

## Protea Hotel by Marriott adds new wing to Pretoria property

Protea Hotel by Marriott Pretoria Hatfield has announced the opening of an additional wing to its property with 86 rooms and enhanced facilities. This follows a R120m-investment, which sees the hotel now boast a total of 205 guestrooms and features that include the African Restaurant and Bar, additional meeting rooms and conference facilities, a gym and a games room. The additional conference facilities allow for the hotel to host up to 220 delegates, with six additional breakaway meeting rooms.



Situated just a 35-minute drive from OR Tambo International Airport and in close proximity to Lanseria International Airport and Hatfield Gautrain Station, the hotel is nestled between many restaurants and a shopping centre that offers numerous amenities to visiting guests with easy access to the Pretoria city centre, Pretoria University, government department, embassies, corporate office parks and sporting facilities.

According to Volker Heiden, vice president of Protea Hotels by Marriott, Marriott International, Middle East and Africa: "We have seen significant growth in Pretoria, which has created a demand for increased quality accommodation. This is particularly true of the suburb of Hatfield, a popular location for both business and residential. Strategically located near the University of Pretoria, the Loftus Versfeld Rugby Stadium, the city centre and the many embassies, this suburb has attracted a lot of interest from travellers to the city recently. The new wing enhances our offering and caters to the new demand."



"Our new offering positions us strongly in the market by making us even more attractive to both leisure and business travellers," says Danny Bryer, area director for sales, marketing and revenue management at Protea Hotels by Marriott and

African Pride, Autograph Collection Hotels.

"Not many people know how significant the city of Pretoria is with the high density of embassies and consulates in the area. This is bound to generate increased demand for the hotel and its facilities," explains Heiden.

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