

Check into easy with City Lodge Hotels

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In a world filled with challenges, South Africans often find themselves grappling with rising food and fuel prices, load shedding, traffic woes during power outages, and unexpected water interruptions.

Life is undeniably hard, but there's a place where everything becomes easy – City Lodge Hotels. This is the inspiration behind the latest campaign, *Life is hard. Check into easy.*



The campaign was created by TBWA\Hunt Lascaris. Source: YouTube.

Executive creative director at TBWA\Hunt Lascaris, Steph Van Niekerk said this campaign will resonate with people who just need a break.

Barrage of problems

"It's an acknowledgment that sooner or later we all have to face up to life's endless barrage of problems, big and small. And while the big ones are big – it's the relentlessness of the little things that just don't work out the way they should that can push you over the edge, to a place where you just don't have words anymore.

"The innovative use of subtitles instead of dialogue, acknowledge that feeling we've all had of having nothing more to say against the relentlessness of the mundane every day – and that we just need a break," said Van Niekerk.

She said they aim to position City Lodge Hotels as a solution to the stresses of everyday life and that the ad is aimed to Africans between the ages of 24 to 45.

"We are targeting people who travel for work and leisure, whether it be for a good old holiday or a quick escape. The pandemic has changed the face of travel and remote working has allowed us to combine business and leisure. The new campaign aims to speak to that new kind of traveller too," concludes Van Niekerk.

TVC Credits

Client: City Lodge

- Agency - TBWA\Hunt Lascaris
- Brand - City Lodge Hotels Group
- Group marketing manager - Colleen Goodman
- Digital marketing coordinator - Tammy Taylor

Agency: TBWA\Hunt Lascaris

- Chief creative officer - Carl Willoughby
- Executive creative director - Steph van Niekerk
- Copywriter - Tyler Lambert
- Art director - Kevin Radebe

Account management team:

- Business unit director - Cretienne Uys
- Group account director - Alet van Jaarsveld
- Account management intern - Rohma Hasan
- Agency producer - Nonhlanhla Khanye

Film production: Giant Films

- Director - Karien Cherry
- Executive producer - Emma Lundy, Cindy Gabriel
- Producer - Jon Ronbeck
- Production manager - Amo Mbutuma
- Director of photography - Jason Prins
- Production art director - Keenan McAdam
- Stylist | costume design - Amy Zama
- Production assistant - Johannes Matila

Post Production company: Strangelove

- Editor - Xander Vander

- Post producer - Bevil Swartz
- Grade - Nic Apostoli

Music Track All Ads:

- Junior Mintz – *Lost in Love*
- Original Publisher: Extrement Music Library Ltd.

Sound Company: Sterling Sound

- Sound engineer - Lorens Persson
- Post production online - Charmaine Greyling
- Post production artist - Charmaine Greyling

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