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## PRESS RELEASE

MORE is a small, private collection of luxury safari lodges and city hotels, owned and managed by the fourth generation of More family proprietors. Inspired by their many personal blessings, they continue to grow MORE and share with their guests a collection of life-enriching experiences – adventure, romance, family time, solitude, wellness, community – that span the most breath-taking regions of Southern Africa.

### **MORE Treehouses**

MORE's million-star accommodations – Thabametsi (at Marakele National Park); Chalkley, Kingston, Tinyeleti (at Lion Sands Game Reserve) – are the ultimate bush bedrooms. Here, couples, families, and those looking for some alone time, too can discover the magic of an African night in the open – in complete luxury.

Thabametsi Treehouse is the circuit's newest (and most impressive) hideout yet! Solar powered and built over two levels, it comprises a main bedroom, with king-sized bed and twin pull-out beds; full shower room; lounge; and viewing decks. Guests, delivered by safari vehicle at sunset, spend the dusk hours sharing a gourmet picnic and spotting animals out on the plains, before falling asleep counting shooting stars.

### **MORE Community Trust**

MORE Community Trust works to empower the local communities in which MORE operates and, recognising guests' wish to get involved too, has opened its development activities to all those with a strong social conscience. Guests are encouraged to get their hands dirty, helping out with the projects in place to provide access to basic education and childcare, skills development, and fresh water.

This gives guests the opportunity to experience a different – and humbling – way of living; visit culturally- and historically- significant sites; and connect with local people, while positively impacting their lives. These extraordinary social experiences bring guests to the heart of Southern Africa, making their visits here that much more meaningful.

### **River Lodge**

MORE has its origins in Lion Sands Game Reserve and its River Lodge – where the first guests were welcomed to share in this place of beauty and discovery. So when a fire in June 2017 seemed to bring it all to an end 40 years later, there was never any question of closing – only of how to begin again. The reimaged River Lodge opened on 2 May 2018 and is MORE's most inspired project yet.

Limited walls allow a flow between interior and exterior, and structures have been set along a path to reveal splendid views of the Sabie River. The lodge features enhanced guest areas, a new spa, and an additional three River Suites – one a family suite, and all with a private plunge pool. The whole lodge design evolved to encourage guests' connections with each other and nature, renewing their awe of life.

### **Stanley & Livingstone Boutique Hotel**

Opening 1 November 2018, Stanley & Livingstone will be Victoria Falls' first boutique hotel, and is intended to be a pause on a wonderful Southern African itinerary. Located on Victoria Falls Private Game Reserve – the only privately-owned reserve within the falls' vicinity – it is the ideal base from which to explore the area's many attractions, but also a quiet retreat in one of Africa's most visited destinations.

The hotel's fresh design takes an easy-going approach to colonial style, and spaces encourage guests to unwind. They include a bar, lounge, dining room, pool deck, spa, and 16 luxury Suites – set in landscaped gardens and offering uninterrupted views of the watering hole. Two sets of Suites are interleading and ideal for families. Children of all ages are welcome at Stanley & Livingstone Boutique Hotel.

### **Fish Eagle Villa**

Ivory Lodge's Fish Eagle Villa on Lion Sands Game Reserve is the ultimate safari home for a family or smaller friend group. Guests have their own chef (meals are prepared in the Villa's kitchen), as well as a dedicated field guide and safari vehicle to take them out on private game drives. The Villa also includes a wellness area (with a double spa treatment room and gym facilities), lap pool, and jetty overlooking the Sabie River. This is a space for people to come together; the rest takes care of itself.

Fish Eagle Villa is able to host up to six guests – four adults and two children. Each of its two bedrooms has a king-sized bed (a child's single bed can be added), open-plan bathroom, and outdoor shower. To accommodate a larger party, this Villa can be booked in conjunction with an adjacent two-sleeper Ivory Lodge Villa, with up to eight guests enjoying Fish Eagle's private facilities.

### **Marataba Mountain Lodge and Trails Experience**

On 1 June 2018, Marataba Trails Lodge will become Marataba Mountain Lodge – redefined as a traditional safari experience in an exclusive retreat, comprising just eight Eco Suites. This change comes as MORE realises that the lodge's location – within the Marakele National Park, conserving 67 000ha of the UNESCO-recognised Waterberg Biosphere – is simply too special to be limited to those taking the trails that originally defined the offering.

As part of this shift, Marataba Trails becomes a stand-alone, specialist walking experience for the seasoned hiker looking for a challenge in a unique part of the world. The trails lead through different areas of the park – rivers, gorges, mountains, and historical interest areas – providing a variety of experiences. Expert trials guides will advise on suitable routes, based on guests' interests and fitness.

### **Mack & Madi Family Experience**

New to MORE Lodges & Hotels is the Mack & Madi Family Experience – named after Robert and Britt More's twins and inspired by their first-hand understanding of travelling with children. There's more to it than offering activities and organising outings... As they fizzle with excitement at discovering a new place, they need a little extra freedom to play, explore, and just be kids. We now offer families more options and flexibility around accommodations, meals, and activities. Our family welcomes yours...