

Hilton Garden Inn, Mbabane
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS



Mbabane Hilton Garden Inn is a 124-room, eight-storey development in the heart of the capital of Mbabane and has been designed specifically as an iconic building for Hilton’s entry into the Eswatini market. Situated up against a hill to the south of the city centre, the building and its landscape deck provide unobstructed views across the valley towards the city. This prominent location, combined with the unique design of the building, gives the hotel a presence unique in the urban context of Mbabane.

The main spaces of the hotel have been designed to create vertical separation and privacy between public and private or guest amenities. The iconic tower portion of the building, with its swooping and undulating feature façade, is architecturally differentiated from the base of the building, and is solely dedicated to hotel guestrooms and hotel facilities. Public areas on the ground floor include a reception, restaurant, bar, lounge, and conferencing facilities comprising four meeting rooms of varying sizes, with two of the larger rooms separated by sliding-folding doors with the flexibility to become a single large conference room. Reception and the main hotel entrance are located adjacent to the on-grade, on-site guest parking, where guests are greeted with a generous porte-cochère entry. The main guest parking is located to the rear of the site, while additional parking is provided in an existing parkade close by.

The entrance to the building is reinforced by a full-height internal atrium that forms the central and primary focus space of the building, overlooked by all the guest-

room corridors. The central atrium, which houses the restaurant, bar, lounge, and conference break-out facilities, also features skylights. These spaces also link to the ground-floor landscaping and deck spaces via two large sliding folding doors.

The guestrooms are all accessed via full-height glass scenic lifts leading from the ground-floor lobby. Guest amenities are housed at the first floor, and include a guest laundry and fitness centre that looks out onto the landscaped pool deck, a dedicated guest amenity with a lap pool, low-level children’s swim area and garden.

The main feature is the performance-rated façade design with undulating and varying sized windows, depending on the orientation. There is also a huge landscaped deck on the ground floor with trees and indigenous planting to cool down the building.

- Developer & Owner:** Public Services Pensions Fund
Architects: Paragon Architects
Quantity Surveyor: QuanTex
Project Managers: APM Consulting;
Crane Construction Consultants
Civil and Structural Engineers:
ED Simelane & Associates
Electrical and Fire Consultants: MA Dlamini
Façade Engineers: Sutherland Engineers
Mechanical Engineers: VMG Consultants
Interior Design: Source IBA
Main Contractors: ADR and Hilton (JV)

