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From the Editor



Sello Ramosepele

Welcome to the Spring issue of Trimestral Trends by BraamVibes. It is remarkable to witness the journey since our first issue, and even more exciting to see how our community continues to grow and evolve. This magazine remains a celebration of refined taste, fresh ideas, and the best that luxury, travel and lifestyle have to offer.

Spring is a season of renewal and exploration, the perfect moment to awaken your senses and uncover new experiences that elevate the everyday. In this edition, we delve into destinations that embody elegance and adventure in equal measure, showcasing places that promise not just a stay, but lasting memories.

Our mission remains to inspire and inform with content crafted thoughtfully for discerning readers who appreciate quality and authenticity. Thank you for joining us on this journey, there is much more to discover and enjoy in the months ahead.

Sello Ramosepele
Founding Editor, Trimestral Trends

Travel

Discover the Ultimate Luxury at The Royal Livingstone Hotel by Anantara and Avani Victoria Falls Resort

THE ROYAL LIVINGSTONE HOTEL BY ANANTARA, THE PINNACLE OF ELEGANCE BY VICTORIA FALLS



Perched gracefully on the banks of the Zambezi River just metres from the rumbling splendour of Victoria Falls, the Royal Livingstone Hotel is synonymous with understated elegance and timeless grandeur. This iconic retreat welcomes guests into a world where colonial charm meets the finest of modern comforts, set against one of the world's most dramatic natural backdrops.

Each suite and room is thoughtfully designed with safari-inspired décor, offering private balconies that open onto magnificent river views. The hotel's location provides privileged access to bespoke experiences, including expertly guided river safaris, tranquil sunset cruises and breathtaking helicopter flights above the falls.

Culinary offerings at Royal Livingstone are equally exceptional, blending regional flavours with international finesse, perfectly paired with an extensive selection of fine wines.

After a day of adventure, guests can indulge in soothing spa treatments inspired by traditional African healing practices combined with contemporary wellness therapies, creating moments of pure relaxation.

For travellers seeking a luxurious escape during the spring and summer, Royal Livingstone combines natural wonder with expert hospitality in perfect harmony.

Where Heritage Meets Modern Simplicity

BY SELLO RAMOSEPELE

PHOTOGRAPHY: Minor Hotels



Seamless Luxury, Unlimited Access, Unequalled Experience



AVANI VICTORIA FALLS RESORT, CONTEMPORARY EMBRACING NATURE

Just a brief journey from The Royal Livingstone Hotel, across the border in Zimbabwe, lies Avani Victoria Falls Resort, a beacon of contemporary resort wrapped in the vibrant energy of nature. This resort offers a fresh, stylish alternative for travellers who delight in modern design without sacrificing comfort or connectivity to the wild beauty of the rainforest.

Avani's chic rooms and suites provide a tranquil sanctuary complemented by an inviting infinity pool and diverse dining experiences that champion fresh, local ingredients. The resort has carved a niche as an ideal escape for families and individuals seeking a sophisticated yet relaxed setting within reach of the falls.

Guests can enjoy peaceful riverside walks, wildlife encounters, and a range of guided excursions, all while retreating to the resort's warm and inviting atmosphere.

Dining at Avani is a celebration of both flavour and setting, from breakfast views of the mist rising over the falls to alfresco dinners beneath the starlit sky.

This spring and summer period, Avani provides the perfect balance of bespoke comfort and natural splendour for those looking to experience Victoria Falls in style.





What elevates the appeal of these two outstanding resorts is an exclusive partnership that offers guests the unique advantage of access to both properties.

Booking at either The Royal Livingstone Hotel or Avani Victoria Falls Resort means effortlessly enjoying the allure and amenities of both without the usual border formalities.

This seamless arrangement allows visitors to experience the stately elegance and adventurous spirit of Royal Livingstone alongside the fresh vibrancy and comfort of Avani.



Whether you find yourself savouring a luxurious dinner cruise along the Zambezi or exploring rainforest trails, you have the freedom to tailor your stay with incomparable flexibility.

