



The concrete jungle

Eugene Yiga finds a chic watering hole at The Maslow Hotel.

You're staying at The Maslow Hotel?' one of my friends asked when I said I'd be in Jo'burg for a few days. 'I didn't know you had friends in ga-va-ment!'

Located in the heart of Sandton, close to most of the financial institutions, investment banks, and Johannesburg Stock Exchange, The Maslow Hotel is ideal for business travellers. Indeed, it seemed like the breakfast buffet at the Lacuna Bistro bustled with suits and smartphones, no doubt fuelling up before they dashed off to the office, 'power-lunch' packs in hand.

But while the hotel offers free scheduled transfers to the Gautrain and Sandton City (returning as late as 10:30pm), guests don't even have to leave the building to take care of business. That's because the hotel's spacious conference centre and meeting

rooms (each named after famous titans of industry) can accommodate up to 650 people for business or social events.

When all's signed and done, The Maslow Hotel is also an ideal evening spot. Not just on the weekends, when guests can relax over afternoon tea by the pool or enjoy live music sessions, but also during the week when the corporates need a place to loosen their ties. While we sipped on our signature cocktails – try the Cape Berry Mule or the Fynbos Cooler – the Lacuna Bar was abuzz with banter from the office. It was the same over dinner in the restaurant, where the serving staff seemed like they'd never handled a full house before.

For those of you who might prefer something more relaxed than the loud calls of the wild, a glass-enclosed private dining room overlooks the gardens and can accommodate up to 15.

It's here that you can enjoy a menu that executive chef Jason Millar will design just for you.

Even more indulgent for those are travelling for business is the Africology Spa. Much like the restaurant, it takes inspiration from nature and even offers an African Potato Body Wrap as one of its signature treatments. That's what corporate credit cards are for, right?

At the end of it all, you can rest your weary head in your suite. Each room keeps the design sleek and simple, with no mountains of pillows that always end up on the floor. How nice to know that working in the concrete jungle doesn't have to mean being at the bottom of the food chain. Staying at The Maslow Hotel will make you feel like leader of the pack!

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