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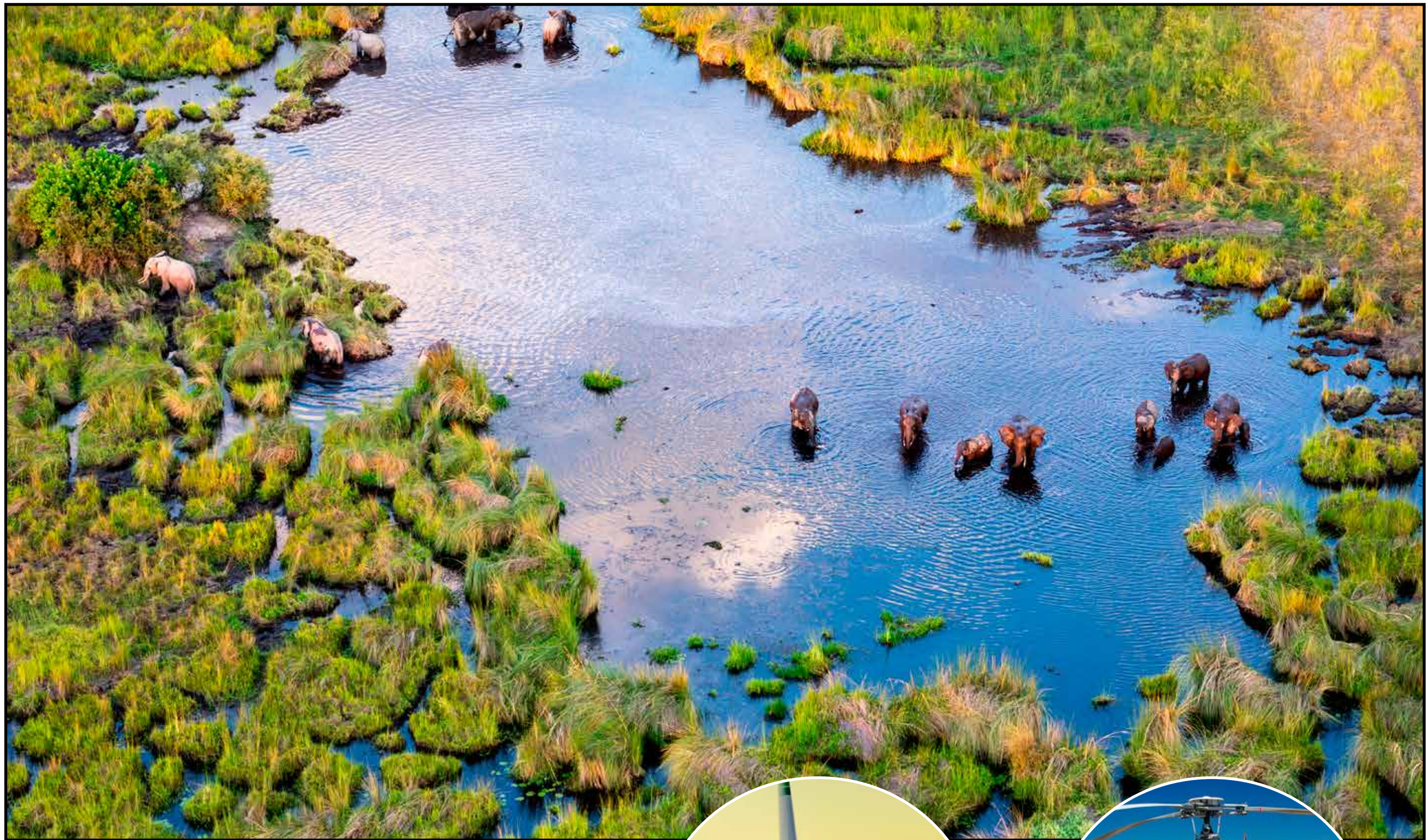


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"I embarked on this journey fuelled by a passion for fine living. My scope has broadened to include the lavish and opulent 'billionaire toys', from super yachts stretching beyond the length of four blue whales to private jets that embody the splendour of airborne palaces."

Mirry Fayman



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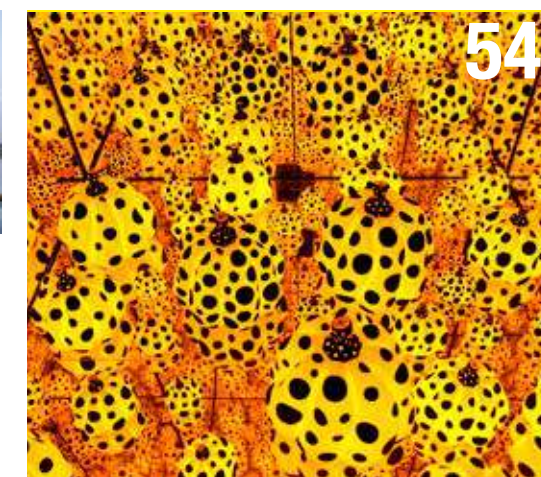
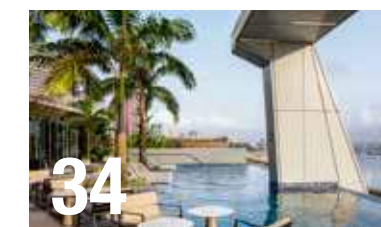
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First class vs. business class: what *really* sets them apart

The world of premium air travel can be confusing to navigate. While both business and first class offer an escape from the constraints of economy, there are significant differences between these luxury options that extend far beyond the price tag – which can see first class costing up to double its business class counterpart.

By Mandy Collins

The business class experience

Business class has evolved into a premium experience that makes long-haul travel both comfortable and productive. From the moment passengers arrive at the airport, they enjoy priority treatment that sets the tone for their journey.

The ground experience begins with priority check-in, ensuring a swift passage through security and immigration. Business class lounges offer a peaceful retreat from the terminal's bustle, featuring comfortable seating, complimentary refreshments and reliable Wi-Fi for last-minute work needs.

Once passengers are aboard, business class reveals its true value. The cabin features spacious seating that typically converts into lie-flat beds, complete with quality bedding for overnight flights. Dedicated flight attendants provide personalised service, greeting passengers by name and ensuring prompt attention throughout the journey.





The dining experience rivals upscale restaurants, with three-course meals served on crisp tablecloths with proper silverware. Premium beverages flow freely, and generous baggage allowances mean travellers can pack without constraint.

First class: the ultimate luxury

First class elevates the travel experience to an art form, offering unparalleled luxury that even business class can't match. Some airports provide private terminal access and personal escorts, immediately distinguishing the first-class journey.

The most striking difference becomes apparent upon boarding. While business class offers excellent seating, first class





often provides entire suites with fully closing doors, double beds, and oversized entertainment screens. These private sanctuaries ensure complete seclusion from other passengers, transforming air travel into a truly exclusive experience. First class lounges are a class apart, featuring private pods, full waiter service, and ultra-modern business suites. Many offer luxury spa and shower facilities, ensuring passengers arrive refreshed at their destination.

The culinary experience reaches new

...for those pursuing the ultimate in sky-high luxury, first class remains the pinnacle of commercial aviation.

heights with à la carte menus designed by renowned chefs. Expect caviar service, vintage champagnes, and four-course lobster meals served at your leisure. Entertainment systems feature larger screens and premium headphones, while designer amenity kits and pyjamas add to the luxury.

While both premium classes offer significant upgrades from economy, first class provides an unmatched level of privacy and personalisation. The choice between them often comes down to the



length of journey and, of course, budget considerations.

For those seeking comfortable and productive travel, business class delivers excellent value. But for those pursuing the ultimate in sky-high luxury, first class remains the pinnacle of commercial aviation.

Emirates: setting the industry standard

Emirates' award-winning first-class experience is as close as it comes to your own private jet. The glamorous lounge bar boasting more than 20 spirits, canapés, and exclusive beverages, Bvlgari fragrances and amenity kits, sleep sets of loungewear and slippers, exclusive skincare and spa products, and widescreen entertainment are just some of the delights awaiting first-class travellers.

Emirates' worldwide network of super glamorous lounges is an industry benchmark, with the most luxurious of all located, unsurprisingly, in Dubai. Like a terminal within a terminal, first class passengers will gain access to a dedicated area complete with spa and world class wine cellar.

Emirates business class is also one of the most luxurious in the industry. It features roomy lie-flat seats complete with a personal mini-bar and similar Bvlgari amenity kits. The food and drinks options are excellent and there's even an onboard business class cocktail lounge on certain jets. Passengers are treated to regionally inspired gourmet menus with proper silverware and crockery. 🍷





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Silicon seas: where tech titans float their fortunes

In an era where digital empires are built in the cloud, tech's most powerful men have taken to the high seas to display their astronomical wealth. These floating palaces have become the ultimate status symbols in Silicon Valley's billionaire club. As tech fortunes swell, so do the dimensions of these maritime mansions. *By Mandy Collins*





The Frers family dynasty stands behind some of the world's most beautiful yachts. The pursuit of beauty is something that Frers have spent their working lives striving to attain: the essence of Germán Frers' work is in emotion-stirring aesthetics. "Design should transcend generations."

Once they've built their empires, it seems, the tech giants start to engage in a game of who has the largest super yacht.

Billionaire, Sergey Brin, co-founded Google with Larry Page in 1998, from a dorm room near Stanford University. This venture meant Brin, twice-divorced father of three, ended up being worth about \$140 billion.

He stepped down as president of Alphabet, Google's parent company, in December 2019, but remains a board member and a controlling shareholder. And his newest toy seems poised to

surpass the mammoth super yachts of Mark Zuckerberg and Jeff Bezos – Launchpad and Koru, respectively.

Brin's \$450 million super yacht is much longer than a football pitch. The sleek diesel-electric hybrid features an exterior design by yacht designer Germán Frers, with interiors by Italian Nauta Design. Built by the Lürssen German giant, it measures 142m long, surpassing Zuckerberg's yacht by 15m. The luxury vessel is also the renowned shipyard Lürssen's biggest super yacht yet.

With this acquisition, Brin has become the owner of the largest superyacht in the US. Only the \$400 million Rising Sun comes

close, with a length that's 10 feet shorter. It was originally built for American business magnate Larry Allison, the co-founder of Oracle corporation.

Zuckerberg's \$300m digital blackout

Mark Zuckerberg continues to sail his \$300 million "Launchpad" super yacht, "going dark". The privacy-loving Facebook CEO ensures his vessel remains unseen, with its mandatory location transponders deliberately turned off.

The mastermind behind Meta is unyielding on this front, and is no stranger to sailing in secrecy. Launchpad, which is longer than four blue whales, made a discreet journey from Florida to Jamaica in May 2024, and



repeated the act as it departed Palma de Mallorca, Spain, after a Father's Day celebration with his entire family.

The celebration included his father Edward's 70th birthday aboard Launchpad off the coast of Mallorca. The vessel, reportedly a 40th birthday gift to himself, stretches 118m and features an aircraft hangar, along with a \$30 million support boat named Wingman.

The luxury yacht, built in the Netherlands' Feadship shipyard, accommodates 26 guests and 50 crew members. Its amenities include a beach club, beauty centre, cinema and helipad. Zuckerberg, whose net worth stands at \$187 billion according to Bloomberg's Billionaires Index, shared family photos from the celebration on Instagram, showing him and his siblings wearing "Ed's kids" T-shirts while their father donned an "I'm Ed" shirt.

The Meta founder marked the occasion with a heartfelt tribute to his father, celebrating the impact he's had on their family.