This spring and summer, invite yourself to a luxury escape where the world's wonders meet unmatched comfort and service, promising a journey that will stay with you long after you depart.



Emirates Unveils Its First Retrofitted Boeing 777 in Africa



STORY BY SARAH MAELI
PHOTOGRAPHY CREDIT: EMIRATES



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Emirates has officially welcomed its first fully retrofitted Boeing 777 to Africa, making its debut in both Cape Town and Johannesburg. Trimestral Trends received an exclusive invitation to experience the unveiling of a multi-million-rand fleet upgrade redefining modern air travel. We were ushered aboard the refreshed aircraft, which boasts a nose-to-tail makeover and the much-anticipated launch of Premium Economy in South Africa.

The showcase tours highlighted Emirates' next-generation cabin design, from the calming ocean-blue Economy Class to the redesigned Business Class suites and refreshed First Class luxury spaces. But the spotlight belonged to Premium Economy, South Africa's first taste of this award-winning cabin, offering reclining leather seats, extra legroom, in-seat charging, amenity kits, and even a globally exclusive sparkling wine: Chandon Vintage Brut 2017.

Johannesburg and Cape Town are now the first destinations in Africa to welcome the refurbished Boeing 777—part of Emirates' USD \$5 billion retrofit programme, the largest of its kind in aviation. With 219 aircraft set for upgrades, the project will ultimately deliver over 8,500 Premium Economy seats, 12,700 upgraded Business Class seats, and refreshed cabins across all classes.

For South African travellers, this means more choice, more comfort, and a new standard of luxury in the skies—whether heading to Europe, the Far East, or beyond.

To book a seat on the refreshed Boeing 777, visit [emirates.com](https://www.emirates.com) or the Emirates App.

"As we celebrate three decades of service to South Africa, our commitment to bring the latest and greatest to the market is unwavering," said Afzal Parambil, Emirates' Regional Manager for Southern Africa.

When Passion for Food Meets the Art of Unforgettable Dining



**STORY BY SELLO RAMOSEPELE
PHOTO CREDIT: TESSIDELTA**



When the love of food meets the art of unforgettable dining something extraordinary unfolds. This is precisely what guests can anticipate from the sizzling collaboration between Feed My Tribe and Tempo Luxury Restaurant, a unique and delicious three-course dining experience crafted for food lovers, dreamers and adventurous palates.

Born from a shared passion for soulful expressive cooking, Feed My Tribe, the celebrated food writer and curator, returns to Tempo's kitchen to co-create a rotating menu that is as flavourful as it is inspired. For some cooking is a craft, for others it is a calling. This collaboration masterfully brings these worlds together with every bite.

Chef Bonga Williams and the Tempo Luxury Restaurant team have opened not only their doors but their hearts, providing a platform for talented local cooks and creatives. This initiative goes beyond exceptional food, focusing on building a community, elevating culinary voices and redefining Johannesburg's dining scene.

The carefully crafted menu offers everything from festive meat-forward mains to thoughtful vegetarian options, catering to every craving. Each three-course experience is tailor-made, reflecting the blend of global influences and local flair that has become Tempo's hallmark.

Tempo Luxury Restaurant has rapidly established itself as one of South Africa's leading lifestyle and dining destinations. Renowned for its sophisticated atmosphere, world-class entertainment and now this innovative culinary partnership, Tempo continues to set the benchmark in modern hospitality.

This collaboration presents a distinctive dining experience where flavour meets flair, appealing to dedicated foodies, curious palates and anyone seeking an exceptional night out.

Spring Tech Trends

This spring, Trimestral Trends highlights the latest innovations and breakthroughs shaping the digital landscape. From AI advances to new tools driving connectivity and sustainability, discover the fresh ideas transforming the future of technology.

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**The new
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In an era where smartphones double as lecture rooms, creative studios, and personal organisers, the Samsung Galaxy A Series stands out as the perfect companion for young South Africans ready to do more, without spending more. The Galaxy A26 5G, A36 5G, and A56 5G models offer remarkable performance, vibrant displays, and exceptional AI features, all crafted to support effective studying and creative expression.

