

Saxon Boutique Hotel the second best in Africa and Middle East

The Saxon Boutique Hotel, Villas and Spa in Johannesburg has moved up the coveted *Travel + Leisure World's Best Awards* from no. 5 to no. 2 in Africa and Middle East.

Renowned as the leading international travel publication, *Travel + Leisure* magazine embarks on an annual survey amongst its global readership to identify the best of the best in travel. Using a questionnaire developed by the *Travel + Leisure* editors, in association with ROI Research Inc, readers rank their favourites according to specific qualifying criteria.

South Africa dominated the *Travel + Leisure* Top 15 City Hotels in Africa and the Middle East, with Saxon Boutique Hotel listed as one of two hotels in Johannesburg to make the list.

New chef appointed

The Saxon also makes a debut appearance on the Top 100 Hotels Overall at no. 33 as one of seven South African hotels to be recognised by the *Travel + Leisure World's Best Awards*. Interestingly, all seven appear in the Top 50 confirming South Africa's prominence as a top travel destination.

Multi award-winning chef, David Higgs has joined the Saxon Boutique Hotel as the executive chef. With Higgs' appointment at The Saxon an entirely new food philosophy has been introduced; this is complimented by his own beliefs and founded in his love for the simplicity and passion of Italian cuisine. Chef Higgs is transforming the Saxon Hotel's Food and Beverage offering - one which local food lovers and international travellers should watch with interest.