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### **SANKARA NAIROBI NAMED IN WALLPAER AND FORTUNE MAGAZINE'S BEST BUSINESS HOTELS 2010**

September 2010 – Sankara Nairobi has been listed in the annual Wallpaper and Fortune magazine's best new business hotels around the globe shortlist. With only 40 hotels on the shortlist, Sankara is the only hotel featured from the region. It is also only one of two hotels featured from sub Saharan Africa. Other hotels on the listing include Mandarin Oriental, Barcelona; The Peninsula, Shanghai as well as the Armani hotel in Dubai. Rohan Patel, Director of Corporate Development said 'we are delighted to be included in such a prestigious listing amongst other great hotels. It reaffirms our belief that Sankara is all about being relevant to today's business traveller and their needs. We hope that this will be the first of much recognition for the brand'. <http://www.wallpaper.com/bestbusinesshotels/2010>

Created and Managed by Sankara Hotels & Resorts, the 156 room Sankara Nairobi represents a modern generation of urban hotels. Sankara balances contemporary design with local influences creating a definitive 'sense of place'.

Recognising the needs of modern business travellers, Sankara incorporates the latest facilities and technologies with key references to location. While guest rooms are conceived as spaces of tranquillity and functionality, social spaces offer elements of surprise and delight. Key features include 'plug and play' panels in all rooms, Club Lounge with dedicated personal butler service and complimentary wireless internet access throughout the hotel. The hotel also houses the city's most authoritative representation of contemporary East African art.

Situated in the heart of Westland's, Nairobi's commercial, retail and entertainment hub, Sankara Nairobi is committed to becoming the 'centre of daily life' for Nairobi residents. The hotel offers a range of modern dining experiences: Artisan, a multi-cuisine restaurant focuses on fresh, seasonal and organic produce authentically served. The theatre of Muhibbah's open kitchen is inspired by the vibrant and aromatic streets of South East Asia, and Sarabi is Nairobi's first rooftop supper club. Sankara Nairobi also features the city's premier wine bar and delicatessen in a gallery



like setting. Whilst an array of multi-functional meeting spaces coupled with personalised event planning ensures that business is always a pleasure.

Sankara Nairobi also houses the first Angsana Spa by Banyan Tree Group in Eastern Africa with seven treatment rooms and two rain mist rooms. World-class therapists deliver holistic, aromatic treatments in a luxurious yet contemporary setting designed to enliven and re-energise.

Rohan Patel, said 'having looked at the lifestyles of today's traveller, in particular the business traveller, we set out to create a hotel that is flexible, offering our guests functionality, excitement, comfort and interaction all in one. Nairobi residents are also increasingly looking for cosmopolitan experiences similar to those they would find in any other modern city – at Sankara Nairobi our focus has been to create vibrant experiences that will delight the local market.'

With a strong emphasis on service that is instinctive, warm and genuine, Sankara is focused on replacing the support systems guests' cherish at home or in the office; enabling them to do the things they value the most. Mr Patel said 'we are committed to developing the best in personal service excellence. A Sankara hotel should be defined by its service. Our focus has been to bring a new level of service standards to the region'.

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#### **About Sankara Hotels & Resorts**

Sankara Hotels & Resorts is a progressive hotel operator offering guests a truly memorable experience. The company's vision is to be a leader in creating and operating contemporary, luxury hotels that set industry standards in the markets in which it operates. Defined by their warm and vibrant personality, Sankara hotels are inspired by the spirit of their location. We passionately believe in offering a service that is effortless, personal and genuine, enabling our guests to do the things they value most.. Learn more at [www.sankara.com](http://www.sankara.com)