

Home-grown reviews

Not your average restaurant-review portal, Eat Cape Town offers a personalised take on restaurants in Greater Cape Town. Reviews are irreverent, but always fair. Diners know all too well that food is about so much more than taste. Consequently, Eat Cape Town also discusses broader issues, for example, the cultures associated with specific cuisines and the debate on urban planning around restaurant strips. There are reviews of all types of eateries, from resurgent institutions like La Perla in Sea Point to the popular Eastern Food Bazaar in Darling Street. Reviewers from Eat Cape Town visit restaurants unannounced and pay for their meals in full. The reviews are based on a single meal. Eat Cape Town returns to many of the restaurants to check if standards have improved or slipped since the review. www.eatcapetown.co.za



Country opulence

The recently renovated Grand Dédale (formerly Doolhof Manor House), a five-star manor house situated on Doolhof Wine Estate near Wellington, offers its guests elegant country-house living on a par with the best privately owned country homes in Europe. Guests will be able to enjoy sumptuous comfort, discreet service and complete privacy in one of six spacious, beautifully appointed en-suite bedrooms or in the romantic freestanding thatched stone cottage. In-room luxuries include, among others, air conditioning, under-floor heating, wireless Internet connectivity, and 300-thread-count percale cotton linen. All accommodation offers sweeping views of the estate and the surrounding mountain ranges. Facilities include a salt-water swimming pool, a spa room and a concierge. Activities to be enjoyed on or nearby the estate include hiking, mountain biking and horse riding, fishing and golf. +27 (0)21 873 4089, www.granddedale.com



Olive Festival
The 10th annual Riebeeck Valley Olive Festival is taking place from 30 April to 2 May. The festival is hosted by the sister towns of Riebeeck Kasteel and Riebeeck West, and celebrates olives, food, wine and art in a relaxed country atmosphere. +27 (0)22 448 1543, www.riebeekvalley.info

Fabulously fat

German furniture manufacturers MBM In & Outdoor Furniture have released the Fatboy Original just in time for the 2010 FIFA World Cup. The Fatboy is an oversized 140cm x 180cm beanbag that couch potatoes will love flopping into to catch the soccer on TV. Available in red, orange, black, lime green, cobalt and turquoise. +27 (0)21 535 5021, www.mbmfrance.co.za



Get your play on!

With only a month to go before the world's attention is focused on football and South Africa, Woolworths has enlisted some top local and international names for its Winter 2010 campaign,

called *Play the World*. Woolworths Divisional Director of Marketing Charmaine Huet says, 'In light of the international focus, we decided to expand our horizons beyond our borders and to find international icons who we could honour along with some of our South African stars. For several

years, Woolworths has featured 'real people' in our seasonal advertising campaigns. We have always tried to feature exceptional South Africans who, because of their accomplishments and talents, are role models for our young people'. Shot by world-renowned photographer and creative director, Oliviero Toscani, the campaign features a number of celebrities, including supermodel Alek Wek, singer Lira, and football legends Luís Figo and Lucas Radebe. +27 (0)860 100 987 www.woolworths.co.za



Cyber décor

E-Décor is an online portal designed to be your one-stop online décor resource. The team at E-Décor is dedicated to making home decorating easier, quicker and more enjoyable for you. Search their extensive database of niche upmarket décor products and service providers and complete your purchases online. The website also provides décor news and reviews and offers décor ideas, events announcements, room-set galleries, videos and social networking, and expert designers who are on hand to offer you advice. +27 (0)21 461 8924, www.edecor.co.za



Nursing beauty

Before the birth of her daughter, Pascalé Dorp of Baby Belle set out looking for appropriate bedroom décor for the anticipated arrival of Isabella. 'I wanted something custom designed. After searching for some time, I couldn't find the exclusivity that I was looking for. I had obtained my degree in design and decided to design her bedroom and manufacture the décor myself,' she says. Shortly after that decision was made, her daughter and interior design business were born. Baby Belle aims to transform empty spaces into the nursery or bedroom of your children's dreams. From consultation, planning and design to the finished products, Baby Belle will deliver original, handcrafted décor items that have a touch of playfulness about them. +27 (0)78 285 3164, www.babybelle.co.za



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Send your three numbers in the grey boxes along with your details to sudoku@thepropertymag.co.za and you will automatically be entered into a lucky draw to win a bottle of Château d'Arche 2002 from the International Wine Company. (www.internationalwines.co.za) (Competition closes 31 May 2010. Terms & conditions apply.)

