



the many voices of LOMBARDY ESTATE AND HEALTH SPA

Ask any of the young professionals and prominent business people who have purchased properties in Lombardy Estate and Health Spa what makes it different to any other estate, and you may be surprised at the level of detailed answers...

Usually, when asked that question, the answer has something to do with lifestyle or proximity to the city and major highways. At Lombardy Estate, the answers differ slightly. The homeowners here list things like space, architecture, investment, style, quality, security, status and then not just lifestyle – but organic lifestyle.

People like industry leader Leo Haese, Chairman of the *Leo Haese Group* which includes *Leo Haese BMW* and various Property Portfolios, who was so impressed with Lombardy that he bought a home at Lombardy Lakes for him and his wife as well as three stands for his children. 'It was my dream to be able to give each of my children access to such a lifestyle,' he says. 'The nature, the architecture, the style, the security and of course being able to leave them all with a long term investment is a blessing and a gift.'

As a respected businessman, Leo makes investments based on sound principles. He does his homework. He finds out about the developers, the architecture, the landscaping and the long-term vision. He wants to know his investment will be looked after. 'Based on the information I received, I was very confident that the developer was extremely financially stable, and had consistently delivered on major projects like the successful Oubaai Golf Estate near Herolds Bay,' says Leo, who also owns other properties around South Africa. 'If you want to compare apples with apples, there is only one other estate in South Africa that could even begin to compare with Lombardy,' he says, 'and none in the surrounding areas.'

Adding his voice to support Leo is Danie Crous, homeowner and also property developer of luxury homes in and around Pretoria. 'It really outshines anything else in the area,' he says. 'Where else are you surrounded by water, lakes, hear the water and you feel at peace?'

This organic lifestyle is something that the developer worked very hard at. Having acquired just under 100 hectares of pristine land on the outskirts of Pretoria, the challenge was to find an architectural style that would fit the landscape. For this they commissioned international architects WATG, award-winning local architect SAOTA, and QTS Architects to reinterpret a classic style made famous by master architect Frank Lloyd Wright. Known as the 'Prairie' style, Frank Lloyd Wright made use of strong horizontal and vertical lines and wide open interiors to create a style that was referred to as the 'Cornerstone of Modernism'

and that incorporated nature into the very fabric of its design. '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. Once finished, this will be a high quality product,' says Greg Truen of Stefan Antoni Olmesdahl Truen Architects (SAOTA).

For business couple Pieter and Annelies Grobler who owns the respected and upmarket *House of Hair* salons in Pretoria, it was the architecture that caught their attention. 'It is absolutely unique,' says Pieter. 'In style, quality, spaciousness and design. Plus the landscaping makes it even more private and spacious. It is our country retreat in the city.' Featuring more than 25 different varieties of indigenous trees, more than 45 varieties of indigenous shrubs, flowers and bushes, an abundant bird and wildlife, it takes approximately 40 permanent gardening and maintenance staff to keep everything in good working condition all year round. 'In fact,' says Pieter, 'we loved it so much we bought two properties!'

For successful importer/exporter Marius van Schalkwyk it was also the product offering that made the difference. 'Lombardy is so unique in its offering. I looked all around and this really was the best offer – a place where I can see my family grow into over the next chapter of my life,' he says. He refers to not only the architectural design, but also the luxury amenities such as a 5-Star boutique hotel and conference centre, state-of-the-art security system, extended green spaces throughout and a health spa that is scheduled to open in 2011 and operated by *Spas of Distinction*. He is especially impressed by the commitment and backing of the developer – an international conglomerate, The Kharafi Group. 'From the moment I started building I have seen consistent progress on the development from the developer – a real commitment. Even during the recession, I think Lombardy was the only estate where the developer was actively upgrading and continuing to pour money into the estate.'

To say that the homeowners of Lombardy are enthused about their purchases would be an understatement. As Albert Moffat, multi-million Rand corporate interior designer and owner of *Moffat's Creations* says: 'As investors in Lombardy Estate, we have taken the leap of faith, and are currently building our stunning homestead of 900m² with an 81m² wine cellar.'

The homeowners have spoken. All different voices – and all in agreement. Lombardy Estate and Health Spa is a haven for people who have reached a certain place in their lives, where they want to live with nature, in peace and with inspiration. Of course, having like-minded neighbours is also a blessing.

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



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