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Welcome to this edition of Refined, our premium publication showcasing a wide selection of properties in Sub-Saharan Africa.

The past quarter has been extremely exciting for Fine and Country Sub-Saharan Africa with several applications for locations both continental and domestic being adjudicated and awarded to prospective Licensees.

As property practitioners, we acknowledge that property is one of the cornerstones of wealth creation and that property ownership is a yardstick against which the overall economic health

of a nation is measured.

This is the basis upon which we are carefully monitoring house price inflation figures nationally, and at around 5% nationally and with the overall residential market at around 20% in volumes below the unprecedented catch-up of post-hard lockdown growth is still significantly above the decline in GDP numbers forecast to moderate around 1,7% in 2024. So, in real terms, home values have held their own and once again demonstrate that the overall health of the economy referenced to this sector is not all doom and gloom despite the problems with energy security, social and political ills, and the increases in the repo rates.

To our international and domestic communities of sellers and buyers, our Fine& Country practitioners are equipped to help you navigate the complexities of the South African and Continental property markets, to ensure a seamless end-to-end solution.

Wherever your heart takes you, to beautiful coastlines, the countryside or the fast-paced buzz of city living, with over 300 locations worldwide Fine & Country can help you find the perfect place for fresh beginnings.

We hope that you enjoy browsing this selection of the finest properties currently on the market in South Africa and the continent in this edition of Refined.

John Herbst

Chief Executive Officer - Fine & Country South Africa



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Premium property practitioners awarded for outstanding results

More than 100 local and continental Fine & Country award-winners and guests gathered at the Nasdak Rooftop Venue in Cape Town on 18 May 2023, to celebrate the outstanding performance of Sub-Saharan African Fine & Country property practitioners and offices during 2022.

The theme, *'Ignite'*, highlighted the passion of the recipients, who, through their activities and efforts have proven their resilience, dedication, and professionalism. The awards celebrate excellence across the entire spectrum of the network, showcasing the genuine enthusiasm and commitment Fine & Country agents have towards connecting buyers and sellers and making their dreams a reality.

John Herbst, CEO of the Group, says that the Fine & Country awards are as aspirational as the homes the brand sells. "In any year there are always accomplishments that remind us of what an outstanding team or individual is capable of. This is why these awards are so important. These individuals and offices are making a serious impression in the South African real estate community, and all exemplify and amplify the commitment to providing exceptional customer service, which is a brand hallmark.

"It is my belief that when you go beyond the ordinary, you should be recognised and honoured. Fine & Country is delighted to put its name behind some of the most motivated

and extraordinary teams and individuals that have chosen real estate as their career and excelled. I am overwhelmed by, and proud of, their dedication to Fine & Country."

Herbst is optimistic that 2023 will similarly produce an exceptional cohort of winners, especially as Fine & Country continues with its strategic growth plans. "With the experience, arsenal of technology, award-winning marketing and international network of like-minded, passionate people in our stable, there is no reason why Fine & Country will not stand out from the competition and continue to achieve outstanding results for its clients this year.

"The annual awards gala event is an opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate our network of people within Fine & Country. "Every year the brand achieves incredible results and we must celebrate this excellence," says Herbst. "Congratulations to those who won awards this year. We are extremely proud of the exceptional performance of the brand and delighted to acknowledge the outstanding efforts of our network."



IGNITE

2023

ANNUAL AWARDS



Licensee of the year, Rental Office of the year and Sales Office of the year was awarded to Fine & Country Helderberg represented by Kelly Reifarth and Shaun Harris.



Sales Agent of the year was awarded to Francois Du Pisani and Werner Van Schalkwyk from Fine & Country JHB North West.



Rental Agent of the year was awarded to Michonne Oelofse from Fine & Country Helderberg.



Most Improved Licensee and Best Marketing & Promotion was awarded to Fine & Country The Parks represented by Dennis and Anita Williams.



Best Branded Office & Currency Partner Awards were awarded to Fine & Country Franschoek represented by Tom Clode and Terry-Lee George.



Best Digital & Online Presence was awarded to Fine & Country Durbanville represented by Andre Du Plessis.



Best Property Presentation was awarded to Fine & Country Pretoria Old East represented by Chris and Lindi Yeomans.



The Brand Ambassador award went to Karin Schwim from Fine & Country Bethlehem & Clarens.



Rookie Sales Agent of the year was awarded to Jaye Schoeman from Fine & Country JHB North West.



Rookie Rental Agent of the year was awarded to Cara Lewis from Fine & Country Helderberg.



Administrator of the year was awarded to Carol Sumner from Fine & Country Helderberg.



2022 PREMIER CIRCLE



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Home

A NEW AFRICA

Africa is home to a vibrant culture that's unique and often overlooked. Heritage Africa found a new way of sharing this exciting narrative. With their unique fragrance approach, they will take you on a journey through memories and conscious moments, revealing the creative talents shaping the future of African design. African art, music, design, and culture are rising, and it's time to sit up and take notice. The African aesthetic is unique. A juxtaposition of delicate, ornate, storytelling patterns with hard, industrial, graphic shapes and bold, bright colours – a perfect metaphor for the contemporary African condition: complex and contrasting –brought together through mutual understanding, appreciation, and love.

www.heritage-africa.co.za



A TIMELESS CONSTRUCT

The CONSTRUCT sofa is more than just a seating solution. It's a rigorous and geometrically based composite of elements, emphasising deep-seated comfort, practicality, and pure lines. The diverse variations of the CONSTRUCT provide a stylistically impactful seating solution with a conceptual edge. The wire-brushed timber frame holds the geometric modules, with the option of the frame becoming an extended platform that acts as a simple and expressive side table. Designed by Adam Court, the CONSTRUCT sofa offers a minimalist outline that will elevate any room.

REFRIGERATION BY DESIGN

With a timeless aesthetic that reflects the latest trends, the Samsung Bespoke Infinite Line Refrigerator is built to last. Known as Infinite Design, the new aesthetic is distinguished by its seamless look, durable materials, premium finishing, and elegant design cues. As a Bespoke refrigerator, the Bespoke Infinite Line fridge naturally features a modular design made from high-quality materials that can be customised and combined to suit consumers' changing needs. Infinite Design enhances that versatility by ensuring that the refrigerator will remain stylish no matter how consumers' lifestyles change. With its simple lines, smooth surface, Timeless Greige finish and elegant gold copper edge frame, the Bespoke Infinite Line Refrigerator looks outstanding in any interior and will not become outdated. www.samsung.com/za





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Style

FEMININE RADIANCE UNLEASHED

Montblanc introduced its feminine fragrance line, Montblanc Signature in 2020, to provide women with a new way to express their character. In 2023, a new scent, Signature Absolue, makes its bow, designed to help women effortlessly light up their universe. This sparkling and radiant scent opens with fruity mandarin, pear Williams, and pink pepper, revealing a bright and feminine tone. The heart of the fragrance blooms with luminous flowers like tuberose, frangipani, and ylang, providing delightful solar undertones. The fragrance's intensity comes from the gourmand tonka bean and woody cedarwood, rounded out by the sensuality of golden amber. With Signature Absolue, Montblanc gives the Montblanc woman a new way to express herself and leave an irresistible trail behind.



