

## Tangible Art

The Legacy portfolio of hotels and resorts is vast and covers the many jewels of Africa and South Africa. We discover the latest addition, the Davinci Hotel and Suites

Situated in the new section of the Nelson Mandela Square, the Legacy Corner Mall – the hotel boasts 166 en-suite hotel rooms, 50 one, two and three bedroom suites and four penthouses. All residential suites and penthouses were already sold before the final paint had completely dried showing investors' interest in what Legacy produces and the appeal of the attractive new building and its central location in the heart of the Sandton CBD.

The art on every level and surface of the hotel is what sets it apart from most local establishments. From the wallpaper and carpeting to ceramic chandeliers and specifically chosen pieces for each room, there is something to appreciate everywhere you look. You are greeted at the ground floor lobby by a mural made of melted plastic images by acclaimed artist Mbongeni Buthelezi and taken to each level of rooms by elevators tastefully adorned with panels by Bron Stofberg who uses specially formulated paints.



Stephen Falcke's special flair is evident from the start as you enter the hotel from the Legacy Corner Mall via the winding staircase, elegantly graced by a carefully assembled ceramic chandelier. The black and white colour theme is obvious throughout the hotel without being overbearing. The team spent a long time collecting black and white pieces from various artists around the country who would reflect the talent of South Africa. The rooms also carry the colour theme but are designed to appreciate the sophistication in simplicity while still carrying all the usual frills we enjoy.

Noting the importance of sustainable living and the need to conserve energy, especially during a time when we are welcoming hundreds of thousands more people to our shores, the DaVinci flaunts a state-of-the-art solar energy system. With 117 solar panels at the top of the building, 30 000 litres of heated water are produced per day, sent throughout the hotel, restaurant and mall – reducing the annual electrical usage by 60 percent. Efforts were made to ensure energy efficient light bulbs, water saving showerheads, energy saving glass and even energy saving escalators were implemented.

The hotel's reception level is set to become a hub of activity for guests and walk-in visitors, with a party vibe easy to imagine. The outside area with infinity pool, deck and 24-hour

restaurant welcomes all guests to enjoy some snacks and cocktails after a hard day at work. Get the day off to the right start with a session in the high-tech gym followed by a muscle-easing pampering in the spa, with its extensive menu of treatments.

There is a wealth of things to do at this Legacy establishment from high-end shopping just one level down from reception in the Legacy Corner Mall and the popular Maximillien restaurant and Maxim cigar lounge to tempt your taste buds to The Marco Polo gaming centre where you can spend the late night hours trying your luck on the slots. The hotel's vibe is electric and is set to attract the young and old intrigued by great food, whisky and company.