



LOMBARDY ESTATE'S YEAR OF ACHIEVEMENT

Lombardy Estate and Health Spa has come a long way in one year. The vision of the developer and its partners is now becoming a reality. 'The Estate looks great! The developer has made serious progress on site. Lombardy Estate is now living up to our vision and we are very proud to have been involved in creating these homes,' says Greg Truen, Director of *Stefan Antoni Olmesdahl Truen Architects*. Even through the global recession, Lombardy Estate has been one of the few residential developments that has continued to mature and strive toward the lifestyle promised to its home owners.

The much-anticipated health spa, for instance, has found an operator – *Spas of Distinction* – operator of such national luxury spas including the *Life Day Spa* (Crystal Towers, Century City, Cape Town), the *Renaissance Spa* (Michelangelo Towers, Sandton, Johannesburg) and the *Octavia's Sensorium Spa* (Emperor's Palace, Johannesburg).

'The Spas of Distinction brand is about top quality, top service and being a top brand. Lombardy Estate was the perfect location for our first Pretoria spa – as the quality, location and style fits our ethos perfectly,' says Mark Barnett, owner of the Spas of Distinction Collection, adding that they intend to introduce exclusive packages and rates for the homeowners of the estate, whom he feels are the perfect ambassadors for their luxury brand.

With 13 treatment rooms, an Amethyst Rasul Chamber, luxury private suite and onsite restaurant and relaxation areas, the 1000m² spa at Lombardy Estate is going to be nothing short of the ultimate luxury experience within a country environment.

The landscaping on the estate has also grown into its own during the past year, being showcased in *Landscape SA's* July/August edition. The landscape designers made the most of the almost 100 hectares of pristine countryside, including a wide variety of indigenous trees, shrubs, flowers, bushes and of course a system of flowing water and lakes (with a water surface area that will be in excess of 2Ha, representing one of the largest projects of its kind in South Africa.) with the help of 40 permanent gardening and maintenance staff.

'The last couple months have seen the Estate flourish and this will continue as we see more rains in the coming months,' said Frans Stander, Estate Manager. 'We have seen a lot of activity with the birdlife, ducks and wildlife.'

One of the other key milestones this year has been the full commissioning of the state-of-the-art security system, which includes: a covert perimeter intrusion detection system; perimeter fence featuring high density, high tensile mesh with apertures too narrow for finger and footholds thus preventing climbing or cutting with standard tools and bolt cutters; multiple high speed pan, tilt, zoom (PTZ) dome cameras, all with remote directional and zoom control; protected by Lenel OnGuard, one of the top security platforms available in the world today, all entry and exit points are monitored and secured by fingerprint readers, as well as vehicle barriers and the pedestrian points are protected by full height turnstilesmarket leading etc. Security is paramount to homeowners at Lombardy Estate and Health Spa.

The construction of 118 residences is nearing completion, with some owners and their families already living on the estate and enjoying the lifestyle it has to offer.

Further, there has been a positive response from the current marketing campaign, with over 250 unique visitors to the website over the last month, and sales agents hosting many potential buyers on the estate looking to secure their investment.

Backed by an international conglomerate – *The Kharafi Group* – who also happens to be the developer behind Ernie Els' highly successful *Oubaai Golf Estate* in Herolds Bay, the product itself cannot be ignored.

Consisting of *Lake Lombardy* boutique homes, *Lombardy Fountains* townhouses and the freestanding *Lombardy Stands*, the estate also boasts a 5-Star boutique hotel and

conference centre. The style is organic, open and in tune with nature. Based on the 'Prairie'-style of master architect Frank Lloyd Wright, and redeveloped by award-winning local architects *SAOTA*, and *QTS Architects*, the strong horizontal and vertical lines sets it apart from anything else in the neighbourhood.

As a measure of the recognition of the success the estate has garnered in this past year, *Top Billing* magazine have elected to feature one of the homes in their December issue. *Top Billing* is an aspirational brand that celebrates South African excellence in areas such as the arts, fashion, architecture and music, and showcases South African success stories. As the owners of the home to be showcased, Pieter and Annelies Grobler rightly pointed out, 'Lombardy Estate is unique. In style, quality, spaciousness and design.'



Lombardy Estate and Health Spa has this year made many friends and converted even more to the idea of the 'country lifestyle in the city'. If you would like to find out more about the boutique homes up to 364m², townhouses up to 285m² and stands up to 1950m² still available at Lombardy Estate and Health Spa, **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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