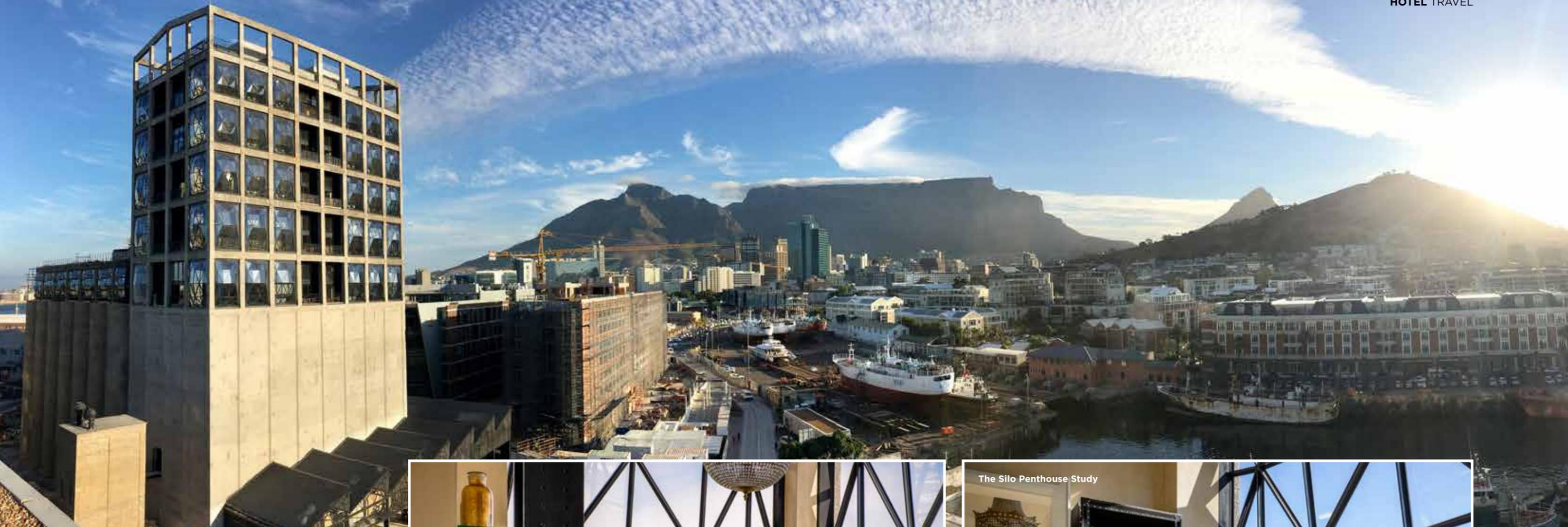


IN THE LAP OF *luxury*

Cape Town's brand new Silo Hotel is housed in a historic building that's been given a modern, very elegant edge.

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The Silo Hotel is like no other space in Cape Town's diverse cityscape. Rooted in history, it has undergone a transformation that is truly spectacular. The building towers over the V&A Waterfront, and thanks to its enormous and unique pillowed window bays, each room is surrounded by the city's natural beauty, merging the outside with its lavish interiors.

THE HISTORY

The Silo Hotel has been built in the grain elevator area of the historic grain silo complex at the waterfront, a building that was once the tallest in Sub-Saharan Africa when it was originally opened in 1924. The building was used industrially for almost 80 years and played an important role as an export facility and as part of an integral infrastructure to local agriculture and the economic workings of the Table Bay harbour. The building was made up of two parts, the storage silos, and the elevator tower, in which The Silo Hotel is now located, where the grain was received from the track shed and lifted to the top of the building to be weighed, cleaned, bagged, stored and distributed. In 2001, work at the silo stopped, and now, years later, the space has been transformed into a place of breathtaking luxury.

