

Green 5-star boutique hotel opens at Fancourt

Manor House, a meticulous remodelling of 'Blanco House', the original 150-year old Manor House which has been declared a National Monument, has opened at Fancourt. An exclusive 18-suite, five star hotel, it is dedicated to environmentally sustainable practices with 'green' certification endorsed by GreenStaySA.



These include incorporating green initiatives right from construction stage, using environmentally friendly bricks for building purposes and special glazing to reduce temperature loss. It also extends to insulating ceilings and water pipes, using paints with a low VOC (Volatile Organic Compound) where possible, and energy efficient equipment with LED or energy saving light bulbs throughout.

Some of the eco-friendly initiatives designed and incorporated in the hotel include key card holders to cut power when clients leave their bedrooms, dual flush toilets, low-flow shower heads regulated to utilize about 50% of the usual hotel water usage and solar heating installed for the swimming pool.

The innovative architecture, classic contemporary interiors and understated elegance of the Manor House were designed by a joint team of architects Munnik Visser Abayili and interior designers, Design 360 of Cape Town. A R30 million project, blending heritage harmoniously with the most refined modern conveniences, the hotel showcases works of art, decorative chandeliers and custom designed furniture that transports guests to an era of beauty, timelessness and grace. Stylish and fresh, the décor features metallics and hues of grape, moss and granite, with every modern convenience and luxury amenities demanded by a boutique hotel of this standard.

The Manor House restaurant too has received a complete transformation into a fine dining restaurant called Henry White's, named after the first owner of Fancourt, Henry Fancourt White. The artistic décor will show discreet changes by the season and will showcase artworks by South African and international artists, with permanent collection of Fussman artworks on display.

Murray Aitken, hotel GM of Fancourt says that it signifies a new era for the estate, presenting its first foray into the exclusive market of sophisticated, independent travellers as part of its ongoing dedication to continuously upgrade and improve the property and its facilities.