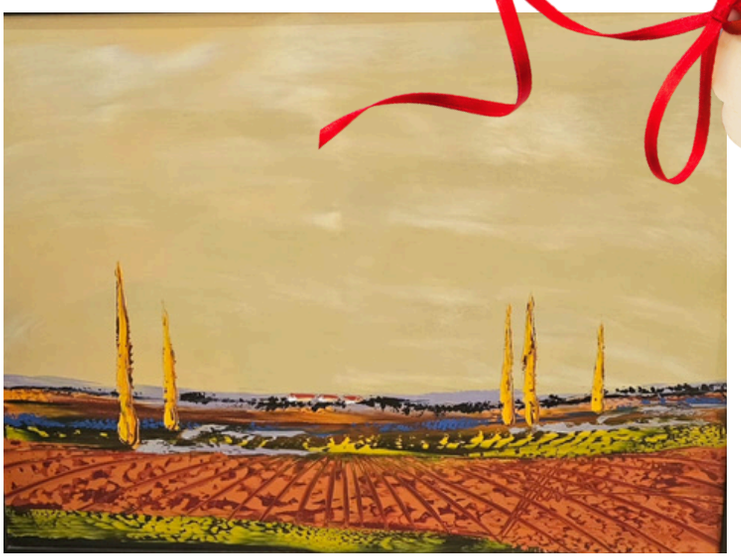
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S5732; JACO LA GRANGE; UNITED NATIONS; OIL ON CANVAS; 145CM X 104CM; PRICE: R75,000



ROBERT KOCH; LANGBAAI HERMANUS; OIL ON CANVAS; 132CM X 124CM; PRICE: R48,000



MUNRO LANDSCAPE;
OIL ON CANVAS; 120CM X 85CM;
PRICE: R28,000

HUGO MYBURGH; SUNFLOWER TIME;
122CM X 105CM;
PRICE: R18,000





SUNKU PATTON; LIVING FOR TODAY;
OIL ON CANVAS; 125CM X 155CM;
PRICE: R49,500



SUNKU PATTON; CAPE SCENE 2; OIL ON CANVAS; 110CM X 140CM; PRICE: R45,000



DALLAS SMITH; KEURBOOM SCENE; OIL ON CANVAS; 2M X 1.1M; PRICE: R50,000



CHANELLE; BOUQUET OF COLOURS;
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PRICE: R28,000



GERHARD VDW; CATHARSIS;
OIL ON BOARD WITH STEEL;
150CM X 110CM;
PRICE: R85,000



DUGGIE DO TOIT ;STILL LIFE
POTS; OIL ON BOARD;
120CM X 90CM;
PRICE: R45,000



GERHARD VDW; HAIR FASHION; OIL ON CANVAS; 104CM X 140CM;
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