Bezos's \$500m love boat

Amazon co-founder Jeff Bezos' \$500 million Koru was the largest super yacht until Brin's new acquisition – a three-masted sailing yacht 127m long that is reported to have cost \$500 million or more. The luxury custom super yacht was built in the Netherlands by Oceanco, starting in 2021 and delivered in April 2023.

The yacht was the setting for Bezos's May 2023 engagement



to Lauren Sánchez. Their relationship became public in 2019, following their respective divorces from MacKenzie Scott and Hollywood agent Patrick Whitesell. The yacht features a sculpture of Sánchez on its prow, symbolising new beginnings.

A former news anchor and helicopter pilot, Sánchez has embraced life with the Amazon founder, combining their shared passions for aviation, philanthropy and climate change activism. The couple made headlines with their \$100 million pledge to support Maui's wildfire recovery efforts.

In a November 2023 Vogue interview, Sánchez expressed excitement about becoming "Mrs Bezos". Beyond their high-profile relationship, she maintains her own career as an aerial cinematographer through her company Black Ops Aviation, and recently authored a children's book, *The Fly who Flew to Space*, reflecting their shared interest in space exploration.





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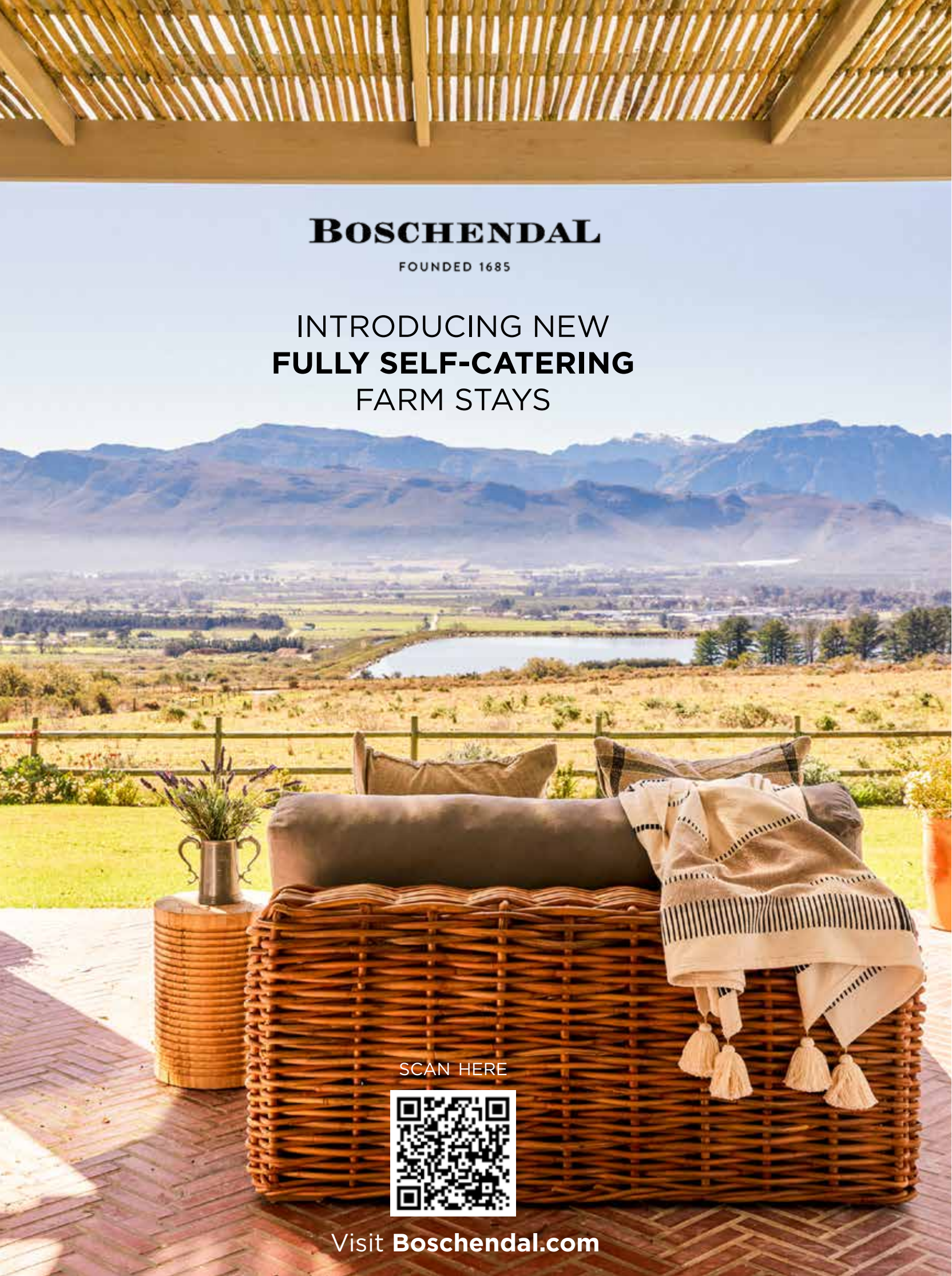
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South Africa's winelands in the Western Cape are poised for an exceptional 2025 vintage that has wine lovers worldwide eagerly anticipating the release of these bottles in the near future.

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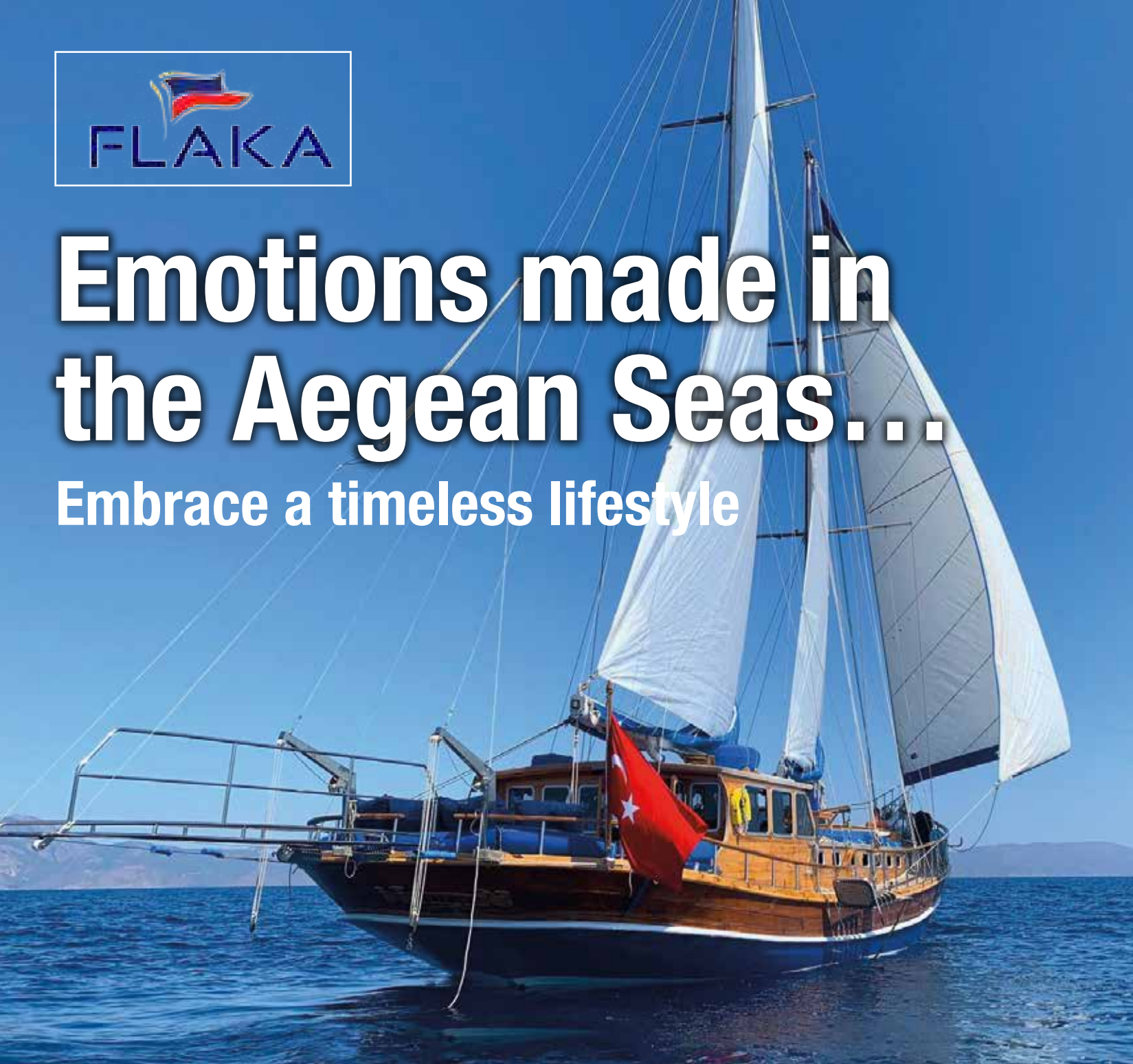
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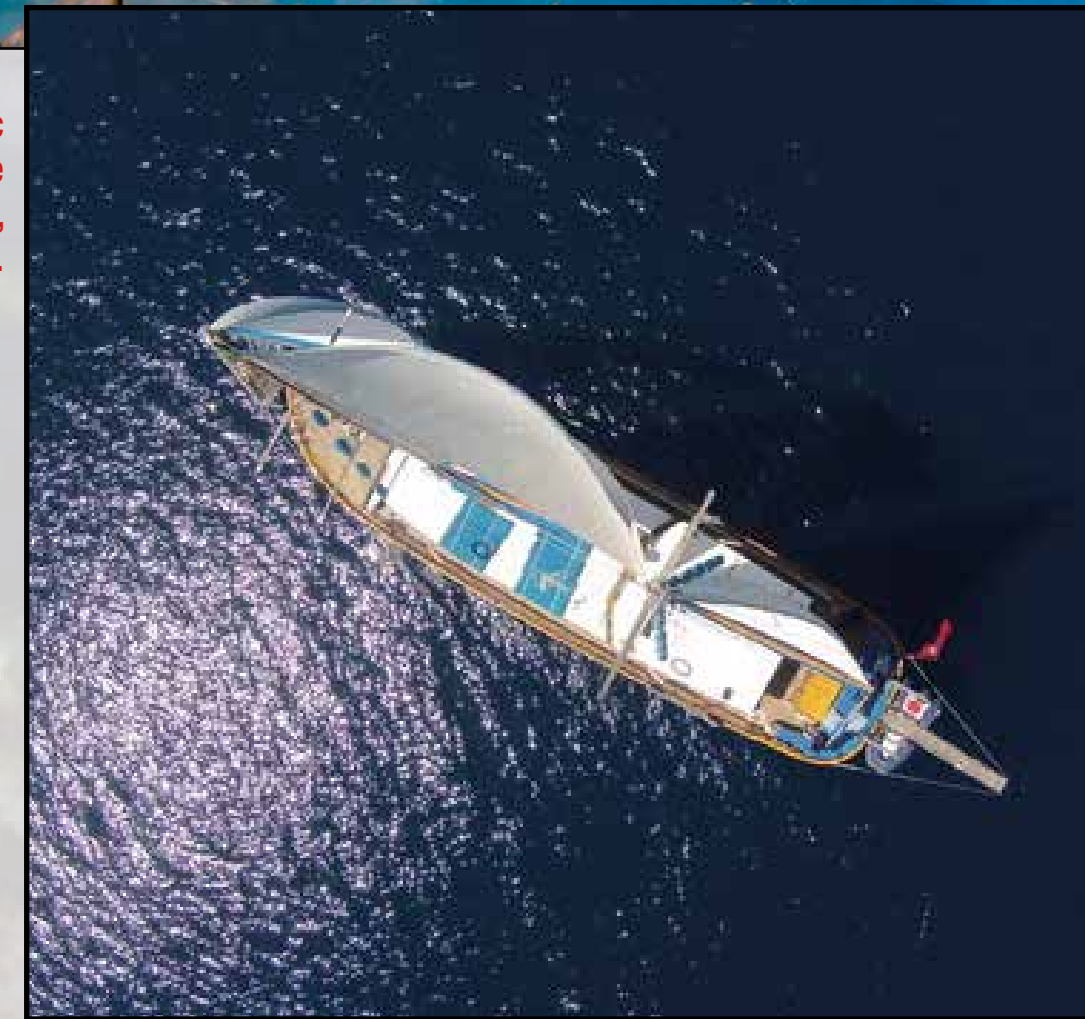
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Exploring Hidden Treasures
Flaka's journey begins along the Gulf of Gökova on Turkey's stunning Riviera, departing from Bodrum - just a short drive from Bodrum International Airport (BJV). South African travellers can fly with Turkish Airlines to Istanbul and then take a scenic bus ride to Bodrum. Known for its lush views, secluded coves, and hidden bays, this region is perfect for relaxing, exploring, and unwinding. Guests can also enjoy a flexible itinerary, adjusting stops based on preferences and weather. If you're looking for adventure, Flaka takes you

