

## The 'bizness' ... when it comes to Meetings, Conferences and Incentives in Africa

Are you considering Africa as a location for your next meeting, conference – or even as an incentive opportunity? This newsletter focuses on some of the exciting, vibrant, multicultural cities available!

### HOTEL UPDATE

#### MANHATTAN LIVING IN SOUTH AFRICA'S BUSINESS HUB

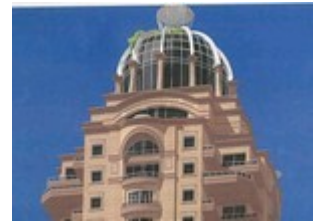
##### For the business traveller...

The 33 storey **Michelangelo Towers** in Sandton is the ideal address for business executives and long-staying commercial guests as this prestigious property is right opposite the Sandton Convention Centre with direct access to the Towers Mall, Nelson Mandela Square and Sandton City. Boasting **194 luxury suites** with panoramic views, the suites are fully equipped with the latest technology including super-fast wireless internet connectivity, plasma screen television sets and fingerprint and electronic card access. Guests can enjoy an indoor and outdoor pool, private gymnasium and health spa. Or they can opt for the **Raphael Penthouse Suites** - 60 suites varying from 78 to 500 square meters of unrivalled splendour with indoor courtyards, splash pools and terraces overlooking the Square. Facilities include a heated pool, roof garden, secure parking. Both offer a world-class concierge, chauffeur and butler service.

##### For your conference...

**The Michelangelo Hotel** on Nelson Mandela Square is a member of *The Leading Hotels of the World*, and is the ideal base in Sandton's exclusive CBD. With its signature Renaissance architecture, elegance and service excellence, The Michelangelo is perfect for meetings and conferences and banquets. There are two venues to choose from, namely:

- L'Incontro which caters for +/- 160 guests
- Il Paviglione which can cater for +/- 50 guests



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#### KENYA NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!



**The Serena Beach Hotel and Spa** on Shanzu Beach has undergone huge refurbishments and extensions over the past 3 years. Its new Maisha Spa and Wellness Centre is one of the top spas in Kenya. It is a great venue from which to base yourself ... close enough to Mombasa's city centre to make it easy to get to your meetings – yet far away enough to feel like you are on holiday on your down time.



**The Nairobi Serena Hotel** has recently been referred to as "house of peace" as it hosted the mediations talks in Kenya this year following the elections.

The only member of the '*Leading Hotels of the World*' in Nairobi, this sophisticated, yet inviting property sits amidst an oasis of lush tropical gardens with panoramic views over Nairobi's Central Park and the glittering downtown skyline. As with all Serena's properties, it is renowned for its high quality service standards and fine dining.

## GHANA'S 'MOST SOUGHT AFTER BUSINESS VENUE'

Legacy Hotels is currently refurbishing the **Labadi Beach Hotel** in Accra, Ghana. Set amidst tropical landscaped gardens, adjacent to one of Ghana's most popular beaches in the country's administrative, communications, and economic centre, the Labadi Beach Hotel caters for both the business and leisure traveller. Facilities include:

- 100 spacious double and twin rooms
- 4 luxury suites
- Conferencing and banqueting facilities for up to 250 delegates
- A business centre

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## UGANDA STEPS INTO THE INTERNATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

The **Kampala Serena Hotel** began life in 1975 as the Nile Hotel, a government-run 65-room hotel and conference facility. Now leased to Serena, it has been transformed into one of Africa's most stunning hotels. An inspirational blend of 5-star polish and pan-African panache, this 152-room world-class hotel showcases the cream of Ugandan culture whilst delivering the ultimate in personalized service, international cuisine, social style and business reliability..

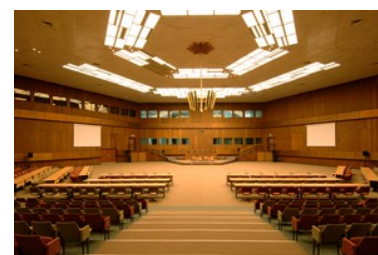
### For the business traveller...

