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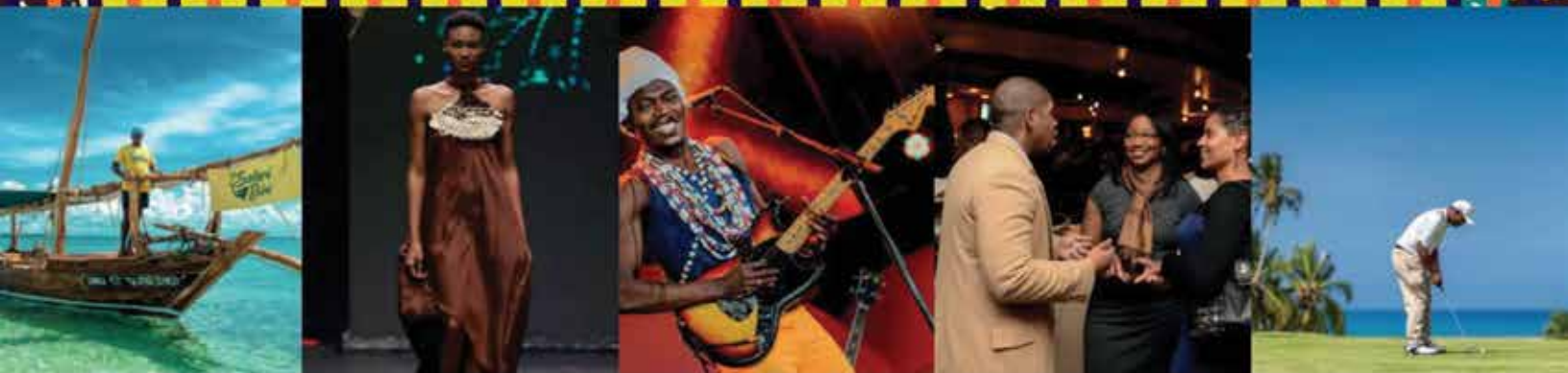


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## The Black and African Festival of Arts and Culture

FESTAC also known as the World Black and African Festival of Arts and Culture, is an Arts and cultural festival that aims to alter, fundamentally, the way Africans see themselves and how the world sees us.

The Festival consists of Africans & other Nationalities which makes it a perfect opportunity for networking, collaborations, and draws a Multi-generational global community to the scenic Island of Zanzibar to experience an eclectic Pan-African and International line-up of music, theatre, poetry, film, dance and visual arts A vibrant handcraft market, family-friendly performances & Kid Zone as well as an interactive art and dialogue space, create a truly diverse & magical 7-day entertainment experience. A celebration of African culture and heritage, this festival offers much more than just music & art – a gastronomic thrill with signature cocktails and free-flowing wine, adventure, and good music.



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# EDITOR'S NOTE

**T**he festive buzz is here...and just when the world was taking a sigh-of-relieve from Delta variant... boom...Omicron creeps out of nowhere threatening festive travel plans.

So much of business is still at stake with international markets imposing travel bans. While keeping everyone safe and healthy is a priority, the past three waves have been a learning curve for all with rules such as social distancing, mandatory mask, constant hand washing and sanitising becoming part of our lifestyle. Now we know what we know and therefore, the focus should be on tighter measures at travel entry points to minimise the spread Covid rather than imposing travel bans.

This festive edition is power-packed with great festive goodies from fine jewellery, to eyewear and an amazing seasons collection. We showcase some amazing destination a must visit for your bucket list. We introduce **FESTAC 2022 – Destination Zanzibar** to start planning in advance in readiness for Africa Month from **23rd – 29th May in Zanzibar**. A week of cultural festivities that will unite the African people from all over the world. Festivities that will ignite pride and passion of our culture. Registration is open now and you don't want to miss this event.

Lastly but not least, we take this opportunity to thank you all for being part of our journey in 2021. We look forward to collaborating more in 2022.

May you all and your families and loved ones have a joyous festive season.

***MERRY CHRISTMAS & A PROSPEROUS HAPPY NEW YEAR.***

**Grace Mumo**  
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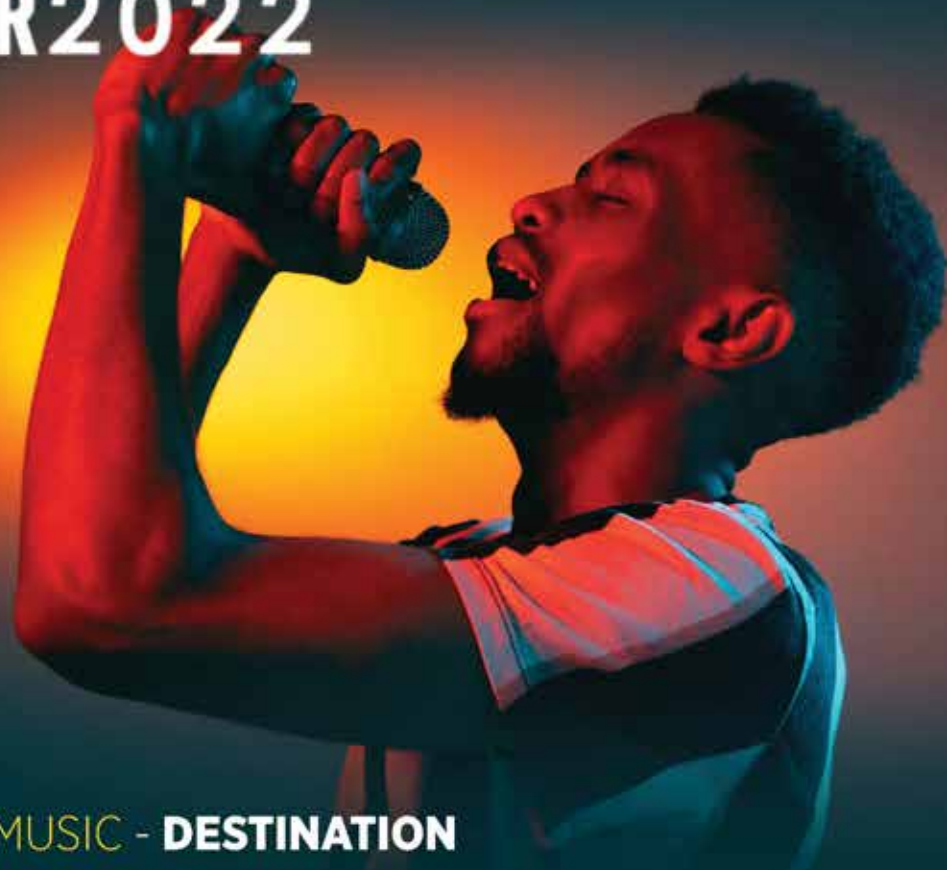


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## “World-Class Refinement Deeply Rooted In Its Local Heritage”

Taj Cape Town is renowned for our extraordinary commitment towards providing luxury hospitality.

Located in the centre of the old city, it boasts a strong sense of place and is within walking distance to some of South Africa’s foremost landmarks and attractions and an eclectic array of shops, galleries and restaurants. Spread across two heritage buildings, all 176 rooms at our 5-star hotel in Cape Town have spectacular city views or overlook the iconic Table Mountain.

Originally home to the South African Reserve Bank and Temple Chambers, both heritage buildings, and the Board of Executors, the iconic hotel effortlessly combines the legacy of the old with the luxury of the new.

With 176 individually decorated rooms reflecting unrivalled opulence, Taj has a wealth of accommodation options suited to leisure and business travellers. All rooms at our hotel in Cape Town boast panoramic vistas of the city and Table Mountain, with lavish furnishings and contemporary finishes immersing guests in world-class luxury.







Each of the nineteen one-bedroom suites in the Tower wing offer private walk-out balconies with floor-to-ceiling glass sliding doors for panoramic city or Table Mountain views. Contemporary and stylish, these rooms boast extra-length king beds and spacious separate living rooms with separate work areas. The bathrooms offer oversized bath tubs, walk-in marble showers and array of luxurious bathroom amenities. Ideal for families, the six Tower Wing two-bedroom family suites have separate spacious living rooms and separate work areas. Each suite comes with a private walk-out balcony offering stunning city views. There's an extra-length king bed in the main bedroom and twin beds in the second bedroom. The expansive bathroom has a walk-in marble shower, oversized bath tub and high-end bathroom amenities.

Light-filled and marble-floored, the Presidential Suite is Taj Cape Town's premier accommodation offering, spanning 200 Sq Mt.2 across the 16th and 17th floors of the hotel. A wrap-around terrace provides uninterrupted views of Table Mountain and the city. There's a fire-pit, plush seating and plenty of space for entertaining like intimate cocktail receptions and romantic dinners for two. The suite offers two bedrooms with separate entrances and interlocking, lockable doors. The master bedroom boasts luxurious linens and silks, with large mirrors and chandeliers. A generous lounge provides a restful haven, while a formal dining room creates an intimate gathering point. A study provides a peaceful place to work or read. Spa treatment, hammam steam, and a personal exercise room foster rejuvenation while the extensive bathroom offers a walk-in shower, long bath and floor-to ceiling views of Table Mountain.

## "Cape Town's Taj Hotel is driven by passion, vision and authenticity."

Taj Cape Town sets an example of opulence born from flavourful local culture and world-class amenities. At Taj, guests from around the world find comfort in the stately, tastefully designed rooms, offering unhindered views of the destination, while providing convenient in-room facilities.

The Bombay Brasserie, our Indian fine dining and International cuisine restaurant provides a culinary experience unlike any other. We serve the essentially global cuisine; providing guests with a masterfully balanced taste. Executive Chef David Tilly adds "In our bid to deliver authentic, undiluted experiences, we've introduced a unique regional home style dining experience. Always prepared with a local touch, the home-style cooking ensures that you maintain good health throughout your stay. At the same time it gives you the opportunity to dabble in the local delicacies."

Fulfilling the purpose of a guest's visit takes top priority at Taj. Be it a significant meeting, a crucial conference, a much-awaited get-together, or an affair of a lifetime a wedding; at Taj, occasions turn into memories. Plush banquets adapt seamlessly to the nature of the event, while functioning with incredible efficiency and poise, displaying Taj's spirit of hospitality at its peak.

The award winning Jiva Spa draws on the fabled lifestyle and culture of Indian royalty through the centuries, along with 6000-year-old Eastern wellness philosophies devised to align body, soul and mind, Jiva Spa is a special space. At its essence, it encapsulates the 'science of longevity' with the wisdom of the ages behind its offerings. Here 'Atithi Devo Bhava' meaning 'the guest is god' is an adage to be adhered to, and holistic treatments are enlivened with meaningful ceremonies and rituals that encourage total relaxation. Taj Cape Town's Jiva Spa global principles apply: everything that touches the body is completely natural, with materials like organic cotton, sun-bleached fabric, oven-baked pottery and soy cotton.

**Tajness** – A Commitment Restrengthened is a mark of assurance of IHCL's authentic Indian hospitality, with an added comfort of safety, hygiene and physical distancing IHCL looks forward to welcoming its guests with a fond and familiar 'Namaste', 'Aadaab' or 'Khamma Ghani' to their second homes, its Hotels.

