

THE SUITE LIFE



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#1 Melrose BLVD

TO SAY that the newly opened luxury apartment building at #1 Melrose Boulevard offers a "home away from home" would be disingenuous, because it's a rare traveller who can lay claim to more than 125m² of stomping ground, roughly three times the size of a five-star hotel room (let alone 310m² — the size of their six-sleeper penthouse, one of six suites). Rarer still is the traveller whose every need is attended by a butler, on-call day and night, whether it's something as mundane as doing the laundry, or booking a top chef to cater a party for you and 50 of your closest friends. But it's these two things — the pleasures of hotel living and the independence of a private apartment — that are #1's greatest assets. And if it doesn't feel like home, it's home as it should be.

Each apartment, decked out in a style best described as catalogue-contemporary with a few African flourishes, comes with an endless list of added luxuries that includes a gas-fireplace; underfloor heating; barbecue; heated towel rails; a large, flat-screen TV; a state-of-the-art, fully-automated coffee machine; and a high-speed ADSL internet connection. Of course, this means that, apart from providing maximum comfort, this palatial home, which is also perfectly suited for a specific kind of traveller, doubles as an office. As such, #1 is more than amenable to a discounted rate for corporate or block bookings. **ROY MARKS**

Style/Décor: Catalogue-contemporary, with some African décor flourishes.

Location: At the entrance to the hermetically sealed Melrose Arch precinct.

Service: A genial butler offers full concierge service day and night.

Food: Order in, eat out or have a top chef cater for you and friends.

View: Cobble streets and cafés within; hustle and bustle without.

We like: Cocktails by the rooftop pool at sunset.

We don't like: The noise of traffic and late-night revelry.

Price: Premium price for premium digs.

Contact: Ruan on (083) 555 4793.

X factor: Centrally located apartments of such vast proportions are hard to come by.

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