to charming destinations like Cleopatra Island, Kargil, and Mersincik.

The Story Of The Dodecanese Islands
In addition to Turkey's scenic coast, Flaka cruises can take guests to the Greek Dodecanese Islands. Starting from Bodrum, Greece is only an hour sailing away - a place with unspoiled natural beauty that meets ancient history. Each island has a unique story, from the impressive cliffs and charming towns of Kalymnos to Leros's Art Deco architecture and Lipsi's lush

green landscapes. Patmos, where Apostle John is said to have written the Book of Revelation, is particularly captivating. Additionally, visitors can take a tour of the well-known Monastery of St. John and the Apocalypse Cave, which serves as a sobering reminder of the rich history of the region. Every day offers a fresh chance for exploration, including pauses in serene coves and quiet harbours. Whether diving into crystal-clear waters or embracing the laid-back island atmosphere, Flaka offers a special blend of excitement and relaxation that is difficult to find in the modern, busy travel industry.

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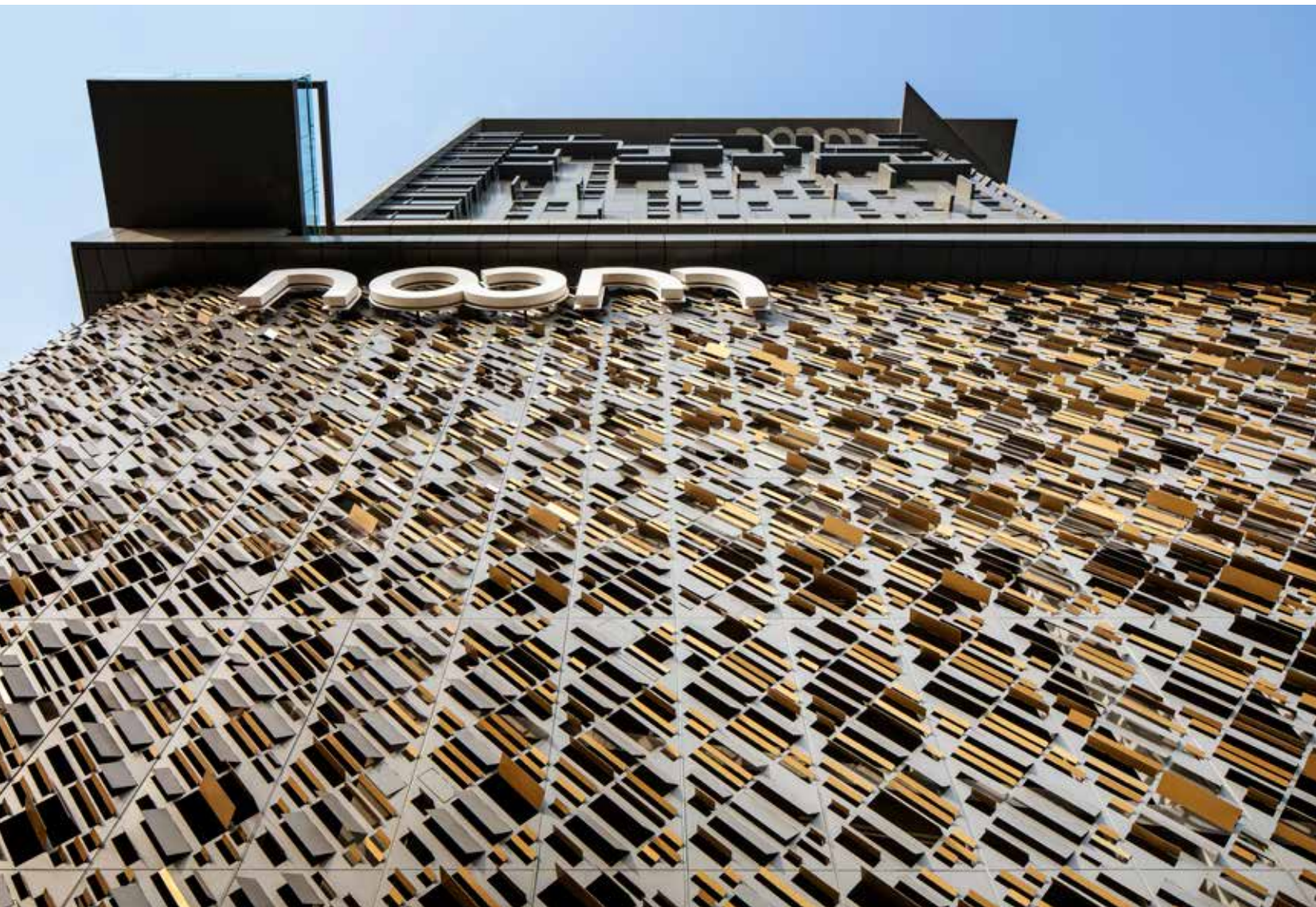
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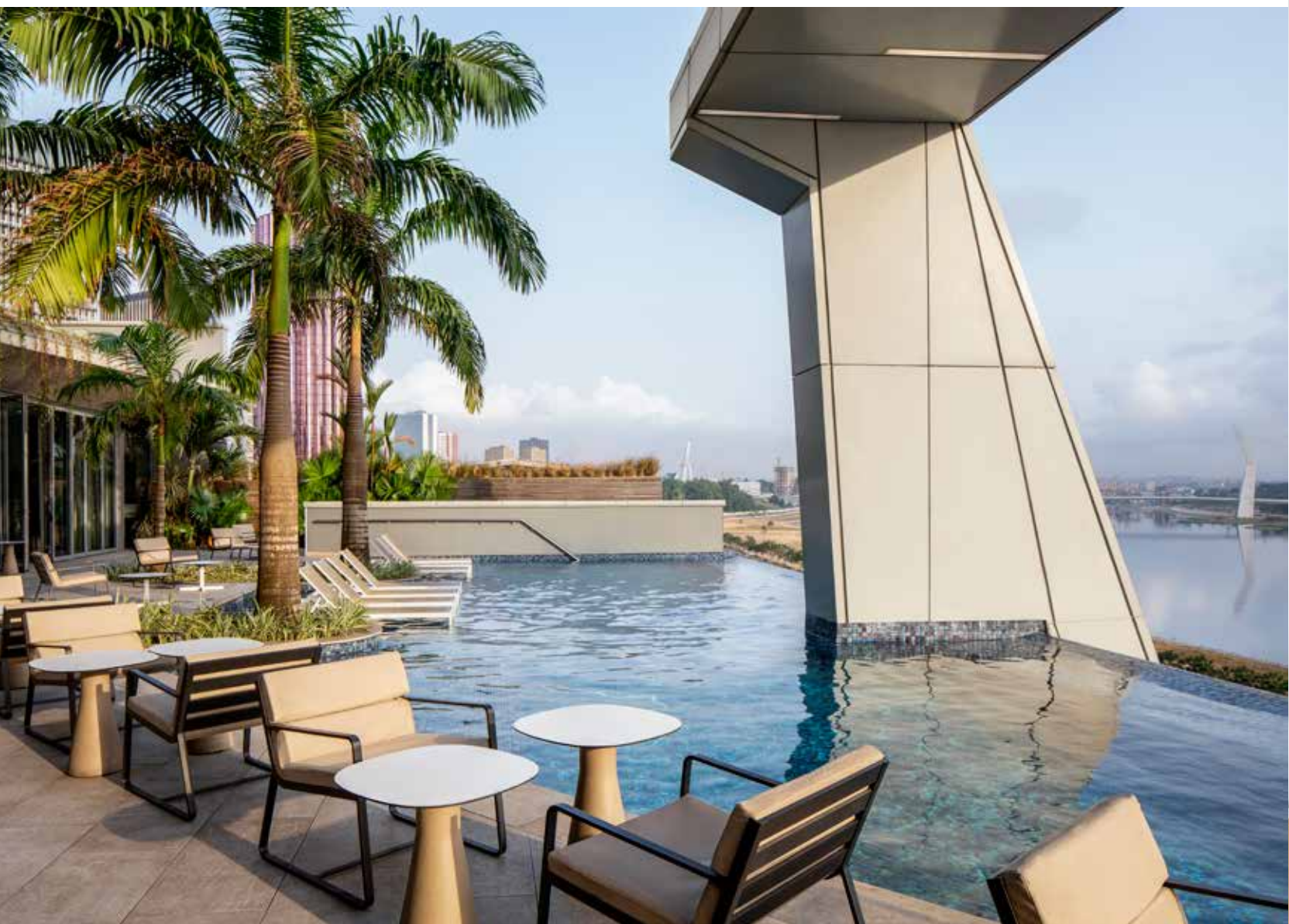


SAOTA, a practice known for its sensitivity to site and culture, was commissioned to bring its vision of high-end African hospitality to life. SAOTA sought to create a hotel that would compete on a global stage and resonate deeply with its West African setting. The architectural brief was complex: designing a hotel on a constrained urban site that could express Noom’s luxurious, cosmopolitan appeal while remaining firmly rooted in its African identity. In Abidjan, a city where modernist ideals have often been tempered by the practicalities of tropical climate and rapid urbanisation, SAOTA’s design for the Noom Hotel is a study in contrasts and convergence. The tower’s façade, with its asymmetrical articulation of windows and its layered use of contemporary finishes, draws from the rich tapestry of local craftsmanship – textiles, ceramics, and other artisanal practices emblematic of the region. Yet, these elements are woven into a modern architectural language that echoes the clean lines and rational forms of mid-20th-century modernism. There is a tension in this design, a dialogue between the past and the present, between local identity and global aspirations.



SAOTA’s design for the Noom Hotel Abidjan is a testament to the power of architecture to shape experience and identity.