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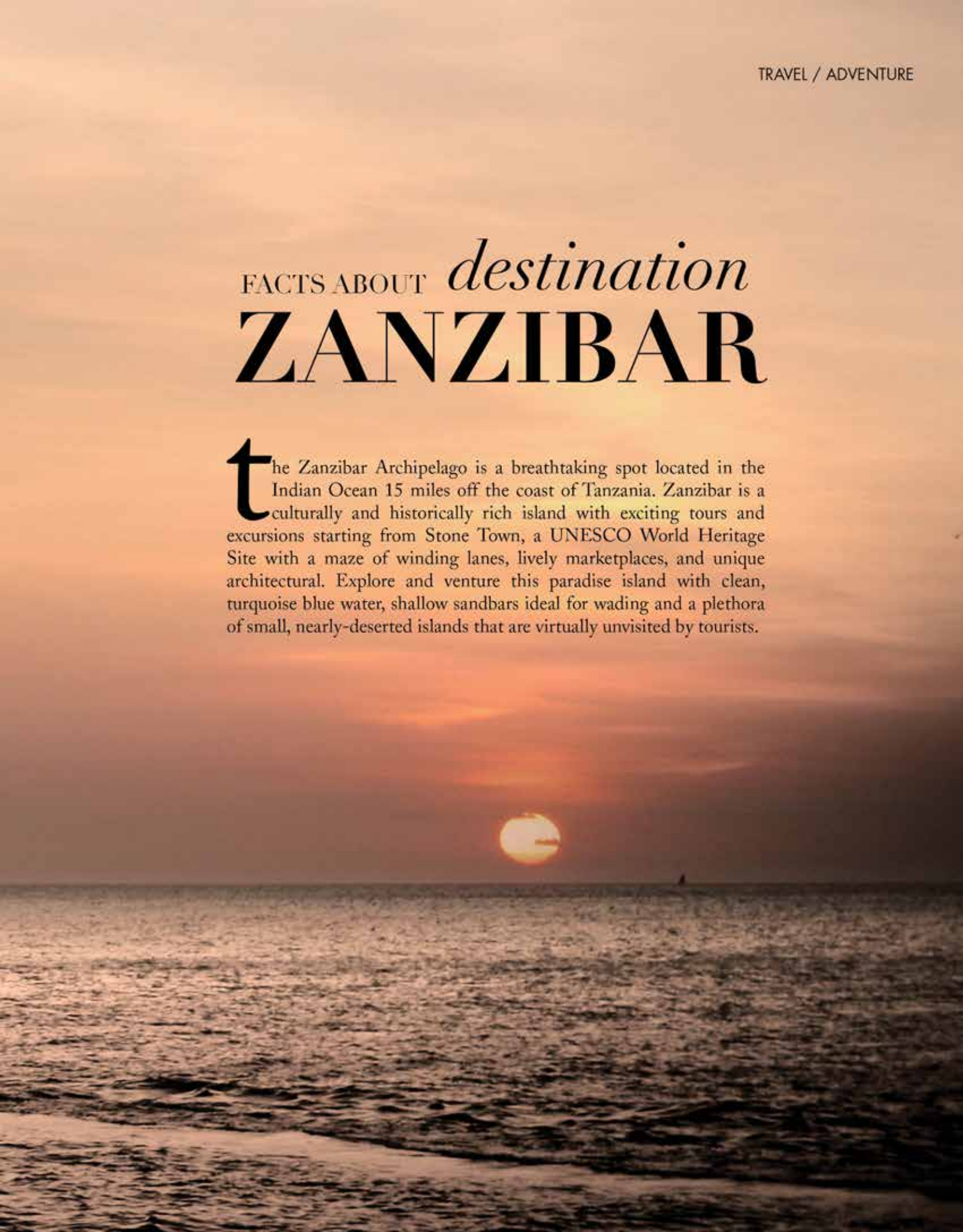
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FACTS ABOUT *destination*  
**ZANZIBAR**

**t**he Zanzibar Archipelago is a breathtaking spot located in the Indian Ocean 15 miles off the coast of Tanzania. Zanzibar is a culturally and historically rich island with exciting tours and excursions starting from Stone Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with a maze of winding lanes, lively marketplaces, and unique architectural. Explore and venture this paradise island with clean, turquoise blue water, shallow sandbars ideal for wading and a plethora of small, nearly-deserted islands that are virtually unvisited by tourists.





## HISTORY

Zanzibar is an archipelago made up of the two main islands of Unguja (also known as Zanzibar Island) and Pemba, as well as roughly 51 smaller islets. In the United Republic of Tanzania, Zanzibar is a partner state with the mainland.

The name Zanzibar is derived from the Arabic terms 'Zanj', which means black, and 'bar,' which means land, giving in the historic term 'Land of the Black.' Zanzibar absorbed people from all over the world, including the Orient, Iberia, Assyria, and India. Pemba is the Archipelago's second biggest island, known to Arab mariners as Al-khudra, or "The Green Island". It is famous for its clove production and its channels offer some of the best diving experiences in East Africa.

## GETTING THERE

The principal carrier to Zanzibar is Kenya Airways transit at Nairobi, Ethiopian Airlines transit at Addis Ababa, Oman Air transit to Muscat, onetime Airline direct from Turkish Airways, Eurowings discovery, Lufthansa-Edelweiss Airline, KLM, Qatar and Air France. Other carriers such as Swiss and British Airways stopping over Dar es Salaam, from where you can catch ferry to Zanzibar. There are also a number of regular charter flights from Europe travelling direct to Zanzibar. If your ticket takes you only to Dar es Salaam, local air carrier such as ZanAir, Coastal, Tropical Air, Precision Air provide scheduled flights in small twin-engines to Zanzibar.



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### VISA PROCEDURES & CUSTOMS

The visitors require a valid passport and visa for the duration of their stay. Visa can have obtained from Tanzania Diplomatic Mission or alternatively at the entry points. The rate of visa currently between \$50 and \$100 . However, it is advisable to check with your nearest Tanzanian Embassy, High Commission or Consulate prior to your travel for updated information

### POPULATION

Zanzibar consists of a multiracial and multicultural community. It is a society of many faiths and of different origins. Almost the entire population is of mixed races primarily of Arab and African decent and blended with local culture. The current population of Zanzibar according to 2012 census is 1,303,569 inhabitants with an annual growth rate of 4.55%.

### ZANZIBAR GOVERNMENT

Zanzibar is a part of Tanzania's United Republic, with its own government and president. It has a popularly elected House of Representatives and cabinet ministers for all subjects that are not related to the Union. Zanzibar has been a multiparty democracy since the 1995 election.

### GENERAL FACTS

**Time Zone:** GMT +3

**Currency:** Tanzanian Shilling (Tsh)

**Exchange rate:** US\$ 1= 2,300 but it varies from time to time

**Official Languages:** Swahili & English

**Electricity:** 220 – 240 VAC, 50Hz

**Religion:** Predominantly Islam

**International Dialing code:** +255 plus code number, followed by 9-digit local number

### HOSPITALITY & CULTURE

Zanzibar cultures become more diverse in its range, more unique in its expression. Zanzibar is the birthplace of Swahili, a lingua franca forged from global dialects, upon which legends were carried, trade routes opened and a Sultan's empire prospered. It is here that the African culture blended with other cultures mainly Persian, Arabic and Indian to form Swahili culture. Today the romance, vibrantly alive, traditional sailing dhows, carved wooden doors, chests, scent of cloves and the smile of the hospitable people welcome you to Zanzibar.





## CLIMATE

The Zanzibar archipelago is a tropical island and its climate is subject to the whims of monsoon winds. The northern monsoon (known as Kaskazi in Swahili) lasts three to four months from April to November. The rainy seasons (Maskika) starts in March or April and lasts in May. June to October is the dry and the temperatures are clement. There are short rains known as vuli. Zanzibar gets about 60 inches of rains annually. The maximum temperatures are 88.50F in February and 810F in July. The minimum temperatures are 800F in march and 710F in June.

# Zanzibar Stonetown

●● Discover and tour the main City market, which opened in 1904, to obtain a full picture of Stone Town's architecture, including its sand and stone antique built buildings with Arab/Indian carved doors with brass studs and carved balconies.



### GEOGRAPHY

The two islands lie 35 kilometers off the coast of mainland Tanzania in the Indian Ocean, at longitude 39 degrees east and latitude 6 degrees south of the Equator. Pemba stretches for 40 kilometres and is 14 miles broad. It covers 608 square miles of land (2,332 square kilometers). It's around 36 miles away from the continent and 29 miles north of Unguja Island. Unguja stretches for 50 kilometers and is 24 miles broad. It has a 995-square-mile surface area. At its narrowest point, it is separated from the continent by a 21-mile corridor. It rises 390 feet above sea level at its greatest point.

### HEALTH & SAFETY

Visitors to Zanzibar are no longer required by law to have Yellow Fever vaccination certificate. When you enter the country, please see your local doctor or Travel Clinic for further information about inoculations required for the area.

Malaria is still prevalent in East Africa and so one should also take a malaria prophylaxis. There are many different kinds of medications for Malaria. However, precautions should be taken to avoid being bitten by mosquitos. Apply insect repellent and sleep under mosquito nets at night. Wear long-sleeved shirts and trousers in the evenings.

# Zanzibar Doors



Zanzibar is not much infected by HIV/AIDS. However, you are advised to avoid all AIDS fueling factors.

As in almost all African countries, it is pleasant to drink bottled water and avoid uncooked foods that may be washed in untreated water. Sunstroke and heat exhaustion are common, so drink sufficient water, wear sensible clothing and use a high-factor sunscreen.

Zanzibar is a safe country and most locals are friendly and honest. Extra precautions should be taken so as to have a relaxing and interesting stay in one of the most beautiful places on earth.

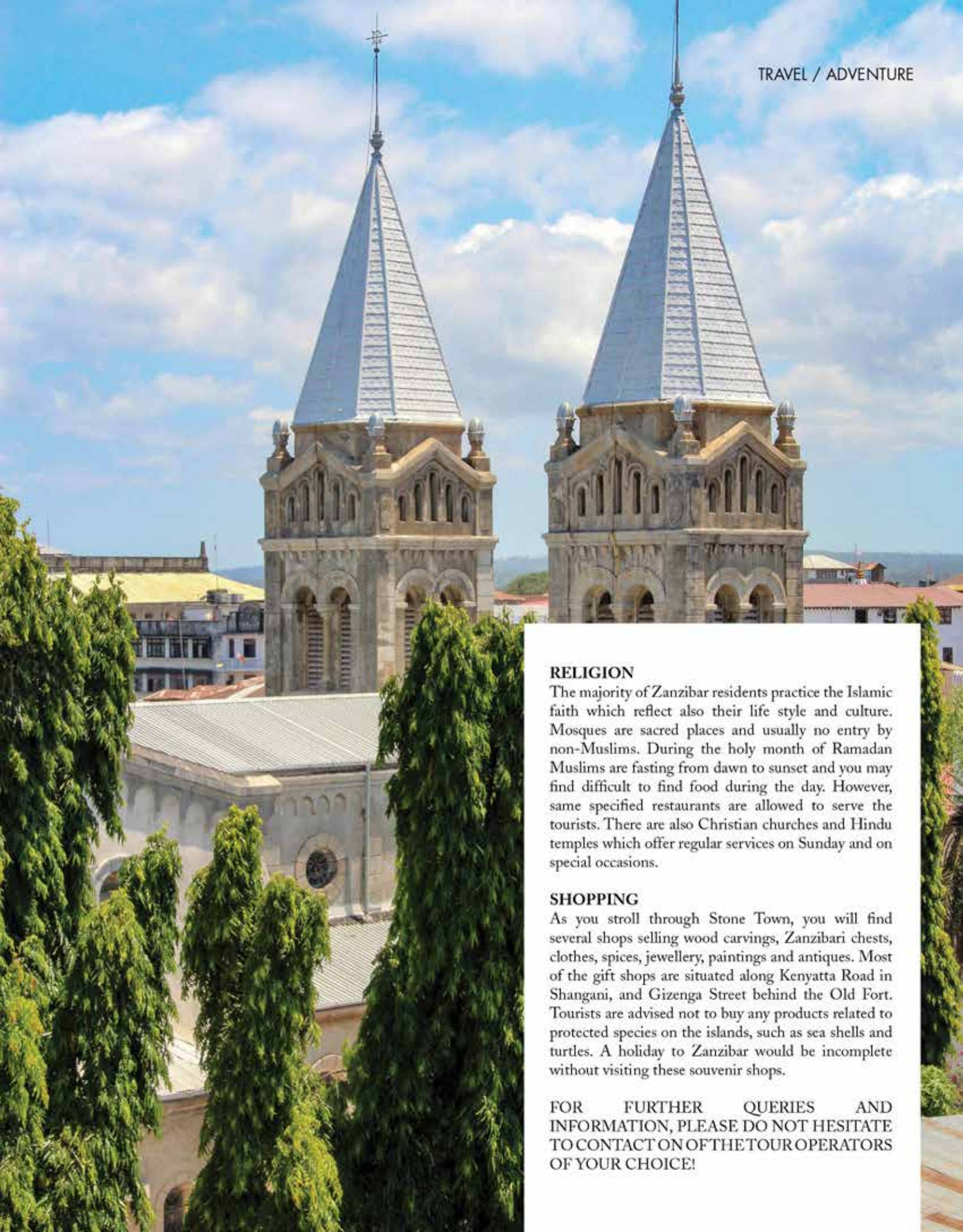
#### **MEDIA & COMMUNICATION**

Media and communication provides access for tourists and investors to the latest technologies in sound, printing, and visual communication companies that keep your home away from home. The most recommended media are THE GURDIAN, SUNDAY NEWS, DAILY NEWS, THE DAILY NATION AND ZANTEL, VOCACOM, TIGO, HALOTEL, TTCL for communication..

# Zanzibar Beaches







### **RELIGION**

The majority of Zanzibar residents practice the Islamic faith which reflect also their life style and culture. Mosques are sacred places and usually no entry by non-Muslims. During the holy month of Ramadan Muslims are fasting from dawn to sunset and you may find difficult to find food during the day. However, some specified restaurants are allowed to serve the tourists. There are also Christian churches and Hindu temples which offer regular services on Sunday and on special occasions.

### **SHOPPING**

As you stroll through Stone Town, you will find several shops selling wood carvings, Zanzibari chests, clothes, spices, jewellery, paintings and antiques. Most of the gift shops are situated along Kenyatta Road in Shangani, and Gizenga Street behind the Old Fort. Tourists are advised not to buy any products related to protected species on the islands, such as sea shells and turtles. A holiday to Zanzibar would be incomplete without visiting these souvenir shops.

