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The Palace Resort and Spa received the Best Refurbishment Award by VOASA “the vacation industry watchdog” in a ceremony held in June. Situated in a prime location along Durban’s beachfront, the resort is midway through its 5-year R20 million refurbishment programme. Managed by First Resorts, the Palace’s revamp includes extensive renovations to the façade, luxury apartments, restaurants, entertainment areas and Wellness centre.

In 2010 the first phase commenced with the completion of the reception, two restaurants (Pesto and The Bridge), and the Wellness centre. The latest trends have been utilized in the design. As the project rolls out over the next 3 years, the resort will upgrade a total of 76 apartments to the new look, exclusively designed for The Palace by Sphere Design and Architecture, and renowned South African Interior Designer Caron Mitchell,.

The flagship restaurant, Pesto, has given the wider community an opportunity to enjoy The Palace facilities. With a new deck that opens onto Marine Parade, the restaurant creates an up-market, social area for guests to relax and enjoy sundowners. “We want to encourage the public to support the local businesses situated along Durban’s Golden Mile. With the current upgrades to the beachfront, we look forward to, and support the rejuvenation of the tourist industry in the area.” Says Johann Jordaan, Managing Director of First Resorts.

Guests are given an additional dining option, The Bridge, situated on the 5th floor. In a contemporary lounge area, with views of the Indian Ocean, you are invited to sit back and relax around the pool, enjoy a cocktail from the bar and order a light meal. On the same floor is the Wellness centre, equipped with a sauna and spa bath.

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