NEAT LITTLE NESPRESSO

Nespresso launches the Vertuo Pop machine to complement its Vertuo range as the smallest and most affordable machine for Vertuo to date. Vertuo offers over 30 unique coffee blends and single origins in a range of cup sizes for coffee lovers to enjoy their favourite drink any way they like, whatever the moment, from just the touch of a button. The Nespresso Vertuo Pop machine adds a burst of colour to any coffee corner, no matter how big or small. With six new colourways, Vertuo Pop allows coffee lovers to make a statement that suits their style. The newest member of the Vertuo family provides Nespresso customers the freedom to personalise and add a style statement to their space in colours, from classic Liquorice Black or Coconut White, to vibrant and playful Spicy Red, Mango Yellow, Aqua Mint or Pacific Blue. www.za.buynespresso.com/za_en

DISCOVER A SILKIE IRISH

Silkie whiskeys are bringing the almost-forgotten smoky style of Irish whiskey back into the consciousness and repertoire of discerning premium spirits drinkers. Each whiskey in the collection is blended to an exacting standard by Sliabh Liag Distillers. The Legendary Silkie Irish Whiskey is the perfect sipping whiskey with its honeyed buttery-ness, combined with a taste of orange zest, digestive biscuits, stem ginger and gentle hints of peat. An ode to the Donegal whiskeys of days gone by, The Legendary Dark Silkie Irish Whiskey is for those who like whiskey with a little more character. Dark Silkie is a smoky blend of double-distilled single malts and triple-distilled peated single malts with soft-grain whiskey. To taste, the whiskey is soft with a salted-caramel sweetness, dark chocolate and liquorice, oak and leather, with a spicy, smoky finish. www.cutlerdrinks.co.za



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www.capecountryroutes.com / www.evergreenmanor.co.za



SETTLE IN AT THE DEN

The Den in Stellenbosch is a secure, mixed-use development with 60 apartments, a communal rooftop deck with a pool and braai area and views of the nearby mountain range. Raw Africa Boutique Collection's The Den Apartments comprises 18 elegantly furnished self-catering apartments that are available for a minimum of two-night stays, and are fitted with only the finest fixtures and appliances. There are three two-bedroom apartments with separate bedrooms, an ensuite bathroom, kitchen, and lounge, and two open-plan studio apartments on the top level, all with access to the communal rooftop pool and braai area. Due to their central location, The Den Apartments are close to many of Stellenbosch's top restaurants, and are perfect for holidaymakers, wedding guests, groups wanting to explore the Cape wine route, or parents visiting children studying at nearby Stellenbosch University.

www.rawafricaboutiquecollection.co.za

MHONDORO WELLNESS SAFARI

Mhondoro Safari Lodge & Villa will team up with a renowned international yoga instructor and detox specialist to present a Wellness Safari Retreat at the 5-star lodge in the Welgevonden Game Reserve (Limpopo), from 7 to 12 September 2023. The 5-night package is limited to 10 participants. It includes luxury accommodation and a complete wellness programme with healthy, organic meals and optional detox juice fasting days. Activities included comprise personal coaching, yoga and meditation sessions, daily safaris, bushwalks, mindfulness walks, massages/spa treatments, and road transfers from OR Tambo Airport. The Mhondoro Wellness Safari Retreat will be hosted and facilitated by professional personal coach, Monique Christiaans of Zenzo Yoga in the Netherlands.

www.mhondoro.com



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Discover Aurari Camp in the Serengeti

Enticingly close to the Mara River, where the wildebeest herds make their annual journey in search of greener pasture, Aurari Camp offers a rejuvenating sanctuary amid the wilds of the Serengeti. A sister camp to Cherero – the first member hotel of Regenerative Resorts located in East Africa – Aurari Camp is a rare gem in a thicket of formulaic corporate-run safari lodges and pseudo luxury under-canvas establishments that dominate much of the Serengeti landscape. Its owner-designed, owner-built, and owner-run concept brings a soulful quality to the eco-luxury camp that is not felt elsewhere.



The name Aurari is derived from the Latin word *aurum*, meaning “glowing dawn” or “golden”. It is so named to evoke the sentiment one feels when she is bathed in a gold aura, feeling illuminated and inspired.

No words can describe the feeling of grandeur when one wakes up to the radiance of a magnificent African sun lighting up a perfectly arranged landscape encompassing majestic mountains, acacia woodlands, undulating hills and sweeping savannah plains. That sense of timelessness and transience, the soaring feeling of elation and humility, is purely spiritual.

The furnishings and decorations inside each generously sized tented suite at Aurari Camp comprise customised pieces handmade by local artisans. The materials, textures and colours selected blend harmoniously to create a space of immense comfort in the middle of untamed wilderness. Complementing the beautifully appointed tents is a flexible menu that caters to different diets – from meat lovers and pescatarians to vegetarians and vegans. Homemade bread, freshly made soy milk, and fusion cuisine infused with Swahili spices and lots of love are some of the signature offerings at Aurari Camp. The true appreciation of the skilfully prepared meals comes when one realises that Aurari Camp is –

beguilingly – a bush camp located in the middle of lion and elephant territory.

As an establishment located in a remote area, Aurari Camp is designed to run on solar energy. The electricity that powers the camp is generated from solar panels, while solar thermal heaters supply hot water. The elegant canvas tents that are elevated on a wooden platform using timbers sourced locally from a sustainable tree farm are erected in a manner that allows them to be moved without leaving a lasting trace. Every element of operation since the conceptualisation of the camp has been considered carefully to ensure that the environment would be returned to its natural state when human activities cease.

Sustainability for Success

At the core of the guiding principles behind Kantabile Afrika – the company that operates Aurari Camp and Cherero Camp in the Serengeti – is a strong belief that comfort and enjoyment can be obtained without negatively impacting the environment or the people who live in the community upon which the tourist facility is established. Aurari Camp sources fresh milk, free-range eggs, and organic vegetables from local





farmers in Mugumu, a small village just 28km outside the north-western border of Serengeti National Park. Not only does this thoughtful business operation reduce food mileage and benefit the local community, but it also reduces the need for packaging and the production of waste, which – along with water usage and energy consumption – is measured at the camp in a bid to mitigate its environmental impact.

