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**SUBJECT: Chic new restaurant opens at The Palace Resort and Spa**

First Resorts this week hosted Durban's "Who's Who" at the launch of *Pesto*, its stylish new North Beach restaurant located in the recently renovated Palace Resort and Spa. *Pesto* is part of the R20 million award-winning Palace hotel refurbishment project, offering a trendy all day restaurant experience. Dr May Mkhize, the First Lady of KZN, was amongst Durban's elite to sample the chic cuisine.

"*Pesto's* menu, although wide, is a medley of appetizing Mediterranean combinations which have kept the restaurant pretty full since its opening a few weeks ago" says Claudio Tripepi, Food and Beverage Manager for the First Resorts food outlets.

First Resorts manages over 50 resorts throughout Southern Africa and is the largest resort management company in the country. Other restaurants in the group's portfolio include - amongst others - the *Bushpot*, at Bushman's Nek resort in the picturesque Southern Drakensberg, the *Martial Eagle* Restaurant overlooking the Sterkfontein Dam, and La Montagne's *Crayfish Inn*, located in the heart of Ballito.

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