**FOR FURTHER QUERIES AND INFORMATION, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT ON OF THE TOUR OPERATORS OF YOUR CHOICE!**





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Business & Spa Hotel





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A palace in the paradise Island of Zanzibar ranked the best 5 star hotel of 2021 and one of the best 10% of the hotels world wide invites you to experience the charm, colours, cultures and warmth of an African hospitality at its best. Hugging the blue waters Indian Ocean, it's the only resort to wonder how fast the good times fly.

The hotel deck boasts views of the best sun set in Zanzibar turning its blue waters into golden with sparkle of diamonds on its Waves ending its evening finale with skies turning pink in the back ground.

No hotel offered such pleasure, romance, memories and happiness for so less as does Madinat Al Bahr, (The City on the Sea) where the fun never ends.





●● The magic of this type of holiday is that you can choose your perfect escape and everything is prepared for your individual needs and likes.









Named appropriately as Madinat Al Bahr Hotel & Spa meaning City on the Sea, it provides and meets almost all expectations of every guest, entity, a fun seeking young couples and all those desiring privacy, peace and tranquility besides providing a decent venue for local and foreign Businessmen, Government institutions, Corporate entities, diplomats and dignitaries, coffee shops for professionals to chat over aromatic coffee cups to international conventions with full fledged conference facilities for 1000 delegates at any given time. Exclusive private club for the VIPs, dignitaries, Top brass and high ranking civil servants. The hotel provides 5 speciality restaurants with pleasing ambience to a specially erected Sun Deck for viewing the sinking sun and a rendezvous for romantic Dinners overlooking the bobbing lanterns of night fishermen to a stunning discotheque for resident guests and club members to 4 no's enchanting venues and receptions for weddings, air conditioned halls and corridors suitable for 180 exhibition kiosks conforming to international standards to intoxicating fragrances emitted by purpose designed gardens and etc soothing Landscaping to 3 lavish presidential suites to the largest Sultan Suite overlooking the













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large blue pool and the open sea with views of the passing vessels to purpose designed and furnished bedrooms of various categories for perfect relaxation at half the price of branded hotels. The monetary object were secondary to meeting the Island's core necessities and affordability of the ensuing facilities and services. The Governments incentives, support of its officers, the hard working Chinese and local cobtractors. The Exim Bank for its financial support, Zipa for incentives together as a team turned the dream into reality and without whose support this Zanzibar's flagship hotel would not have see the light of the day.

MADINAL is a real Baitul Ajaib and needs to be seen experienced and lived in to be appreciated.

The fun never ends at the Madinat where guests wonder as to how fast the good time fly

#### **FACILITIES**

**Distance from airport:** 2.5 K.M

**ATM Facility Distance:** 5 k.m

**Doctor on call available, COVID Test centre:** 2 k.m

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ZANZIBAR





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Located on the north-west coast of Zanzibar, and lying adjacent to the clear turquoise waters of the Indian Ocean, sits the extraordinary and mesmerising Kilindi Zanzibar. Dotted across 50 acres of lush, tropical garden and blessed with a secluded powder-white sand beach-front extending over half a kilometre, Kilindi Zanzibar with its arched pavilion-style villas overlooks an ocean that has witnessed the spice trade route for over 500 years.

**GLOBAL COORDINATES:**  
5°45'37.30"S 39°17'24.83"E










## ACCOMMODATION & FACILITIES

- 15 spacious Pavilions (220 sqm each) with private plunge pool
- Domed bed chamber with stained-glass skylight
- Spacious wet room with a rainfall shower
- 4 Pavilions with open-air baraza
- Bar, lounge and restaurant
- Kilindi spa
- Infinity swimming pool
- Butler room service
- Free wifi in all public areas



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## ENCOUNTERS

- All-inclusive dining
- Intimate, multiple dining locations
- Premium wine list
- Innovative house cocktails
- Beach dining under-the-stars
- Scuba diving and snorkeling
- Jet skiing, water skiing, knee boarding and small sailing catamarans
- Deep-sea fishing
- Spice farm tour
- Stone Town walking tour
- Catamaran and exotic sunset dhow cruises
- Day trips to Jozani Forest







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A couple is seen from behind, standing on a wooden platform next to a private helicopter. The helicopter is a dark, metallic color with the website 'flymcc.co.za' visible on its side. The man is pointing towards a vast, hazy landscape under a soft, golden sky, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The woman is wearing a fur coat and a red skirt, while the man is in a dark suit. The overall mood is one of luxury and adventure.

# THE **LUXURY** OF PRIVATE HELICOPTER OWNERSHIP



●● **Every detail has been considered in its design, starting with the fully computer-controlled engine, glass cockpit, and advanced avionics that dramatically reduce pilot workload and maximize safety.**



**C**onnectivity is more important than ever in today's world – and this applies to business and leisure. With the commodity of time equating to large sums of money and the constant demand for immediacy, having the ability to jump in a helicopter to get to that meeting or make the most of a short vacation is paramount.

A Bell 505 doesn't get caught up in traffic jams or airports at both ends of the journey either – which puts traditional transportation way behind – literally – in the field of on-demand travel.

Safety, functionality, cost effectiveness, and sustainability are all equally important. Enter the Bell 505, the most advanced helicopter in the short light single class. Every detail has been considered in its design, starting with the fully computer-controlled engine, glass cockpit, and advanced avionics that dramatically reduce pilot workload and maximize safety.















“ Everything has been carefully considered in the design so that the aircraft is not only capable, but flexible.

This light single helicopter can accommodate its pilot and four passengers, as well as offer a generous amount of storage space, with a full glass cockpit and stadium seating, allowing for all to enjoy a spectacular view.

From an ownership perspective, the Bell 505 checks many boxes. It offers one of the lowest operating costs in its segment and stands out due to its multi-function capabilities. Piloting the aircraft is an enjoyable experience when compared to the classic helicopter flying operation, which is renowned for being extremely complicated. The simple and intuitive platform of the 505 is perfect for new and experienced pilots alike. The complicated three-stage priming process of the traditional aircraft has been eliminated in the 505, so the ground-to-air time and process is quick and easy, while as the only dual-channel engine in its class, the 505 boasts incredible power at altitude and is highly efficient in terms of fuel. With a range of 306 nautical miles and a comfortable cruising speed of 125 knots, the 505 can comfortably achieve a variety of missions.

Everything has been carefully considered in the design so that the aircraft is not only capable, but flexible. The visibility is superb throughout the cockpit and cabin due to large panoramic windows; aided by stadium seating where the back seats are set slightly higher than those at the front.

The flat floor of the interior and removable seats, along with multiple tie-down points and more cabin space than any aircraft in its class, all combine to offer supreme flexibility – so that the 505 can be just as at ease transporting cargo one day, and people the



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next. There are a variety of upgrades available for the interior too, such as headliners with Passenger Service Units (PSU), USB charging ports and additional storage options. But it's not just functionality – and this is where the 505 can give a private plane a run for its money – colour co-ordinated interior panels, carpeting and modified pilot and passenger seats can create a luxurious, personalised interior.

Another advantage the 505 has over traditional transportation is reaching a destination without a runway. Whether it's a weekend mountain retreat or a secluded beach camp, a meeting at an office in a different city, or a quick trip to an offshore rig, the 505 goes straight there.

It's no wonder then that the Bell 505 is a class-leader that for the fifth consecutive year, has won first place as the preferred customer aircraft in the light single-turbine helicopters category in the Business Jet Traveler's Annual Readers' Choice Survey.

Moreover, and very important for helicopter owners: Bell is also known for its exceptional standard of customer service and has been rated number one for consumer support in Vertical magazine multiple times, so customers can be confident in the knowledge that after they purchase an aircraft, the relationship with Bell continues throughout its lifecycle. Since its first delivery in 2017, the 505 can be seen in operation across six continents – there are currently almost 30 aircraft operating in Africa and the Middle East with segments ranging in pilot training to corporate. The Bell 505 is one of Bell's fastest growing commercial programs to date.













# LUXURY & TRAVEL

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# *Exclusive* USE THE NEW WAY TO TRAVEL

Have you spent lockdown plotting your next great escape, and now you are ready to embark on a long-dreamed-about adventure? Morukuru Family is ready to welcome you!

*t* Travel and the business of holidays is a constantly evolving industry, and we keep up to date with all the news and trends affecting our guests. Since lockdown, we have seen three distinct vacation ideas coming to the fore. First, many people have embraced a more active, outdoor lifestyle and want to keep that up when on holiday. Second, exclusive-use villas are in vogue, with guests increasingly demanding seclusion and privacy on holiday. Finally, “slow travel” is showing up on our radar. The concept of “slow travel” is that guests choose longer trips to remote or ‘far flung’ destinations, where they can enjoy lots of space and nature.

Morukuru Family has gained a reputation as the specialist for exclusive use stays in South Africa and

are proud to have pioneered this concept in South Africa and the ‘Morukuru Freedom Concept’, allowing guests to do “whatever they want, whenever they want”. The Morukuru Family philosophy is high-end exclusive use experience for guests underpinned by flexibility where families and groups of friends can enjoy an intimate and inclusive home-away-from-home experience. Guests are looking for space, privacy, security and convenience, coupled with quality assurance, a guarantee of luxury, and peace of mind. Exclusive use properties have rocketed in popularity because travellers want to holiday in a place they can call their own, and multigenerational families or groups of friends are looking for somewhere to reconnect with loved ones they haven’t seen for far too long.















In Johannesburg, there are two separate exclusive-use houses, namely AtholPlace House & Villa. If you are stopping over en-route to another destination at the coast or bush AtholPlace House is ideal for multi-generational families and also offers a bar and lounge area and outdoor and indoor dining spaces. AtholPlace Villa is a 4-bedroom exclusive-use villa accommodating eight guests and offering a private garden and swimming pool and indoor and outdoor dining spaces.

Moving to the Southern Cape and the De Hoop Nature Reserve, you will discover Morukuru Ocean House. At Morukuru Ocean House, you have the





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luxury property all to yourself; the house and location are unique, the house is packed with facilities, and there are loads of activities. The magic of this type of holiday is that you can choose your perfect escape and everything is prepared for your individual needs and likes. The house comes with its close-knit staff, including a personal chef and butler, two housekeepers, host and together, they create a holiday experience unlike anything ever experienced before.

A recent guest at Morukuru Ocean House had this to say about her stay, "the reason I loved Morukuru Ocean House so much was that it felt so remote – a genuine escape from everything. Ocean House ticked all my boxes - it is exclusive-use, it is in the vast De Hoop Nature Reserve, and it has plenty of stuff for all of us to enjoy. We spent our days exploring rock pools, going barefoot in the sand, spotting ostrich, zebra and



baboons in the fynbos from the 4 x 4 vehicle and our every whim, need and desire being attended to by the fabulous team of staff!"

If you are after a safari experience, booking an exclusive-use property is a great idea. Morukuru Family Madikwe is extremely popular with groups of family and friends, as everyone gets their own space and privacy, which is perfect for individual expectations and routines. Morukuru Family Madikwe offers three individual bush properties; Farm House, Owner's House and River House. These options are all exclusive-use and offer a dedicated general staff and specialised personnel like a private chef, knowledgeable bushranger and even a butler. Coupled with our unique Freedom Concept (no set agendas) and unparalleled wildlife sightings, we can customise each day to satisfy the interests and abilities of the whole group. A guest had this to say about their stay, "Thank you for making every day an adventure. We all so loved our stay. My elderly parents, our tweens and the baby of our group had the best holiday ever. The highlight for all of us was the bush dinner your team put together and our twice-daily 4 x 4 outings, where we enjoyed so many exciting sightings. The pandemic has made us all reconsider what we value in life - and on this trip, we got to reconnect with each other and nature."