Women's Touch

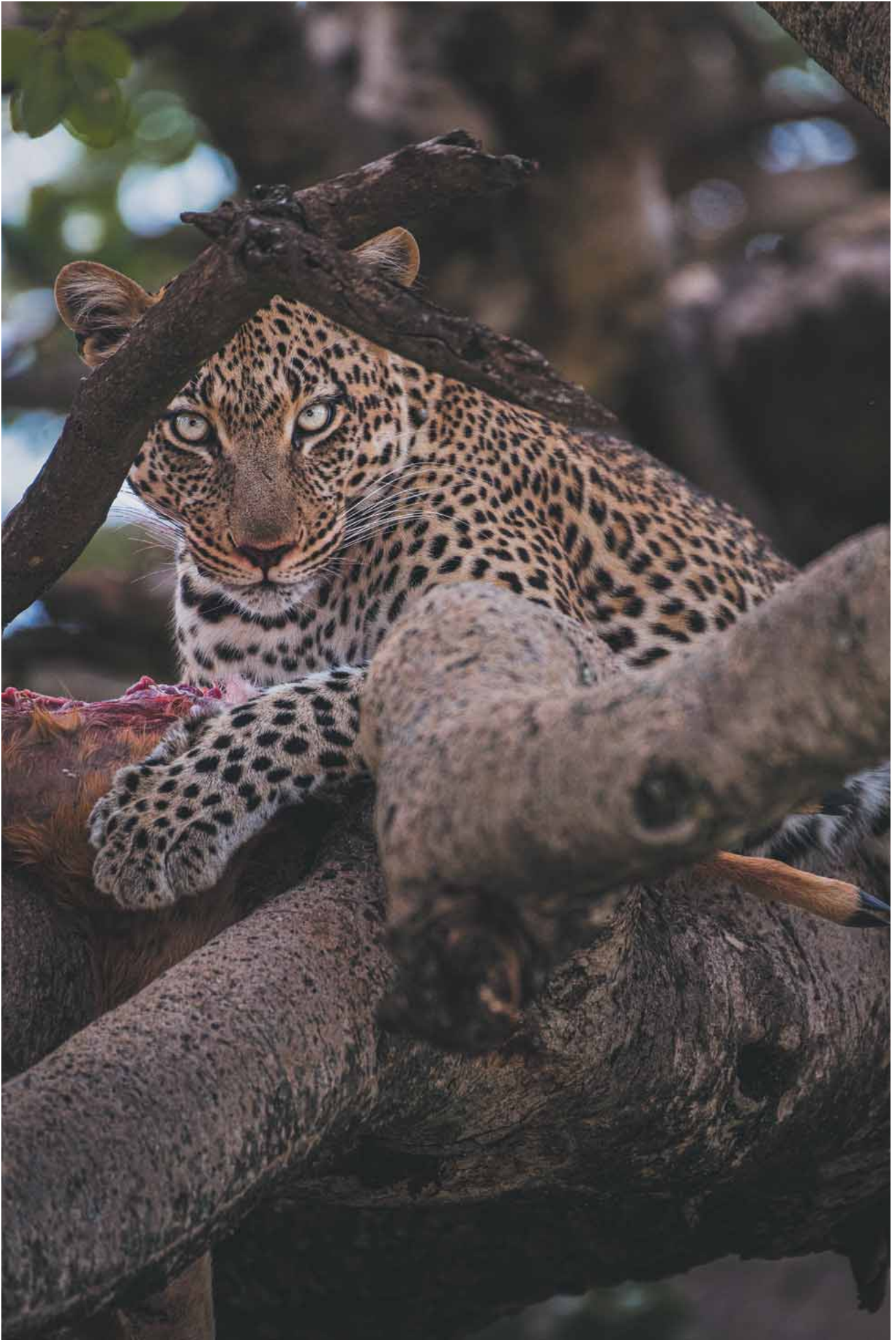
In a rare departure from the norm, Aurari Camp has a woman-led team that is pushing the frontiers. While the number of women in leadership positions is starting to grow in offices, it remains taboo for women to work in a bush environment that has traditionally been regarded as harsh and unfriendly for females. The fearless women of Aurari bring to the camp a charm that lights up the whole place. It is a breath of fresh air for safari guests to be greeted by a female host and be pampered by a female chef in the bush. The mix of feminine and masculine energies that works like yin and yang to look after and delight the guests is a unique attribute that characterises the hospitality at Aurari Camp.

After a day of spotting lions, elephants, buffalos, giraffes, and zebras in the wilderness of Serengeti, sundowners taken at Simba Rock near Aurari Camp is another mesmerising experience to be had. Aurari Camp is blessed to be located amid a wildlife corridor in the rolling hills of Wogakuria, where one can experience the thrill of witnessing the thundering wilderness herds pass through between June and November. Apart from game viewing, birdwatching and hot air ballooning, the vastness and serenity of the Serengeti also cater to those looking for a restorative holiday. Aurari Camp is excited to be the venue that will host various wellness retreats in 2024.

As an authentic high-comfort low-impact safari camp like no other, Aurari Camp offers a kind of genuine Tanzanian hospitality that is highly refreshing. The jokes and laughs, the songs and dances, the conversations, friendships and memories will live on beyond the short stay.

For more information, visit www.kantabileafrika.com.

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Made in South Africa

The New Golden Age of Local Furniture Design

There's never been a better time to support your favourite local design brands, and with so much to choose from, there's now something for every style, budget, and space to create something distinctly your own.

If the enormous success of recent events like the inaugural Cape Town Furniture Week and the 100% Design festival are anything to go by, South African contemporary furniture design is officially in its Golden Age. From attendance to the sheer number of new design houses and products, there has been a significant surge in the popularity of locally made, unique and stylish furniture pieces, resulting in the emergence of several brands that are leading the charge.

Standout among this new wave is the growing presence of the Always Welcome collective, an anchor of the recent fair and winner of the 'game-changers' award at 100% Design, whose recent expansion into the Cape from Johannesburg is cementing the local design collective's place as the everyday home of all our favourite things.

Brands in the collective, now numbering over 40 key members, include household names like Houtlander, Dokter

and Misses, and MashT. Design Studio, TheUrbanative, Kino Furniture, Deft Studio, MONN carpets, and smaller, emerging brands like Ananta, Arrange Studio, House of Harhaz and several others. They're all regularly releasing new ranges and products to global acclaim, exemplifying what makes South African contemporary furniture design so special.

South African contemporary furniture design celebrates the country's rich cultural heritage while also pushing boundaries and exploring new ideas. This approach has led to the creation of functional and visually striking furniture pieces with clean lines, bold colours, and unexpected details. Here are a few on our radar that we think you shouldn't miss!

Houtlander

Based in Johannesburg, Houtlander is known for its timeless



Dokter and Misses LALA Surma V and VI





Queen Nenzima Server by TheUrbanative

designs that combine traditional woodworking techniques with modern aesthetics. Their pieces are made using sustainable materials and are designed to last a lifetime. From the elegant spindle back chairs to their sculptural benches, Houtlander's pieces are both beautiful and functional. Their new Tambour range, which includes a drinks cabinet of dreams, must be seen to be fully appreciated.

