

Protea Hotel opens first Fire & Ice! by Marriott in KZN

Protea Hotel Fire & Ice! by Marriott Durban uMhlanga Ridge officially opened this month, making it the first Fire & Ice! by Marriott hotel in KwaZulu-Natal, and the fourth in South Africa. A short drive from King Shaka International Airport, the hotel is nestled along the KwaZulu-Natal coastline in close proximity to the uMhlanga Rocks Beach, the Gateway Theatre of Shopping Mall and the Moses Mabhida Stadium.



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"Durban is a dynamic, cosmopolitan city with a need for a hotel brand that matches its spirit. We are thrilled to introduce the Fire & Ice! by Marriott brand, with its trendsetting aesthetic fused with local influence, to the thriving town of uMhlanga. Protea Hotel Fire & Ice! by Marriott Durban uMhlanga Ridge will provide the quirky, modern vibe that guests and locals in this area are looking for. The property reflects our agility and adaptability to identify and transform a property to suit an evolving destination," said Volker Heiden, area vice-president for Marriott International.

Previously a Protea Hotel by Marriott, Protea Hotel, Fire & Ice! by Marriott Durban uMhlanga Ridge has been rebranded after a complete transformation. "This entailed heavy-duty renovations, an aesthetic metamorphosis, and a complete change in operations. Fire & Ice! by Marriott hotels dare to be different – they are progressive and fun, and while each hotel is individual in its personality, it is this edge that unites them under the brand. We had to balance that in creating this beautifully sassy hotel," said Peter de Klerk, the designer.

The new reception area features three pods and a dedicated guest relations desk. The outdoor deck features a retractable awning, three exterior pods for relaxing and dining, and a swimming pool.



205 completely renovated guest rooms offer both comfort and thoughtful amenities, including complimentary Wi-Fi. Guests can enjoy a breakfast at the Breakfast Room on the first floor and choose indoor seating, one of the two private dining rooms, or the outdoor deck.

The new menu reflects a strong African focus rooted in KwaZulu-Natal's culinary specialities. Guests can expect a fresh take on the likes of bunny chow and curry.

"We have put considerable thought into making this property unique, while still retaining the high standard of guest experience and professional and efficient service for which Fire & Ice! by Marriott hotels are known. This hotel will do more than just provide a room or a place to eat. We're a lifestyle hotel that curates experiences and we look forward to welcoming guests and visitors and showcase this new-age take on hospitality," said Thuthukile Moloto, General Manager of Protea Hotel Fire & Ice! by Marriott Durban uMhlanga Ridge.

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