

LOMBARDY ESTATE & HEALTH SPA – A STORY OF SUCCESS



This is the story of success. Of how, when the right people meet each other, success follows. It is the story of how these people can create more success, and of course happiness. It is the uplifting story of an estate, the people behind it, the people who partnered with it, but most of all the people living in it.

This is firstly Albert Moffat's story. A respected commercial interior designer, Albert first saw Lombardy Estate and Health Spa almost five years ago through the eyes of the unique architecture and lifestyle portrayed in the marketing collateral. What he saw tickled his fancy, backed by the fact that it was the same developers of the award-winning *Oubaai Golf Estate* near Herolds Bay, where Albert was already a homeowner.

"I felt confident in the developer," Albert says. "The proximity to great schools and amenities made Lombardy Estate a great choice for me. The security and natural environment meant I could build my dream house here."

And what a house it is. With some very specific ideas in mind, Albert and his wife Michelle were adamant to make the most of the country setting and the unique Frank Lloyd Wright inspired architecture. They decided on a very French – South African style. The idea was to give their new home an already lived in look. With 900m² of floor area, the country feel especially comes into its own through the open-endedness of the architecture. Add to that an 89m² wine cellar with barrel vaulted brick ceiling, and it becomes much more than just another country house. It becomes a home designed with friends and family in mind, with enough space to grow into over the course of their lives.

But that is only part of the story. The success behind Lombardy Estate and Health Spa comes directly from its developers – the Kharafi Group, a privately owned Kuwait-based investment group with a worldwide repertoire of projects, assets and interests. Like the masterful Port Ghalib – one of the biggest property developments in Africa.

Situated on 18 kilometres of shoreline and

covering an astounding 32 million square meters, Port Ghalib is already being described as the Red Sea Riviera. Marketed as *A World in its Own*, this city contains luxury beachfront villas, elite golf estates, superior marina apartments, hospitals, schools, spas, water parks as well as award-winning international hotel chains.

When the opportunity subsequently arose to develop a prime location of 100 hectares near Pretoria, the Kharafi Group knew exactly what they wanted. They knew what was important, and they especially knew what would work. Their vision for Lombardy Estate and Health Spa was as admirable as that of their Crown Jewel – Port Ghalib.

The first thing they strived for was a serene country feeling. Through the planting of various indigenous trees, shrubs, flowers and bushes adorning the 7 hectares of established gardens and parks, as well as the 15 hectares of wetland and environmental corridors, all manner of bird and wildlife can now also be found throughout the 1,5 hectares of lakes and waterways.

Experience has also taught them that variety sells, because not everyone has the same needs. They introduced an array of quality products. With *Lake Lombardy* boutique homes up to 364m² in size, *Lombardy Fountains* townhouses up to 285m² in size, and the freestanding

Lombardy Stands up to 1950m² in size, the range includes something for everyone.

Then they looked at reinventing the idea of classic architecture. Through the Prairie-style of master architect Frank Lloyd Wright, the homes are contemporary, with broad verandas and low overhanging roofs.

Add to that a 5-Star Hotel and Conference Centre as well as a state-of-the-art security system, and it is easy to see why Lombardy Estate and Health Spa is becoming known as one of the top property estates in Gauteng.

Our story ends with good news. The new *Soulstice Day Spa* Pretoria is set to open in November as part of the Lombardy Estate offering. As a much anticipated addition to the Spas of Distinction Collection, the new spa will offer unique treatments as well as personal interaction between clients and spa therapists, coupled by affordable yet luxurious skincare and body brands promoting internal and external wellbeing.

"The magnetism between Lombardy Estate and *Spas of Distinction* was inevitable! Our brands mutually emulate excellence, innovation and flair. Similar to the homeowners of Lombardy Estate, we challenge ourselves to be at the forefront of our industry," says Mark Barkett, owner of the *Spas of Distinction Collection*.

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