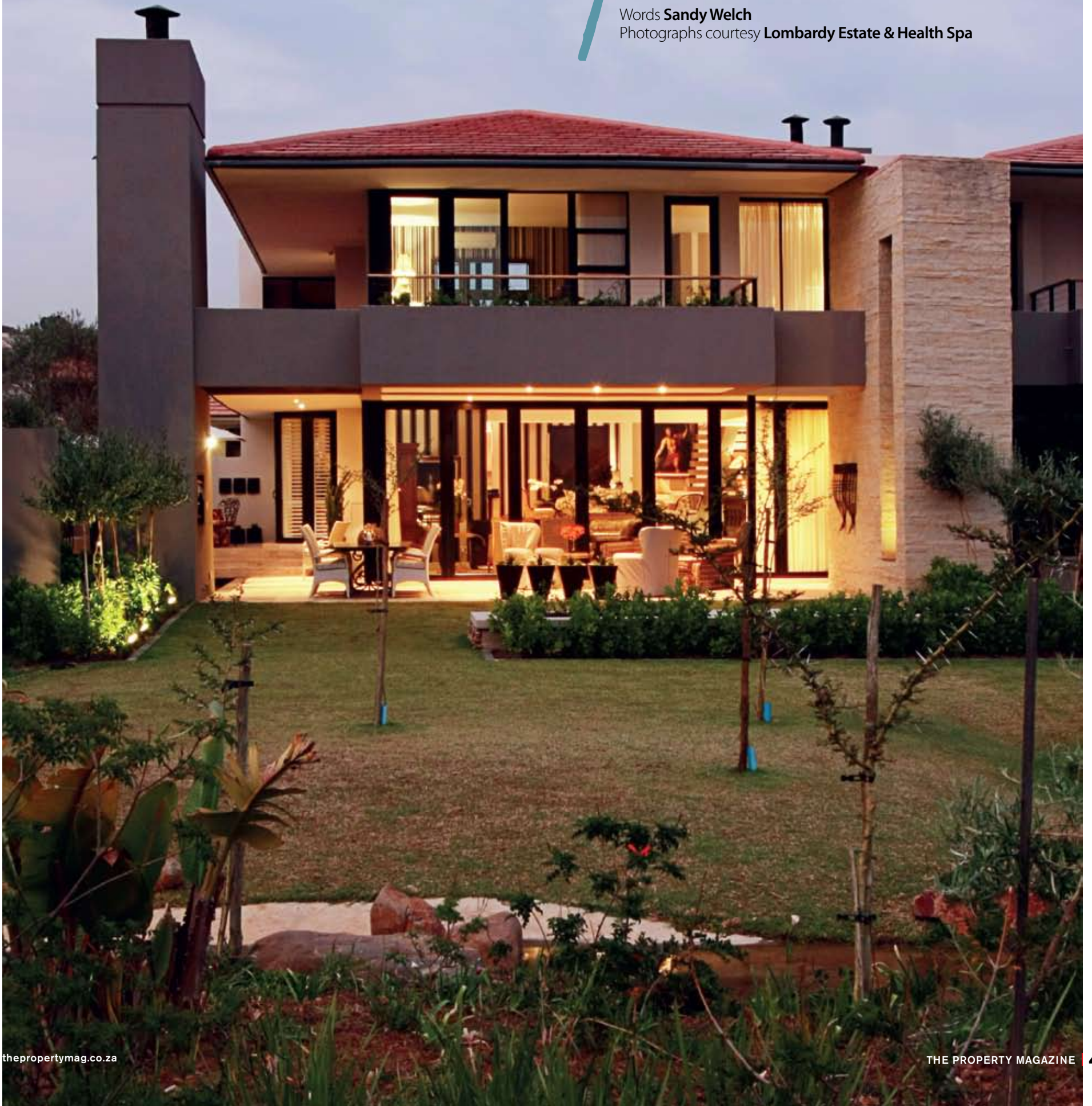


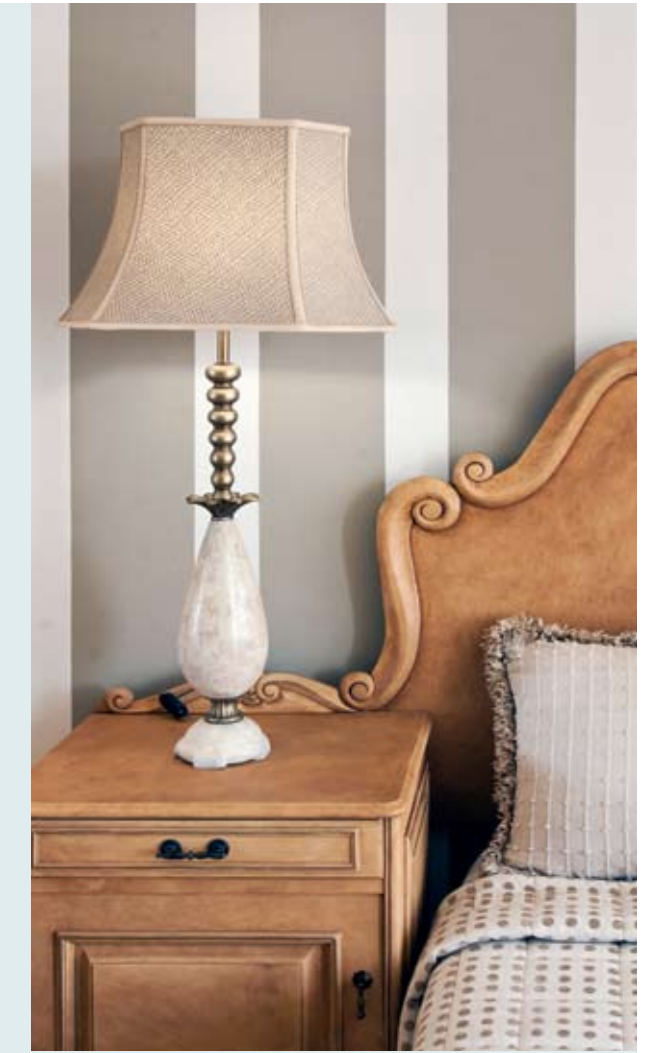
Lombardy Estate & Health Spa, situated just outside Pretoria, has managed to combine modern architecture and design with an idyllic country setting.

A world *apart*

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Residential estates have become a fairly common feature of the South African property landscape, but every now and again there comes a development that manages to stand out from the crowd. Lombardy Estate & Health Spa falls easily into this category, largely because of its unique architecture, spacious properties and pristine setting. It's the architecture, without a doubt, that has attracted most of the buyers.

Leading firm Stefan Antoni Olmesdahl Truen Architects and lifestyle designers QTS Architects were briefed to provide a style unique to the area. The tranquil setting soon inspired them to follow the Prairie style as set out by pioneering architect Frank Lloyd Wright, whose philosophy was simple: to create architecture that complements living. With this in mind, the designs revolve around strong horizontal and vertical lines on the outside and open, uninterrupted space on the inside.

Comprising 100ha of indigenous gardens, the surroundings are an integral part of the development's vision. There are more than 25 varieties of indigenous trees, more than 45 varieties of indigenous shrubs, flowers and bushes and an abundance of birdlife and wildlife. Lombardy Estate is divided into different key residential areas – Lake Lombardy, Lombardy Fountains and the stands.


Lake Lombardy is comprised of elegant boutique homes up to 364m² in size. They feature the finest imported finishes and fittings, underfloor heating and air conditioning, and offer en-suite bathrooms, fully fitted modern kitchens and spacious patios ready for entertaining. These desirable homes are priced from R2,5-million*.