Dokter And Misses

Dokter and Misses is another brand garnering attention over many years for its unique and playful designs. Founded by husband and wife team Adriaan Hugo and Katy Taplin, the brand's pieces are characterised by bold geometric shapes and unexpected colour combinations. Their furniture pieces are often playful, with a touch of whimsy that sets them apart from more traditional designs. Their new Sketches From the Edge range, described by the brand as "our sketchbook of private mental objects that have scribbled and zigzagged their way into being", is full of statement pieces that will make your space feel unique.

MashT Design Studio

Founded by award-winning designer Thabisa Mjo, MashT Design Studio is a brand that celebrates African culture and heritage through its furniture pieces. Their designs are inspired by traditional African crafts, focusing on sustainability and ethical production. Their pieces often feature intricate patterns and textures, adding a touch of warmth and personality to any space. Their recently released Noodle Couch and range of ceramics entitled Presents From Joburg have become instantly collectable.

TheUrbanative

TheUrbanative is a brand that specialises in statement pieces that are both functional and visually stunning. Celebrating founder Mpho Vackier's engineering background, their furniture is characterised by bold shapes and unexpected details, such as using unexpected materials like brass and marble. Their pieces are often designed to make a statement, serving as the centrepiece of any room.



Houtlander



Axminster by MONN Carpets

Kino Furniture

Cape Town-based Kino Furniture is a brand that takes a more understated approach to contemporary furniture design. Their pieces are characterised by clean lines and minimalist designs, focusing on high-quality craftsmanship and sustainable production methods. Their furniture pieces are designed to be timeless, with a focus on longevity and durability.

Deft Studio

Deft Studio, one of the newer studios making a big impact, is a brand that creates furniture pieces that blur the line between art and design. Their pieces are often sculptural, with a focus on texture and form. From their studio in Qqeberha, their furniture pieces are meant to be conversation starters, with unexpected details that make them stand out from more traditional designs.

MONN Carpets

Finally, MONN carpets is a brand specialising in woven rugs

and carpets. Their pieces are inspired by traditional African textiles, focusing on bold colours and graphic patterns. Their carpets are made using sustainable materials wherever possible, and they embrace ethical production methods, making them an excellent choice for those who care about style and sustainability.

Don't miss this new era of contemporary South African furniture design in your own spaces. With brands like Always Welcome Store, Houtlander, Dokter and Misses, MashT Studio, TheUrbanative, Kino Furniture, Deft Studio, MONN Carpets, and many others leading the charge, there has never been a better time to start your own collection.

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A Serene & Sophisticated Safari

Hoyo Hoyo Safari Lodge

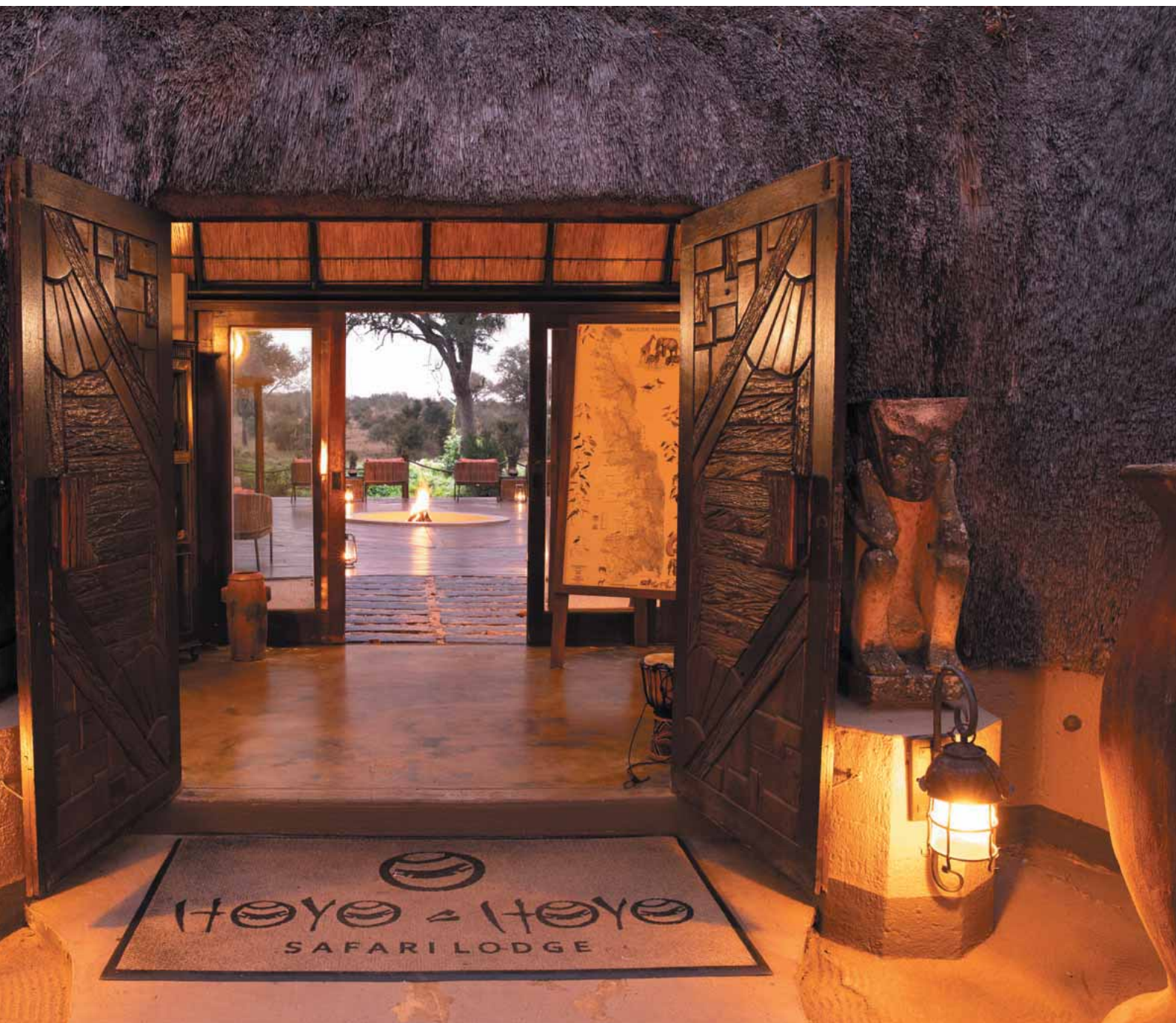


Sitting comfortably ensconced, a glass of Sauvignon Blanc in hand, I'm looking at a small herd of elephants on the opposite bank of the dry Mluwati River. The elephants drink peacefully before me by hoisting water up with their trunks from the small waterhole. The scene is idyllic, as is the camp. The late afternoon light is low, the wood fire is already ablaze, and the paraffin lamps have been lit, all contributing to the vibrant African theme of Hoyo Hoyo Safari Lodge.

