

The "rainbow nation" is one of the most dynamically growing economies on the African continent. It's a promising future market for creative solutions.

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it established its first nature reserves more than 120 years ago. The best-known one is Kruger National Park, where lions, rhinoc-

eroses, elephants, and many other species live

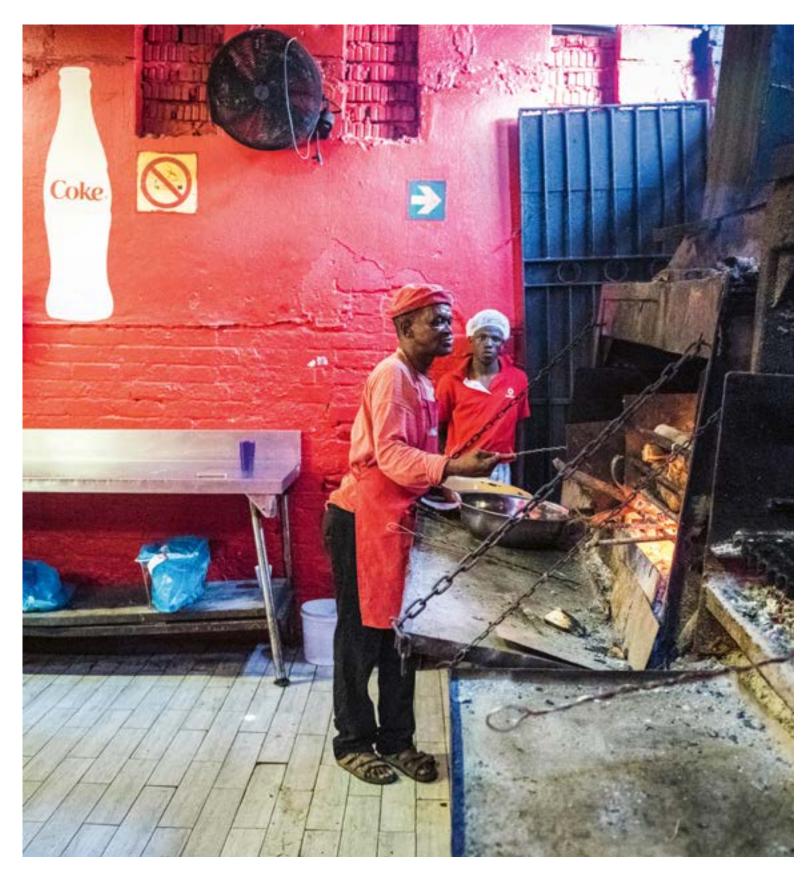
in their original habitat. About ten million tourists visit South Africa every year—and the fascination of pristine nature is a powerful

enticement.



Shining bright: Table Mountain towers above a pulsating city. Daily life in Cape Town, South Africa's second-largest city, is shaped by a mix of various cultures. Its residents are said to be comparatively easygoing—and that's not a bad mindset in a major city that is constantly changing and reinventing itself. For example, its cityscape was enhanced with the eye-catching Cape Town Stadium for the Soccer World Cup in 2010. It's an ultramodern soccer arena with lighting pillars made of PLEXI-GLAS® that compete brilliantly with the stars above Table Mountain night after night.

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Mouthwatering: Barbecuing, which is known as *braai* in Afrikaans, is especially popular in South Africa. Favorite grilled meats include local delicacies such as springbok as well as the more conventional beef and chicken. Livestock and poultry farming play an important role in filling this demand. The amino acid DL-methionine is used here in order to ensure that the animals metabolize their feed optimally.



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PRODUCTION AND INNOVATION

Evonik operates two production facilities in South Africa. In Elandsfontein in the northeast, the Group produces PLEXIGLAS®; in Umbogintwini it produces hydrogen peroxide (H₂O₂). Evonik's administrative headquarters and sales unit for South Africa are located in Midrand, the third of the company's locations in the country. There Evonik operates innovation centers where research is conducted and new products are developed.



Major Evonik locations

- 1 Midrand
- 2 Elandsfontein
- 3 Umbogintwini4 Cape Town

Evonik has about

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employees at

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