Lombardy Fountains is a collection of one-bedroom, two-bedroom and three-bedroom full-title luxury townhouses ranging between 154m² and 285m² in size. The townhouses feature en-suite bathrooms, fully fitted modern kitchens and spacious patios, and are priced from R975 000*.

Stands of up to 1 950m² in size are also still available for purchase, starting from R900 000*.

In addition to the freestanding homes and townhouses, there is a five-star boutique hotel and conference centre, while the health spa, operated by Spas of Distinction, will be completed in 2011. Special attention has been paid to the upkeep of the estate, with some 40 permanent gardening and maintenance staff working continuously to ensure everything remains in pristine working order. A state-of-the-art security system is also in place.

Lombardy Estate is backed by an international conglomerate, The Kharafi Group, which is also the developer of the successful Oubai Golf Estate in Herolds Bay.

Property buyers here have a very specific profile – they are individuals who know they deserve the finer things life has to offer: inspirational homes in a superb setting where nature, luxury and peace of mind combine. 

*Prices correct at date of submission to press.



OPENING PAGE Luxury townhouse at Lake Lombardy. A sense of openness is paramount at Lombardy Estate, yet doesn't compromise the privacy the units provide. THIS PAGE, CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT Renowned architectural firm Stefan Antoni Olmesdahl Truen has created the perfect union of classic sensibilities and clean, modern lines in the opulent homes at Lombardy Estate. OPPOSITE, CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT Lombardy Estate affords its residents a life of luxury amid the tranquility of nature.



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