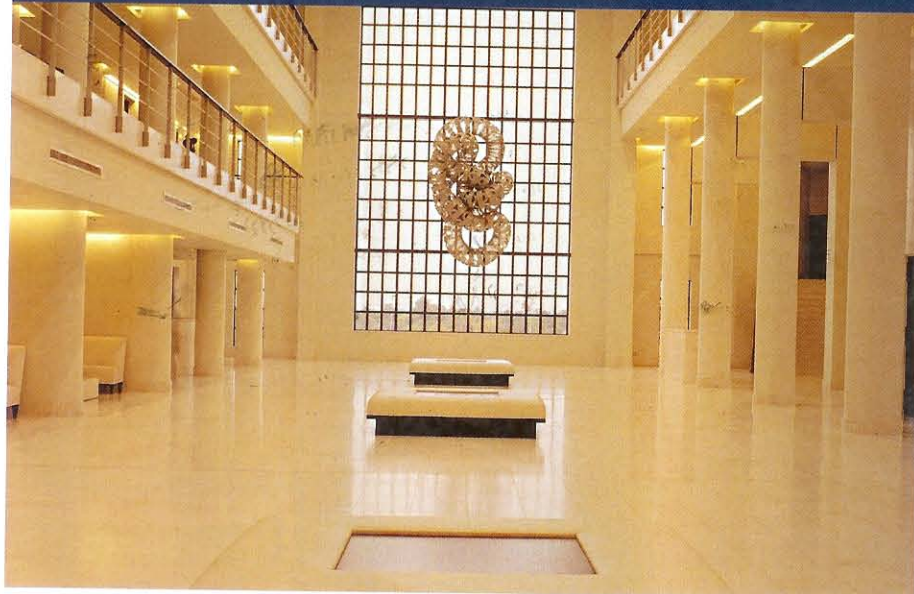


Conference Check The Forum



The Campus

WHAT'S IT LIKE?

To put it simply: World-class – The Forum is a 5-star ASATA-graded conference and event venue featuring state-of-the-art technology, exquisite examples of South African art, with stylish and exceptional food and decor in a professional and pleasant manner. According to the owners, the Forum was especially designed as a conference venue that could accommodate the needs of anything from a private business meeting for a few people to a 700-delegate-strong event which could even be relayed in realtime to other centres anywhere in the world.

If you're thinking state-of-the-art, you'd be right. Every time I have attended a function at The Venue, it's been very slick. The facilities comprise one boardroom, 7 conference rooms, 2 auditoria and 4 function venues with a capacity to host conferences varying from 5 - 700 people, dinners for up to 350 and cocktail parties for up to 1400. In addition, there is underground parking for up to 2000 vehicles as well as a shuttle service on request to/from the airports and local hotels.

WHERE IS IT?

The Forum is an integral part of the Dimension Data Campus situated at 57 Sloane Street in the heart of Sandton's

Bryanston district with good access to the N1, N3 and M1 highways. Operating out of the Wanderers building on the campus, the business is owned and operated by The Forum Group who specialize in the events and conferencing industry, supplying venues, food and management services of the highest quality.

LEISURE ACTIVITIES

As the venue is a part of The Campus there is a fully equipped gym on the premises as well as a nine hole mashie golf course. Other on-site available services include an optometrist, travel agency, hair salon, an ATM and an assortment of various health practitioners. But these aren't any reason you'd want to add The Forum to your list of great conference venues – much more important is the fact that it's a sleek, chic and central venue in the heart of Sandton with a great vibe and stunning professional conference appeal. You'll enjoy the atmosphere, the gardens and the courtyards – and the feeling of privacy, with space and open-air too.

VERDICT

It's a professional conference organizer's dream, going far beyond the basics, even down to theme creation to suit your needs

if required. Events at The Forum tend to be technically flawless, yet whilst the audience who shouldn't (and won't) even notice such things, are left feeling special, pampered and catered for as they get to conference, mingle, mix and network in beautifully designed and crafted spaces, surrounded by a magnificent collection of modern South African art. The food at lunch or at cocktails is also spectacular: well presented, tasty, and always in abundance. I've never seen a conference crowd rush off and leave as soon as their event finishes – it's the kind of place you really want to stay and enjoy being in.

PRICE

As *Business Traveller* went to press The Forum was lunching 'a new and improved' website at www.theforum.co.za. Go take a look for yourselves, and then speak to them directly about half-day and full day packages, plus a lot more besides.

CONFERENCE ROOMS & FACILITIES

The Gallery Bar and triple volume foyer create an ideal space for exhibitions, cocktail parties, product launches and banquets.

The Orangery, a new contemporary Dutch Conservatory-style venue has a unique, intimate and sophisticated atmosphere that is perfect for any function from corporate breakfasts and lunches to sophisticated dinners and wine tastings.

The Cover Drive is a private restaurant and bar with presentation facilities for up to 75 people and is used mainly for exclusive dining, breakfasts, private cocktail parties and product launches.

The Forum can also supply three 20m x 20m Bedouin tents which can hold banquet functions for up to 120 people each, and when joined together can host a party for over 1500 including space for staging and dancing. The nomadic tents can be used for intimate themed functions or huge open plan gatherings.

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MEETING ROOMS NAME	SIZE	AUDITORIUM NAME (CAN BE VIDEO LINKED)	SIZE
Ultramarine	100	ivory	460
Indigo 1	65	Ebony	200
Crimson	60		
Indigo 2	50		
Aquamarine	50		
Cobalt	20		
Jade	10		
Sepia	6		