In the vibrant heart of Abidjan, where the Plateau region meets the languid sweep of the Ébrié Lagoon, a striking new silhouette has emerged against the skyline. The Noom Hotel Abidjan Plateau, designed by SAOTA, is more than just a luxurious new addition to the city’s hospitality scene; it continues Abidjan’s modernist legacy, reinterpreted for the present. Abidjan, often called the “Paris of West Africa,” has long been a canvas for architectural ambition. The city’s modernist heritage, rooted in the optimistic post-independence era, saw the creation of bold, expressive forms – symbols of progress and newfound identity. The Noom Hotel, with its 22-storey tower, stands as a contemporary extension of this lineage, responding to the urban and cultural context with a reflective and forwardlooking design.



The hotel's 7th floor houses its social functions, where guests are treated to sweeping views of the lagoon. This floor houses the primary dining and entertainment spaces, including a terrace and pool suspended above the city, offering a moment of respite from the urban intensity below.



The verticality of the hotel is emphasised by the dramatic triple-volume entry, which serves as a gateway to the mixed-use facilities within – a generous conference podium, entertainment areas, and, of course, the accommodation itself.



The Semigration Shuffle:

Shifting Sands For Cape Town and Johannesburg

By Meg Wilson

In the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic, South Africa watched as Cape Town, with its picturesque scenery and burgeoning reputation as a well-managed, stress-free haven for remote workers, drew thousands of residents from Johannesburg in a strong resurgence of the phenomenon known locally as 'semigration'.

Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) reveals that over the past five years, the shift south and soaring demand in Cape Town has caused property prices in the Mother City to rise by an average of 28%, despite the economic ravages of the pandemic, high inflation and high interest rates.

By contrast, prices in Johannesburg have risen by an average of just 9% over the same period, thanks to a distinct lack of demand as the city emptied out and market confidence plummeted in the face of persistent load-shedding, deteriorating roads, failing water systems and the mayoral revolving door at City Hall that prevented the municipality from really getting to grips with any of these problems.

Semigration was not new, of course, but the Covid-induced swing towards full-time remote work enabled many more professionals, executives and entrepreneurs to relocate away from Johannesburg - and other inland areas - to the greener pastures of Cape Town and other coastal centres,

where they anticipated being able to enjoy a better quality of life, be more productive without lengthy power or water outages, and spend more time with family and friends in a better managed, cleaner and safer environment.

It also didn't hurt that Cape Town, and the surrounding towns offered - and continue to offer - spectacular mountain and seascapes, alluring wine farms, world-class food, long histories, cultural diversity and a very wide range of sporting activities and entertainment options, from sailing and golfing to theatres, art galleries and music festivals.

For these and other reasons, Cape Town also enjoys a growing international reputation as a second home or permanent retirement destination, especially for those able to buy luxury properties with dollars, pounds or euros, and this has also contributed to the strong rise in property prices.

However, the Mother City may shortly become a victim of its own success. A wave of new developments, including over 1000 units recently released almost simultaneously,



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threatens to flood the market and put the brakes on property price increases. And the new spatial plan that has been proposed for the inner city envisages at least 10,000 additional, affordable apartments being built there, or created from converted office blocks, within the next few years. New national regulations governing Airbnb and other short-term letting could shortly also prompt many investors to sell off their rental units in Cape Town and turn their attention to Johannesburg, where the demand for rentals near commercial hubs like Sandton and Rosebank is surging and yields are rising.

Meanwhile, Johannesburg is also experiencing improved buyer sentiment for the first time in years, and a definite upturn in demand and property sales. Indeed, the latest Absa Housing Sentiment Index shows market

confidence in Gauteng is now at 86%, compared to just 80% in the Western Cape.

One reason for this turnaround is that the trickle of former semigrants that started to return to Johannesburg in 2023 has turned into a steady stream in the past 12 months. The returnees cite two main reasons for their decisions, the first being the fact that many of the country's top companies based in Johannesburg are mandating hybrid work protocols that require many managers and executives who were working remotely to now be in the office several days a week. This makes it impractical for them to live in the Cape, especially given the rising cost of air travel and of maintaining a second residence or paying for part-time accommodation in Gauteng.

Meanwhile, the fact that there is now two-way movement between Johannesburg and Cape Town underscores the dynamic interplay of lifestyle aspirations, economic realities and market forces that need to be understood...

The second is the excellent value for money currently on offer in the Johannesburg property market, thanks to years of price stagnation. This means that those who sell their properties in the Cape now are easily able to buy similar homes in Gauteng with cash to spare.

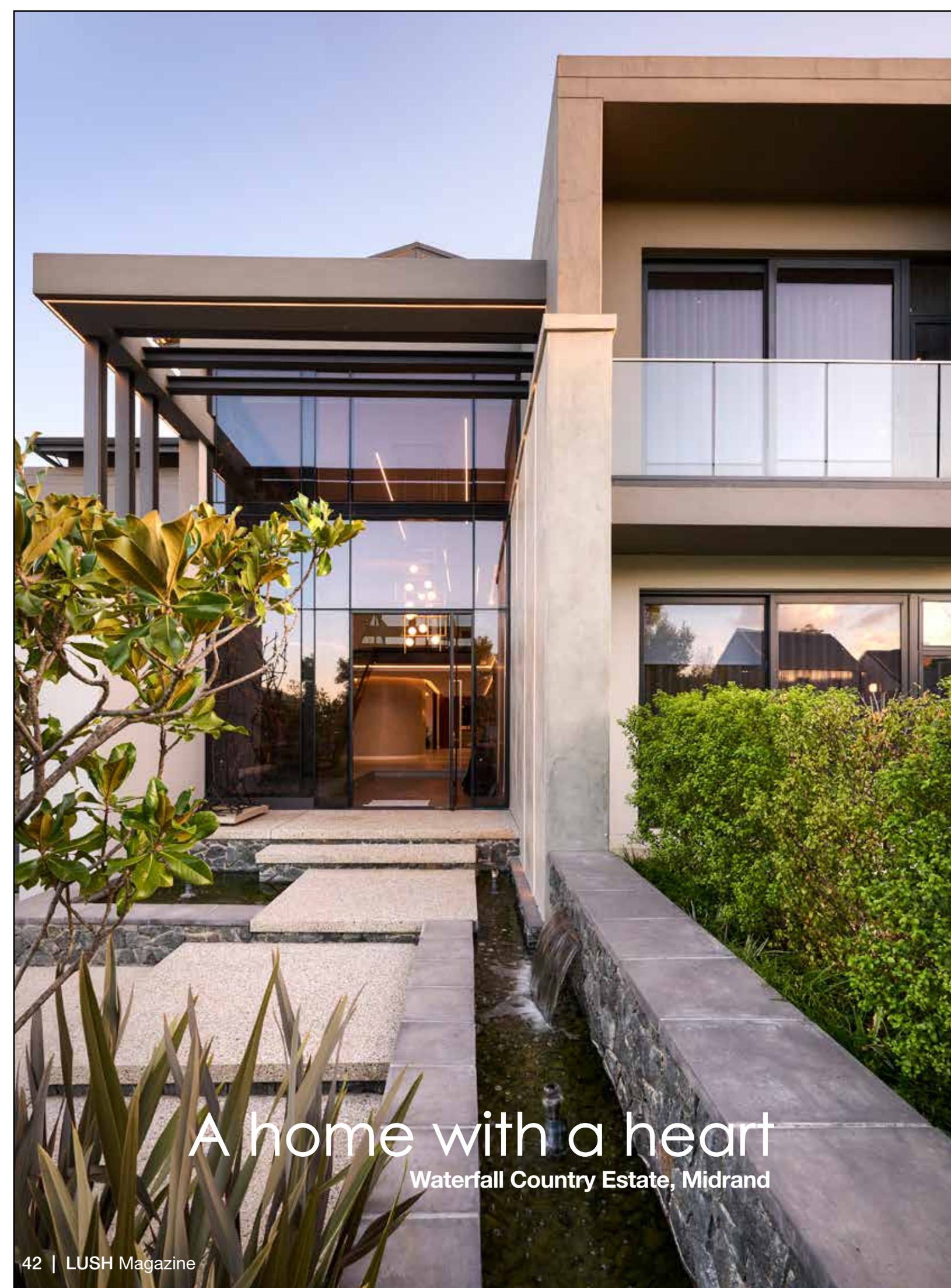
Acknowledged as the financial heart of the country, Johannesburg also has increasing appeal for the thousands of expats who are currently returning to South Africa from all over the world, younger professionals keen to participate in the economic recovery that is gaining traction under the Government of National Unity (GNU) and foreign buyers who see opportunity in the government's massive public sector spending plans and in the country's strategic location as a stable gateway to the US\$4-trillion African market.

The city does still have many challenges as a legacy of years of mismanagement, but these are being addressed now and there are definite silver linings for those willing to look deeper. Affordable pricing, abundant inventory, strong rental demand and the region's capacity to create the newest jobs make a compelling case for investing in Johannesburg property now, before the pendulum swings fully back in its favour.

Meanwhile, the fact that there is now two-way movement between Johannesburg and Cape Town underscores the dynamic interplay of lifestyle aspirations, economic realities and market forces that need to be understood as South Africa's urban landscapes evolve. Whether the future tips the scale further towards the City of Gold again or cements Cape Town's property dominance will depend on how well and how quickly each city can adapt to these shifting sands of opportunity and challenge. 🏡



A fusion of tradition and innovation – from comfort classics to daring culinary experiments.



A home with a heart

Waterfall Country Estate, Midrand



Nestled within a prestigious luxury estate, this newly built home offers both tranquillity and a breathtaking natural setting. The family is truly spoiled for choice. Modern and minimalist in design, the home serves as a peaceful retreat. Every detail has been carefully considered to integrate the natural surroundings into the interiors, with the stunning outdoor vistas playing a pivotal role in the design. “The main bedroom offers an immersive ‘outdoor feeling’ with uninterrupted views of the sky,” shares the owner. Sleek lines and geometric forms further enhance the home’s cotemporary aesthetic, creating a perfect balance of sophistication and serenity.

The entrance wall commands attention as a standout feature. “With its earthy texture, it harmonises beautifully with our meticulously landscaped surroundings,” shares the owner. Designed for sustainable off-the-grid living, the home remains unaffected by load shedding and power outages, ensuring uninterrupted comfort. The dining room, with its breathtaking vistas, is a cherished space. “I adore sitting here with a cup of tea, soaking in the view,” says the owner. The spacious kitchen is another family favourite. “I envisioned a sleek, modern design for our kitchen, from the cabinet colours to the hardware. It’s

the heart of the home, where we create our most delicious family meals.”

With five well-appointed bedrooms and bathrooms, along with an additional guest bathroom, this home is thoughtfully designed for sharing cherished moments with family and friends. Each of the five bedrooms has its own identity, designed to evoke both comfort and sophistication. “We integrated layered textures, bespoke furniture, and custom lighting to make each bedroom feel like a private retreat,” says the architect. The bathrooms are equally impressive, with spa-like features including rainfall showers, freestanding bathtubs, and premium natural stone finishes.

Outside, the landscaping mirrors the home’s ethos of understated luxury. Verdant gardens, punctuated with indigenous plants, create a serene backdrop while requiring minimal maintenance. Thoughtful outdoor spaces, including an expansive patio and a pool deck with uninterrupted views, make this home equally suited for relaxation and entertainment. “This project was about creating a sanctuary, a place where modern living and nature could coexist seamlessly,” the team concludes. 🏡



Waterfall Country Estate, Midrand

A modern-day mansion

At SG Studio Architects, luxury extends far beyond aesthetics. It is about crafting bespoke sanctuaries that transform each client's vision into a refined masterpiece, elevating their way of life to new heights. SG Studio Architects' extensive experience in high-end residential architecture and interior design allows it to craft exceptional homes that are a harmonious blend of beauty, functionality and exclusivity. The firm creates timeless design narrative tailored to each client's unique needs, providing the ultimate in comfort.