Welcome to Hoyo Hoyo Safari Lodge, an unfenced, contemporary Tsonga-inspired lodge pristinely nestled within the Kruger Park's Mluwati Concession. The 10,000-hectare private concession is roughly 60 kilometres northeast of Skukuza and boasts a rich biodiversity of resident and migratory wildlife, including an astonishing variety of birds.

Sweeping open savannah plains brush along mixed wood and scrubland and patches of riverine forest; the ideal habitat for some of Africa's most iconic wildlife, including lion, elephant, and leopard, all of which are regularly seen.

The six thatched, air-conditioned rondavel suites are strewn along an ancient migratory elephant trail on the banks of the dry Mluwati River. Each suite overlooks the riverbed and offers guests the intimacy of their own private deck. Despite its remote location and cultural ambience, there is no compromise on modern comforts; the opulent king-size beds are draped with luxury cotton sheets and covered by dreamy mosquito netting. There is a writing desk, a coffee station and plenty of electrical plug points to charge camera batteries or operate a hairdryer. Folding glass doors open onto my private deck. Behind the bedroom, the bathroom comprises a large





stone bath, complimentary ablution amenities, a bathrobe and slippers, plus a separate toilet and outdoor shower.

With twilight fast descending across the bushveld, Hoyo Hoyo's wonderful staff prepare for this evening's three-course dinner. Immaculate white tablecloths are meticulously laid out and accentuated by bright-red-coloured runners and cushions.

Soon it is dark. A sparkle of stars twinkles down from the roof of the world as I am served my entrée against the audible backdrop of cicadas, the crackling fire, and ambient tones of hushed conversations.

More Wild Adventures

The following morning, after a quick cup of coffee in my room, I head out to the main lodge to enjoy a hot espresso from the coffee machine. It is soon time to grab my camera gear and walk towards the open game vehicle in the car park, where Andrew, our guide, awaits us. Everyone climbs on board, and we trundle out of the camp and into the early morning light.

A troop of baboons is creating havoc in several riverine trees that flank the narrow Mluwati River. We reach a patch of savannah grass carpeted by a veil of silver-coloured dew.

Just then, emerging almost like a ghost from the veil of mist, a large male lion appears and crosses right in front of us, striding purposefully towards the road. The lion is a sight to behold when he raises his head and produces a series of deep guttural roars. We can see the transparent puffs of his breath rise into the air and evaporate as he proudly declares his territorial dominance.

The next day, a crackle comes over the radio as we are again out on a morning drive. Lions have been spotted by

a colleague, and turning to face us, Andrew's eyes sparkle. "There are leopards close by too... We will try," he says.

We arrive on the scene to see a lion and lioness moving away from the road and into thick bush, but Andrew isn't stopping. "There are three leopards up ahead; they have gone into the trees because of the lions, but they may soon move!"

Rambling on the dirt track, we round a bend in the road; I can see a vehicle beside a tree perhaps 50 meters away, but can't spot any wildlife yet. As we slowly approach, I catch two flashes of gold and black, fantastically camouflaged amidst a Marula tree's branches and thick foliage. A third leopard is perched high in the branches of a nearby tree.

There is little time to take it all in because, with the lions moving ever further away, the leopards are ready to move too. With a few graceful leaps, the male and female jump onto the lower branches before almost entirely vertically negotiating the way down the base of the trunk and safely reaching the ground. The third leopard follows suit, and all three disappear into the tall grass. For a moment I think that's it, but within a few minutes, all three emerge onto the open road, where they continue walking.

It is a truly spectacular sighting. That night, after dinner, I listen to the whooping calls of hyenas in the darkness and marvel at this truly wonderful, wild safari lodge. Hoyo Hoyo is a place I never want to leave.

For Hoyo Hoyo reservations, call +27 11 516 4367, email res@extraordinary.co.za, or visit www.hoyohoyo.com.

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Yama Asian Eatery is Franschhoek's premier sushi restaurant situated on Franschhoek's main road. The team, guided by Ryan Shell, aims to create a calm space where locals can fully relax and enjoy themselves with anything from a quick lunch to a full dinner spread. The eatery offers a high-quality sushi menu accompanied by an Asian-themed à la carte menu using fresh seasonal ingredients.

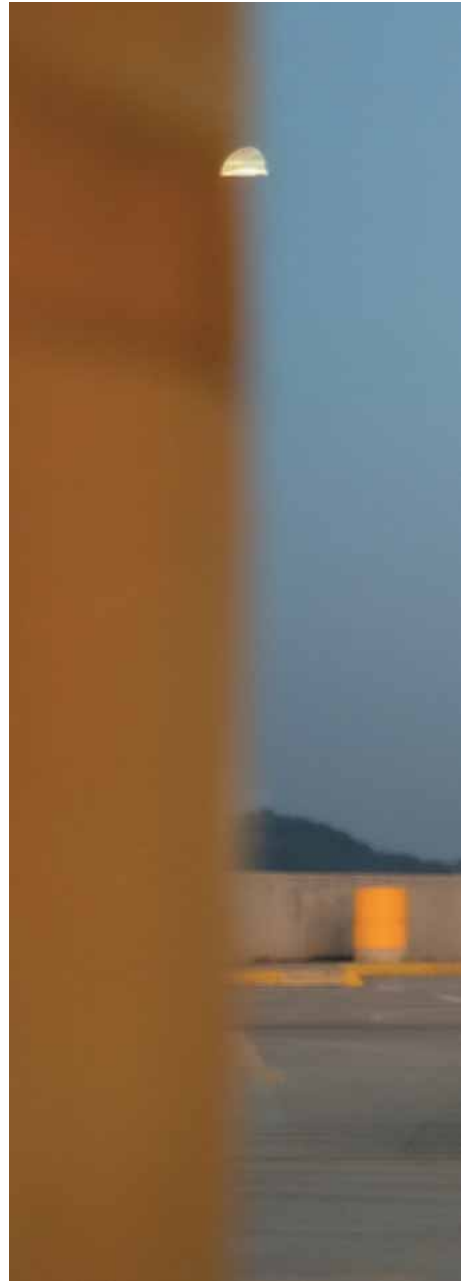
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The S-Class Goes Electric

Mercedes-EQ EQS450+



Near a year after Mercedes-Benz South Africa's Passenger Car Co-CEO, Mark Raine, announced the imminent arrival of a bolt of electrified Mercs, we finally laid our hands on Stuttgart's flagship S-Class EV.

The Mercedes-Benz naming convention is not hard to understand when one understands that, in their universe, Merc's different model lines (A, B, C, E, and S-Class) are relatable across the brand's various passenger car sub-brands that include Mercedes-AMG (performance cars), and Mercedes-EQ (EVs).

