

Top Woman



Alexander Hotels Limited

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Managing Director

I am the Managing Director of Alexander Hotels Limited, an umbrella name for the three hotels (Shire Highlands, Kambiri Lodge and Boadzulu Lodge) and each of these has a Center Manager.

I am 43 years old, second born in a family of eight. I have two children. I did my hotel course in Switzerland from 1988-1991. In my first two years, I studied Hotel Operations and got a Diploma in Hotel Management in third year.

In 1992, my late father purchased Boadzulu Lodge for me and by then it had only five chalets. Now, Boadzulu has 51 rooms, a conference hall, restaurant and a decent bar. Self-catering chalets are available for larger families. For the budget-minded guests or passer-bys, a tented camp site is available for their leisure.

Shire Highlands, one of the historical Hotels in Limbe, was purchased in February 2005 due to its location and its historical background. Today, the hotel is fully refurbished, with 40 rooms, ensuite with shower and pleasant views of the gardens. It also caters for conferences and weddings. Standard throughout all rooms is air conditioning, telephone and DSTV, razor plug, hair-dryer, bathroom amenities and in-room tea and coffee-making facilities.

On December 1st 2001, my other holiday resort, Kambiri Lodge with 51 rooms was inaugurated. It also provides comfortable accommodation and workshop services at affordable rates. It is a perfect setting for you holiday experience on the lake.

My future plans are broad. At the moment, I am working on a big project to put up an amusement Centre and a Five Star Hotel with an International Conference Centre in Lilongwe, our capital city, which will boost Tourism in Malawi and increase employment. I enjoy playing golf and networking.

Due to her outstanding performance in the hospitality industry in Malawi, Alissa was awarded Top Business Woman of the Year at the 2006 Diversity Leader Gala awards evening. She came top beating several successful business men and women who were nominated for the same category.

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