Through the use of clean lines and double-volume spaces, SG Studio Architects has crafted a contemporary, minimalist family home that is both simple and highly functional. The home radiates tranquillity, with expansive windows and open areas that seamlessly connect the various living spaces. SG Studio Architects thoughtfully aligned the exterior and interior design elements to create a cohesive, visually pleasing environment. The result is an elegant, timeless interior, achieved through the use of enduring design principles, exceptional attention to detail, custom furnishings, and a refined palette of colours and lighting.

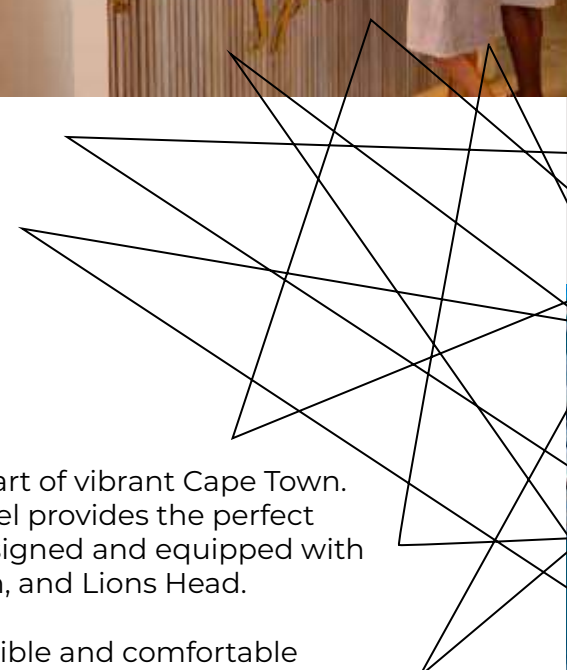
The owner envisioned a home that offered more than just a physical space. Nestled within a prestigious lifestyle estate, surrounded by indigenous wetlands, serene dams, and hiking trails, this residence delivers just that—and more. As the owner expresses: "A home should be a place where people feel secure and at ease, where relationships are nurtured, and lasting memories are made. "With a love for outdoor living, the location was paramount, chosen for its natural beauty. family's lifestyle," says the owner.

The result of this masterpiece is a design that "serves as a true symbol of luxury architecture," says the owner. "It is bold and defines its own character—it's all in the attention to detail and the craftsmanship brought together by the architectural and interior design teams to create a space that is both cohesive, functional, and refined." This sleek aesthetic is achieved through the use of clean lines, expansive windows, and double-height spaces, which foster a sense of openness and fluidity between key living areas, including the kitchen, dining, and living room. Staying true to the minimalist style, the interior of the home has been thoughtfully curated, drawing inspiration from high-end luxury design to create a sophisticated atmosphere 🏡



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The Cape Town CBD is the humming heart of a city like no other on Earth, a vibrant, spicy, multicultural precinct that has become the darling of visitors from all over the world and is striving to embrace all the best elements of live-work-and-play new urbanism. Known to locals as the City Bowl, it already boasts a rich mix of Soho-style loft apartments, waterfront homes and plush penthouses in among colonial-era buildings and corporate skyscrapers, corner shops, flagship stores, trendy bars, gourmet restaurants and tourist landmarks, but now plans are afoot to create affordable inner city homes for at least 40,000 more permanent residents, many of them in redundant office buildings that can readily be converted to provide attractive, modern accommodation options. The idea is to rejuvenate the city centre by attracting young people who want permanent homes within easy walking distance of work and will bring more after-hours life and energy to the CBD streets where they live, shop, study, go to gym, stop for a coffee and are entertained. A growing number of co-working spaces and innovative startups are already establishing themselves in the inner city, and more small businesses and artisanal enterprises are set to follow. New green spaces and pedestrianised areas are on the cards too, as are improvements in public transport and greater linkages between the Atlantic Ocean to the north and Table Mountain to the south as the city continues to evolve.

City Life: The Evolution of Cape Town



Bo-Kaap:

Cape Town's rainbow canvas

On the slopes of Signal Hill, one of Cape Town's most historic districts dazzles visitors with its kaleidoscope of colour – each painted home a testament to South Africa's rich cultural tapestry.



Where Table Mountain meets the urban edge of Cape Town, the Bo-Kaap neighbourhood stands as a vibrant testament to South Africa's cultural heritage. This formerly segregated township, known historically as the Malay Quarter, transforms the slopes of Signal Hill into a living gallery of architectural history, where each brightly painted façade tells a story of resilience, identity and cultural pride.

The district's distinctive architecture dates back to the 1760s when the Dutch colonists built modest rental homes for their enslaved workforce. These Cape Dutch and Cape Georgian architectural styles manifest in the neighbourhood's iconic features: symmetrical façades, elegant proportions and distinctive stoeps – the elevated front terraces that create a gentle transition between public and private spaces.

What truly distinguishes Bo-Kaap's architecture is its famous palette. Houses painted in bold pinks, electric blues, sunny yellows and vibrant greens line the steep cobblestone streets. This colourful tradition began, it's thought, when the houses' residents, many of whom were formerly enslaved people, were finally permitted to purchase their properties. The act of painting their homes in bright colours became a powerful expression of freedom and individuality.

Today, these historical homes showcase distinctive architectural elements that reflect their Cape Malay heritage: ornate doorways framed by decorative plasterwork, carefully proportioned sash windows, and flat roofs with elaborate cornices. The Auwal Mosque, South Africa's first mosque, stands as the spiritual heart of the district, its elegant



minarets and arched windows exemplifying the fusion of Cape Dutch and Islamic architectural traditions.

Despite the pressures of gentrification, Bo-Kaap's architecture remains a protected cultural landmark, preserving not just building styles, but the living heritage of Cape Town's Muslim community. Each carefully maintained façade and restored detail serves as a bright reminder of the neighbourhood's journey from a township to one of Cape Town's most photographed architectural treasures. 🕌



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The Trump Dynasty's next frontier: Albania's communist-era coast

In a striking pivot from politics to luxury development, Ivanka Trump and Jared Kushner have set their sights on an unlikely location: Albania's rugged Adriatic coastline. The power couple, who retired from politics in 2021 following the end of Donald Trump's first presidency, are now pursuing ambitious development projects worth nearly \$1 billion in the Balkan nation.

When Ivanka Trump bowed out of politics, she told The New York Times, "I love my father very much, but this time around, I am choosing to prioritise my young children and the private life we are creating as a family." Now, at 43, she has emerged as the creative force behind an innovative eco-hotel project that could transform the Albanian coast.

Speaking to Lex Fridman in a podcast interview, the couple unveiled plans for a unique development featuring subterranean villas reminiscent of Hobbit homes, carved into coastal cliffs. The project site, once a secretive Soviet military base, is dotted with thousands of buried bunkers and underground tunnels – a testament to Albania's Cold War history.

But their ambitions don't stop there. Kushner, 44, and Trump are also pursuing exclusive development rights for "sea villas" on Sazan Island, a former Soviet military stronghold. "We have this 1,400-acre island in the Mediterranean, and we're bringing in the best architects and the best brands," they told Fridman. "Aman's going to operate the hotel for us and Carbone is going to be doing the food and beverages."

Aman luxury hotel chain owns 36 hotels, resorts and residences in 20 countries, 15 of which are located close to or within UNESCO-protected sites.

Controversy and resistance

The projects have not been without controversy. Mainland residents claim the couple is attempting to appropriate land that was seized from farming families after the fall of communism in 1991. "They are trying to take from us what is ours," locals have protested, with court records supporting some of these claims.





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The Sazan Island project has also faced scrutiny. The Times reports that a competing bid has been submitted by an Albanian American developer from New York, who came forward after Trump claimed she and Kushner had secured an agreement to develop the island.

An opposition party member in the Albanian parliament has criticised the selection process, suggesting it “makes it look like this is a private deal that is in the political interest of the prime minister of Albania”. Both the Prime Minister and Kushner have denied any involvement from former President Trump in the development process.

Political support and future prospects

Despite the controversies, the Albanian government appears enthusiastic about the project. “The fact that such renowned American entrepreneurs show their interest in investing in Albania makes us very proud and happy,” a spokesperson for the prime minister told The Times. “It shows on another level to the US and the world that there is a new rising star in the beautiful Mediterranean world of tourism, named Albania.”

The projects will operate independently of the Trump organisation and won't carry the Trump name. Instead, they'll be developed through Kushner's investment company, Affinity Partners, which receives substantial funding from the Saudi Arabian government.

While the Albanian government has given preliminary approval for negotiations on the Sazan Island development, final terms are still pending. The island, which spans 5.7 square kilometres and boasts pristine beaches and a subtropical climate, has a rich history. Once a Roman territory, it later served as a Soviet submarine and chemical weapons base during the Cold War. Today, it houses an Albanian-Italian military base focused on combating narcotics smuggling, and has been open to the public since 2015.

If successful, these developments could mark a significant transformation for Albania's tourism sector, though questions about land rights and political transparency continue to shadow the ambitious projects. 🇦🇱

By Mandy Collins

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Singapore – An infinity mirror room filled with yellow and black polka dot pumpkins.

Infinity Net: Yayoi Kusama's journey through art and obsession

Yayoi Kusama's autobiography, *Infinity Net* (Tate, 2021) presents an unflinching portrait of one of contemporary art's most compelling figures. Her story is marked by a profound engagement with her own psychological landscape, as captured in her striking self-observation: "I fluctuate between feelings of reality and unreality. I, myself, delight in my obsessions."

The memoir traces Kusama's journey from Japan to New York City, where she experienced extreme poverty, living in a freezing loft and subsisting on minimal food. Despite these harsh conditions, she transformed herself into a central figure in the counter-cultural art scene. During this pivotal period, she developed significant relationships with influential artists of the time, including Georgia O'Keeffe, Donald Judd, Andy Warhol and, most notably, the reclusive Joseph Cornell, with whom she formed a particularly meaningful bond.

The narrative candidly explores her childhood and the emergence of obsessive visions that have persistently influenced both her life and work. In the early 1970s, Kusama made the decisive choice to return to Japan, where she voluntarily admitted herself to a psychiatric hospital in Tokyo. Rather than marking an end to her artistic journey, this decision became a foundation from which she has continued to produce an extraordinary stream of artwork and writing.