Even the GL, or "Gelände" moniker, adheres to these clearly defined fault lines, delivering, among others, the GLA, GLE, and GLS. It follows that the Mercedes-EQ EQS450+ (to acknowledge its full title) is an electrified version of the S-Class, Stuttgart's definitive luxury limousine.

The EQS' numbering convention doesn't mean anything

related to power output or capacity, other than the 450+ being the lesser of two EQS sedans currently produced by Mercedes-EQ. The other is the EQS580, which is unavailable in South Africa. What is otherwise also available locally is an AMG Line version of the 450+ that, besides some cosmetic enhancements, is mechanically the same.

Although *Refined* has already tested almost all the growing list of available EVs in South Africa – including the Porsche Taycan and Audi e-Tron GT quattro – this was our first proper week-long test in one of the Merc EVs. It followed, incidentally, after testing the new, more traditional Mercedes-Benz S500.

While this is not intended to be a comparative test between







the two (our S500 report will follow in a later edition), it was interesting to experience the inherently diverse approaches to S-Class luxury from a conventionally powered versus an EV point of view. Being more of a traditionalist, the ICE-S takes opulence to a new level, with the focus always on indulgent limousine-like comfort. The EV-S, on the other hand, is more spartan in its approach, less charismatic, but significantly more welcoming as an everyday driver's car.

Albeit slightly smaller in stature (roof height is barely 1,512 mm) than the long-wheelbase limo, the EQS450+ is much heavier than its ICE counterpart. It's not a small car, though, stretching its sheet metal lengthways to 5,216 mm, while its width minus the side mirrors is at 1,926 mm.

The 450+ uses only one electric motor to power its rear wheels, a 245 kW and 569 Nm unit also found in the 580 (where it's joined by a second motor powering the front axle). EQS models share a 107.8-kWh battery embedded in the floor structure.

Low and (a Little) Slow

Although many high-performance, stopwatch-obliterating EVs have made their way into the *Refined* garage in the last year, the EQS450+ is not quite one of them. To be fair, a 6.2-second sprint from zero to 100 km/h isn't slouchy, but in a world where rivals Audi, Porsche, and BMW regularly clock sub-five seconds in mid-range cars, the 450+ could do with a little more sprint in its step.

That said, the 450+ weighs in at a hefty 2,480 kg, with much of its extra weight resulting from additional soundproofing to deliver – in an EV – the same hushed, super-serene experience that makes the S-Class drive also class-leading.

As for range, Mercedes officially says the EQS450+ should manage anywhere between 631 and 782 km on a single full charge (significantly more than most rivals). During five days of testing, we covered over 650 km in various conditions. We kept the prospect of suffering range anxiety at bay by occasionally topping up at the 40-kW fast charger at the mall down the road. At an average DC-type fast charger, expect to charge from around 20% to 80% in as little as an hour. It

was never strictly necessary to charge, and we would likely have completed our test with range to spare, but keeping an electric car topped up whenever you can is part of the mindset adjustment we will all need to make in the future.

It's Not a Race

The Mercedes-Benz EQS450+ is slower than rivals the Taycan 4S and e-Tron GT quattro, although the leisurely performance suits the big Benz. The EQS is unnervingly quiet at speed, and with no white noise to drown out annoying tyre, road, and wind noise in an EV while cruising, this is quite a feat. The EQS shape contributes to its wind-cheating abilities, although Merc's decades of experience building the class-leading, conventionally powered S-Class limousine also plays a massive role here.

The same mass that impedes the EQS' performance ensures a pleasing heft, leaving an impression of solidity and substance. With its standard air springs and adaptive dampers, the 450+ delivers an old-school luxury ride, while handling remains secure thanks to the low placement of the car's heavy battery.

The EQS450+ is surprisingly well-equipped from a feature perspective, although you can load it up with additional bells and whistles, such as the triple-display Hyperscreen that spans the entire dashboard.

Even without the Hyperscreen (with its hefty price tag), the EQS450+ is a supremely comfortable and extremely eye-catching luxury EV that bucks the highly chiselled trend of its competitors. The EQS is a Mercedes-Benz that happens to be electric. As much as the shape is not trend-setting, it received tremendous attention wherever we wafted, especially about the interior, with its glass-roof airiness. It has the look, the range, and the comfort to make exploring the entire Mercedes-EQ model range a compelling proposition.

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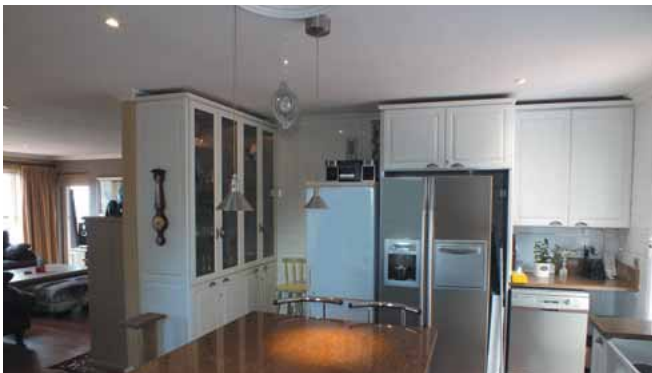
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R4 650 000



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A stunning double storey home in a superb position enjoying panoramic views of the sea, mountains and valley. This established four bedroom mountainside home is modern and sunny, has top quality fittings and finishes, open plan living plus a covered entertainment deck with heated splash pool looking onto the fynbos covered mountainside. Extra possibilities exist for dual living - currently used as a family home there is lots of potential to easily convert into a house with a ground floor apartment that already has a separate entrance and an additional studio with own bathroom and entrance.

Camps Bay

ATLANTIC SEABOARD
WESTERN CAPE

R 33 500 000



 1 |  3 |  4 | WEB: 2773937

Architecturally designed to maximise the interplay of light and form, this spectacular property's bold, clean lines create a dramatic backdrop for the beauty of the natural surrounds. This gorgeous, art-filled penthouse is marked by its striking layout and its unique design. Offering three bedrooms, four bathrooms and the perfect open-plan dining and lounge area to entertain family and friends or to just sit and relax while enjoying the seascape as it unfolds before you with commanding world-class panoramic views over the horizon of the Atlantic Ocean. This penthouse is built to the highest standard, with state-of-the-art security, and is perfect for an exquisite living experience.



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Sea Point

ATLANTIC SEABOARD
WESTERN CAPE

R 8 295 000



 1 |  4 |  2.5 | WEB: RLF23018

Luxury living awaits in this stunning, corner, freehold townhouse / apartment for sale in the heart of Sea Point on the Atlantic Seaboard in Cape Town. Only four freehold units in this quiet, centrally located and easily accessible apartment block. This property spans three floors and boasts breath-taking views of the ocean from the living area, master bedroom and bathroom as well as mountain views from the kitchen and two of the bedrooms. This property is perfect for those who value luxury living and appreciate the finer things in life. With its prime location, residents can enjoy all the benefits of living in one of Cape Town's most sought-after areas, with easy access to some of the city's best restaurants, cafes, and shops. Don't miss your chance to own a piece of paradise on the Atlantic Seaboard.