All rooms enjoy air-conditioning, in-room satellite TV, direct dial telephone, Internet access via data port, a mini-bar and private safes. Guest services include a private VIP entrance, a helipad, a business centre, an adjacent conference centre and the Hazina boutique. The hotel also boasts Kampala's first and only world-class spa, the 'Maisha' health club – ideal to help guests unwind after a day of meetings in Uganda's capital.

### For your conference...

The Conference Centre is a two-storey, hexagonal complex set in spacious gardens. It has 24-hour global connectivity, Internet hotspots, direct-dial digital telephones, fibre optic floor points, multiple data outlets, broadband Internet outgoing SMTP mail relay and a studio-quality public address.

- The Victoria Hall - seats up to 1,500 delegates
- The Nile Gallery - a multi-purpose space ideal for hosting exhibitions
- Three inter-connecting committee rooms
- International press centre - capacity of 70 representatives
- 20 fully furnished office private office suites



The Kampala Serena Hotel was recently nominated for a Sustainable Tourism Investment Award in the annual **Ai Tourism Investor Awards 2008**.

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## MOZAMBIQUE'S GRANDE DAME REFURBISHED

The **Polana Serena Hotel** boasts one of the most coveted addresses in Maputo and is an ideally located conference venue, a base for business travellers – and a luxurious haven from which to explore this vibrant city. The hotel is currently undergoing a major refurbishment due for completion in mid 2009, during which time guests will be accommodated in the Polana Mar wing which is set apart from the main hotel, with amazing views over the Bay of Maputo, to ensure minimal disruption.

### For the business traveller...

The Polana Serena offers its registered corporate guests:

- Complimentary use of the VIP lounge at Maputo Airport;
- Drop off and pick up to and from offices in Maputo between 08h00 and 09h00 and 17h00 and 18h00;
- Free local phone calls (within the capital of Maputo);
- Free internet access;
- A choice of 10 excursions for any free time in between meetings – including sunset cruises, cultural tours, or even a day trip to the magnificent beaches at Bilene.

- A swimming pool to cool off in after a long day

## 'ALL NEW' IN KWAZULU-NATAL - SOUTH AFRICA'S SUNSHINE PROVINCE!

### **NEW AIRPORT**

A new airport is being built in the La Mercy area, 20km north of Durban Central, with completion expected by 2010. The facility is aimed at catering for 7.5 million passengers initially with potential to be upgraded and expanded further.



### **NEW INDOOR ARENA**

The new Inkosi Albert Luthuli Complex incorporates the International Convention Centre (ICC), The new Durban Arena & the Durban Exhibition Centre. Its new state-of-the art R460-million indoor arena can accommodate audiences of up to 10 000, and has already hosted international concerts including UB40.



### **NEW STADIUM**

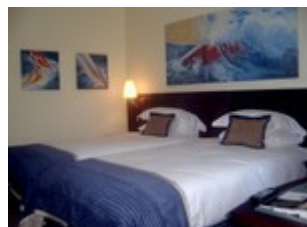
Preparations in Durban are well underway for the 2010 FIFA World Cup including a new Stadium called the Moses Mabhida Stadium. This 70,000 seater multi-functional stadium will be centrally located within Kings Park Sporting Precinct and is expected to be completed in June 2009.



### **NEW TRANSPORT**

A number of transport upgrades, including a new inner city transport system, pedestrian routes and cycle routes are planned in the run up to 2010. Emphasis is also being placed on re-designing and upgrading major roads and intersections within the city.

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## CAPE TOWN CONFERRING

Cape Town, arguably one of the most beautiful cities in the world, hosts two fabulous Legacy Hotels, namely **The Commodore** and **The PortsWood**, both on the V&A Waterfront. The Commodore offers state of the art conference facilities that can also be utilised by delegates staying at the PortsWood. Smaller meetings or banquets can be enjoyed in the PortsWood's small boardroom, or in their Quarterdeck restaurant.



Whether you are a conference organiser, a corporate events specialist or planning a private special occasion, Legacy's events team will gladly help you organise just about anything - planning and booking conference itineraries, transfers, organising day tours, excursions, sundowner trips, themed events or team building activities.

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