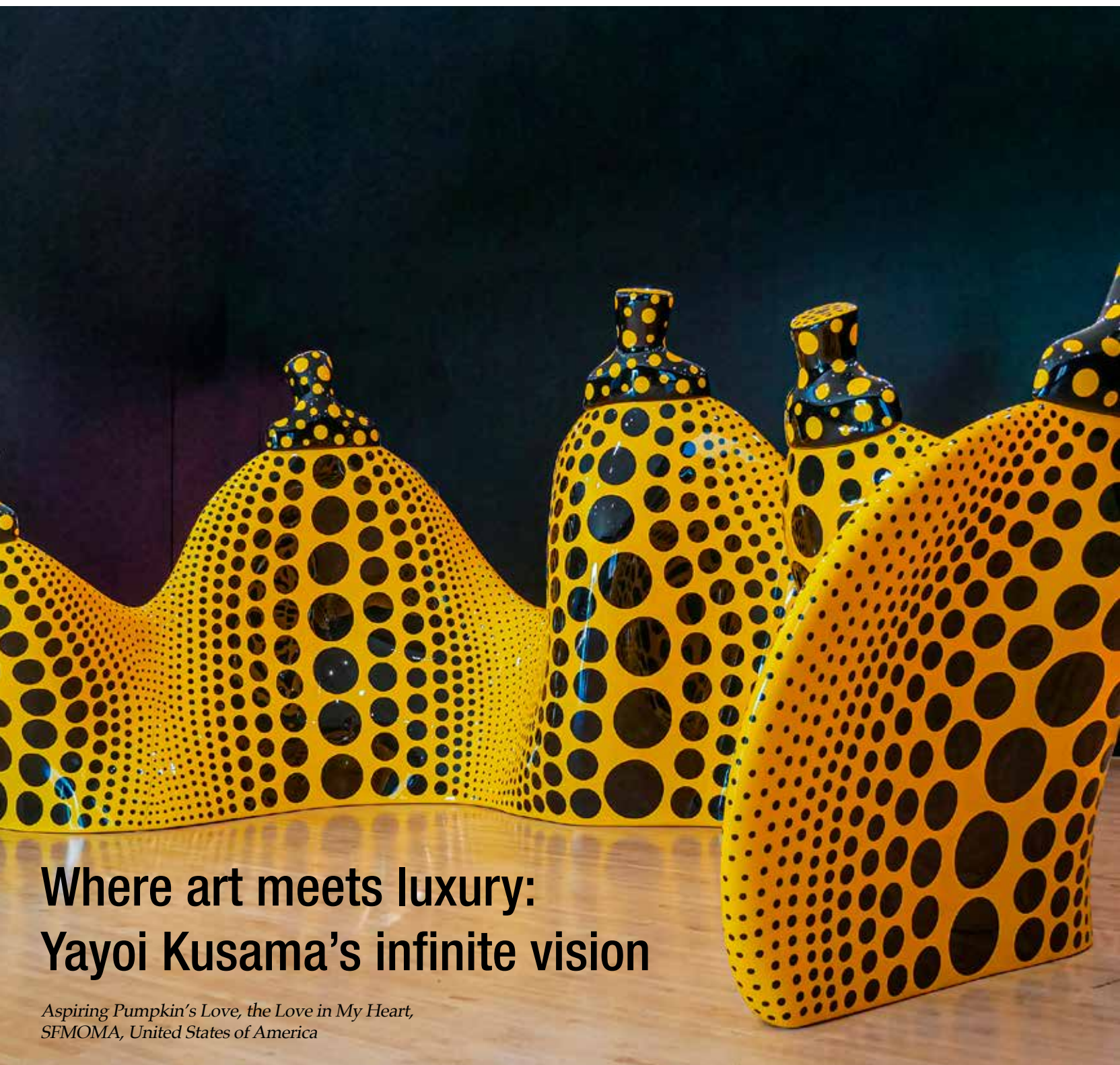
Beyond her visual art, Kusama has established herself as a prolific author, producing numerous volumes of poetry and fiction, including *The Hustler's Grotto of Christopher Street*, *Manhattan Suicide Addict*, and *Violet Obsession*. Her dedication to her artistic vision is unwavering, as evidenced in her declaration: "No matter how I may suffer for my art, I will have no regrets. This is the way I have lived my life, and it is the way I shall go on living."

The 2021 edition of *Infinity Net*, featuring a new foreword by Frances Morris, continues to provide crucial insights into the mind of an artist who has successfully transformed her personal struggles into universally resonant art that transcends cultural boundaries.

Paris, France – A giant sculpture of Yayoi Kusama in front of the Samaritaine Department.



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Where art meets luxury: Yayoi Kusama's infinite vision

*Aspiring Pumpkin's Love, the Love in My Heart,
SFMOMA, United States of America*

As luxury brands seek authentic artistic collaborations, Yayoi Kusama's iconic polka dots have become more than just a visual signature – they're a symbol of how high art and luxury can create something greater than the sum of their parts.

In the rarefied world of luxury fashion and design, few artists have made as distinctive a mark as Yayoi Kusama. The Japanese avant-garde artist's signature polka dots and infinite nets have transcended gallery walls to become coveted symbols of contemporary luxury, appearing on everything from handbags to hotel interiors. At 95, Kusama's influence continues to expand, with her work commanding both critical acclaim and commercial success in equal measure.

The artist's collaboration with Louis Vuitton stands as a masterclass in artistic fusion. Their latest partnership produced pieces that became instant collectors' items, including the whimsical pumpkin handbag that perfectly encapsulates Kusama's playful aesthetic, while maintaining Louis Vuitton's commitment to craftsmanship.

This marriage of artistic vision and luxury execution has set a new standard for fashion collaborations, inspiring similar partnerships between Marc Jacobs, Lancôme, and other prestigious brands seeking to infuse their collections with artistic credibility.

In the world of interior design, Kusama's influence resonates through spaces that demand attention. Luxury hotels and private residences increasingly feature her distinctive motifs, whether through original artworks or design elements inspired by her aesthetic. In January last year, she brought an immersive festival to London's Harrods, with visitors being greeted by colourful paint blobs, in collaboration with Louis Vuitton.

The psychology behind Kusama's appeal to luxury consumers is particularly fascinating. Her work's visual impact creates an immediate sense of recognition and exclusivity – key drivers in luxury purchasing decisions. Limited-edition collaborations tap into collectors' desires for unique pieces that blur the line between art and fashion.

The artist's personal story of resilience and creative genius adds an intellectual depth that resonates with discerning collectors who seek meaning beyond mere aesthetics, as her work invites viewers to contemplate their place in the universe and the interconnectedness of all things.

As luxury continues to evolve, Kusama's influence shows no signs of diminishing. Her work bridges the gap between artistic integrity and commercial success, proving that true luxury lies not in logos or price tags, but in the ability to transform the ordinary into the extraordinary.

In a world where luxury increasingly seeks authenticity and artistic credibility, Kusama's dots create an infinite connection between the worlds of art, fashion and design. 🍂 By Mandy Collins

A Vision of Unclaimed Opulence

Black from the future series
BLESSING NGOBENI

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In Africa, the idea of opulence often exists as a distant fantasy, a mirage just beyond reach. Yet, this series dares to imagine a future where that fantasy becomes reality – a future birthed from the memories of leaders not yet born. These future leaders will rise to challenge the status quo, unchaining their people from the mental and economic shackles that have bound them for generations.

Black From the Future is more than an artistic expression – it is a call to reimagine the future of Africa, where its people are no longer sidelined in their own story. Through a blend of Afrofuturism and a critique of neocolonialism, this series challenges us to consider the day when Africa’s vast potential is finally realized by those who deserve it most.

The artwork, saturated with gold leaf, serves as both a literal and metaphorical representation of Africa’s wealth. The gold, which should symbolize prosperity for the continent, instead often “flies away,” benefiting foreign lands while leaving its true owners in continued bondage. This visual metaphor underscores the central question of the series: When will Africa’s rightful heirs reclaim their legacy?

This body of work confronts the stark reality of a continent whose vast natural resources have historically sustained the opulence of Western lifestyles yet left its own people in the shadows of poverty and deprivation.

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BLESSING NGOBENI *BLACKS FROM FUTURE SERIES IV*, 2024 MIXED MEDIA ON CANVAS, 227.4 x 267.9 cm

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BLESSING NGOBENI *THE GREAT AFRICAN NUDE*, 2024 MIXED MEDIA ON CANVAS, 175 x 218 cm

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Tanya Caldwell Signature Fine Jewellery



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‘Fine jewellery design is just another medium to interpret and tell our own personal stories’, says Tanya and her small bespoke business, Tanya Caldwell Signature Fine Jewellery, based in Hyde Park Johannesburg, was borne out of her commitment to creating custom pieces that reinvent and invigorate her clients’ old and unworn or inherited fine jewellery pieces.

‘I love designing signature pieces that hold meaning and memory for the wearer and can be worn with everyday ease. Jewellery is so personal and if it can tell your own story and be unique to you, it becomes an extension of your own personal style’, she says with her customary enthusiasm.

No two pieces that Tanya designs are the same and although her own sense of proportion and style do permeate the overall aesthetic, she is careful to take the customers’ taste to heart and encourages their involvement in the redesign process. ‘Signature jewellery is a collaborative experience and many of my clients become treasured friends’ says this warm and generous creative.



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To meet Tanya (in studio or online) or to explore some more of her unique work, visit her Instagram handle @tanyacaldwell_finejewellery or email her on tanya@signaturejewels.co.za



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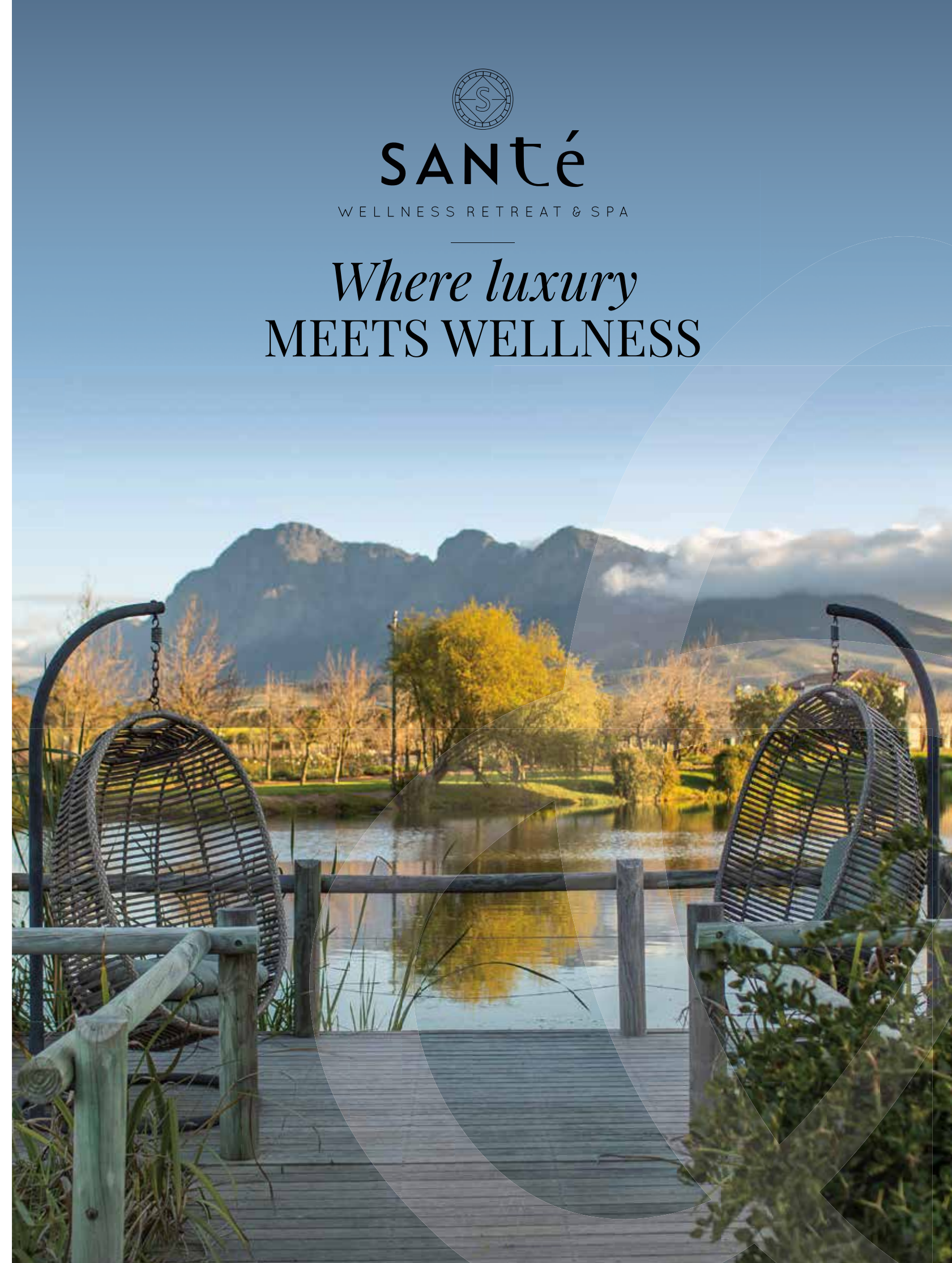
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The Darién Gap features miles of untamed jungle. While the adventurous might arrange special permits to explore this region, most travellers opt to ship their vehicles around this stretch, using the interlude to enjoy Panama City's sophisticated hospitality.