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Van Riebeeckshof Bellville

R 8 990 000

4 | 5 | 4 | WEB: 934563

Majestic home with bespoke finishes. This is a location too special to build the ordinary. Offering maximum privacy, the most beautiful panoramic views as well as security and comfort of the highest standard. This home is certainly one of the most exceptional properties in the Van Riebeeckshof area. This architectural stunner, with modern finishes throughout, is absolutely unrivaled. 5 Luxurious, air-conditioned bedrooms, all en-suite, complement this exceptional living space.



Ridgeworth Bellville

R 7 990 000

1 | 9 | 9 | WEB: 3016965

Beautiful 4-Star Graded Boutique Guesthouse
This is the gem of the Northern Suburbs, where luxury meets serenity. Don't miss out on this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to own this 4-star graded guesthouse, providing luxurious accommodation to corporate and leisure travelers alike. Fully furnished and turn-key solution so you can get going from day one! Provide your guests with affordable, upmarket, luxurious accommodation in a safe and tranquil environment. Excellent location.

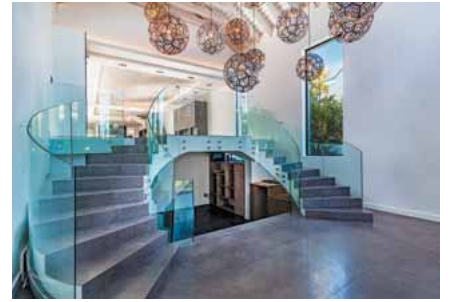


Welgedacht Bellville

R 14 900 000

1 | 3 | 3 | WEB: 2909615

Architectural Masterpiece. An absolute breathtaking and one-of-its-kind 3-bedroom home nestled in the sought after Welgedacht. This North facing masterpiece seamlessly invites the outdoor landscape into the spacious modern home, which tastefully incorporates glass, cement, steel, wood, and double glazing. It's expansive open reception areas, adorned with extraordinarily high ceilings, exhibit a harmonious blend of contrasting surfaces and Nano stack doors.



Schonenberg Somerset West

R 9 950 000

 2 |  5 |  5 | WEB: 1572159

Entering through the front door and into the double volume foyer you are welcomed by an ensemble of gorgeous lights and a tone that sets the mood for what's to come. On the second level, you will find an open plan formal seating area, a lounge and dining area with a Nordica fireplace. The kitchen has been custom designed. . Walking up the impressive floating stairs, you will find the private sleeping quarters and a study area.



Dennegeur Somerset West

R 8 500 000

 4 |  4 |  2 | WEB: 2881503

An immaculate home offering perfect balance between excellent design, comfortable living and luxurious finishes. Lounge with Nordica fireplace and stack doors opening to undercover patio and braai with magnificent sunset views. The modern open-plan kitchen with free-standing Smeg stove has a separate scullery/laundry which has direct access to the automated double garage. The stairs outside lead down to manicured, waterwise landscaped garden with jacuzzi (optional) and fire pit.



Somerset Heights Somerset West

R 5 490 000

 2 |  4 |  3 | WEB: 2299451

Surrounded by serenity, this home offers a truly tranquil feeling. A well designed, classic home with uninterrupted views complimented by a private setting. Quality finishes and features throughout. A formal entrance foyer leads to a large lounge opens up to a very private garden and entertainment area with a picturesque mountain backdrop. The kitchen with separate scullery allows direct access to the double garage. Three of the 4 bedrooms open out to sunny balconies.



Chanteclair Hermanus

R 7 790 000

3 | 4 | 3 | WEB: 2928392



This inviting family home is set on the slopes of Onrus Mountain and offers sweeping views of the ocean. This country-style home has a harmonious flow from the front door leading to the downstairs living areas, with a built-in bar and pool table, that opens to a patio with a braai area, a Jacuzzi and a heated pool all set in a lush garden. The front balcony with undercover braai offers enviable views across Walker Bay while the North facing patio offers spectacular views of the lush mountain landscape.



Kleinmond Western Cape

R 4 300 000

2 | 4 | 2 | WEB: 2423450

This architect-designed holiday home has been the young owners' refuge from the long European winters. Lovingly built four years ago the home includes many of the latest modern conveniences with upmarket fittings and fixtures being used to create this masterpiece. The architectural concept was to give everyone their own space but with reconnecting areas to bring everyone back together. Open plan living areas harmoniously lead to the pool and covered outdoor dining and lounging areas, making the home entertainment friendly across all seasons.



Westcliff Hermanus

R 3 655 000

2 | 3 | 3 | WEB: 2983649

This double-story home offers an open plan lounge and dining room with double doors leading out to an enclosed back garden with a built-in braai and sweeping mountain views. The open-plan kitchen with scullery/laundry adds to the ambiance of graceful living. The three spacious, en-suite bedrooms provide ample space, with your vehicles accommodated in the double garage. Enjoy the rich bird life and wealth of nature and Cape fynbos all set in the serenity of a secure estate.

L'Avenue de Franschhoek Estate

FRANSCHHOEK
WESTERN CAPE

R29 995 000



 2 |  5 |  4 | WEB: 2994813

This state-of-the-art five bedroom home is located on the prestigious L'Avenue de Franschhoek Estate and offers the perfect lifestyle combining contemporary styling with space, security and luxurious living. Expansive open-plan spaces with high ceilings, wooden floors and picture perfect windows define this home. Other features include a chef's kitchen, four-car garage, separate scullery and laundry room as well as solar power. With an erf size of 4141 sqm, this spectacular home is perfect for those seeking luxury, comfort and security in one of Franschhoek's most sought-after estates.



Longlands Country Estate

STELLENBOSCH
WESTERN CAPE

R12 900 000



3 | 4 | 4 | WEB: RLF21711

Modern country style living

This prime property is as good as a newly built and is available for a new owner to make it their home for the next chapter of their life. It offers everything that the modern buyer requires but has a relaxed farm-style atmosphere with vineyard, mountain and dam views from almost every room in the house. It can serve as a spacious family home where many memories can be made, as a lock up-and-go or it's ideal for someone looking to step out of a busy city life and looking for a more tranquil environment. The home office with private access can also be ideal for someone working from home.

