A WELCOME ADDITION to the Coast's flourishing tourists industry is Oyster Bay Beach Hotel situated on the white sand Shanzu Beach just 14 kms from Mombasa Island on Kenya's north coast.

While some hotels offer microscopic balconies, Oyster Bay Beach Hotel goes in for something really capacious with sunbeds, chairs, tables and still lots of space remaining for alfresco leisure living.

Each half-moon shaped balcony, overlooking the swimming pool and sea, is lined with colourful bougainvillea.

Sliding glass doors enable the spacious and tastefully turnished lounge to extend on to the balcony.

The hotel is owned by Surject Basil and his wife, Gudy. Surject is an architect by profession whose company 'Enviroplan' is not only environmental conscious but has built executive houses, luxury apartments, shopping complexes etc. in Kenya.

With an estimated annual tourism growth rate of 8.7 per cent at the coast he decided to help in its development.

Oyster Bay is his first hotel, but not the last for he is already planning to build another on the south coast to open mid-1993. It will offer a new concept in hoteldom.

Born in Kenya, Surjeet studied architecture at the University of Wales and for five years afterwards worked for the British Government on defence projects, then for the Nigerian Government to help, in an advisory capacity, with the development of its university.

Managing Director of Oyster Bay Beach Hotel is Najeeb Khan amost experienced hotelier who for 13 years worked in India, Egypt, Aswan and Saudi Arabia for the Oberoi International group.

For the past two-and-a-half years he was Managing Director of Neptune Beach Hotel, Bamburi.

His considerable knowledge of the hotel and tourist industry is being fully exploited in the development and promotion of Oyster Bay Beach Hotel which offers a high standard of accommodation, cuisine and service.

Said Mr. Khan 'we are also targeting on a personalised service to make guests feel at home and that we care about them.

I am sure that we shall attract many 'repeat' guests who will also be pleased to see how environmental conscious we

Emphasis, he said, is also being placed on team work by

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management and staff so as to achieve the highest possible standards.

Helping this along is the fact that the hotel has thoughtfully provided accommodation for many of its staff.

Said Mr. Khan 'we intend developing a training school and have lots more ideas for there is much talent around'.

Described as a '4-star plus' hotel (and the accommodation 'five star') Oyster Bay has 69 rooms in a configuration of 2-3 bedroomed suites with half enjoying a sea view.

The suites are so designed that the number of rooms can be reduced. Consequently, there are some three star rooms available minus a balcony and sea view.

However, all have quite airconditioning, electronic safes, African Nights and BBQs take place each week.
Standing on five acres of land the hotel is surrounded by

and sea. An exclusive a la carte

restaurant will be opening soon.

Standing on five acres of land the hotel is surrounded by beautiful landscaped gardens. Saline resistent grass has been planted which can be kept watered from the well.

As a precaution against water

shortages the hotel has underground tanks in which 80,000 gallons can be stored, also wells.

There is a beautiful free-form

swimming pool with built in bar thus making it unnecessary to leave the water for a drink.

'Barracuda' a very professional diving school will be running the water sports there, including windsurfing.

MARINE PARK

The hotel is situated on the doorstep of the Mombasa Marine Park and glass-bottomed boats are available for trips to the reef. Arrangements can also be made for deep sea fishing.

Recreational facilities will

soon include a tennis court and 'mini' golf range.

The hotel which opened recently has been busily engaged in introducing itself to the tourist trade which has been most impressed, as well as to the Skal Club of Mombasa, members of which are leading personalities in the tourist industry.

Last week Oyster Bay was completely 'full', for enjoying a weekend there were nearly 100 skalleagues with their families and friends.

They included the National-Mombasa Chairman, Sean Gavaghan; National-Mombasa Secretary, Zainul Sumra and National Auditor-Mombasa Treasurer, Salim Rahemtulla.

On Saturday there was a Gala BBQ with live band. Dancing continued until the early hours of the morning.

Declared Sean Gavaghan 'it is a lovely hotel and we wish it every success'.

Meanwhile, Surjeet Basil, was among hotellers and tour operators from Kenya attendign the International Tourism Bourse in Berlin - the largest tourism trade fair in the world at which Oyster Bay Beach Hotel was making its debut.

Surject was then going on to London to meet British tour operators who are sending thousands of tourists to Kenya a year.

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baths, showers and toilets. There is 24 hour room service.

Suites have a large lounge with dining area each being exclusively furnished either in genuine cane, Lamu-style or more contemporary furniture. Floors are in parque and attractive Italian tiles.

Each block of the hotel is named after a shell - and shells are everywhere. Not from the sea, for Oyster Bay are keen conservationists, but made from ceramics or fibre glass which include huge clam bedside lamps and ash trays.

LAMU-ESQUE FURNITURE

Decoratively carved Lamuesque furniture - deep chairs and sofas filled with colourful scatter cushions are in the lobby area, while the reception desk and bar are decoratively carved Lamu style.

As far as food is concerned, Mr. Khan said 'we have two main chefs who have been working in top hotels in Kenya, and the international culsine offered includes vegetarian fare.

The open-sided restaurant overlooks the swimming pool

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THE OPEN-SIDED restaurant at 'Oyster Bay Beach Hotel' offers not only good food but a panoramic view over the swimming pool.