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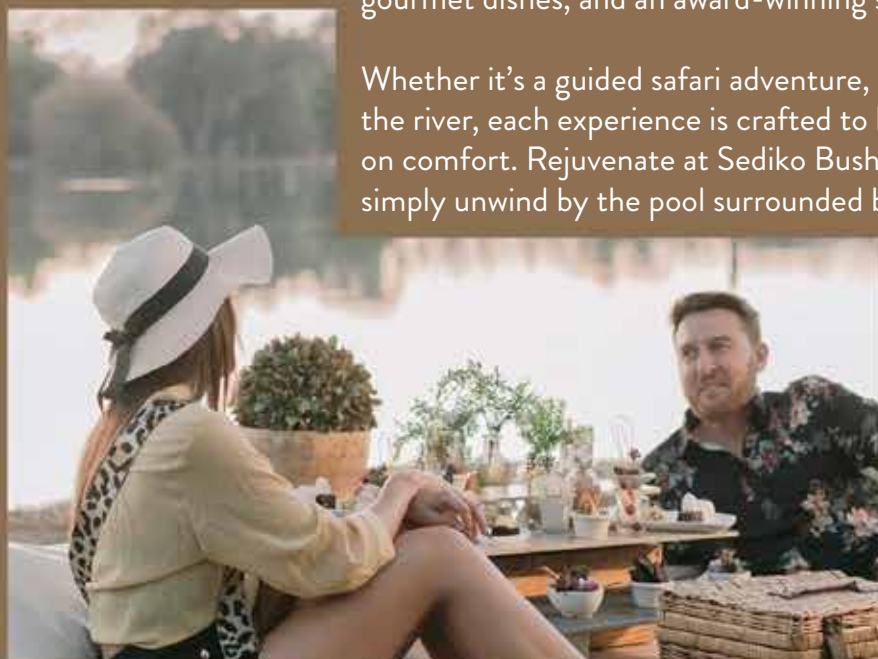
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Between the festivities, you and your guests can also look forward to thrilling dawn and dusk safari drives, spotting the

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As we step into a new year, we often find ourselves drafting ambitious resolutions: career goals, fitness targets and plans for personal growth. But in our pursuit of success and productivity, we frequently overlook one of life's most essential luxuries: the art of relaxation.

In a world that glorifies busyness, taking time to unwind is no longer just a pleasant indulgence - it's a necessity. The pressures of modern living, with its relentless notifications and endless to-do lists, can take a toll on our mental and physical well-being. Making relaxation a priority is not only about recharging but also about living mindfully, fostering creativity and maintaining balance.

Your favourite escape could be a weekend at a tranquil spa, a sunset yoga session or simply a quiet evening with a good book and a glass of fine wine. These moments, while seemingly small, have profound benefits: lowering stress, improving sleep and enhancing our general satisfaction with life.

So as the new year unfolds, why not resolve to carve out specific times for self-care? Schedule those sacred pauses in your calendar and honour them as commitments to yourself. Whether it's a monthly retreat to your garden or detaching from technology for a couple of hours a day, make time for yourself a non-negotiable part of your lifestyle.

True luxury lies in embracing the present moment. And by prioritising relaxation, you will not only enhance your well-being but also enrich your appreciation for life's finer pleasures. This year, resolve to slow down - and rediscover the joy of simply being... 🌿





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As the name suggests, The View has been designed to embrace its beautiful surroundings. The large patio provides uninterrupted views of the Langebaan Lagoon and all five bedrooms have an ocean view, designed for guests to wake up to breathtaking views and the smell of the ocean.

Come rain or shine – The View has been designed to offer the ideal breakaway in both the sunny summer and cool West Coast weather. Take a dip in the heated pool, cool down under the outside shower, relax on one of the luxurious day beds on the spacious patio or kick your feet up by the indoor braai. For the chillier nights/days, the main bedroom and lounge both have a gas fireplace, ensuring a cozy stay.

The villa's spacious interiors aim to offer guests maximum comfort. We've kept the décor minimal and uncluttered, with clean lines and cool calming colours to accentuate the ocean views and to create a relaxed atmosphere. The villa does not compromise on luxury and offers a sleek, modern kitchen, as well as a spacious lounge and dining area. Whether you want to catch up on your favourite series, or curl up on the couch with a book, the villa provides all the amenities needed for guests to unwind and take a break from the busy city life. 🏡



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Discover Tsai-Tsai Your *Ultimate* Luxury Escape in Mozambique

Each property offers:

- Breathtaking Ocean Views: Wake up to panoramic vistas of the Indian Ocean and the idyllic islands of the Bazaruto Archipelago.
- Private Beach Access: Step from your villa directly onto the pristine sands of Vilanculos' north beach.
- Infinity Pools & Jacuzzis: Relax by the pool or soak in a rooftop jacuzzi while enjoying uninterrupted views of the archipelago.

- Bespoke Hospitality: With a range of activities and private boats available, each guest's experience is tailored to their desires.

Explore the Magic of Vilanculos and Bazaruto

Vilanculos, located 400 km north of the Tropic of Capricorn, is Mozambique's gateway to the spectacular Bazaruto Archipelago. This hidden gem is home to miles of untouched beaches, crystal-clear



Nestled between the pristine beaches of Vilanculos and the untouched islands of the Bazaruto Archipelago, Tsai-Tsai offers an unparalleled luxury experience in one of the most sought-after destinations in Southern Africa.

If you've been dreaming of an exclusive retreat that blends opulence with adventure, look no further than Tsai-Tsai Villas in Vilanculos, Mozambique. Represented by Hello Mozambique, this extraordinary collection of private villas and luxury boats promises an escape into paradise. With over 30 years of experience in high-end hospitality, Tsai-Tsai is dedicated to curating bespoke experiences for travelers seeking the finest in relaxation, indulgence, and exploration.

A World of Luxury at Your Fingertips

At Tsai-Tsai, every moment is designed to make you feel special. Choose from a selection of stunning villas, each meticulously crafted

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to blend seamlessly into the stunning coastal landscape. Whether you're seeking a private beachfront haven or a lush garden retreat, Tsai-Tsai caters to every type of traveler. From lavish beachfront villas with infinity pools to serene garden suites offering secluded luxury, the choice is yours.



waters, and lush, tropical landscapes. Whether you're looking to unwind on the sand, dive into the depths of the Indian Ocean, or explore the surrounding islands, the region offers an abundance of unforgettable experiences.

For the adventurous spirit, Tsai-Tsai's guests can embark on private boat excursions, discovering the archipelago's coral reefs, fishing grounds, and migratory whale routes. If you're seeking tranquility, you can enjoy the serenity of the islands, with their untouched wildlands and pristine lagoons.

Whether you're lounging by your private pool or setting sail on a boat from Tsai-Tsai's marine fleet, this destination offers something for everyone.

Tsai-Tsai VillaOne: The Ultimate in Beachfront Luxury

Accommodates up to 10 people

For those who demand the highest standard of luxury, VillaOne is the epitome of beachfront opulence. Situated on the tranquil shores of north beach, this five-bedroom villa boasts:

- **Panoramic Views:** Enjoy sweeping vistas of the Bazaruto Archipelago National Park** and Vilanculos Bay from every corner of the villa.
- **Infinity Pool & Rooftop Jacuzzi:** A private infinity pool flows seamlessly into the horizon, while the rooftop hot tub offers an elevated view of the ocean and islands.
- **Spacious Bedrooms:** Four bedrooms are in the main villa, with a fifth located in a secluded garden cottage. Each has its own verandah, ensuring maximum privacy and comfort.
- **Elegant Design:** A serene white and green color palette, tropical accents, and contemporary furnishings make VillaOne an idyllic sanctuary.
- **Entertainment & Dining:** With a fully equipped kitchen, bar, sunken firepit lounge, and outdoor dining area, VillaOne is perfect for social gatherings or quiet relaxation.

The villa is set amidst lush gardens and indigenous coastal dune vegetation, offering guests an elevated experience with private beach access and exclusive use of the Tsai-Tsai beach bar.



Tsai-Tsai VillaTwo: A Tranquil Retreat

Accommodates up to 6 people. A slightly smaller yet equally luxurious option, VillaTwo offers a serene escape with breathtaking views from its elevated position on north beach. This villa features:

- **Stunning Ocean Views:** From the moment you enter, the views over the Bazaruto Archipelago are nothing short of spectacular.
- **Infinity Pool:** Take a dip in the private pool while soaking up the stunning vistas.
- **Three Double Bedrooms**:** Each with an en-suite bathroom, private verandah, and sweeping ocean views.
- **Garden Cottage:** A private cottage nestled within the garden provides additional space and privacy for guests, complete with its own kitchenette, dining area, and verandah.
- **Open-Plan Living:** The main villa offers an expansive lounge, a sheltered braai area, and both indoor and outdoor dining options, making it ideal for families or groups.

