

ANOTHER PIECE OF THE **LOMBARDY SUCCESS** STORY FALLS INTO PLACE



Building a successful estate is a bit like putting together all the pieces of a particularly demanding puzzle. There isn't a recipe as such, but once all the pieces come together as a whole – then suddenly, the personality of the estate starts to shine through, attracting more and more likeminded people.

At Lombardy Estate and Health Spa, the vision of the developers has been put into action – and together, has created a whole larger than the sum of its parts. The overall feeling is one of peaceful spaciousness. A countryside retreat in the city. A natural haven for the community that values family, quality and variety.

The first pieces of the puzzle came together when international developer, the *Kharafi Group*, a privately owned Kuwait-based investment group with a worldwide repertoire of projects, assets and interests, decided to purchase 100 hectares of pristine countryside only 15 minutes from Pretoria's city centre.

Having cut their teeth in the estate market by launching the award-winning *Oubaai Resort and Spa* in the heart of the Garden Route, their new project had large expectations to live up to.

Over time, the bigger pieces of the puzzle slotted in together to form the foundation of Lombardy Estate and Health Spa. The look and feel, the variety, the security and the architecture.

The look and feel was to be very natural. Very indigenous, with lots of trees, flowers, shrubs and bushes – in the end approximately 7 hectares of established gardens and parks, together with 15 hectares of wetland and environmental corridors. Add to that 1,5 hectares of lakes and flowing waterways, and the basis for a spectacular country lifestyle were set.

The variety came through the product offering, because not everyone has the same needs. So instead of just offering duplexes, the developer introduced a wide variety of quality products. With *Lombardy Lake* 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.

Another critical piece of the puzzle came through the unique architecture. Again, the developers were looking for something out of the ordinary – something that hasn't been seen before in Pretoria. What they found was master architect Frank Lloyd Wright's Prairie style. A style designed for outdoor living. Rectangular, spacious and open-ended, the large verandas and voluminous interiors make the outside part of everyday life. This was reinterpreted by acclaimed architects *Stefan Antoni Olmesdahl Truen Architects*, and *QTS Architects*. The end result has garnered praise and was showcased on *Top Billing* TV earlier this year.

The last of the larger pieces is the state-of-the-art security system, that includes CCTV cameras, access control, a covert perimeter intrusion detection system, and tamper-proof tensile mesh fencing

(used to protect State-owned assets such as the 2010 SWC stadia, Gautrain stations, ports etc.) providing the homeowner with peace of mind.

Finally, completing the picture, the developers introduced various cherries on the cake, in the form of the 5-Star Hotel and Conference Centre and the latest piece to the puzzle – the new *Soulstice Day Spa Pretoria* soon to open its doors as part of the Lombardy offering.

As part of the respected *Spas of Distinction Collection*, the *Soulstice Day Spa Pretoria* will offer only the most luxurious services and treatments, such as massages, facials, body treatments, manicures and pedicures – all performed with distinction.

Occupying a space of approximately 1200m², the Soulstice Spa at Lombardy will also offer a unique range of revitalising therapies, including a floatation room, Amethyst Rasul Chamber, purifying steam rooms, sauna rooms, a heated spa pool and even a spa restaurant.



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