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# Nairobi

## Cultural metropolis

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**K**enya, the safari capital of the world, is also one of the fastest-growing economies in Africa.

And although tourists may have previously opted to make a beeline into the bush, today Nairobi is offering visitors plenty of reasons to keep inside the capital. The Nairobi Contemporary Art Institute (NCAI) just celebrated its opening with an exhibit showcasing Nairobi artist Sane Wadu. Last year, renowned fashion designer Anna Trzebinski converted her home into Eden Nairobi, a hub for creatives that doubles as a luxury hotel. After shuttering the iconic more than a half-century old Hilton Nairobi in December, the brand will open an all-new property toward the end of the year: Kwetu Nairobi, Curio Collection by Hilton.

In the food scene, a synthesis of global inspiration is heating up. Cultiva Farm Kenya is an exceptional example, where Ecuadorian restaurateur Ariel Moscardi renders East African ingredients and flavors with South American techniques. Meanwhile, a growing number of luxury outfitters are funneling some of their capital back into local neighborhoods in need. In the district of Mukuru, [Micato Safaris](#) opened the [Harambee Community Centre](#), providing resources and education to help ensure that the recent economic boom will be felt more equitably. As will the brand-new Nairobi Expressway: the \$650 million project provides a long overdue reprieve from congestion in the center of the city, so residents and visitors can access it more easily and quickly than ever before.