The Galaxy A Series embodies Awesome Intelligence, bringing advanced artificial intelligence directly to the user. The Galaxy A36 5G's Object Eraser feature, for instance, allows users to remove unwanted items from photos with ease, making editing intuitive and fun. Every model in the series is equipped with a 50MP camera, ensuring that scans of study materials, presentations, and creative photographs are crisp and professional. The integrated AI tools help you revise diagrams, organise notes, and prepare polished projects, all from the palm of your hand.

The Super AMOLED displays featured on every device in the A Series come with smooth 120Hz refresh rates, delivering crystal-clear, eye-friendly visuals for any task. Whether reviewing lecture slides, reading, or watching videos, the screen adapts to long sessions, supporting any academic or creative workflow. Galaxy A Series devices are designed for multitasking, enabling effortless transitions between note-taking, research, and content creation.

Each of the A26, A36, and A56 models is equipped with a robust 5000mAh battery, meaning one can focus on studies or personal projects without being interrupted by low battery warnings. With expandable storage, there is always enough space for important documents, apps, and creative portfolios, even during the busiest semesters.

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Awesome Intelligence

Galaxy A36 5G

Awesome photography
with Object Eraser



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- **Galaxy A26 5G**, the ideal choice for students seeking performance on a budget, excels at online classes, note-taking, and creative exploration.
- **Galaxy A36 5G** offers a sharper display, greater memory, and enhanced features, perfect for multitaskers with varied academic and creative needs.
- **Galaxy A56 5G** is designed for those who demand premium AI tools and an advanced experience, suiting ambitious creators and high achievers.

Safety and Peace of Mind with Samsung SOS+

Thanks to Samsung's collaboration with AURA, the Galaxy A Series now features Samsung SOS+, a free 24/7 emergency response service for one year on devices purchased between May and November 2025. This service delivers real-time geolocation and immediate access to private security and medical assistance across South Africa, providing families and students with added reassurance.

EVENTS / ACTIVATIONS



EVENT HIGHLIGHTS: SHOWCASING
THE MOST EXCITING GATHERINGS,
CELEBRATIONS, AND EXPERIENCES
SHAPING OUR SOCIAL CALENDAR.



BRUTAL FRUIT SPRITZER'S ELEGANT 500ML GRAND LUXE BOTTLE STEALS THE SPOTLIGHT WITH MAXHOSA AT PARIS FASHION WEEK



Brutal Fruit Spritzer's new elegant 500ml Grand Luxe bottle has debuted at Paris Fashion Week alongside South African fashion brand MaXhosa Africa, creating a captivating fusion of style and cultural pride. This collaboration showcases African luxury and creativity on the global stage, with both brands celebrating empowerment, sophistication, and authentic connection.

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This partnership celebrates African creativity, empowerment, and the global rise of South African brands, marking a proud moment of cultural and fashion excellence on the international stage.





ARC Unveils Africa's Largest Beauty Store in Sandton City

South Africa's beauty scene just got a major upgrade. ARC has officially re-launched its flagship store in Sandton City, now the largest beauty store on the entire continent. But this isn't your typical shop, it's a vibrant beauty playground where fans of skincare, makeup, and luxury brands can truly explore, discover, and indulge.

ARC Sandton elevates the shopping experience with a carefully curated environment designed to delight all the senses. Whether you're in need of some expert skincare advice or just want to savour a great cup of coffee, the store has something for everyone:

- The ARC Café serves up speciality coffees, matcha, and refreshing smoothies for a well-deserved break.
- The Fragrance Pause Area offers a calm spot to try out luxury scents at your own pace.
- The Beauty Lab is there for personalised skincare consultations, makeovers, and professional makeup services.

