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# Best Urban Hotels 2017: the shortlist

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The Silo, Cape Town, South Africa

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Housed in the elevator of Cape Town's former grain silo building, The Silo is the newest property from local hospitality group, The Royal Portfolio. British architect Thomas Heatherwick has maintained the landmark's skyline status as a harbour beacon, with dramatic glass-pillowed windows, bubble-wrapping the façade, while the eccentric interiors, courtesy of owner Liz Biden, soften the industrial inheritance. While a profusion of restaurants are within walking distance, Executive Chef Veronica Canha-Hibbert will tempt most to stay in. The Willaston Bar is the perfect spot for a cocktail before heading to The Granary, where Canha-Hibbert's French bistro menu is filled with classics such as bouillabaisse and steak frites. For a simplified menu, the eleventh floor hosts a rooftop bar and restaurant, wrapped by a pool and viewing deck.

Silo Square, V&A Waterfront; [theroyalportfolio.com/the-silo](http://theroyalportfolio.com/the-silo); Rates from: ZAR12,000

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