Last month's solution

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Creative minds



Writers, editors, publishers, readers and other bibliophiles will be thronging to Franschhoek to participate in the fourth edition of the Franschhoek Literary Festival (FLF), which will take place from 14 to 16 May. The organisers of the festival are expecting another buzzing book weekend after hosting over 3 000 visitors and 56 authors, poets and guest speakers in 2009. 'We believe that the festival has put Franschhoek on the map as a lively and inclusive cultural destination,' says Jenny Hobbs, herself an author and one of the organisers of the FLF. Proceeds of ticket sales and donations go into the FLF Library Fund, which supplies books to schools and crèches, with the long-term goal of creating a new community library. +27 (0)21 876 3603, www.flf.co.za

Burning rubber

Tyred Sustainable Lifestyle Furniture was started six months ago by Sean Smith and Delarey Wagener, who came across a pile of tyres and wondered what to do with them. A plan was made to use the tyres as they were, without cutting or melting them, to develop a durable, aesthetically pleasing pod design. Their creations include custom-designed chairs, ottomans and tables that can be used indoors or outdoors. They use various materials like foam, leather, canvas and wood so that each piece of furniture suits the customer and the location. In addition to helping the environment, Tyred is making a social impact by only employing men with families and is committed to hiring more men as the need arises. +27 (0)21 510 4708, www.tyred.co.za



Love, evolved

The woman in your life will surely love you forever if you present her with this solitaire diamond ring from Shimansky. Following the success of the iconic Millennium engagement ring, Yair Shimansky has designed the Evolyum (my love) ring. The ring allows 360° exposure to light, resulting in a brilliant sparkle. Each Evolyum ring is handmade with precision and technical expertise to ensure it has the appearance of a delicately set solitaire diamond, but is firmly secured between three bands. On the girdle of each ring is a laser-written inscription stating the diamond's unique international certificate number, carat weight, colour and clarity. +27 (0)21 421 2788, www.shimansky.co.za



Treasure grove

L'Olivier Non Pareil Extra Virgin Olive Oil has a special quality given to it by the soil of the hills of Stellenbosch. Non Pareil estate has 15ha of olive trees, and the olives it uses in its virgin olive oil are harvested from trees planted in 1947 and are in their sixth year of production. The olives are cold-pressed to produce an oil of smooth flavour and low acidity, and because the oil is unfiltered, it does not contain preservatives. The health benefits of using L'Olivier Non Pareil Extra Virgin Olive Oil make it not a luxury, but a necessity. +27 (0)860 106 131, www.nonpareil.co.za



New harmony

The Taj Cape Town is not only the first hotel in Africa to be built by Taj Hotels Resorts and Palaces, but is also home to the first Jiva Spa in Africa. Jiva Spas offer a spectrum of traditional Indian wellness treatments and experiences. All products used at Jiva spas have been developed from herbs, essential oils and other special ingredients from India. The treatments are divided into aromatherapy treatments and Ayurvedic ones. Jiva Spas feature single and double treatment suites, beauty treatment rooms, vitality pools and fully equipped gyms in a refreshing configuration that promises a balance of energy through organic design and contemporary finishes. +27 (0)21 819 2000, www.tajhotels.com



Enough's enough

'Enough' and 'handbags' are generally considered mutually exclusive terms. Flaunting ground-breaking designs, delicious details, absolutely *now* bodies and heaven-sent colours, the Basta label takes this assumption to new levels. Designed by Peachy Bawa, who's based in India, the Basta line was born in 2004 and its signature fun, luxurious, edge-of-the-seat offerings are found in selected boutiques around the world. The Summer 2010 collection features soft lambskins, washed cowhides in upbeat brights as well as bone, putty and light grey. From soft minimalist shapes and muted metallic garnishes to waxed, distressed or ultra-lux, this is street-chic paradise. Basta handbags and leather smalls are available in South Africa at the Space in Gateway and Florida Road, and at Lulu Belle in Cape Town and Pretoria. Contact Claire Smith at Ethereal, sole distributor for Basta handbags in SA for stockists enquiries. +27 (0)31 561 4500



Southern Sun The Cullinan, Cape Town, is an elegant and stylish hotel that's ideal for business and leisure travellers. It's located close to the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront with its bustling cosmopolitan boutiques, restaurants, bars and entertainment facilities. The hotel is in proximity to the dynamic central business district and the Cape Town International Convention Centre. Southern Sun The Cullinan offers magnificent views of Table Mountain and the picturesque harbour, and provides easy access to numerous sightseeing venues and magnificent beaches.

The hotel provides a full range of five-star services, including an elegant breakfast room, à la carte restaurant and stylish ladies' cocktail bar. +27 (0)21 415 4000 www.southern.sun.com

Two readers each stand a chance of winning one night's accommodation worth R2 500, including breakfast, for themselves and a guest each, at Southern Sun The Cullinan in Cape Town.

Southern Sun The Cullinan complements the rich, cultural heritage of the city of Cape Town with its timeless architectural tradition. Every aspect of the hotel denotes the special care it takes to provide guests with efficient and discreet service. Its leisure facilities include an outdoor pool and fitness centre, and there are additional sports facilities nearby, such as golf, skydiving, and sailing.

To enter the competition, simply answer the following question: what is your favourite holiday destination? E-mail your answers to readers@thepropertymag.co.za.

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