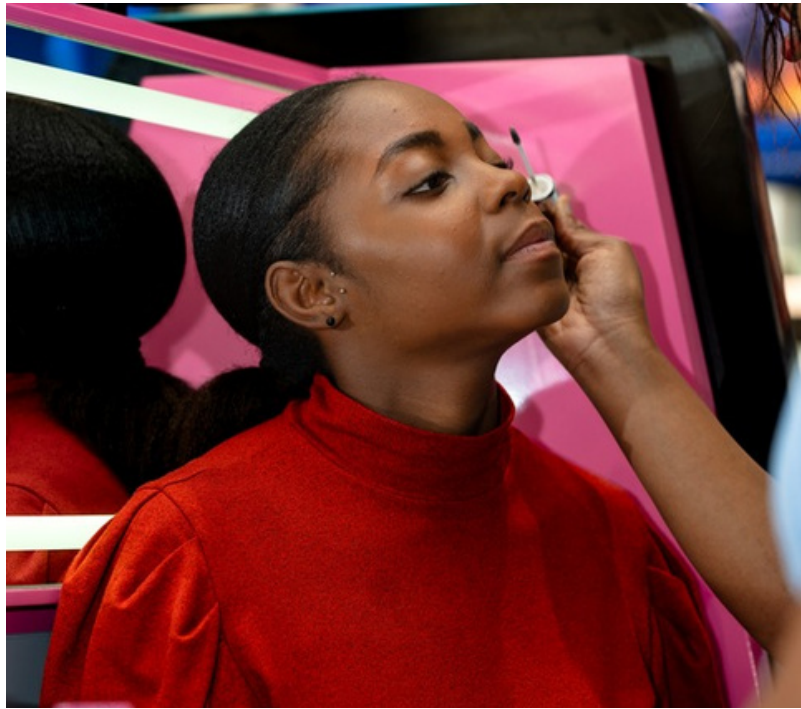
If exclusivity excites you, you're in for a treat. ARC Sandton has brought some of the world's most sought-after beauty names closer to home, including Urban Decay, IT Cosmetics, Biotherm, Youth to the People, Paula's Choice, TirTir, and soon, Drunk Elephant. Clarins has also made its debut at ARC for the very first time. And of course, all your favourites are there too, think Dior, CHANEL, Huda Beauty, Fenty Beauty, Kylie Cosmetics, and more.

There's a special local flavour too. ARC teamed up with four celebrated Jo'burg artists, Curious Lauren, Musonda Kabwe, Zee Feels, and Naledi Modupi, who transformed one of the store's walls with stunning murals inspired by "The Beauty of Johannesburg." The result? A living gallery that melds global glamour with South African artistic spirit.

Jamie Lane, ARC's CEO, sums it up perfectly:

"ARC Sandton is a bold new chapter for us. It is a joyful, inclusive playground where everyone can feel welcomed, inspired, and celebrated. It's not just a shop, it's a community built around the love of beauty in all its forms."

MOMENTS FROM THE ARC LAUNCH



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Story By Sarah Maeli
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Johannesburg recently experienced a sun-soaked escape as icetropez celebrated 20 years in South Africa with the launch of #LeClub: Riviera Rhythms. The event, held at the stylish Magugu House in Dunkeld, masterfully blended the effortless glamour of the French Riviera with the vibrant energy of Afro-beats, creating a sensory journey that embodied the spirit of icetropez.

Guests, including tastemakers, media, and loyal fans, immersed themselves in the brand's signature ethos of playful sophistication and joie de vivre. The unveiling of the 20-Year Anniversary bottle served as a tribute to icetropez's daring origins in Saint-Tropez and its lasting appeal among a new generation of global trendsetters.



Keyler Valiatham, Marketing Manager, described the milestone as “more than a celebration”, a testament to entrepreneurial grit, innovation, and appreciation for those who embrace the brand's freedom and understated luxury.

As night fell, the champagne-pink ambiance at Dunkeld hinted at exciting future plans. #LeClub will expand across South Africa, offering curated experiences such as sunset soirées, seaside-inspired escapes, Afrobeats-infused parties, and collaborations with prominent local designers and DJs.

More than an anniversary, icetropez's celebration invites South Africans to enter a world where Saint-Tropez glamour meets African rhythm, with every glass marking a passport to timeless Riviera sophistication.

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