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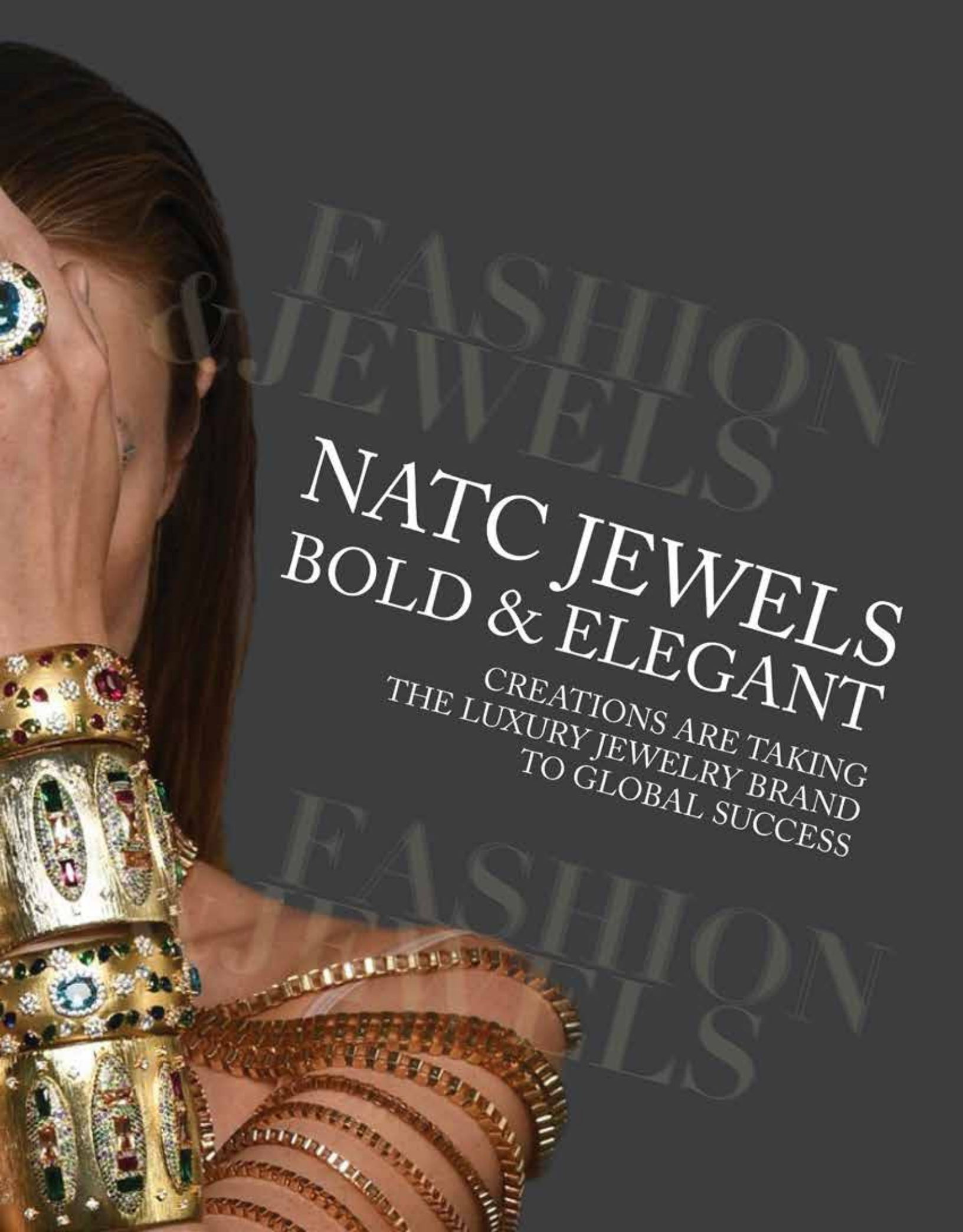


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# FASHION & JEWELS





# NATC JEWELS BOLD & ELEGANT

CREATIONS ARE TAKING  
THE LUXURY JEWELRY BRAND  
TO GLOBAL SUCCESS





**WHAT HAS MADE NATC JEWELS SUCCESSFUL OVER THE YEARS IS ITS VERY CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF ITS AUDIENCE'S DESIRE..**



**F** For the trendy everyday European woman looking for an accessories brand that says bold, courageous and glamorous, look no further than NATC Jewels – an ultra-contemporary jewelry brand that is growing in popularity thanks to its uniquely stylish, affordable and elegantly creative designs.

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What has made NATC Jewels successful over the years is its very clear understanding of its audience's desire for affordable one-of-a-kind items that complement each buyer's individual qualities.

Whether it is a chunky choker, a bold bracelet or colorful earrings, anyone wearing an NATC Jewels item enjoys an immediate confidence booster knowing that they will attract the right kind of attention.

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Christodoulou – who is also the creative director of the label – has worked to establish her brand not only in her home country of Cyprus but across its borders too. NATC Jewels is making its mark in countries such as Italy and Switzerland, and there are plans to take this impressive outfit elsewhere. Irrespective of their location, NATC Jewels stores have a special atmosphere thanks to the furnishings, lighting and impeccable customer service provided – which all come together to create enjoyable moments for their valued shoppers.

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From a young age, Christodoulou was fascinated by glamorous style, and she always wanted to be a step ahead with the latest fashion trends. With a creative mindset and passionate about art and design, her academic path led her to Italy's design and fashion capital, Milan, where she studied Fashion and Interior Design Architecture at the Politecnico Di Milano. She graduated in 2007. A few years later, she completed her Masters' degree in Visual Merchandiser and Fashion Buyer from IED.

When she returned to Cyprus in December 2011, it was then that Christodoulou birthed NATC – which are the initials of her first and last name – and opened her boutique in one of Nicosia's well-known shopping streets.

The broader NATC brand has a home décor and interior design arm that focuses on luxury interiors for both residential and commercial. The studio is known for its highly personalized approach to client projects and its use of high-end finishes and sophisticated styling to complete these. Previous commercial clients of the studio include Reviv Cyprus and AKOI Hearing Centre as well as Cyprian branches of international fashion brands such as Timberland, Lee and Camper.

For Christodoulou and the team at NATC Jewels, the mission “to present luxury and limited series accessories at affordable prices” is one they take very seriously. Indeed, customers around the world are showing their appreciation by supporting the brand and taking it to new levels of global success.

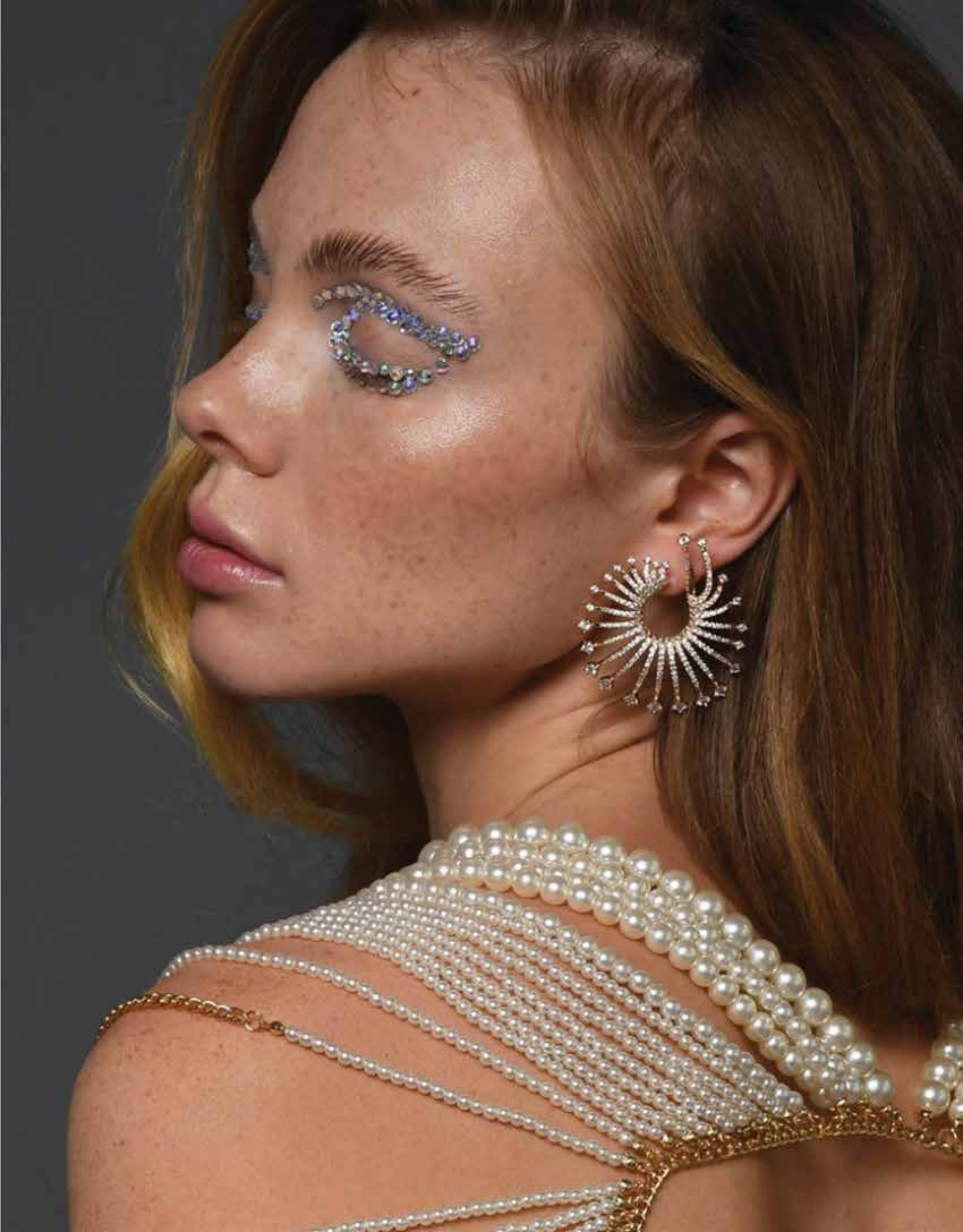
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The Winter '21 haute couture collection is an inspired body of work that represents the modern-day woman committed to expressing her individuality. Featuring patterned pieces with captivating gem stones, every item in the collection has been masterfully sized to complement the feminine features of the wearer. The pieces can be worn in combination with others in the range but each can certainly stand on its own, too.

In addition to haute couture jewels, NATC Jewels has a bridal range. Made up of intricate leaf headpieces, multilayered headbands and dainty neckpieces – this collection is the definition of classic elegance. There are also items for men, such as rings, bracelets and belts as well as a small range for children.

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**ABOUT LUXURY LIFESTYLE AWARDS**

Luxury Lifestyle Awards is a global award selecting, recognizing, celebrating and promoting the best luxury goods and services all over the world. The goal of the company is to connect people with the best of luxury. LLA has evaluated more than 10 000 various goods and services in 400 categories from 60 countries and analyzed the results to give you a TOP list of the best of the best in the world. Such world-renowned brands as Chanel, Dom Perignon, and Ferrari were proudly named winners. The victory brings companies status and recognition, global promotion and exposure to an entirely new market of customers.

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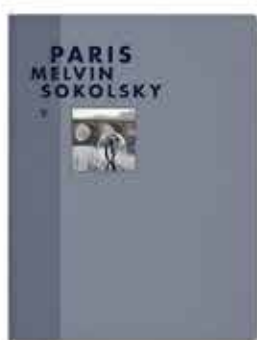
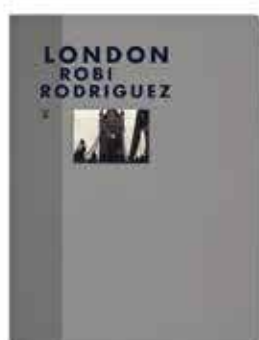
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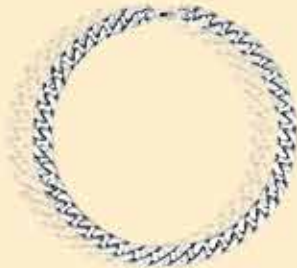






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*Faiza Omar*  
*X Charles Greig*  
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LAUNCH DAZZLING FINE  
JEWELLERY COLLECTION

Just in time for Summer, **Faiza Omar** revealed her jewellery collaboration with **Charles Greig Jewellers**, at the residence of **Christopher Greig Beechwood Gardens** in Johannesburg, where the gardens are in full bloom.

*Faiza Omar*  
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"Inspired by Beechwood Gardens and the spring blossom, bumble bees, dragonflies and butterflies, typical of an October day, we have created a collection of jewellery of varying price points. The collection highlights our favourite gemstone and colour - emerald - enhanced by unusual fancy cut diamonds," says renowned jeweller Christopher Greig.

Known for her sophisticated confectionary creations, this is Faaiza's first foray into jewellery design. "There was definitely a need for a stand-out local luxury collaboration. There hasn't been one in South Africa for a while and I saw a gap in the market for exclusive, stand out pieces," she says. "After months of planning we are ready to launch. Now is the perfect time as we head into the summer season under level one, with social calendars filling up with events and special occasions."

The collaboration was realised with Faaiza Omar presenting a design concept to Christopher Greig for expert input on the creative execution of a piece, which the jewellers later manufacture. Collections by the House of Graff, Cartier and Charles Greig Jewellers have been a well of inspiration for Faaiza's designs.

Charles Greig Jewellers spans five generations of specialists dedicated to designing, manufacturing and sourcing jewellery as well as supplying fine watches in South Africa for more than a century, so they felt like the perfect partner.

## Aurora

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**1. 18CT WHITE GOLD**

**Total Emeralds:** Approximately 2.80ct Total

**Diamonds:** Approximately 1.50ct Pin and Clip Fitting





faaiza Omar  
 CHARLES  
 X GREIG  
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## COLLECTIONS BY THE HOUSE OF GRAFF, CARTIER AND CHARLES GREIG JEWELLERS HAVE BEEN A WELL OF INSPIRATION FOR FAAIZA'S DESIGNS.

