



Desiree (centre) with her team - Winky, Shannon, Dilu and Ishanka



The stylish salon with modern amenities

Meet a 'new you' crafted by stylists, who with their lissom fingers unleash graceful master strokes across many canvasses. Step into Head Turners to experience a new beginning.

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Convenient, swanky and immaculate define the working environment at Head Turners, a salon of more than a decade of repute and character at Crescat Boulevard in Colombo. Its conspicuous location and open concept exudes a relaxed atmosphere to its loyal customers and invites the passer-by to indulge in a spontaneous experience of invigoration. Headed by Desiree Goonetilleke, proprietor, who is supported by a team of young stylists, Head Turners offers head to toe beauty and body solutions with a panache of confidence and skill that has made the establishment a much sought salon in Colombo.

Refurbished and radiating buoyancy in white tinged walls and sparkling neon lights, the ergonomics of interior designing at Head Turners is minimalist and simple. However,

efficiency is ensured within its neat working environment when providing a range of services and treatment procedures offered to its clients.

Defining her business as being deeply driven by a desire to provide a personalised service that is attentive to every individual's needs, Desiree explained that even a routine hair cut is an important exercise for a client, who appreciates their concern for perfection and fulfilment. Thus, the environment at Head Turners is relaxed and friendly, borne with the aim of being acquainted with every regular client, but even an unarranged visit by a shopper is treated with much courtesy.

Desiree confidently pronounced that Head Turners started with a limited number of services many years ago at this very location and is today a decisive name associated with quality and expertise. Within the compact enclosure of Head Turners is a host of services that range from specialised styling procedures for the hair, numerous therapies for the face and the body, and of course dressing the bride and her retinue for that special day.

Apart from the often sought processes of hair relaxing, straightening and perming, the globally renowned Keratin treatment for hair is bringing many people to Head Turners. "Defined as a saviour to those who are tormented by tangled and frizzy hair, Keratin treatment rids of all that muddle to help step out in style and confidence, with a naturally shiny texture nourished with protein", explained Desiree. Your head of hair is virtually pampered at Head Turners with oil and conditioning treatments, tints and colours and the sassy hair tattoo, that can define any design, and dread-locks with the matted rastafarian look, are sure head turners.

The Beauty Room at Head Turners is where the body is indulged in an overflow of strokes of wellbeing, relieving the strain off exhausted bodies with, head, neck, shoulder massages for all and full-body massages exclusively for ladies. The well-kept Beauty Room displays a feel of relaxation where the body is released of pain with the application of soothing aromatherapy oils making one feel comfortable as well.

"Massages are aimed at healing clients who seek relief from stress, a painful joint or tight muscle, and all treatment procedures are administered under my guidance", explained Desiree. Minimising the damages of waxing, Desiree uses, apart from sugar wax, aloe vera, citrus and chocolate wax to suit different skin types that smoothen and calm the skin. Facial treatments, which are carried out only following consultation to ensure that the client receives the treatment most suited for his or her type of skin with the best globally renowned products. If you're looking for a place to pamper even your hands and feet, Head Turners is prepared to serve you with one of the best services. With cleanliness being

deemed the most important, every tool at the salon is sterile.

Constantly well-informed and in touch with global beauty trends and treatments, Desiree's nimble fingers of creativity that she discovered as a young woman to make men and women look their best at every occasion have been in her own words, "guided by the hands of God to serve people with care and gentleness."

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