

Michael Pownall
Managing Partner, PMR Hospitality Partner

Born and raised in Sheffield in the United Kingdom, Michael Pownall graduated in 1983 from the renowned Blackpool Hotel School with a degree in Hotel Management. At the close of the millennium, Michael was the General Manager for another of Cape Town's notable establishments, The Mount Nelson, before travelling abroad to gain fresh perspective on the top international trends in the hospitality industry.

His time spent as the Managing Director of the Orient Express property, Keswick Hall in Virginia USA, and then as Chief Executive for Sandy Lane – a sprawling luxury property in Barbados, Caribbean. Michael returned to South Africa in 2008, to open the five star Taj Hotel before joining PMR Hospitality Partners at beginning of 2016.

As a family man and father of three, Michael has had plenty opportunity to hone his fine sense of humour, diplomacy and tolerance. Leisure time often involves a keen game of his favourite sports; either squash or golf, or enjoying good food, fine wine and great company.