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KENYA HOSTS FIRST EVER SOMMELIER COMPETITION

14 contestants drawn from different hotels, restaurants and wine businesses participated in the first ever Sommelier Cup in Kenya on 12th April at Crowne Plaza Nairobi. The Wines of South Africa event had received over 30 entries from Nairobi's leading hospitality establishments like Sanakara Hotel, InterContinental Hotel, Sarova Group, Brew Bistro and Lounge, The Wine Shop, Sixty Three Wines, Villa Rosa Kempinski.

The participants wrote a wine theory exam and blind tasting of four wines before the top three participants proceeded to the final.

Helen Wacera of Casks and Barrels, Soraiya Ladak of the Wine Shop and Geoffrey Kariuki of Sommelier's Palate were the top three who took part in a final service challenge. Geoffrey emerged winner in very close finish and will represent Kenya in South Africa in September 2016 to compete with other finalists from around the world.

Brilliant Mathelumusa of The BSG group and Allister Kreft of Beverage Intelligence who judged the event, lauded the participants for their winning performance.

