

# Super luxury hotel

**LOGAN GOVENDER**

**T**HE construction of the multi-billion rand Fairmont Zimbabwe Hotel at the world acclaimed Zimbabwe Coastal Resort, near Ballito, is taking shape and will add a touch of class to the North Coast skyline when it opens its doors towards the end of next year.

Zimbabwe Coastal Resort, the jewel in the crown of real estate in KwaZulu Natal, recently received super news that IFA Hotels & Resorts, which owns hotels, resorts and prime real estate around the globe, will manage Fairmont Zimbabwe Hotel.

This is the first IFA Hotels & Resorts owned hotel to be built in our shores.

Fairmont Hotels & Resorts' portfolio is impressive.

It is North America's largest hotel management company and has been involved in the hospitality industry for 124 years.

Fairmont Zimbabwe Hotel & Resort will offer the ultimate in luxury accommodation to hotel

guests and residents alike.

The world class five star 157 suite hotel will include conference facilities, a willow stream spa, beach club, restaurants, a wellness centre and a new Gary Player signature golf course.

In addition, the Fairmont development will include 11 signature beachfront villas, 56 designer apartments, six hillside villas, 21 golf chalets and Fairmont Heritage Place – the most exclusive private residential club in Southern Africa. The club presents astute investors with the opportunity of owning magnificent holiday homes without the downside of maintaining a second property.

Personal services include doormen, concierges, chefs, childminders and housekeepers.

Fairmont Heritage Place will have 18 residences ranging from spacious two bedroom townhouses to four bedroom villas. The palatial terraces,

private pools, stunning open living spaces, expansive outdoor areas, eye catching interior designs and unique features puts Zimbabwe Coastal Resort in a different class.

Gourmet kitchens, branded stainless steel appliances, superb artwork, exotic rugs, handmade fabrics, fabulous lighting, indulgent bed linen and magical outdoor spaces, make this a haven of luxury and perfection.

Every owner is entitled to an annual minimum of 21 pre booked days at the club.

Reciprocal use of other Fairmont Heritage Place communities, Fairmont and Raffles Hotels & Resorts in some of the world's finest destinations, as well as discounts at all Fairmont Hotels & Resorts worldwide are included.

Automatic entry into the ultra-exclusive, invitation only Fairmont President's Circle is an added benefit.

## ...on KZN's North Coast

■MEANWHILE it was announced recently that IFA Hotels & Resorts triumphed at the Ai Tourism Investor Awards ceremony.

The company took top honours in the Best Hotel Investment category.

The awards ceremony took place at the Hyatt Regency in Johannesburg.

IFA Hotels & Resorts was nominated in the Best Hotel Investment category alongside the Kampala Serena Hotel Group of Uganda, Sun International in South Africa, Rezidor Hotel Group of Belgium, Kingdom Hotel Investments in the United Arab Emirates and Dubai World from the United Arab Emirates.

Plans are afoot to host one of the world's top soccer nations at the new hotel at Zimbabwe during the 2010 Soccer World Cup.

A source said negotiations were underway.

