

THE RENAISSANCE OF AN ICONIC ESCAPE

NH Hotel Sandton

Johannesburg's Sandton skyline glints like a promise in the afternoon sun – a shimmering emblem of ambition, sophistication, and reinvention. At its heart towers one of the city's most enduring icons, now reborn with renewed purpose.



As I arrived at NH Hotel Sandton, the air carried that familiar hum of Africa's financial heart, yet something about this place felt different. Celebrating its first-year anniversary, the hotel – once the legendary Hilton Sandton – has reemerged as NH Sandton, a member of the prestigious Newmark Hotels Collection under Minor Hotels, marking not just a rebrand, but a renaissance.

Set just twenty kilometres from O.R. Tambo International Airport, NH Sandton is a convenient sanctuary for both business and leisure travellers. Its 329 rooms and suites range from sleek lead-in rooms to expansive one-bedroom suites, culminating in the luxurious 145-square-metre Royal Suite – a contemporary retreat with panoramic city views.

My suite, bathed in natural light from floor-to-ceiling windows, felt as calming as it was welcoming. The décor blends clean lines with warm, neutral tones and tactile finishes, creating a space that is both elegant and unpretentious. Thoughtful touches – including a Nespresso machine, a generous work area, soundproof windows and a separate bath and shower – reflect Newmark Hotels' commitment to comfort and function.

CULINARY COMPASS OF SANDTON

Home to some of the best restaurants in Sandton, NH Sandton offers a dining experience that celebrates the city's cosmopolitan spirit, featuring two distinctive restaurants and two bars.

At Tradewinds Restaurant, mornings begin at what is quickly becoming Sandton's most sought-after breakfast destination. The generous buffet features everything from freshly baked pastries and continental classics to a dedicated selection of local favorites. Later in the day, Tradewinds transforms, offering à la carte and buffet menus that marry global inspiration with local flair. Dinner feels effortlessly romantic, where Executive Chef Donaldson Madubela curates exquisitely presented dishes that delight both the eye and palate, seamlessly blending international techniques with local finesse. An additional Asian cuisine station provides a thoughtful nod to international guests and those craving the flavors of the Orient.

For a more casual yet refined option, Faces Lounge and Bar is the hotel's social heartbeat. During the day, it hums with quiet productivity, while at night, the mood softens. Guests gather for fine wines, artisanal cocktails, and tapas-style

plates as the sun dips behind the skyline.

And for those seeking poolside perfection, the Pool Gazebo Bar offers cocktails and light bites in a serene outdoor setting, where palm-framed views remind you that even in the city, there's room for stillness.

THE BUSINESS OF BALANCE

Beyond its culinary appeal, NH Sandton excels at creating balance – a space where business, leisure, and wellness coexist. The fully equipped gym offers an energising start to the day, while the expansive outdoor pool invites guests to unwind beneath the African sky.

While relaxation comes easily here, NH Sandton is also designed for connection. With 13 meeting and event spaces that can host up to 1,000 guests, each room bathed in natural light and equipped with state-of-the-art technology; ideal for conferences or celebrations. The Executive Lounge provides an elegant, private setting for smaller meetings, while weddings and galas take on a special glow under the garden lights and the events team ensure that everything is executed with understated sophistication.

On weekends, the rhythm softens.



Guests lounge by the pool with a book and a cocktail, or take a short stroll to Sandton City and Nelson Mandela Square, where high-end boutiques and cafés invite exploration.

THE PINNACLE OF HOSPITALITY

What makes NH Sandton truly special is its sense of direction. In its first year under the NH Collection, the hotel has already earned the Best Hotel Opening Award at the Minor Global Awards of Excellence 2025 – a testament to its innovation and guest satisfaction. But behind the accolades lies something even more meaningful: a dedication to community, sustainability, and authentic service.

From the friendly faces at check-in to the culinary team who remembered my morning cappuccino preference, every interaction carried a quiet sincerity. This is hospitality that goes beyond deserved accolades – it's hospitality with heart.

For travellers seeking more than just a stay, NH Hotel Sandton offers an experience: a story of rebirth told through design, flavour, and the simple pleasure of feeling perfectly at home in the heart of the city. 📍

