



How Lombardy Estate and Health Spa is changing the way we want to live

Prominent business couple Pieter and Annelies Grobler have high standards when it comes to living. As the owners of the upmarket and well-respected *House of Hair* salon franchise in Pretoria, they have travelled extensively and have particular views on how to live. Firstly, it must be aesthetically pleasing – like everything else in their lives. It must be spacious, free-flowing and close to nature. But more importantly, it must be based around a specific lifestyle – one that they found at Lombardy Estate and Health Spa.

At first it was the architecture that caught their attention. 'In Pretoria it is absolutely unique,' says Pieter. 'In style, quality, spaciousness and design. Plus the landscaping makes it even more private and spacious.' He is referring to the classic 'Prairie' style of master architect Frank Lloyd Wright.

As the architect of iconic buildings such as the Guggenheim Museum in New York, Frank Lloyd Wright played with simple horizontal and vertical lines, creating a style that is at once vastly different to anything else in your neighbourhood, has been called the 'Cornerstone of Modernism' and is today as fresh and innovative as it was at the turn of the previous century.

In fact, when asked why the homeowners in Lombardy bought there and not anywhere else, the answer was always the same: The architecture. The space. The lifestyle. In that particular order. Although most of them own various homes all around the world, Lombardy Estate is where they choose to live.

It is a very specific person who buys at Lombardy. They have reached a certain stage in their lives where they feel they deserve to live with nature, inspiration and luxury. People like businessman Leo Haese, property developer of luxury homes Danie Crous, successful importer/exporter Marius van

Schalkwyk and owner of *Moffat Creations* Albert Moffat. The majority of which bought more than one property at Lombardy. 'Buying a home at Lombardy Estate is to a certain extent a status purchase,' says Danie Crous. 'The style and design of the homes really outshines anything else in the area. Also, the quality of the finishes as a standard is magnificent.'

For these homeowners, it is an investment backed by an international conglomerate – The Kharafi Group – who also happens to be the force behind the successful Oubai Golf Estate in Herold's Bay.

Obviously they didn't just buy there because of the architecture, but also because of the space and the lifestyle. Almost 100 hectares of landscaped gardens, waterways and indigenous wildlife right on their doorsteps and key positioning that maximises privacy enhances the architecture even more.

Wide open spaces inside leading onto the outdoor lifestyle appeals to all of them. The feeling is organic – living in tranquillity with nature, surrounded by water and being privy to all else that Lombardy has to offer. Features such as a 5-Star boutique hotel and conference centre, state-of-the-art security system, extensive green spaces throughout and a health spa that is scheduled to open in 2011 and operated by *Spas of Distinction* only add to the exclusivity.

With the collaborative input of international architects WATG and award-winning local architectural firms SAOTA and QTS Architects, the interiors were created as open, uninterrupted space, designed to enhance living.

As a community, Lombardy is growing. For most of these up-and-coming professionals and well-established leaders of industry the unique architecture and lifestyle is as important as their neighbours – like-minded individuals that understand the benefits of living with style and space. It's the way we all want to live. At Lombardy Estate, you now can.



For more information on the boutique homes up to 364m² and stands up to 1950m² still available at Lombardy Estate, please phone Colette Schönborn on 082 457 5818, Donovan Lallyett on 082 940 9265, Ronél van der Linde on 082 787 9138 or email info@lombardyestate.co.za



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