

# Radisson Hotel Group opens 12th hotel in SA

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With South Africa's borders now open for national and international travel, Radisson Hotel Group's commitment to reigniting - and growing - the country's tourism industry while also creating new employment opportunities is welcome news.



Throughout the challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic and the associated lockdowns, the group has forged ahead with its expansion plans in South Africa and further afield in Africa, with its new Radisson Hotel & Convention Centre Johannesburg, O.R. Tambo, opening this month.

The new hotel will be the 12th Radisson hotel to open in South Africa as well as the first Radisson brand hotel. The full-service hotel will include all the amenities and style guests have come to expect of the group's hotel offerings.

"We are delighted to be able to continue opening hotels, especially during these unprecedented times and within our key markets, such as South Africa. We are grateful to our hotel owners for trusting our brands and people, and our teams for their tireless dedication and passion," says Tim Cordon, Senior Area Vice President, Middle East & Africa, of Radisson Hotel Group.

"To be able to debut a new brand in the country, during this time, is a true milestone and proves our commitment to the South African market as we aim to become the go-to hotelier for local and international guests while strengthening the country's tourism industry and creating employment opportunities."

Following its implementation of the Radisson Hotels Safety Protocol in partnership with SGS, which ensures the highest hygiene standards, Radisson Hotel & Convention Centre Johannesburg, O.R. Tambo, will join the other 11 Radisson Hotel Group hotels – Park Inn by Radisson, Radisson Blu and Radisson RED – in addressing the ever-changing needs of the modern traveller.

Adds Ramsay Rankoussi, Vice President, Development, Africa & Turkey: "We believe our current presence in South

Africa, along with the regional support office located in the country, will further accelerate our ability to respond to local opportunities commercially and operationally but also support our development strategy.

“As the industry recovers from the pandemic, and tourism gains back its momentum, we expect to foresee more and more opportunities for conversions as existing hotel owners will look at joining the Radisson network, to not only further benefit from local expertise, but also our global strength and distribution.”

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