Auction Items

The following items will be up for auction at the Emerging Markets Benefit on Thursday, October 28, 2004.

The Full South African Experience
Tickets for 2 to fly to Johannesburg or Cape Town with South African Airways; a case of excellent Stellenbosch wine; three pieces of stylish luggage by Revelation; and a framed cricket bat signed by 2004 Protea team. Restrictions apply.

Kindly donated by Standard Bank London.
Flights donated by Fleet Street Travel and South African Airways.

Unique Medieval Jousting Experience Day
This is a unique opportunity to learn the ultimate medieval art of jousting with The Knights Of Middle England. Bringing over 10 years of jousting experience in live shows and displays, The Knights Of Middle England are a radical new born medieval jousting team that are bringing the "knights of old" into the 21 century!

Come and learn how the Knights of Old performed in the field or learn how they competed at mounted skills to earn the adoration or favour of that particular lady in waiting!

We have the attitude of anyone can "have a go" at learning to joust and we aim to make it as fun as possible, even if you have never sat on a horse before, jousting demands a different type of equestrian skill and our horses can accommodate any standard of horsemanship! You will learn the basic jousting skills needed to strike a quintaine (a target that spins around on impact), authentic mounted games, and basic sword and staff foot fights. You will also have the chance to dress up in full medieval costume.

This is perfect for corporate days, private events and team building.

Kindly donated by Karl Ude-Martinez and The Knights Of Middle England.
Meet the Stig! - VIP Day for 2 at Top Gear

Arrive at midday, see the Stig throw some new metal around the track, have lunch with the crew (out of the back of a converted bus!), visit the directors’ gallery and meet the presenters. Your day behind the scenes will culminate in the recording of the show.

Kindly donated by Simon Campbell Boreham, Banco Finantia, and provided by the BBC.

3 Days in Luxury Hotel in Turkey…Inclusive of All Meals and Drinks

Stay at the luxury Ada Hotel (a member of the Relais & Chateaux Group) in Bodrum, Turkey for 3 nights. Includes price of the room and all meals and drinks (at the hotel) for the weekend. Go sailing in the blue waters of the Bosphorus, have a massage, relax in the Turkish bath or jumbo Jacuzzi or dive into the pool. For more information, please visit http://www.adahotel.com/open.html. Valid June – August 2005 (subject to availability).

Kindly donated by John Carlson.

3 Day Food and Wine Course for 8-10 Adults in Provence

3-day food and wine vacation for up to ten adults in the beautiful region of Provence. This program is designed to immerse you in the pleasures of cooking, eating and drinking while teaching you practical skills that you'll take home and enjoy for years to come.

Includes three nights bed and breakfast accommodation in a restored Provençal farmhouse with pool, a day’s cookery lesson with a French chef, and an afternoon's wine tasting and winery tour. Recommended for a group of friends or for a team building exercise. This vacation can be taken either midweek or over a weekend. For more information please visit www.savoir-faireenprovence.com.

Kindly donated by Allan Wilson and Alex McLeod.
Two-Day Luxury Polo Experience for Four

An Introduction to Polo. Four people will spend the first day with one of the RLS Polo Club’s professionals. Following an introduction to the history and rules of the sport, you will experience your first polo lesson on horseback. After lunch there will be some practice sessions, and before the end of the day you will be playing polo!

For the second day, you will experience the benefits of being a Member of the RLS Polo Club. In the company of a senior representative of the Club, you will have a tour of the Stoneythorpe Estate, and have the benefits of someone on hand to guide you through the intricacies of the sport. You will have the opportunity to watch the day’s polo matches from the new and exclusive Members Clubhouse, including lunch in the members Pavilion. By the end of this day, you will be addicted to the Sport of Kings!

To complete this unique experience, the superior Mallory Court, “The Most Beautiful Hotel in Warwickshire”, will provide two luxurious rooms for your overnight stay.

Kindly donated by RLS Polo Club & Mallory Court Hotel.

Play the Course of Champions

A must for the golf enthusiast…36 holes of golf for 4 people, including breakfast and lunch at Wentworth Golf Club. Available after April 2005.

Kindly donated by Bear Stearns Intl Ltd.

One Week at a Stunning Villa in Spain with Flights

Featured in Conde Nast Traveller "10 Great Villas in Spain", Molino Bajo is a stunningly converted olive mill south of Granada, Andalucia. This characteristic villa sleeps 10, the swimming pool occupies the centre
of the secluded courtyard where huge old doors lead to a vast entertainment and living areas. Stylishly decorated with Arabian influence, old meets new including some of the original olive presses. Flights for 6 people to Malaga are included. Dates subject to availability.

Kindly donated by Axiom.

Feel the Caribbean Breeze – Week in St Lucia
Bananaquit House in St Lucia offers a tranquil and relaxing experience, luxuriating in the warm Caribbean sunshine, gently fanned by the cooling sea breezes. This dream villa sleeps up to 7 adults and 7 children and is ten minutes from the beach, and it also boosts a small pool. Dates subject to availability and not available Christmas, New Year or Easter.

For more information please visit www.stluciahouse.com.

Anonymously donated.

A White Christmas for Ten in a Ski Chalet
Take your family for a 5-day Christmas break to a luxury chalet in Verbier, which sleeps 10 comfortably. Daily drop off/pick up to and from the slopes. The winner will be able to stay at the chalet from Dec 21-26, 2004. (Flights not included). For more information please visit www.verticalrealityverbier.com

Kindly donated by BGC Capital Markets Switzerland.