"My partner Svetla Stevens has headed up the Charles Greig workshop operation of master goldsmiths and setters for well over 20 years," says Christopher. "Faaiza Omar, with her flair for beauty and luxurious design, has enjoyed a creative synergy with Svetla for many years, experiencing the high standard of goldsmithing coupled with my design input. Ultimately, this is a collaborative effort and we're very happy with the outcome."

Faaiza worked with rose gold and yellow gold as the base metals to hold her carefully selected gems and emeralds are her most revered gemstone and feature in the collection. "The colour represents new beginnings and, in this case, new partnerships," she says. Look out for the emerald-and-diamond ear cuff. The setting of the trillion-cut diamonds and cushion-cut emeralds takes on the look of a glittering, leafy vine climbing up the ear once fastened in place. "I'm obsessed with earrings. If I don't have earrings on, I really do feel bare."

What comes first when she dresses – the clothing or the jewellery? "Usually I decide on the jewellery and then the clothes. And I'll often design a dress around a piece of jewellery that I want to wear, like earrings or a neck piece if it's for an event. I love designing dresses too. If I want to wear emerald earrings, I might include beading or handwork in a similar shade on the dress."





*Exceptional  
Pieces*





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Monarch

- 1. 18ct Yellow Gold  
Total Diamonds: Approximately 0.28ct
- 2. 18ct Yellow Gold  
Wings: Chrysoprase
- 3. 18ct Yellow Gold  
Wings: Mother of Pearl
- 4. 18ct Yellow Gold





# Aurora

**1. 18ct Yellow Gold**

**Wings:** Mother of Pearl and Diamonds  
**Total Diamonds:** Approximately 0.28ct

**2. 18ct White Gold**

**Wings:** Chrysoprase and Diamonds  
**Total Diamonds:** Approximately 0.73ct

**3. 18ct White Gold**

**Wings:** Mother of Pearl and Diamonds  
**Total Diamonds:** Approximately 0.72ct



# Monarch

**4. 18ct White Gold**

**Wings:** Mother of Pearl and Diamonds  
**Total Diamonds:** Approximately 0.28ct

**5. 18ct White Gold**

**Total Diamonds:** Approximately 0.88ct













*Rivoli*

**1. 18ct White Gold**  
**Total Diamonds:** Approximately 1.50ct

**2. 18ct White Gold**  
**Total Diamonds:** Approximately 2.90ct







# Camelia

**2. 18ct White Gold**  
Total Small Diamonds: 0.69ct (excluding Centre Stone)

**3. 18ct White Gold**  
Diamonds and Cultured Pearls **Diamonds:** +/- 0.60ct









*Camelia*

**A PAIR OF EARRINGS**

**1. 18ct White Gold**

Diamonds and Pearls **Diamonds:** +/- 0.20ct

**2. 18ct White Gold**

Diamonds and Pink Sapphires **Diamonds:** +/- 0.06ct

**3. 18ct White Gold**

Diamonds and Cultured Pearls **Diamonds:** +/- 0.26ct

**4. 18ct White Gold**

Diamonds and Cultured Pearls **Diamonds:** +/- 0.20ct4.

**5. 18ct White Gold Diamonds** **Diamonds:** +/- 0.36ct





Commenting on jewellery style in general, Omar thinks stacked bracelets are “amazing” but otherwise prefers an understated look. “If you are wearing a big earring piece, you definitely don’t need to wear a huge necklace as well. I think minimalist is best, as it allows the jewels to tell their own story and really shine. We have designed our high-jewellery pieces for the collection in this way – alluring, for those who like to convey a sense of exclusivity and mystery.”

The 40-piece collection features earrings, a dedicated ear cuff range, necklaces, bracelets, pendants and rings, all available at Charles Greig Hyde Park from 11 October.

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Visit [Faaiza Omar website](#) or [Instagram](#)  
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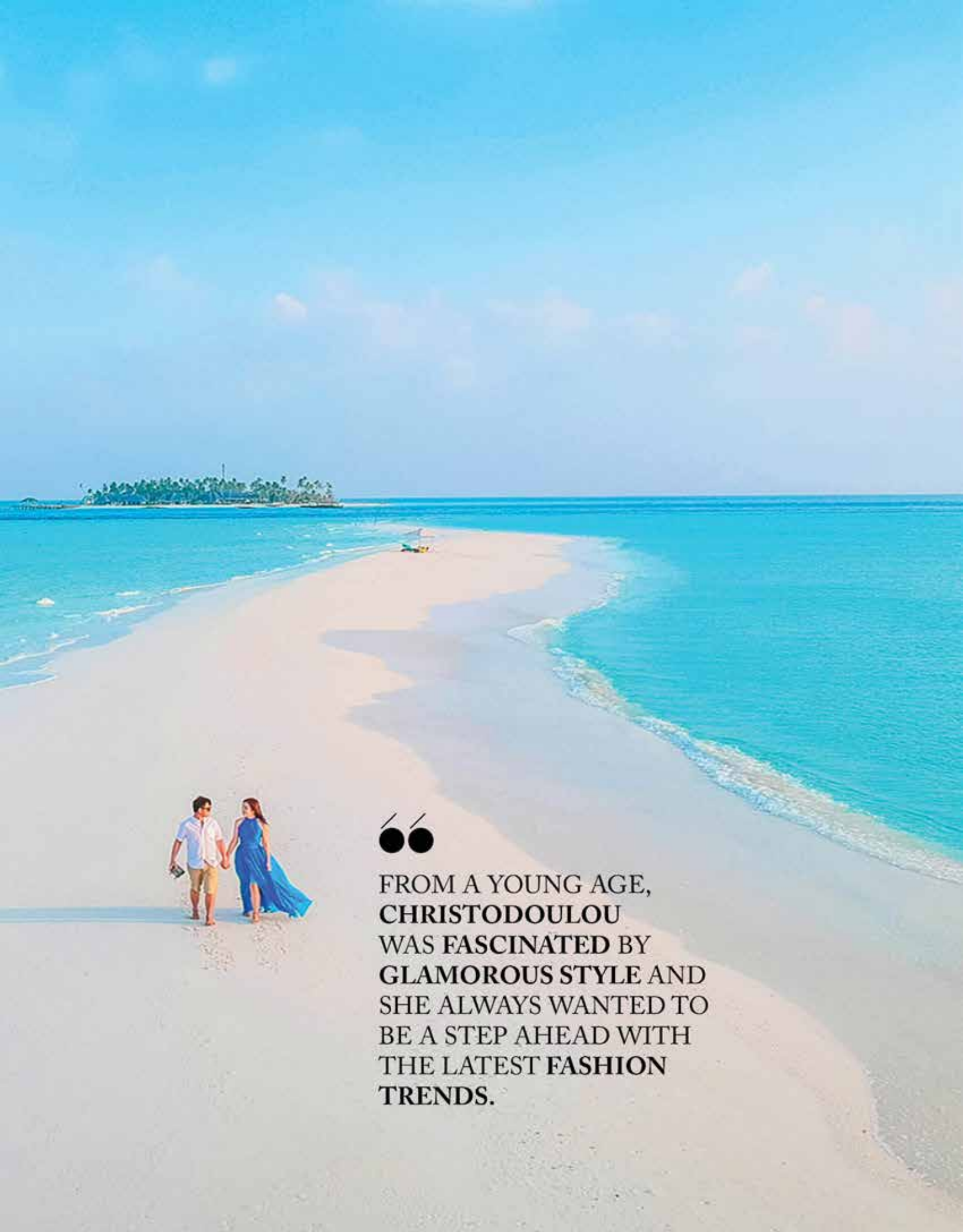


A tropical beach scene with turquoise water and a blue sky with clouds. The text "TRAVEL & ADVENTURE" is centered in white serif font, with a thin white line underneath it.

# TRAVEL & ADVENTURE

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# GRILLED TO PERFECTION

ON THE LHAVIYANI ATOLL

A REVIEW OF RAAKANI,  
THE BEST LUXURY DINING  
AWARD WINNER











**T**he Maldives conjures up the exotic idyl, and for many, it is top of their 'must see' travel lists. Set amongst this tropical background, Raakani has been recognized as The Best Luxury Dining Experience by Luxury Lifestyle Awards.

Choreographing a range of unique dishes for its guests, Luxury Lifestyle Awards panel was impressed with its fusion of style, setting, and understanding of locally sourced ingredients and the engaging theatre of grill cooking from a skilled teppanyaki chef.

Raakani, named after the Spider Conch Shell, is part of the Fushifaru Maldives resort, which consists of 44 beach villas and 19 water villas nestled on their own private island resort. The resort aims is to create the ideal spot where guests can relax and enjoy a journey of self-discovery. Such an exclusive location deserved an equally exclusive dining experience that matched the combination of Maldivian-inspired design and



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beautifully captured the local cuisines and tastes of splendid 'surf and turf' dishes. The siting of Raakani makes the most of its surroundings, with the turquoise seas of the Indian Ocean lapping at the silvered, white sands of the Lhaviyani Atoll.

Long associated with the theatre of cooking, the choice of creating an ocean-side teppanyaki restaurant provides the perfect amalgamation of the key elements that guests expect from a destination, such as the Maldives; the beautiful scenery, unique culture, and fresh locally sourced ingredients. Teppanyaki does not just result in mouthwatering dishes but is a true culinary art form and a source of mesmerizing entertainment for diners. This long-admired cuisine is created using an iron griddle style of cooking. The teppan is the metal plate used to cook on, and the yaki refers to the means of cooking (grilled, broiled, panfried). Raakani uses a variety of fresh ingredients that can be used to create a bespoke dish in front of designers, making it not just a meal but a true dining experience.



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THE SITING OF RAAKANI MAKES THE MOST OF ITS SURROUNDINGS, WITH THE TURQUOISE SEAS OF THE INDIAN OCEAN LAPPING AT THE SILVERED, WHITE SANDS OF THE LHAVIYANI ATOLL.











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Raakani is designed using a contemporary version of Maldivian design elements, which takes inspiration from the surrounding natural materials. Similarly, Raakani has a commitment to creating its dishes from the freshest of local ingredients. Locally caught fish can range from tuna, groupers, dolphin fish, and barracuda, to name just a few. These are then carefully prepared using the best fresh and seasonal ingredients.

From seafood caught in the crystal blue Maldivian waters to local vegetables and spices, guests can take their pick from a range of dishes inspired by key ingredients such as fish, chicken, and meats. Each one

is then carefully created by the skilled teppanyaki chef, making each dish unique. This tailor-made approach to dining provides the unique ethos that Fushifaru Maldives uses throughout the resort.

Raakani neighbouring Faninhandhi Bar provides the perfect cocktail or mocktail to savour with your chosen dish and to leisurely watch the evening sun disappear behind the blue horizons. The warm welcoming design of the restaurant is only excelled by the restaurant's staff. Dedicated to creating the perfect destination, they provide a professional, friendly welcome where nothing is too much trouble.











FOR THOSE SEEKING  
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IN-VILLA DINING,  
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DISHES DIRECTLY TO  
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THEIR OWN LUXURY  
SANCTUARY.

For the ultimate romantic dining experience, Raakani provides a secluded dining platform that overlooks the sea, surrounded by the powder-white sands long associated with this exotic destination. Topped with a palm-covered roof and open to allow for full views across the beach, this unique spot is sure to be a favourite for instagrammable moments. For those seeking the seclusion of in-villa dining, Raakani delivers dishes directly to guests to savour in their own luxury sanctuary.

Raakani has succeeded in creating a luxury, stylish dining experience that discerning guests would expect from such a bespoke destination. It truly represents the resort's aim to connect its guests with the best of local produce, resulting in a restaurant that truly entices the taste buds while captivating the best in locations that the Maldives has to offer.







# *Minos* BEACH ART HOTEL

IS ALL THAT ROMANTIC  
HONEYMOON DREAMS ARE  
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*I* If you happen to be planning a honeymoon or a special romantic getaway with your significant other, Minos Beach Art Hotel in Greece is a destination of choice. Uniquely catering to newlyweds and the celebration of their milestone, Minos Beach Art Hotel is the place to go to for precious, sunshine-filled Mediterranean memories to hold on to for a lifetime.

Minos Beach Art Hotel is all that romantic holiday dreams are made of. From the moment guests arrive at this eastern Crete Mirabello Bay destination to settling into rooms and getting familiar with the breathtaking surroundings, everything at this naturally luxurious establishment whispers privacy and relaxation.

Complemented by neutral-toned décor, bespoke furnishings and traditional architectural design Minos Beach Art Hotel embodies luxury but with the authenticity of Cretan culture. The only things guests need to focus on are remembering to put on sunscreen and which cocktail to have next. Indeed, Minos Beach Art Hotel is the epitome of Greek elegance, offering guests a unique waterfront holiday experience blended with nature – ideal for those seeking the utmost of privacy, relaxation and tranquility.



