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GLOBAL EYE



New York

TEL AVIV, ISRAEL: The latest property to uncork in this beach city is The Poli House, which opens this month. From the same team who manage favourites like Brown Tel Aviv and Beach House Tel Aviv comes the White City's first project by starchitect Karim Rashid. With just 40 rooms, situated in the historic Magen David Square, the luxury hotel's rooftop offers panoramic views. Visit: www.thepolihotel.com

NEW YORK: From the masters of three acclaimed restaurants Down Under comes their first New York outpost, dubbed Babu Ji. Here Indian cuisine –

spanning street food, regional curries and tandoori specialities – takes on new finesse. Visit: www.babujinyc.com

GOLDEN CIRCLE, ICELAND: Besides Iceland's lunar (or perhaps under-sea) landscapes, the real experience of the country is best enjoyed in a 4x4 among the glaciers. Within the Golden Circle, a Unesco-listed World Heritage Site, are geysers and canyons inviting exploration. After a day out in the cold, hours are needed for the Blue Lagoon, which is rich in minerals and healing powers. A week here is just what the doctor ordered. Visit: www.abercrombiekent.co.uk/Iceland

DUBAI: Reminiscent of a 16th-century Italian palace, the brand-new Palazzo Versace is a masterpiece of decadence. Every single piece of furniture and fabric adorning its 15 hotel rooms (including the suites) and 169 private

residences is designed and tailor-made by the House of Versace. Demand fans and champagne as you overlook the Dubai creek and Burj Khalifa in the distance. Visit: www.palazzoversace.ae

GALLE, SRI LANKA: The eastern side of the island is comparatively undeveloped and an ideal place to dive, laze on the beach and eat grilled fish. However, two new hotels have just opened their doors there: the Chena Huts (as part of Uga Escapes) and Tri Lanka – both offering access to the luxury and magic of this country. Dive

among colonial shipwrecks all around the coast and snorkel among blue whales. Visit: www.ugaescapes.com/chena_huts_and_trilanka.com

NORTHERN HIGHLANDS, SCOTLAND: The brand-new highway

North Coast 500 promises landscapes of lush mountains, looming castles and lovely seaside villages. Starting in the northern city of Inverness, the road weaves along the rugged west coast to Applecross, then northwards towards Torridon and Ullapool. From there, venture to some of the northernmost points before heading south again through Dingwall. Visit: www.northcoast500.com



Iceland

Dubai



BUSINESS AND PLEASURE



If your Durban getaway involves a little hard graft too, we suggest you stay at retro-styled The Square Boutique Hotel & Spa on Umhlanga Ridge. It's the ultimate work-meets-play location: close to the airport, near Durban's business hub and a hop and skip away from Umhlanga's buzzing nightlife and beautiful beaches.

The conference facility can accommodate five to 500 guests, while the Cosmopolitan Restaurant offers a delicious contemporary menu (and is also open to the public for breakfast, lunch and dinner). A fully equipped, luxe spa completes the experience.

For inbound business tourists, it's the ideal location in terms of nearby excursions, which include the wetlands (home to thousands of indigenous trees, birds and animals), wine-tasting, whale-watching, golf, fishing, shark-diving, deep-see diving, scuba diving and abseiling. Visit: www.thesquare.co.za



GOOD DEEDS

Project Nelson Mandela Bay is an initiative aimed at making this Eastern Cape hub an iconic city in SA.

A non-profit organisation driven by volunteers (think of it as a privately sponsored "good citizens" initiative), the project has created a number of programmes such as Smart City iGEMS (Incubating Great Engineering Minds).

It supports maths and science tuition, giving pupils the opportunity to join an education-to-employment programme that allows them to graduate with a tertiary engineering qualification and begin a guaranteed job. We also love Connected City, an app for users wanting to link up with the city. From local news to the best restaurants, Connected City has you covered.

Visit: www.projectnelsonmandelabay.co.za



5 MINUTES WITH... Sandy Tabatznik

Long time New Yorker, co-founder of the Lalela Project (www.lalelaproject.org) with Andrea Kerzner and a South African at heart, Tabatznik takes yearly trips to Cape Town.

Favourite place in the world? South Africa.

Travel essentials? My brown leather bag by MO 851, a Lalela scarf, a book, Valium for the plane, my computer and a Wallpaper City Guide.

Dream upcoming trip? India's southern Kerala.

A solo boat cruise around South East Asia or a family get-together in Italy? My family, of course.