



Zoned in... PRETORIA

Known for its jacaranda-lined avenues, the nation's capital is sitting pretty as a destination for budding entrepreneurs

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Pretoria's biggest tourist attraction remains the Union Buildings. Since the unveiling of the massive Mandela statue on its lawns in December 2013, the area's aesthetic appeal has gone up a few notches. But significant role-players in the city aren't just focused on aesthetics. From a billion-rand shopping centre upgrade to the recent introduction of its own transport system, Pretoria's experiencing an industrial boom. Offering A Re Yeng buses to commuters all around the city centre, the Tshwane Rapid Transit system has given employment to 43 former taxi-drivers. With seven stations (including two in the city centre) and others in Sunnyside, Loftus Versfeld and Hatfield, A Re Yeng will make travelling into and around Pretoria easier for residents and tourists alike.

AN EYE FOR STYLE

Entrepreneur Mapitso Malaku is ensuring that homes in Pretoria look as attractive as its famous jacarandas

In 2009 my husband bought me a sewing machine. Although I'd been working in financial management, I was also creative, so I decided to make my own curtains and cushions. The fulfilment I experienced in doing that encouraged me to research a business idea.

Mapitso Decor & Design started operating in November 2012. The business focuses on the design and production of soft furnishings