What distinguishes Minos Beach Art Hotel from other high-end hotels is its connection to art and culture. The hotel's Open Air Art Museum features more than 50 contemporary installations commissioned from local and international artists of note. Each piece of art is moving and adds its unique value to the already stunning architecture of the hotel.

With 126 room types spanning suites, bungalows and villas with private pools, visitors can select the option that best meets their needs. Those preferring to have a private pool for uninterrupted fun in the sun are advised to book a villa, while those wanting

a sea-facing terrace with steps leading into the sea should reserve a waterfront bungalow. All room types are air-conditioned, and bathrooms feature rainfall showerhead / tub combinations. One thing is certain though, regardless of which room you choose, your stay at this unique hotel will be unforgettable.

At Minos Beach Art Hotel, privacy is the order of the day. Guests have access to two private beaches and a nearby bar, and there is a pool with dedicated sunloungers and cabanas. If you are in need of some greenery, there is the option to stroll through the perfectly manicured gardens.







**Everything at this naturally luxurious establishment whispers privacy and relaxation.**



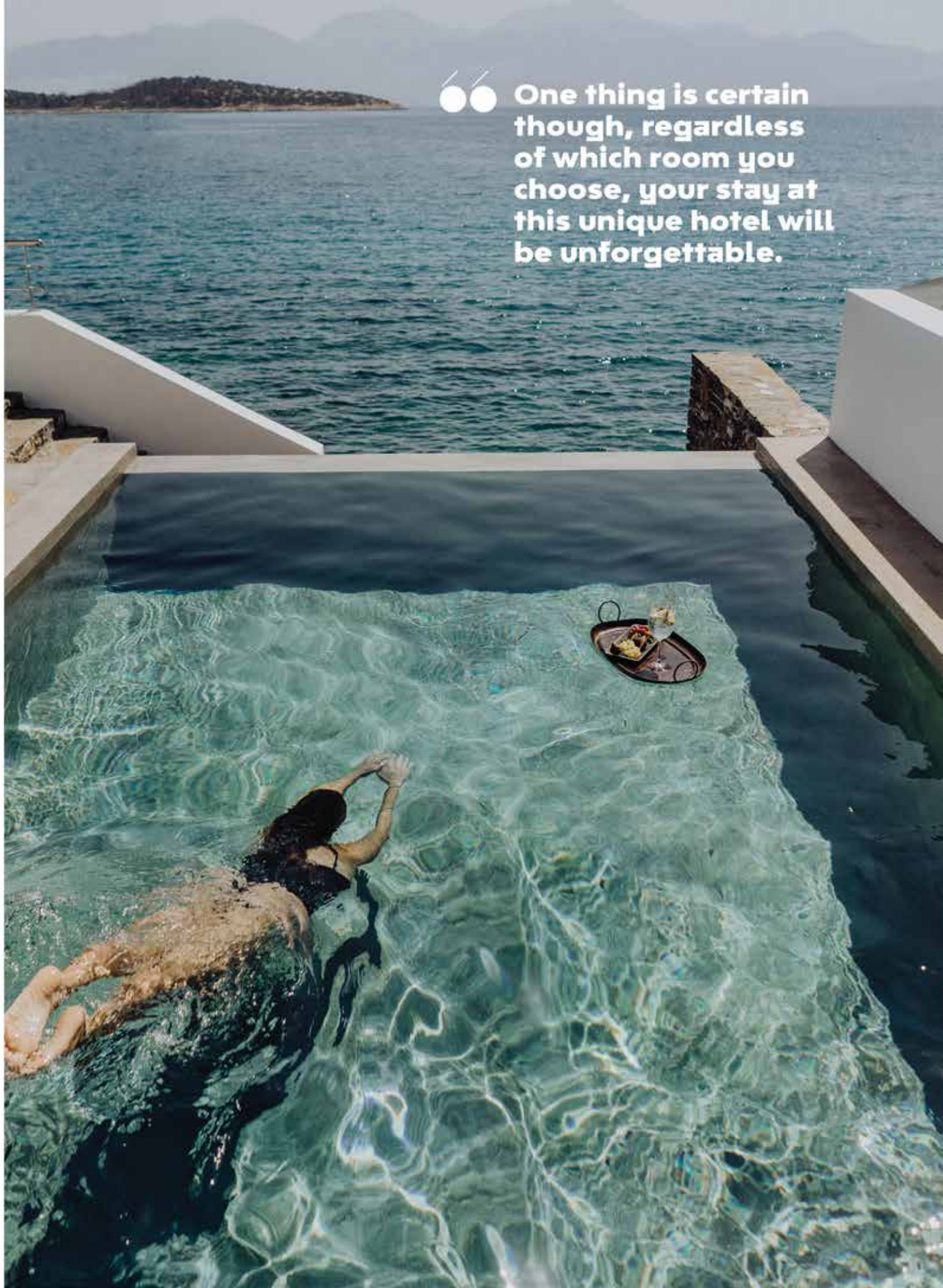








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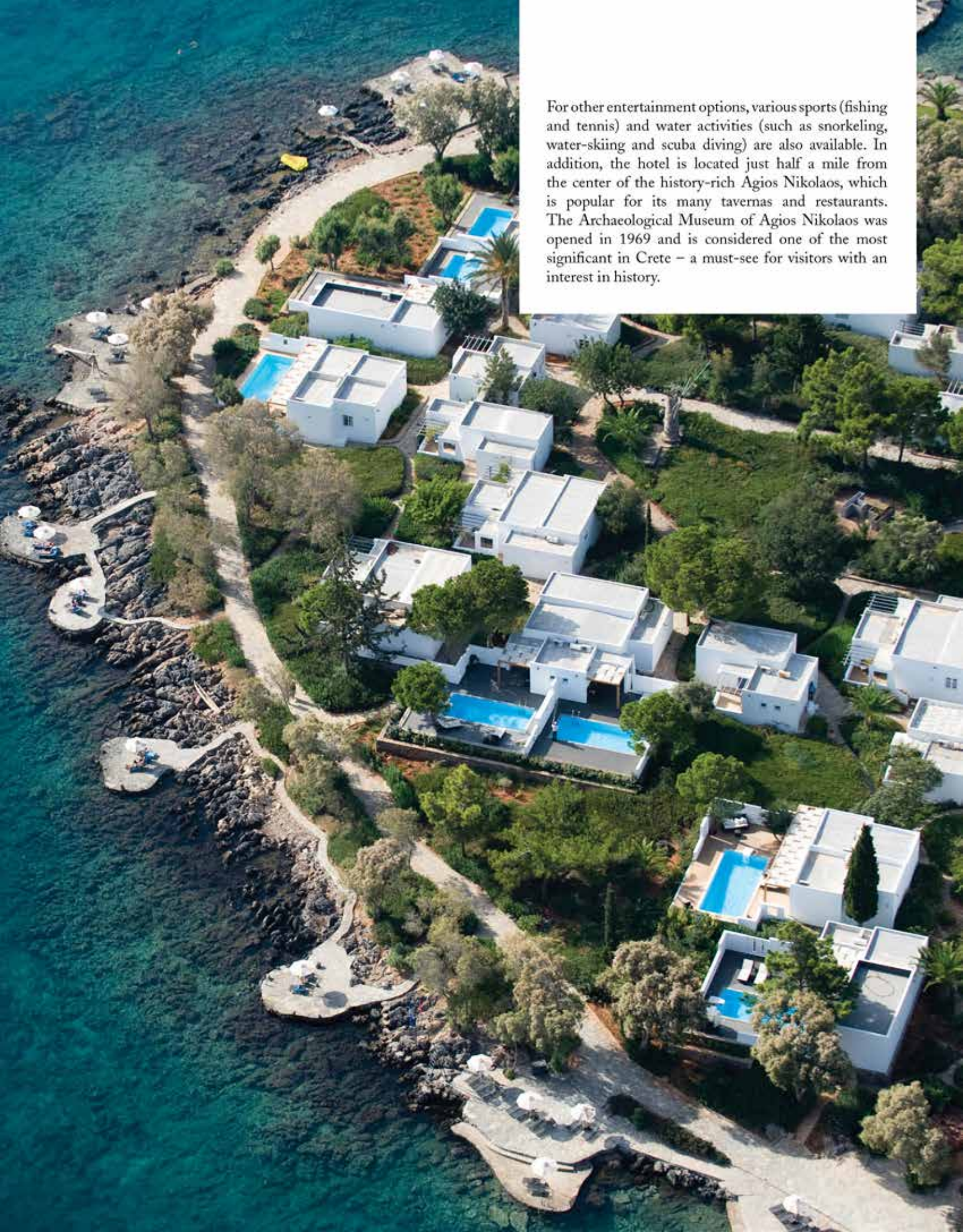




TRAVEL / ADVENTURE





An aerial photograph of a resort complex built on a rocky coastline. The resort features several white, rectangular buildings with flat roofs, interspersed with lush green trees and shrubs. Several swimming pools of varying sizes are visible, some with blue water and others with grey covers. The resort is situated on a peninsula or cliffside, with a rocky shore and clear turquoise water. A winding path or road runs along the edge of the property. In the upper right corner, there is a white text box containing descriptive text.

For other entertainment options, various sports (fishing and tennis) and water activities (such as snorkeling, water-skiing and scuba diving) are also available. In addition, the hotel is located just half a mile from the center of the history-rich Agios Nikolaos, which is popular for its many tavernas and restaurants. The Archaeological Museum of Agios Nikolaos was opened in 1969 and is considered one of the most significant in Crete – a must-see for visitors with an interest in history.











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The reality, however, is that when staying at Minos Beach Art Hotel, you never have to leave the property, not least for dining purposes. There are five restaurants and three bars on the estate, allowing guests to dine conveniently. For gourmet cuisine, the open-air La Bouillabaisse's Mediterranean à la carte menu will appeal, while Bacchus (the hotel's main restaurant) and Terpis (the hotel's Cretan eater) offer buffet selections for those that prefer to have variety at mealtimes.

In 2021, Luxury Lifestyle Awards selected Minos Beach Art Hotel as winner in the category Best Luxury Honeymoon Hotel in Greece. The five-star establishment is a member of the bluegr Hotels & Resorts (a private, family-owned Greek hotel and tourism company) and Design Hotels.

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A modern, multi-story building with a dark facade and white accents is shown at dusk. The building features prominent horizontal and vertical lines, with glowing white LED strips along the edges of the balconies and rooflines. The sky is a mix of soft pinks, oranges, and blues. In the foreground, there are blurred streaks of light in red, blue, and white, suggesting motion. A tree is visible on the left side of the frame.

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# Architecture That Brings Harmony to Inner and Outer Environment

# PLATES





**The success to craft and bring to life such a distinctive design feature was the combined efforts of the passionate and highly creative team**

Nature never ceases to amaze with rich combinations of colors, shapes, textures. But the most amazing thing is the harmony that reigns in these combinations of seemingly incompatible elements. When it comes to architecture, a sign of special skill is the ability of professionals to fit the structure into the natural landscape, to ensure the harmony of the place for comfortable living of people and its surroundings. CSS & Associates demonstrates such craftsmanship by creating architectural works that not only become a natural part of the landscape, but also give their occupants the maximum benefit of their surroundings. One such project earned the company a win at the Luxury Lifestyle Awards in the category of Best Luxury Architecture Residential Development for 'Art Parkside' in Cyprus.













CSS & Associates architectural firm is a broad-based team of specialists in design, supervision, and management. The company was founded in 1991 and has been carrying out projects of various types and scales mainly in Limassol and Nicosia for the past 30 years. Over three decades, CSS & Associates has developed an impressive portfolio that includes commercial buildings, bars, sports facilities, urban design, interior design, renovations, educational, institutional, industrial, and residential buildings. Years of experience and an integrated approach to work guarantee a flawless result for each project.

The creative vision of the CSS & Associates team is based on reflecting the harmony of the world around us. Just as different colors form beautiful combinations in nature, the company's specialists strive to contribute to this harmony with their creations. Combining the natural with the artificial, the traditional with the contemporary, the functional with the sustainable, they develop projects that are perfect in terms of aesthetics and practicality. Taking into account individual client requirements, CSS & Associates finds customized solutions that meet the highest standards of quality and sustainable architecture practices.

'Art Parkside' is a CSS & Associates project that embodied the fundamentals of the company's vision

and was recognized by the judging panel of the Luxury Lifestyle Awards. It is a modern residential development, located next to a public park in Limassol, with a view of the famous Akrotiri Bay and close to local stores and amenities. The advantageous location and clever architecture of the building provide residents with a great view of the surrounding scenic area. With excellent transportation links, residents have easy access to a variety of institutions, making it an ideal place to work and live a tranquil life with the family.