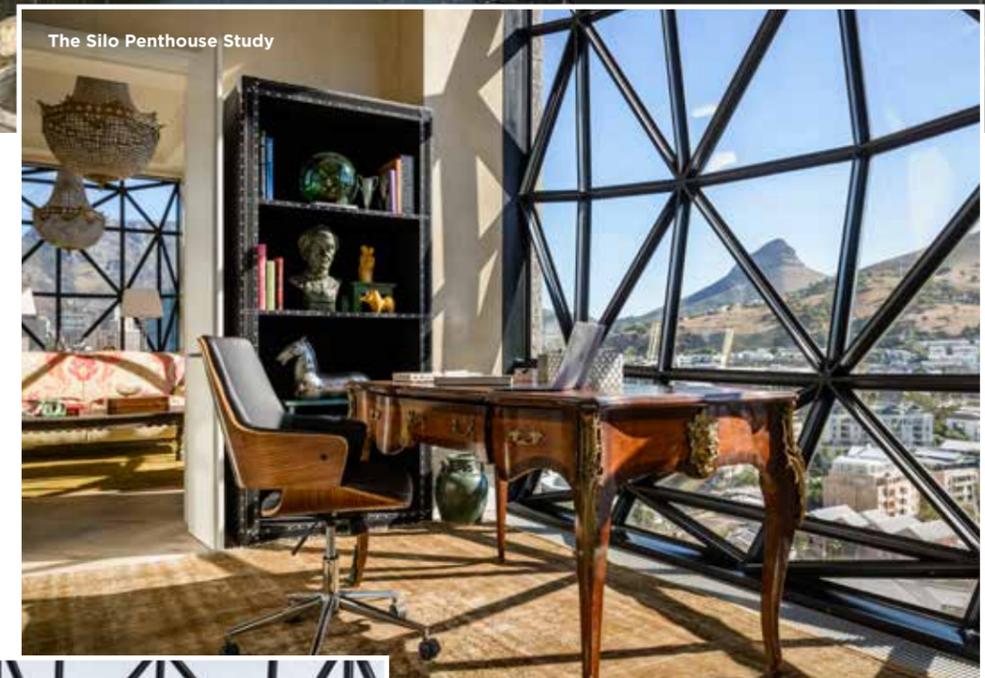
THE INTERIORS

The hotel occupies six floors above what will become



The Deluxe Superior Lounge Area

the much-anticipated Zeitz Museum of Contemporary Art Africa (MOCAA) later this year. There are seven categories of rooms, the largest of which is the penthouse, a lavish space on the top floor with triple aspect views and a spacious balcony. The royal suites have two bedrooms in each with views over the ocean, while the family suites look over the harbour and have a mezzanine level with two bedrooms. The deluxe superior suites spread out over three floors and boast spectacular five and a half metre tall pillowed glass windows, and the superior suites,

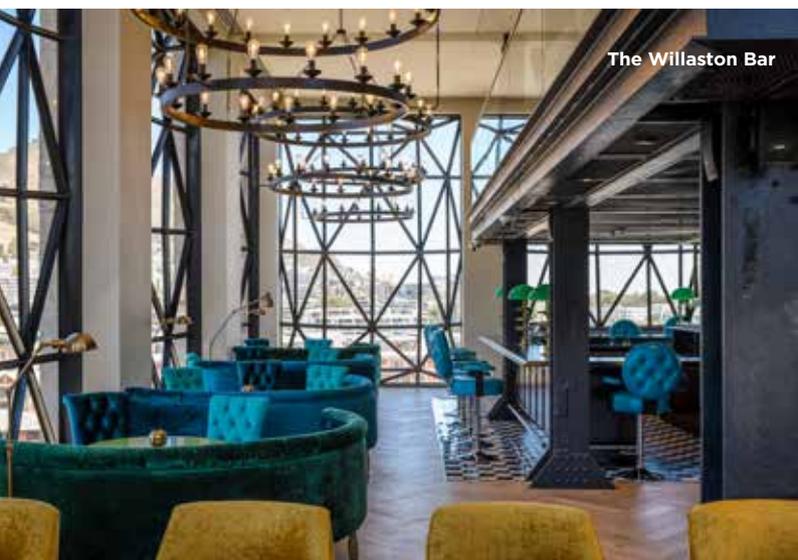


The Silo Penthouse Study



The Royal Suite Bathroom

luxury and silo rooms all have their own particular charm. While the views from the rooms are all unrivalled, it is the interiors that are most striking. With designer Liz Biden at the helm, every detail has been magnificently crafted, and guests can expect surprising pops of colour, an eclectic mix of African art, and elements of classic glamour. Besides the rooms, guests are invited to enjoy the rooftop swimming pool and sky terrace, as well as a spa and gym facilities.



tasty from the tempura bar. For something really special, the hotel also offers private dining in one of their exclusive private dining rooms. The two smaller rooms seat six in each, while the Wisdom Room, named after the first ship to ever take grain to Europe from the silo, can seat up to 22 guests.

We're not surprised at all the hype around The Silo hotel, it truly is a master design and interior collaboration like no other. **SV**

THE FOOD

The luxury doesn't end with the rooms, with three extraordinary spaces to choose from when it comes to dining. The Willaston Bar, named after the first ship to export grain from the original silo complex in 1924, has an impressive wine selection that includes both local and international options and makes an ideal setting for a relaxed drink. The menu is casual and contemporary, offering choices like cheese and charcuterie boards to accompany a sunset tittle. For something more formal, the Granary Cafe serves breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner in an elegant, yet eclectic setting. To really soak up the surrounding scenery, nothing beats the Silo Rooftop, where guests can sit around the pool and enjoy a cocktail, fresh oysters, a light salad or something

