



**Press release**

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**THE ROYAL PORTFOLIO: SOUTH AFRICA'S ICONIC HOTEL GROUP**

Spring is in the air and maybe it's time to fly south and revisit, rediscover and relax at one of the Bider family's luxurious hotels and private lodges in South Africa ([www.theroyalportfolio.com](http://www.theroyalportfolio.com)). Here are some new developments and current offers:

**Tailored contemporary art tours at The Silo Hotel in Cape Town**

The Royal Portfolio's spectacular Silo Hotel occupies six floors above Cape Town's Zeitz MOCAA, a museum which houses one of the largest collections of contemporary African art in the world. The hotel has introduced tailored experiences hosted by their resident Art Concierge, Irene Boaventura. Guests have a unique opportunity to learn about the vibrant African art scene. The new offer includes exclusive private tours of the best of Cape Town's art galleries and exhibitions, including Zeitz MOCAA, as well as the remarkable collection owned by the Silo Hotel itself. Irene also plans artist studio visits, and manages gallery sales and the shipment of art works worldwide.

<https://www.theroyalportfolio.com/the-silo>

**Walk among the Big 5 on one of Royal Malewane's new walking trails**

The highly skilled guides and master trackers at The Royal Portfolio's iconic safari lodge, Royal Malewane in the Greater Kruger National Park, have carefully planned three new walking trails to give guests an opportunity to connect more intimately with the fauna and flora of the African bush. . Meander along ancient elephant paths, through stands of giant Marula trees, into Tamboti thickets, across open savannah, and past secret groves of beautiful Impala Lilies, ending at large water holes bustling with game. The Royal Malewane rangers are highly qualified to lead these walking trails, ensuring guest's absolute safety whilst knowledgeably imparting the lore of the wild.

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## **Whale watching and a new spa at Birkenhead House in Hermanus, Cape Whale Coast**

Whale season has arrived in the coastal town of Hermanus, renowned as the best land-based whale watching destination in the world. With its exhilarating cliff-top position overlooking the Atlantic ocean, the exquisite 11-suite Birkenhead House boutique hotel provides the best vantage point in town for guests looking to view pods of dolphins splashing playfully past the front deck, as well as seals, penguins, Southern Right and Humpback Whales.

Guests enjoying the champagne air of Hermanus will find additional relaxation at the property's newly renovated spa. The four treatment rooms feature a beautiful new design by Liz Biden. Each of the rooms has a different colour scheme, ranging from burnt orange to green and red. Contemporary African art works, splendid chandeliers and Moroccan lamps, as well as antique wooden folding screens collected by owner Liz Biden on her world travels, complete the look. Treatments include massages, aromatherapy, reflexology, body-exfoliations and body wraps as well as beauty and grooming treatments using some of South Africa's best products.

[www.theroyalportfolio.com/birkenhead-house](http://www.theroyalportfolio.com/birkenhead-house)

## **La Residence in Franschhoek introduces Brunch and Wine Tastings**

La Residence, the opulent hotel set in the Cape Winelands an hour's drive from Cape Town, has introduced a delicious "farm-to-fork" brunch menu, available from Thursdays to Sundays from 11am. La Residence is not only one of the most glamorous properties in Franschhoek but also a working farm and the menu features seasonal organic produce grown on the 30 acre private estate. Enjoy signature dishes which include Moroccan Lamb Benedict, Forest Mushroom Ragout, and Seared Franschhoek Trout. With 12 acres of its own under vine, La Residence also produces its own wines to accompany meals. Guests can taste Rose, Red blend (Cabernet / Shiraz) and Owner's Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon. Brunch and wine tastings are open to non-resident guests but pre-booking is essential.

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Notes to the editor:

For further information and special packages (i.e. the Royal Offer – Stay 6, Pay 5) visit <https://www.theroyalportfolio.com/packages/>

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