Hill View Hotel and Apartments opened doors in 2014 with the first property in Kiyovu, one of Kigali's oldest and high-end suburb situated in the heart of Africa's smartest city, Kigali. A few years later, it had grown from a little-known hotel to one of the most popular hotspots as its presence spreads to other parts of the country.

Two years after opening, another branch of Hill View Hotel was established on the shores near lake Kivu beach, and in a five-minute drive away from the Rwanda-DRC border post in Rubavu District.

Aside from tapping into hospitality, the management believes that investing in other districts is a strategic opportunity to position themselves as a major player in the hospitality sector.

"The idea of venturing into Rubavu was motivated by our royal customers," notes Jean Bosco Nkurikiyinka, the Director of Finance at Hill View Hotel, "We had many customers encouraging us to have branches in other regions and Rubavu presented favorable and potential investment opportunities."

He affirms that the district is a good investment destination for hotels because there is a growing clientele of both local and foreign tourists. Hill View Hotel is building the brand in Rwanda with plans to expand the existing facilities.

Nkurikiyinka says that they have made a fortune from the hotel business. They have two branches – Hill View Hotel in Kigali and Rubavu. A large proportion of the customers are Rwandans, but international guests have been gradually increasing and all appreciate the services at this hotel.

International guests enjoy free transport from and to the Airport, courtesy of the hotel.

Hill View Hotel in Kigali boasts of 46 rooms and apartments featuring Single, Silver, Twin, Gold, Family Rooms and Executive Suites.

Guests are also able to enjoy an array of services like the business center, coffee corner, bar/lounge, free parking, children's activities, fitness center, gym, and workout room.

From our luxe accommodations to our exceptional service, we strive to provide you with everything you need for a comfortable and enjoyable stay, observes Nkurikiyinka.

In Rubavu, Hill View Hotel Lake Kivu is considered among the best hotels boasting 49 rooms, suites and apartments. The rooms are equipped with air conditioning, a desk, flat-screen TV, private bathroom, bed linen, towels and a terrace with a garden view.

Every room at this hotel have a balcony with a wonderful view overlooking Lake Kivu.

The hotel also features leisure facilities, a beautiful swimming pool as its centerpiece, wellness spa and conference facilities with capacity to host at least 300 people.

Management says plans are underway to add facilities that are still lacking like hair saloon, hairdressing, manicure and pedicure services.

The restaurant here serves local and international dishes at affordable rates, while guests are treated to a reasonable selection at breakfast every morning.

Benjamin Dukuzumuremyi, Manager of Hill View Hotel Lake Kivu observes that they source most of their food supplies locally from farmers in Rubavu to create a social-economic impact on the community.

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The hotel offers employment opportunities to the local community as well where at least 80 per cent of the employees come from Rubavu.

The work force at the hotel is regarded the biggest asset, Hill View Hotel has enrolled all employees into the pension scheme Ejo Heza, where it pays 100%.

To recognize the contributions of building a skilled workforce for rapid economic transformation through training, Hill View Hotel was awarded by Rwanda TVET

Board.

There are other direct contributions made by the hotel such as supporting local entities at the cell or sector level, and the community is given support by paying Community Basic Health Insurance (Mutuelle de Sante) for at least 100 residents.

Nkurikiyinka says that they work closely with Rubavu district authorities to support government policies, this also helps the hotel to play their part in developmental activities as stakeholders in uplifting welfare of communities.