

□ **CHICAGO (December 14, 2009)** – [Hyatt Hotels & Resorts](#) announced today that [Hyatt Regency Oubaai Golf Resort and Spa](#), located on Herolds Bay in George, South Africa, has opened. The resort is the second Hyatt property in , joining Hyatt Regency Johannesburg, which opened as a Hyatt hotel in October 1995.

The 100-room Hyatt Regency Oubaai Golf Resort and Spa is part of the 263-hectare Oubaai Golf Resort, an upscale residential and golf development overlooking the Indian Ocean on . Located on the , which extends along the from to , the development also features the country's first Ernie Els championship golf course.

Located five minutes from in an area renowned for its pristine beaches, indigenous forests and nature reserves, the hotel's position between the ocean and the majestic naturally lent itself to the development of an exclusive resort. In addition to the Hyatt Regency, the property will also consist of residential villas and apartments, and an upscale shopping center.

"Hyatt Regency Oubaai Golf Resort and Spa will offer guests a complete holiday experience by blending Hyatt's authentic hospitality with exceptional facilities and an unmatched natural landscape," said Gebhard Rainer, managing director, Hyatt Hotels & Resorts - Europe, Africa and the .

"The hotel's opening will not only build our presence in , but also will add to our long history and reputation of international, world-class hotel offerings," added Rainer.

Accommodation and Design

Leading firms, including QTS – Quadtrisir Architects and LLP – Design, were selected to handle the interior design of Hyatt Regency Oubaai Golf Resort and Spa. The hotel offers 100 stylish guestrooms and suites equipped with the latest in communication and entertainment technology, all featuring spacious bathrooms with glass-enclosed showers and separate baths.

The Presidential Suite, two Executive Suites and six Junior Suites are designed and furnished to accommodate the requirements of a discerning traveler.

Room sizes range from 45 to 54 sq m (440 to 530 sq ft) for standard rooms. Junior Suites begin at 96 sq m (870 sq ft to 1,080 sq ft), the Executive Suites are 120 sq m (1,300 sq ft) and the Presidential Suite is an impressive 191 sq m (1,700 sq ft).

For guests who desire an extra level of personalized service, the hotel offers Regency Club™ accommodation. Regency Club guests may utilize the services of a dedicated concierge, and enjoy a private lounge for complimentary continental breakfast, evening canapés and cocktails. Regency Club guests will also receive complimentary access to the airport lounge.

Resort Services and Facilities

Freesia Spa at Hyatt Regency Oubaai is a new addition to the collection of Hyatt Pure™ spas around the world, which are all designed to embrace the local culture and provide an authentic indigenous experience. Returning to the true definition of spa, "sanitas per aquas", which is Latin for "healing by waters", treatments and services promote wellness and renewal. The hotel also features a state-of-the-art fitness facility.

Hyatt Regency Oubaai Golf Resort and Spa offers guests a range of first-class services, including airport transfers on request, concierge assistance, babysitting by prior arrangement, 24-hour room service, a business center, wireless Internet access in public areas, and a dedicated retail center.

Food and Beverage

Guests of the hotel will have a choice of three restaurants, each offering a distinctive and personal dining experience. The hotel's Cucina Restaurant, featuring picturesque floor-to-ceiling windows, a show kitchen, and outdoor seating, serves breakfast, lunch and dinner. A large wine wall accents the private dining room, and a fireplace lounge, adjacent to the restaurant, offers seating and cocktails.

Located in the village of the resort, the Waterside Bar and Grill serves afternoon snacks as well as drinks and dinner. The bustling atmosphere here covers an extensive outdoor seating area, a show kitchen, and an oyster bar counter. A lounge adjacent to the seafood restaurant will offer cozy seating arrangements, an outdoor terrace and a unique bar, with service available from indoors and out.

The Visitors' Clubhouse provides a scenic dining option for breakfast and lunch, with windows providing stunning views over the mountains and the driving range.

Convention and Meeting Facilities

The hotel offers more than 1,200 sq m (12,900 sq ft) of conference and banqueting space with a ballroom divisible into two

sections, four meeting rooms, and a spacious boardroom. There are indoor and outdoor pre-function areas as well as multimedia facilities with WiFi connectivity available in all meeting rooms.

A unique feature of Hyatt Regency Oubaai Golf Resort and Spa is a wedding chapel for guests who seek a perfect, picturesque location in which to be married.

Recreation and Relaxation

Oubaai is a naturally undisturbed site nestled in the heart of 's . Once the site of a prehistoric settlement, it is bordered on one side by a river valley, on one side by the turquoise waters of the , and on its two other sides by woodland and natural vegetation.

Guests can take advantage of the hotel's location by surfing and fishing in the crystal clear waters of and exploring the Oubaai Heritage trail, which offers more than 5 miles of hiking trails.

The resort also features an outdoor swimming pool, a separate children's wading pool and access to the Lifestyle Centre, which includes a tennis court, two outdoor swimming pools, including a heated lap pool, a squash court, and an exercise facility and studio for group classes.

Other activities to enjoy include bird watching, dolphin and whale watching from the on-site deck, and tours to nearby wineries.

The development features the first Ernie Els signature golf course in . The 7,126 yd (6,516 m) 18-hole links-style golf course was completed four years ago and is fully operational. In the design, the three-time winner of major championships, Ernie Els, and his team have taken full advantage of the spectacular landscape. Furthermore, they had the full support of Nicklaus Design, the privately held company of golf legend Jack Nicklaus and family, which served as technical advisor on the project.

Special opening rates and packages for the new Hyatt Regency Oubaai Golf Resort and Spa are available by calling the hotel or a Hyatt Worldwide Reservations Center, or by visiting www.hyatt.com.

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