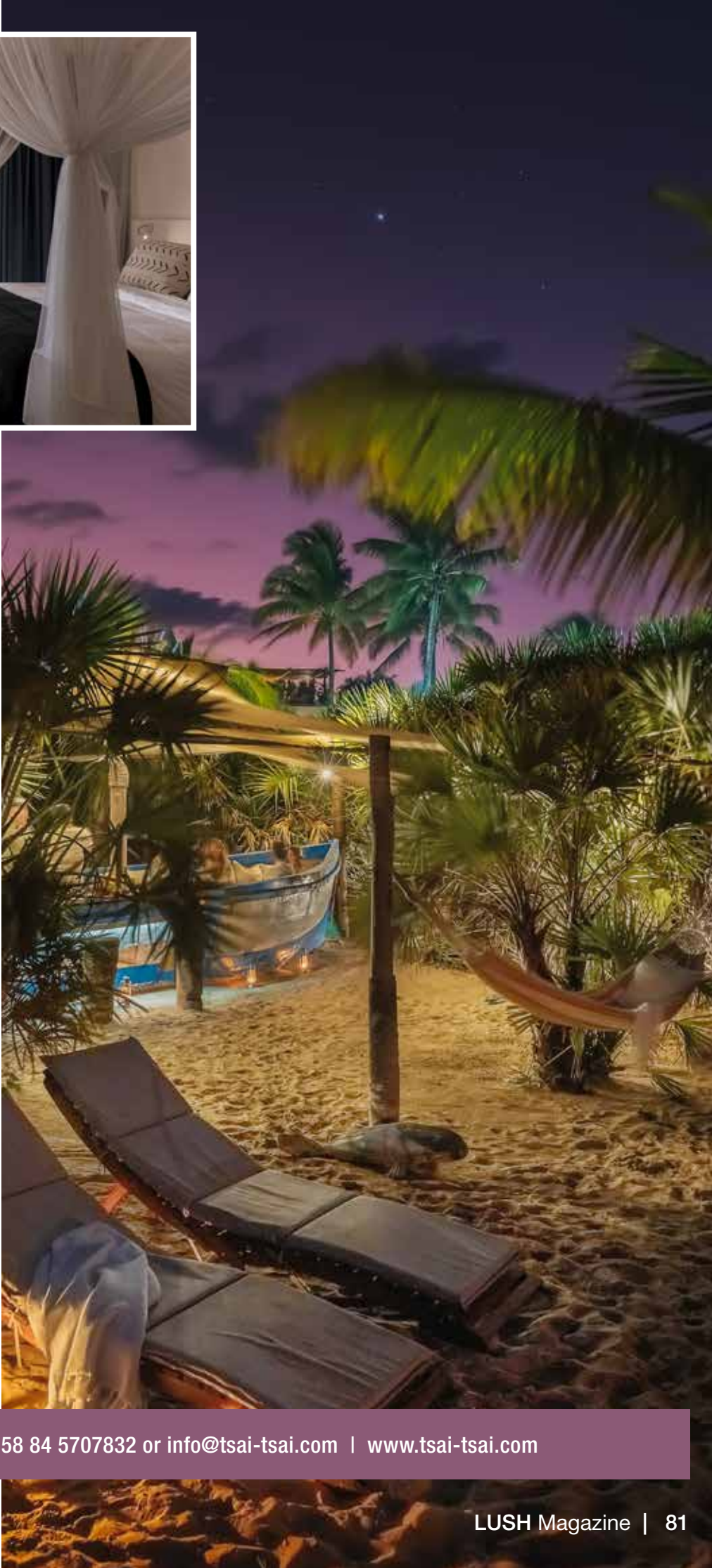
Like VillaOne, VillaTwo enjoys direct beach access and shared use of the exclusive Tsai-Tsai beach lounge, a sociable space only available to Tsai-Tsai guests.

Your Perfect Tsai-Tsai Experience Awaits

Whether you're celebrating a special occasion, planning a family getaway, or simply craving a luxury retreat, Tsai-Tsai promises an experience unlike any other. With bespoke services, world-class amenities, and the stunning beauty of Mozambique at your doorstep, every moment of your stay is designed to exceed expectations.

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Vilanculos Beach Lodge

Your Gateway to Paradise - Where relaxation meets adventure

Ready for adventure?

Vilanculos Beach Lodge offers the perfect escape to paradise, combining luxury, relaxation, and breathtaking natural beauty. Located in the charming coastal town of Vilanculos, Mozambique, the lodge is ideally situated to explore the stunning Bazaruto Archipelago and its pristine marine reserves.

Tranquil Retreat - A walking distance from the beach

Vilanculos Beach Lodge is set amidst lush gardens, just 100 meters from the beach, with panoramic views of the Bazaruto Archipelago. The Beach Lodge combines traditional architecture with modern comforts, using local thatch and hardwood poles to create a stylish yet relaxed ambiance. It offers 22 luxury double bungalows and a family suite, accommodating up to 48 guests. Each suite features decks with ocean or garden views; Air-conditioning, en-suite bathrooms, free toiletries, safes, and tea & coffee facilities for your comfort.



Dining and Relaxation

Fine Dining Restaurant
Enjoy locally inspired dishes made from fresh ingredients.

Beach Bar & Barista Area
Perfect for cocktails at sunset or coffee by the beach.

Infinity pool overlooking the ocean
A perfect spot for relaxation.

Express Day Spa
Indulge in rejuvenating treatments after a day of adventure.

Explore the coral reefs and tropical fish of the Bazaruto Archipelago

The Archipelago, just off the coast, is renowned for its diverse marine life and pristine landscapes. It's the perfect destination for Snorkeling & Diving. Explore Big Game Fishing in world-class ocean environment.

Island Hopping
Discover untouched islands like Santa Carolina (Paradise Island), Bazaruto, and Bengueria. With its protected marine ecosystem, the archipelago offers some of the best underwater experiences in the world.

Tailored Experiences
Whether you're here for business or leisure, Vilanculos Beach Lodge offers a range of experiences to suit every traveler. The lodge features a conference center for smaller groups and a personalized approach to hospitality. Owners Angela Caratelli and Damien, along with their team, are hands-on, ensuring a warm and welcoming atmosphere throughout your stay.
For smooth transfers to and from the lodge, Dana Tours, a registered DMC in Mozambique,

can assist with all transport arrangements, ensuring your journey is seamless.

The Perfect Escape
Whether you're looking for a quiet retreat, thrilling adventure, or a blend of both, Vilanculos Beach Lodge offers the perfect setting for an unforgettable experience. With its luxury accommodation, exceptional dining, and access to one of the most stunning marine parks in the world, it's the ultimate destination for those seeking beauty and adventure in Mozambique. Vilanculos is perfect for Honeymooners, Family Travel and Incentive Groups 🏡



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It's time to Safari in *Style!*



Going on safari is not just for the bucket list, it can be a life-changing experience. There's simply no better place to combine exhilarating game viewing with luxury and pampering, than Mhondoro Safari Lodge & Villa in the Waterberg.

Less than 3 hours' drive from Johannesburg lies a veritable 'Garden of Eden'. Close enough for a weekend breakaway, and yet far removed from city stress, Welgevonden Game Reserve stretches across 35 000 hectares of protected land. It is home to the Big 5 – lion, leopard, buffalo, rhino and elephant, and provides sanctuary to more than 50 different types of mammals, 2000 plant species and 350 bird species. It forms part of the Waterberg Biosphere Reserve and is the ultimate 'big sky' destination with unimpeded sunrises and sunsets over mountains and valleys.

Within this malaria-free reserve, 5-star Mhondoro Safari Lodge & Villa is a fusion of African chic and edgy European design influences, courtesy of the owner, Dutch interior designer Myriam Vogel. Set apart from the main lodge, Mhondoro Villa is the ideal destination for families or groups of friends travelling together and is also a popular destination to celebrate special occasions. 🏡



...the lodge features luxury accommodation, fine cuisine with menus curated by Luke Dale Roberts, passionate hospitality and service, and breathtaking views from wide decks and all rooms.



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TINTSWALO BOULDERS:

On the Cape Peninsula's world famous 'penguin beach'

Tintswalo Boulders was voted one of the Best 100 Hotels in the World and listed amongst the Top 10 Hotels in Africa by Fodor's Travel for 2025. With direct access to Cape Town's iconic Boulders Beach and its world-famous resident colony of critically endangered African penguins, it offers a unique guest experience. The luxury villa boasts sweeping sea views, accommodating up to 18 adults and two children in nine double suites.

On route to Cape Point, Boulders Beach is known for its pristine swimming beaches where the penguins are the star attraction. Tintswalo Boulders has a unique North-facing, beachfront location that offers endless ocean views.





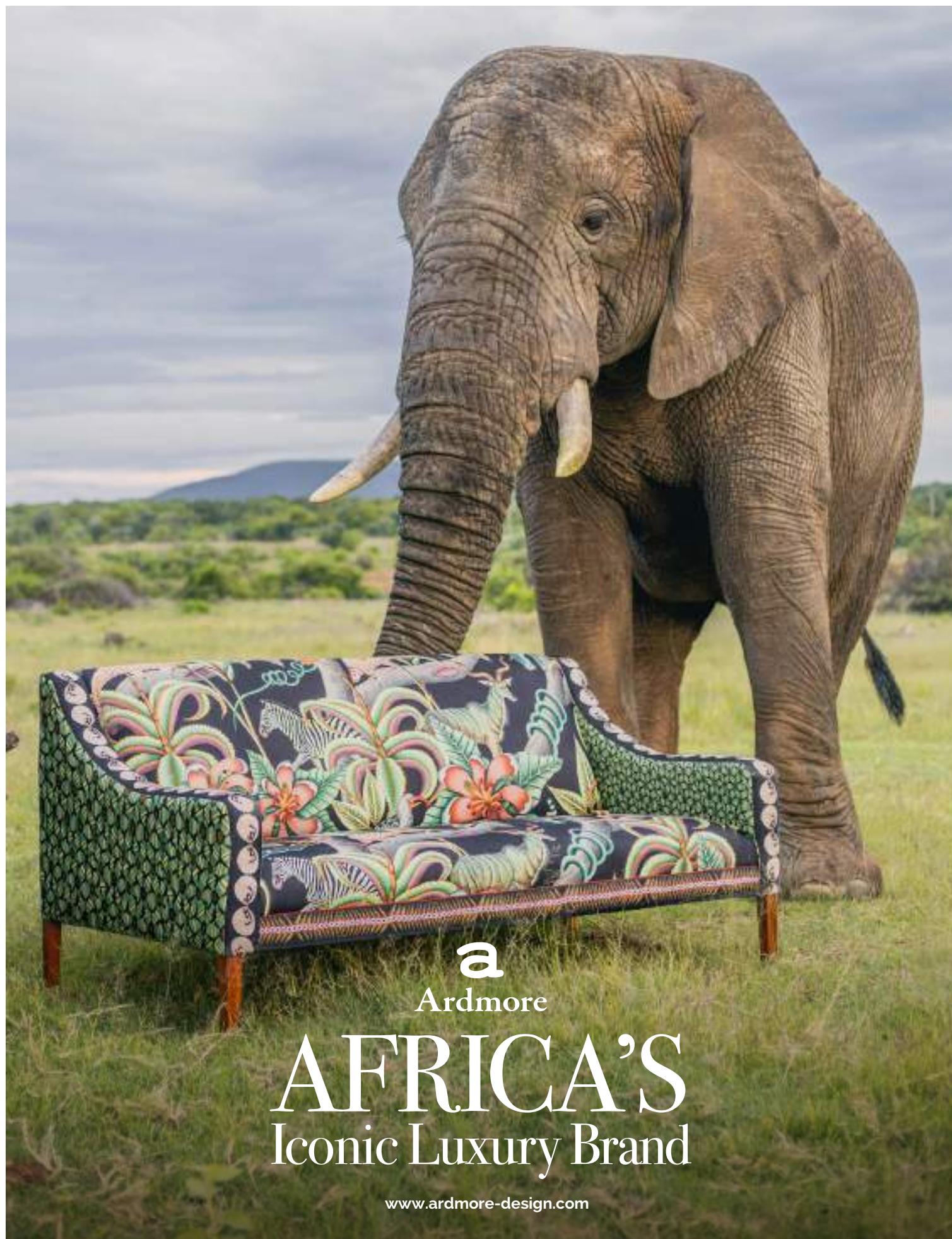
It offers spacious living and dining areas, a central courtyard with a fire pit, terraces and a heated pool with sea views, whilst the Spa features a heated indoor plunge pool with a relaxation area.

The luxurious guest suites have en-suite bathrooms and are individually decorated, some with private balconies and fireplaces. Paying homage to

maritime history and the villa's location in Simon's Town, the rooms are named after famous ships, ranging from the Mayflower and Cutty Sark, to Jan van Riebeeck's Drommedaris.

The villa may also be booked on an exclusive-use basis for families and friends travelling together, with the services of a private chef on request. 🍷

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