CSS & Associates developed the 'Art Parkside' project in collaboration with Nicholas Papageorgiou – Tale London, Itsimple Art Ltd. Thanks to the fruitful collaboration of experienced teams, the project was provided with high-quality 3D renderings of the building, a carefully thought-out interior design, uncompromising attention to detail, and an award-winning architectural concept. The building features 4 levels comprising two 2-bedroom and three 3-bedroom apartments with areas ranging from 103 to 230 square meters of living space and covered and uncovered verandas.

Like any other CSS & Associates project, 'Art Parkside' meets high standards of sustainability and energy performance. The building has a good certificate rating with high energy performance and low CO2 emissions.



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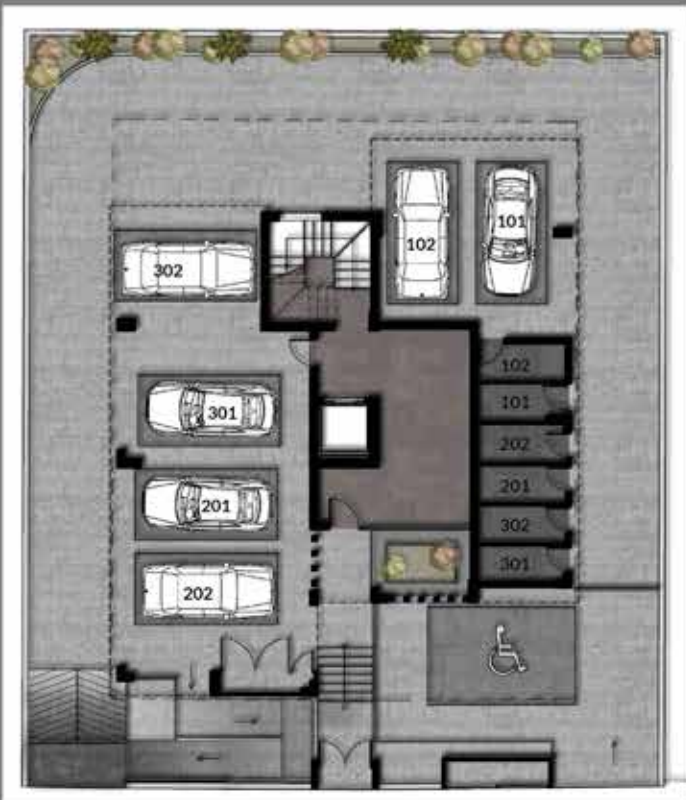




# PRO JECT CIELO

**PROJECT CIELO IS  
LOCATED AT THE  
SUBURBS OF LIMASSOL  
ON A HILLSIDE  
OVERLOOKING THE SEA  
AND ONE OF THE MOST  
TOURIST AREAS IN  
CYPRUS.**





A residential building of 6 luxurious, 2-bedroom apartments varying from 100-150 sqm. With the top 2 having a private roof pool and a lounge.

The challenge on this project was that the building and by extend the apartments had to be placed in such way, so that every resident to have the best view possible.

The idea is that the building is separated in 2 sections, with 3 apartments each, and in between the staircase. Then we offset the first section in front towards the west and the second section back towards the east. The residences are not connected in anyway because the staircase separates them and achieving extra privacy

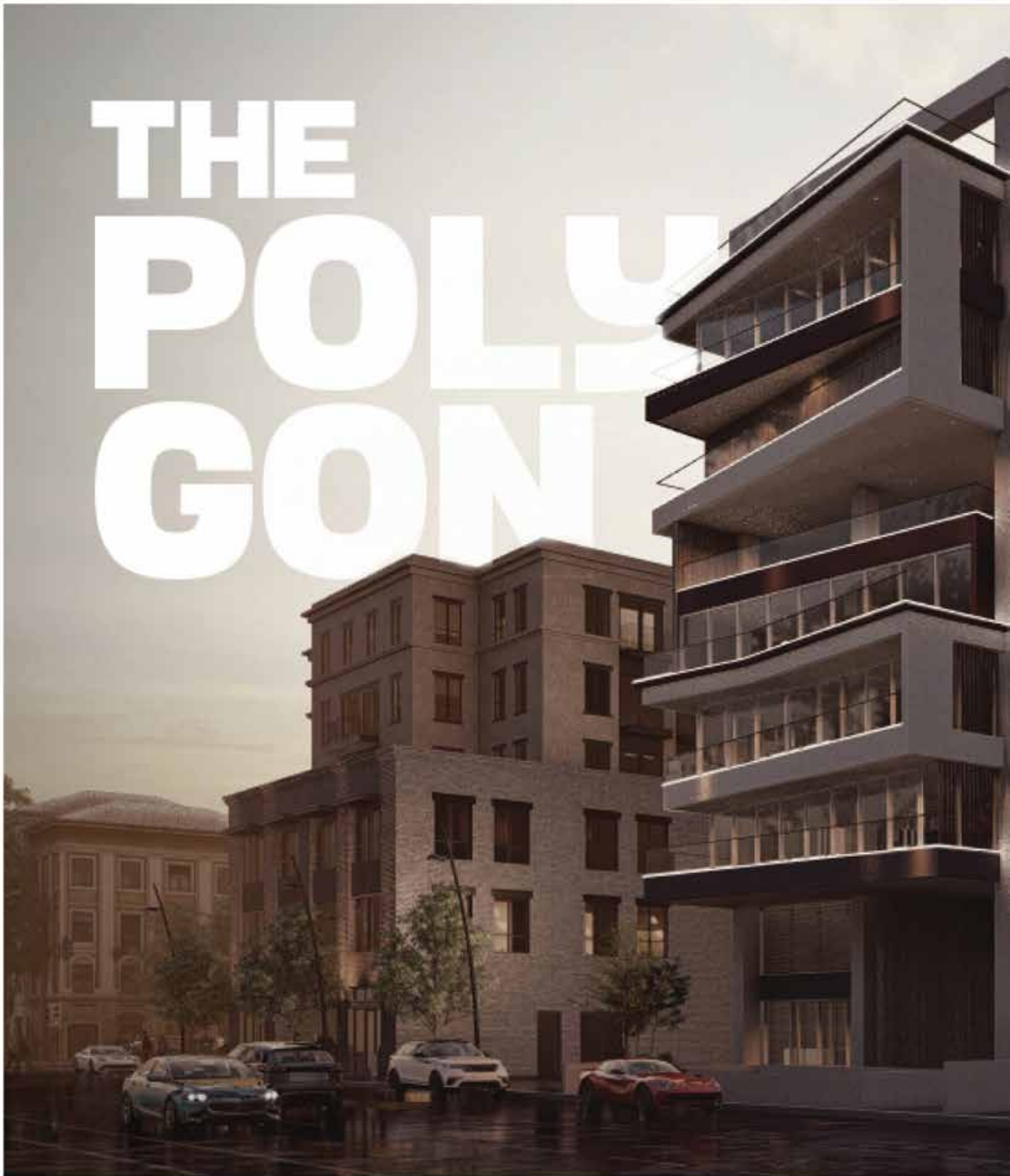
The building is designed with a simple but functional approach which simplifies the construction and at the same time has a minimal contemporary aesthetic which blend harmoniously with the specific building environment of the area.



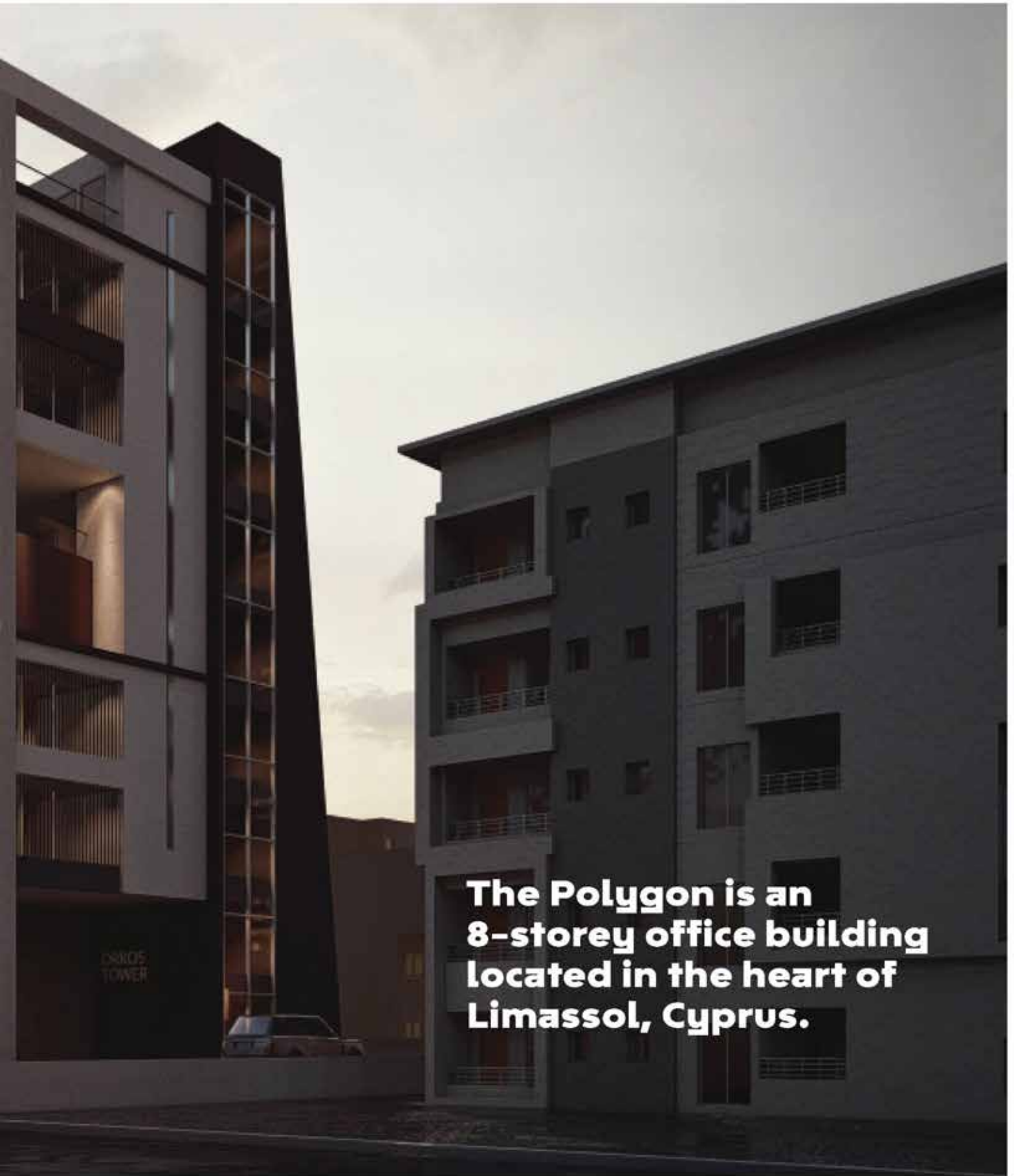




# THE POLY GON







**The Polygon is an  
8-storey office building  
located in the heart of  
Limassol, Cyprus.**





A challenging project since the client asked for a design that should be unique, maintenance free and environmentally friendly.

CSS & ASSOCIATES proposal was to have various masses combined creating a playful design which in every floor is different and so creating the illusion that the building is moving. This "mobility" gives the effect that the building varies from each point where the observer stands

In the Southern side beams are placed along with elements that extend horizontally to give shade and protection from the sun in every floor.

In the Eastern side a big green wall starting from the top and reaches down at the first level is created in order to help the environmental aspect of the building.











LUXURY LIVING







# ITALIAN EXCELLENCE IN THE HEART OF SINGAPORE

## A REVIEW OF MERCURIO DESIGN LAB

**S** Set on 1,168,652.50 sqm of the Laguna National Golf & Country Club—one of Singapore’s prominent golf and country club since its inauguration in 1993—the brief for the project includes a makeover of the existing clubhouse and the provision of a new hotel. Laguna Hotel Holdings Pte Ltd knew they could count on the world-renowned Mercurio Design Lab not only to fulfill but exceed their design brief. Lead by founder Massimo Mercurio the Italian studio has undertaken a range of projects across Asia.

The existing clubhouse was a boxy-looking building with golf facilities for players taking on the challenge of two championship courses. The client wanted to keep the demolition of the old pavilion to a minimum and incorporate it with the five-story luxury hotel.

However, due to the changes brought particularly by the new MRT line, the chance to work with a design from scratch arose. The announcement for the new MRT line opened up to a more exciting and less constrained design and paved a way to develop a concept that interacts better with the environment. The result is a dynamic and single unified building that merges almost seamlessly with the surging landscape of the golf course.

