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WA INTERNATIONAL HAS garnered a reputation for producing interiors of the highest standards, building a reputation for innovation, originality, and exceptional style. One of WA International's latest standout projects is the transformation of the Ngorongoro Lodge, a member of the Meliá Collection, situated on the edge of the stunning Ngorongoro Crater in Tanzania. For WA International, this setting was a beautiful source of inspiration.

"Our client's brief was clear: to 'bring back the best' of the old lodge by salvaging and recycling what we could while simultaneously adding and designing new spaces that complement and enhance the existing structure," explains WA International's design director Claire Craig. The old vestibule on the front of the lodge was skilfully dismantled and the existing stained-glass windows and wooden

framework was relocated to an originally windowless entrance lobby façade. In place of the old vestibule, a new extended portecochère was designed.

The reception lobby was completely replanned. The back of house offices were relocated to 'open up' this space to allow lots of light from the new tall windows. A magnificent custom designed hand-tufted wall hanging portraying the Maasai tribe was commissioned and sits centre stage behind the new reception desk. On the floor, a huge carpet was designed which reflects the Ngorongoro Crater shape and colours.

From concept design to the careful selection of finishes, furnishings, and artwork, WA International ensured every element was executed with precision. The result is a blend of luxury and nature, offering guests a memorable and authentic experience in Tanzania.

★★★★★ BEST HOTEL INTERIOR TANZANIA Ngorongoro Lodge Meliá Collection by WA International