

DKMAN STYLE

FABULOUS HAIR DAYS

He cuts, he styles, he trains ... and maintains the utmost level of professionalism and innovation within the international industry of hairstyling. Leading the hairdressing scene in South Africa with Terenzo Hairdressing International, local talent Terence Jansen van Vuuren is a man who is passionate about all things hair. By Louise van Wingerden

How did your love affair with hair start?

When I was young I attended many theatre shows both locally and abroad. The productions often boasted spectacular and dramatic hairdos that fascinated me. My interest developed and grew through research and experimenting on friends' hair. Since that first experimental cut the passion has never waned.

The epitome of style is... simplicity — it never ages, nor will it ever go out of fashion. Simplicity does not have to mean safe; one should experiment and add details that are unique to you. Be bold but don't overdesign.

What inspired the new look and feel of your Dunkeld salon?

Design, functionality and a space for creative expression with a high-fashion outlook. Everything was designed to reflect an edgy Scandinavian retro-chic look. Varying levels paired with high ceilings allow for a spacious platform from which the stylists can express their creativity. Flow was considered to ensure the space remains functional yet caters to creative output.

And the colour scheme?

Using smoky black and copper as the main hues makes the space both imaginatively uncluttered and bold, with the help of the oversized lampshades. Massive glass panels, uncomplicated large floor tiles and smooth surfaces on some of the furnishings temper the texturised metallic components. There are surprises and details like the ceiling visual of Paris wrapping the basin area. The white walls keep it neutral to accentuate the merchandise framed by the floating industrial steel shelves.





Photo: Conrad de Jong

Why an ‘outdoor salon’?

We have some of the best weather in the world and during my travels I realised that the thing that I treasure most is being able to indulge in the luxury of being outdoors. Our clients absolutely adore the fact that they are able to be in the heart of a buzzing city yet they are transported into a tranquil environment where the sound of water and birdlife sets the perfect tone for a decadent pamper session.

How have people reacted to your new salon at The Saxon hotel?

We are delighted to announce our expansion, offering a premium hair service to the public and hotel guests alike, with our new residence in the luxurious Saxon Boutique Hotel & Spa in Sandhurst, Johannesburg. The response to our salon, expert stylists and professional colourists has been fabulous. Terenzo Hairdressing International at the Saxon offers cutting, styling, colouring and hair treatments incorporating signature nail services.

Any words of wisdom for young and aspiring hairstylists?

Hairdressing is such a fantastic realm in which to express yourself creatively — it is a skill you can practice wherever you go in the world. The opportunities from hairdressing to haircare brands are endless. It is an age-old art that continues to evolve, influencing top fashion brands, transforming and inspiring. If you or someone you know would like to pursue a career in hairdressing, Terenzo Hairdressing International offers a Learnership Programme that is recognised as an esteemed training

programme in South African Hairdressing. All of the key techniques of the Terenzo ethos and professional hairdressing skills are instilled by exceptional trainers of the industry on a daily basis. To develop into a truly skilled professional hairdressing stylist, it is important not just to receive intensive training but also to work with professional stylists who can continuously assist in the salon in real scenarios that prepare you thoroughly to become a top stylist.

You train many young stylists abroad. How do overseas trends differ from the Terenzo style?

I am pleased to say that South Africa is very much on trend with the rest of the world. Our innovative thinking and creative flair often influence new techniques and trends even before they hit the runways worldwide. We pride ourselves in the fact that we are able to design custom looks as well as create fabulous transformations that will suit specific lifestyles and personalities. I believe the world is a melting pot of trends that can be adapted, recreated or used merely as an inspiration for a design.

Your favourite example of the classic black and white combination (besides your own salon) would be?

Bold pieces in a space where the eye is not distracted by too many colours. Hotel interiors, restaurants, quaint coffee shops, galleries and art pieces with a black and white scheme have always been timeless and understated, yet make such a massive impact if used in the right proportions.