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## Royal Malewane Refurbishment & Opening of the Masiya Bar

Greater Kruger National Park, South Africa (24 May 2018) — Royal Malewane, The Royal Portfolio's exclusive safari lodge in the Great Kruger National Park which opened in 1999, has completed an extensive refurbishment with some wonderful new additions.

The refurbishment covered major structural work including new floors, doorways, walls, decking and thatching, as well as resurfacing of the swimming pools. Liz Biden, owner of The Royal Portfolio, has added exquisite pieces of furniture and exotic new fabrics including a few vibrant flashes of colour to the lodge. The two Royal Suites were enhanced with new gazebo entrances and the kosher kitchen was redone. But the highlight of the refurbishment is the opening of the Masiya Bar on the site of the old boma.

This contemporary gin and whisky bush-bar is a tribute to the Master Trackers of Royal Malewane. Wilson Masiya was the first of three Master Trackers at Royal Malewane. He sadly passed away in 2015 but his legacy lives on at the lodge through his contemporaries Jonas Mhula and Juan Pinto. The Masiya Bar is a wonderful new space for guests to relax around the fire and share the stories of the day. It also provides a new private dining option for guests.

Liz Biden said, “The refurbishment has given the entire lodge a lovely lift while retaining the classic safari style and relaxed atmosphere that our guests have enjoyed for nearly 20 years.”

Royal Malewane was recently included in Condé Nast Traveler’s list of the Best Resorts in the World. There are more exciting developments in the pipeline including The Farmstead at Royal Malewane which will open in mid-2019. Building is underway.

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