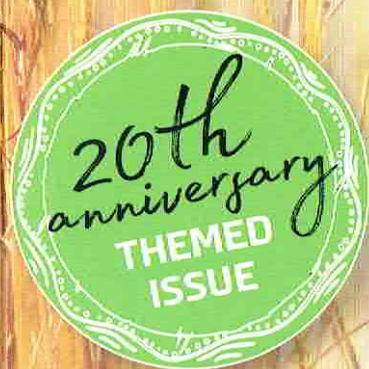


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# What's new in Africa's hotel and lodge scene?

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### BOTSWANA

#### Mombo Camp, Okavango Delta

February will see the opening of the newly rebuilt Mombo and Little Mombo camps. Wilderness Safaris is seeking to minimise the property's carbon footprint, so each tent will be reconstructed in exactly the same place to ensure minimal ground and vegetation disturbance. A forestry expert has also been brought in to ensure that there is no damage to the roots of surrounding trees. For guests still seeking to travel here during the rebuild, a temporary alternative has been opened called Mombo Trails Camp.

#### Qorokwe Camp, Qorokwe Concession, Okavango Delta

Surrounded by acacia and mopane woodlands, Wilderness Safaris' new camp is set to open in December. It is 100 per cent solar-powered – thermodynamic solar geysers heat its water – making this an ideal destination for environmentally conscious guests.

### KENYA

#### andBeyond Bateleur Camp, Masai Mara National Reserve

This property will undergo some extensive refurbishments from November until June 2018. Improvements will include the addition of two swimming pools, a massage salon, fully equipped fitness centre and a new water feature. The guest tents will also be completely rebuilt, increasing in size to 97sq m, and finished with light Talek stone.

### SOUTH AFRICA

#### Singita Sweni Lodge, Kruger National Park

The iridescent sheen of bird feathers, butterfly wings and beetle shells have been used as inspiration for the lodge's new contemporary design. Completed in August, the refurbishments include the addition of a suite with its own private swimming pool, a new outdoor dining deck, marble bar and lounge.

### MALAWI

#### Pumulani, Nankumba Peninsula

This luxury beach lodge, located on the southern coast of Lake Malawi, has a new infinity pool, the property's second, giving guests the opportunity to gaze over the Lake of Stars while staying cool.



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### TANZANIA

#### Kuro Tarangire, Tarangire National Park

Located on the bank of the Tarangire River amid groves of acacia and kigelia trees, this tented camp aims to enable its visitors to observe the surrounding wildlife. The property has six new and stylish rooms including a family tent. The recent revamp consisted of a complete overhaul of the camp. All the rooms are now equipped with flush loos and indoor and outside showers. The designs use a natural colour palette inspired by the bush. A team of women from the local village came in to weave and fit the *mkekas* that cover the floors.

#### Arusha Coffee Lodge, Arusha

The Peaberries Therapies spa at the Elewana Collection's Arusha property has recently been refurbished, also offering a new coffee-inspired treatment. It lasts 90 minutes, consisting of a body sweep and a scrub made from coffee from the plantation, cinnamon and orange peel.