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The Twankey

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GM's Journal

A very warm welcome to the inaugural edition of '**The Twankey**', a monthly update about the exciting new addition Taj *Cape Town*, an exciting new addition to Taj Hotels Resorts and Palaces.

In this first edition we give you a glimpse of the magnificent hotel that we are creating, in the heart of St George's precinct, and share some of the history and heritage of the buildings which house it.

I do hope it is an interesting and enjoyable read and that we can welcome you through our doors in the forthcoming months.

Michael Pownall

General Manager

Destination: City Centre

Mother City heart and soul

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Food glorious food



Cape Town is a city bursting with astonishing scenery, vibrant culture, exciting and unusual activities, colourful history, exceptional experiences and an abundance of fantastic restaurants and shops.

At the heart of this spectacular city, opposite where a Nobel Laureate once stood against oppression, beats the new *Taj Cape Town*.

The *Taj Cape Town's* prime city centre location ensures that we are perfectly placed to offer our guests an unprecedented and unforgettably authentic Cape Town stay.

Destination: Taj Cape Town

Barristers and bankers



The original two buildings, on the *Taj Cape Town* site, are both of significant historical importance to both Cape Town and South Africa.

The first building - located on the corner of St George's Mall and Wale Street - was the former premises of the South African Reserve Bank (1932). The second building - situated where Wale Street meets Adderley Street - was the Temple Chambers (1896), so named for the Supreme Court Barristers who originally used it as offices.

Both the old South African Reserve Bank and Temple Chambers (later BOE) structures have been expertly restored. The external facades have been beautifully refurbished with modern interventions being kept to minimum.

The completed *Taj Cape Town* building will include a significant number of the original design and décor elements from its unique past. It promises to seamlessly blend the style and elegance of the historical buildings with the luxury amenities expected of a modern five-star hotel.

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Both Mint Restaurant and Bombay Brasserie have spectacular open-plan show kitchens allowing guests to glimpse our team of chefs whilst in action preparing culinary delights.

Natural nurturing



All beauty products, used during treatments, are produced solely for Jiva Spas and are 100% organic. They are made from pure Indian herbs, aromatherapy oils, natural creams and fresh ingredients.

Building barometer



The *Taj Cape Town* has removed the scaffolding along the St George's Mall side, of the old Reserve Bank building,

Destination: Relaxation

Scintillating spa



The Jiva Grande Spa is the Taj's exclusive spa brand. The Jiva Spas draw their wisdom and practices from Ayurveda, an ancient Indian healing tradition, and they offer guests and visitors a range of signature treatments, yoga and meditation.

The Jiva Grande Spa *Cape Town*, open to Taj guests and the general public, will feature eight spacious and modern treatment rooms as well as hammam, sauna's and vitality pools for both male and female guests. Here specially trained therapists will provide a complete range of signature beauty treatments and holistic therapies. Guests may also enjoy the heated indoor swimming pool as well as a fully equipped health and fitness centre.

Destination: Delicious

Eclectic cuisine



to reveal the beautifully restored exterior.

The fine detail, on the building's façade, is characteristic of James Morris's (the architect) acute attention to detail.

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As a matter of fact



The Twankey - *Seafood, Champagne and Oyster Bar* has large wrap-around windows that allow guests to watch the city pass them by with glimpses of the Houses of Parliament and table Mountain as a backdrop. These magnificent windows, the décor and food and wine pairings combine to make this one of the best seats in Cape Town.

Travel Trade Alert



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Are you visiting **World Travel Market in London from 9-12 November?**

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Open for business. The Taj Cape

The Taj *Cape Town* we will showcase three exciting, and decidedly different, culinary experiences.

Mint Restaurant is the Taj *Cape Town's* informal all-day dining option. It specialises in innovative international and local fare. In addition to open air paved side dining on St Georges Mall, diners at Mint can expect to find a menu that consistently tempts their senses, taste buds and appetites.

The Bombay Brasserie treats guests to the finest Indian specialty dining. Mouth-watering fare is skilfully prepared using traditional ingredients to create dishes that are a delicate melody of flavours. The Bombay Brasserie is a taste of modern India, and is the sister of Taj's acclaimed Bombay Brasserie in London.

The Twankey - *Seafood, Champagne and Oyster Bar*, located on the corner of Wale Street and Adderley Street - offers the freshest Cape seafood, fine local and international wines, elegant décor and regular live local music in a relaxed and casual atmosphere.

Town is now taking reservations so please email us on res.capetown@tajhotels.com to make bookings.

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