Mercurio Design Lab wanted to create a strong affinity between the architecture of the structure and the beautiful undulating ground of the golf course. Taking the gentle undulations as the inspiration, Massimo Mercurio designed the project with a fluid swooping form that sweeps itself from the landscape and curves to cover the two different functions—the clubhouse



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To create an architectural design that would meet practicality, connect with the people, and minimize the violence it would bring to the environment is daunting. In the context of design, there was not much technical difficulty in accomplishing the project, but the construction of the roof, due to its unusual form becomes the main challenge. Hence, extensive research to find the right technology that would accommodate the roof plan was instrumental. Overall, the project faced some roadblocks during construction, but as it now stands beautiful on the golf course as one of the most remarkable buildings in Singapore is well worth the effort.



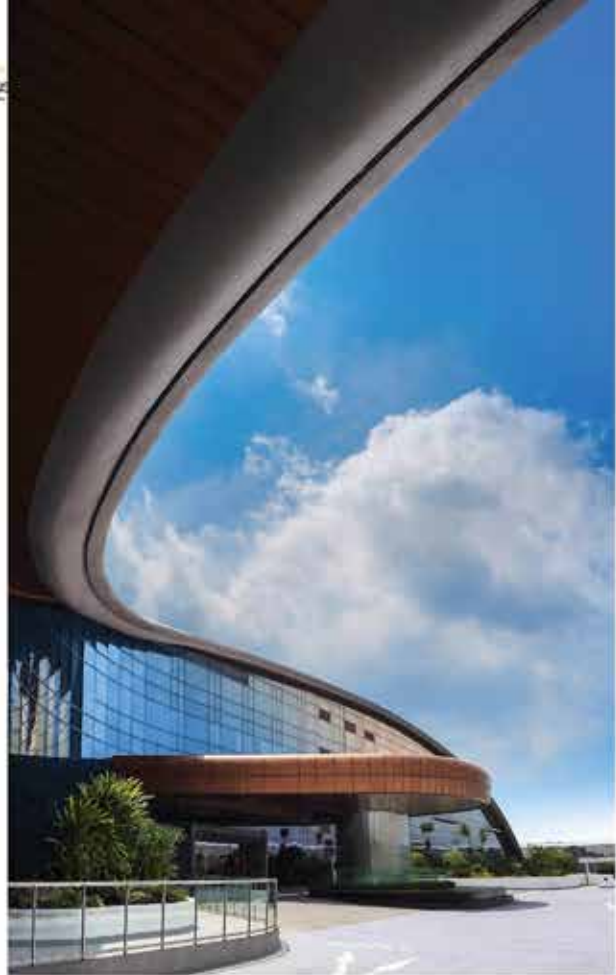
and the hotel. The over-arching roof and shared glazed facade are to marry the complexities brought by the two entities with a discrepancy in height. The glazed façade draws light into the interior, and when seen from the outside, has a beautiful illumination effect. The design composition also gives visitors the perfect vantage point to take in the golf course and the gorgeous natural scenery.

The newly emerged Dusit Thani Laguna greets its guests with a curvilinear aesthetic that is also visible in the interiors of the building. The success to craft and bring to life such a distinctive design feature was the combined efforts of the passionate and highly creative team of Mercurio Design Lab's architects, engineers, designers, and artists. This collaborative approach resulted in a ground-breaking project that pushed the boundaries and excelled the initial brief.









The end product resounds well with the panel of judges at this year's The Luxury Lifestyle Awards. They were impressed by the measures that the Mercurio Design Lab team has undertaken to bring about a revolutionary artwork and build an iconic structure in the heart of Singapore. It naturally concluded with the jury awarding the project with the title Best Hotel Architecture for Singapore for the Dusit Thani Laguna.

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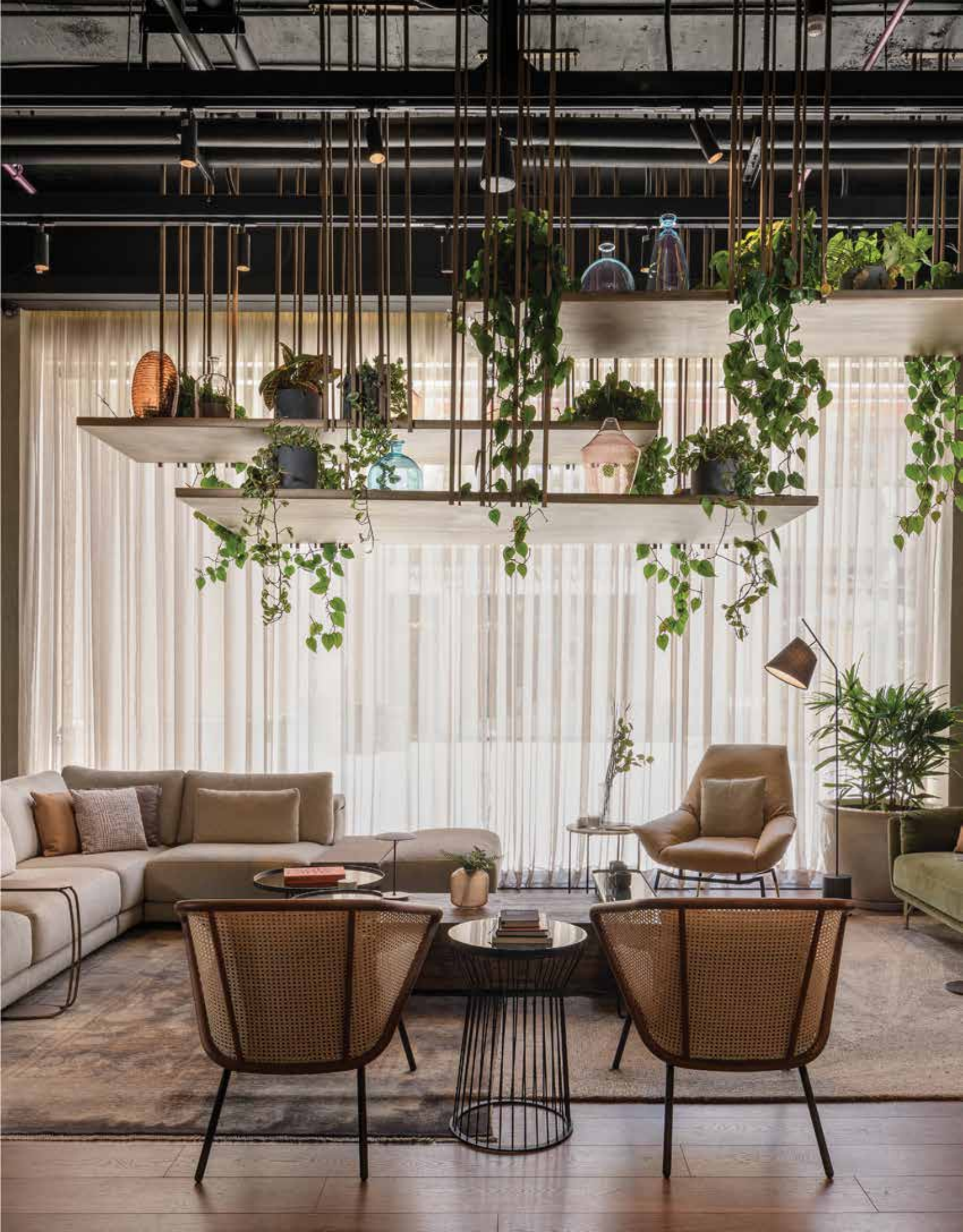
# BLEND FURNITURE

AWARDED IN THE CATEGORY OF BEST LUXURY FURNITURE  
AND HOMEWARE IN EGYPT BY THE PRESTIGIOUS LUXURY  
LIFESTYLE AWARDS



Egyptian furniture and homeware company Blend Furniture first established itself on the interior design scene with its first showroom in Nasr City, Cairo in 2012. Such was the success of this home-grown design company that within just a few years it was able to expand with a second showroom in Heliopolis in 2015 and then a third branch in New Cairo in 2019, and later followed by its fourth showroom in West Cairo in 2021, and later followed by its fifth showroom in West Cairo in 2021, proof that the appetite for Blend Furniture's unique and stylish products show no sign of dying down.







Blend Furniture seeks to deliver an exceptional blend of products and services to the market that best serves its customers' need









Blend Furniture's appeal and connection to its devoted fans can be explained by its passionately-held belief in its mission, which is to make people forget the stresses and worries of daily life as they indulge in one of its exclusive pieces. Every item lovingly supplied by Blend Furniture is a unique blend of quality, simplicity and style and covers the whole range of desires and needs in every home, not just furniture but whole systems and furnishing accessories for the entire project.

Over the years, Blend Furniture has retained its leading position in the national interior design scene by constantly adapting its range of products and services to current market trends, showing its ability to anticipate the needs and tastes of its customers while also retaining the long-lasting mark of quality and experience which provides timeless pieces which will stand the test of time.















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From household staples such as sofas, chairs and armchairs to coffee tables, dining chairs and tables to bar stools, lighting, writing desks and fireplaces, in both modern and contemporary styling, Blend Furniture supplies its clients with a whole range of high-end brands so they can fit their homes out with these beautiful and exclusive items.

This is why Blend Furniture has been awarded a prestigious accolade in the category of Best Luxury Furniture and Homeware in Egypt by Luxury Lifestyle Awards, recognition which is truly deserved. Its motto of 'Timeless Elegance' can be seen in its showrooms, which are set up to provide a source of inspiration to its clients, revealing the strong design elements in each piece which exist in harmony with the rest of the collection. Blend Furniture's stated aim is to create the perfect blend of furniture for each home with world-class design and quality standards, with original, minimalistic contemporary design and a unique sense of detail being the hallmark of the Blend Furniture design style.

The team at Blend Furniture is well aware that, thanks to the increased importance of the internet and social media, their customers are more exposed to design trends from around the world. This allows them to be more creative and experimental with their selections but allows means that they require a wide variety of products, services and better customisation, and are more likely to turn away from mass-produced items. Therefore, Blend Furniture seeks to deliver an exceptional blend of products and services to the market that best serves its customers' needs, making

sure that they are offering the very best in quality and design standards, creating the perfect solution for each customer.

As well as retailing some of the finest design brands in the world, especially from the leading designers in Europe, Blend Furniture also prides itself on encouraging and supporting local talent. By seeking out new designers and actively taking part in collaborations with Egyptian designers and innovators, Blend Furniture can give greater prominence to those who would otherwise find it hard to break through in this highly competitive field.

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# COSTA BLANCA

An aerial photograph of a residential development on a hillside. In the foreground, a large, modern white house with a terracotta roof and a covered patio area is visible. The house is surrounded by lush green trees and shrubs. In the background, a dense forest of green trees covers a hillside, leading up to a rocky, brown mountain range. The sky is clear and blue. The text 'COSTA BLANCA' is overlaid in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the center of the image.





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**L** Located in an exclusive and beautifully scenic region of Spain, Fine & Country Costa Blanca North offers excellence of service and in-depth local knowledge to create the perfect environment for stressless buying and selling in a versatile real estate market. That is why Fine & Country Costa Blanca North has been awarded in the category of Best Luxury Real Estate Agency in Costa Blanca and the Provinces of Alicante and Valencia by the experts at Luxury Lifestyle Awards.

The area attracts Spanish investors looking for second homes in this exclusively beautiful region as well as more affluent expats from across Europe and beyond, including North America and the Middle East. They are part of an extensive network of over 300 branches all over the world specialising exclusively in the in-depth marketing and sale of luxury residential property which includes resale, new build and investment opportunities. Their Head Office is situated on Park Lane, Mayfair, London, arguably one of the most prestigious locations in Europe.















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With a regional office based in Denia, midway between the cities of Alicante and Valencia, the company showcases properties in the many attractive coastal towns while also catering for clients looking to settle in the charming inland villages in the Jalon and Orba Valleys. From luxury beachfront pent-houses to spectacular coastal houses, contemporary city apartments or styl-ish country escapes there's something for everyone.

The dedicated, multi-lingual staff provide an exceptional service to both buyers and sellers. This starts with initial enquiries where they pride them-selves on sourcing exclusive properties that may not necessarily be on any-one's radar. They aim to exceed all expectations with a personalised, de-tailed search followed by bespoke hands-on organisation, negotiation, and





management service throughout the process. Guaranteed to bring maximum customer satisfaction, helping buyers find their dream home with minimum fuss and sellers find their ideal buyer with utmost ease.

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# MIND BODY WELLNESS

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One in four employees have been diagnosed with stress related health issues, and the country's economic contributors aged 25 to 65 are most affected, costing South Africa billions of Rands. A study conducted by the South African Depression and Anxiety Group (SADAG) revealed that more than 40 percent of all work-related illness is due to work-related stress, major depression, burnout and anxiety disorders.

More organisations are beginning to understand the impact of employees' health on organisational performance and more employers are now integrating different wellness programmes into the workplace.

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Organisations and companies that care for the wellbeing of their employees tend to get more from their employees automatically because people are willing to do more if they feel like they're a part of something good that's bigger. This leads to increased productivity and efficiency; making employees feel valuable and connected helps the bottom line so much more.

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