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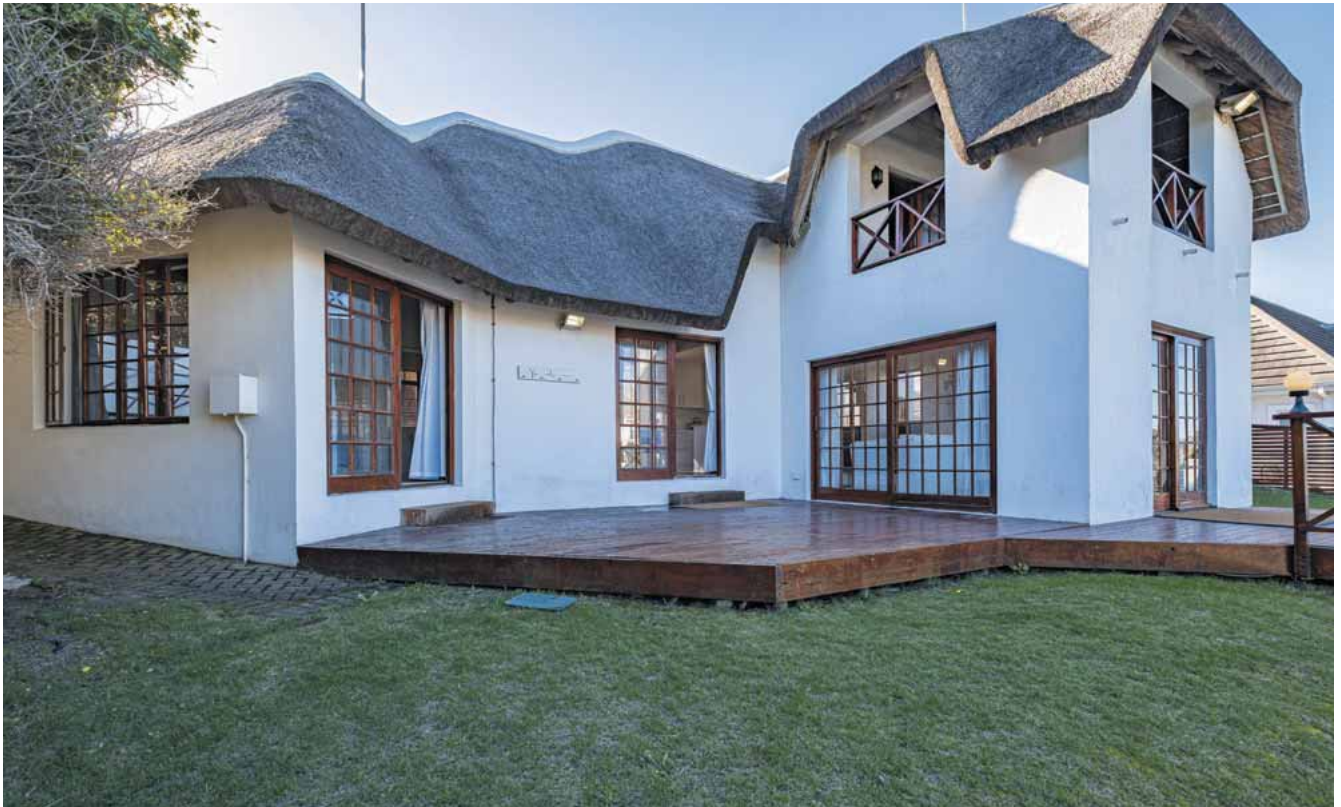
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This North facing home is located in a central area of St Francis Links, situated on a large stand with neighboring green belt areas, providing a serene and picturesque setting. The farm-style covered veranda that runs along the entire north side of the home adds to its charm and character. The modern double volume ceilings and ample sliding doors allow for an abundance of natural light, creating a warm and inviting atmosphere. This home offers a perfect blend of charm, elegance, and functionality, making it a wonderful place to call home for families or those seeking a serene and comfortable lifestyle in the beautiful St Francis Links community.

Canals

ST FRANCIS BAY
EASTERN CAPE

R7 500 000



 2 |  4 |  4 | WEB: 2987148

As you step inside, you'll be welcomed by an open plan kitchen, dining room and lounge providing a cosy and intimate atmosphere, ideal for relaxing with family or friends. With sliding doors that lead out to the large deck, perfect for entertaining or enjoying the stunning views of the canals. The main bedroom, complete with an ensuite, leads out to a deck outside, providing a peaceful and private retreat. The second bedroom boasts an ensuite bathroom with a private deck, allowing you to wake up to beautiful view every day. Upstairs, you'll find a cosy lounge that overlooks the canals, complete with a covered balcony, creating a perfect space for unwinding and taking in the breathtaking scenery. With 4 bedrooms and 4 bathrooms, this house provides ample space and privacy for a large family.

Wavecrest

JEFFREYS BAY
EASTERN CAPE

R3 750 000



 2 |  4 |  4 | WEB: 2971036

Discover exceptional value and luxurious living in this spacious and comfortable home. With an abundance of space that's perfect for everyone, you won't find better value anywhere else. With large living areas, a beautiful patio, and balconies that boast stunning sea views, this is the perfect place to entertain guests and enjoy life to the fullest. Take a dip in the sparkling swimming pool or fire up the braai for a sizzling barbecue – the possibilities are endless. This stunning four-bedroom double-storey house is even registered on Air BnB, making it an ideal investment opportunity. But it's not just an investment – it's the perfect place to call home and quiet down after a busy day.



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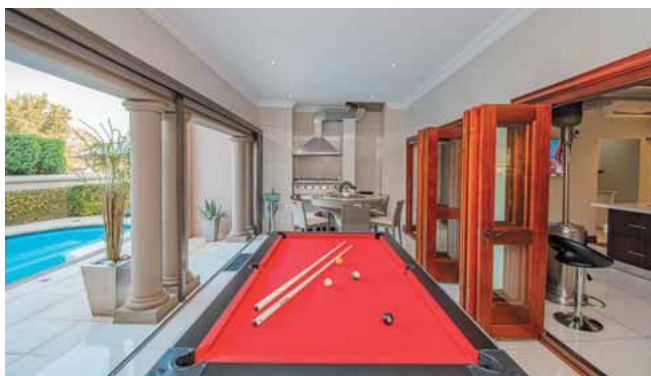
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This luxury 5 bedroom home is situated within a secure community, offering peace of mind and exclusivity. The house boasts high-end finishes and modern amenities throughout its spacious interior. The bedrooms are generously sized, each with its own en-suite bathroom, and offer stunning views of the surrounding area. The open plan living areas flow seamlessly, creating a harmonious atmosphere that is perfect for entertaining guests or relaxing with family. The gourmet kitchen is fully equipped with top-of-the-line appliances and ample storage space. Other notable features include a private swimming pool, landscaped gardens, and a double garage with direct access to the house. With 24-hour security, this home provides the ultimate in privacy and luxury living.



Waterkloof Ridge Pretoria

R 7 495 000

3 | 9 | 7 | WEB: 2968895



Introducing a stunning and newly renovated luxury guest house that boasts nine spacious bedrooms, seven modern bathrooms, and multiple open living areas, all designed to offer maximum comfort and convenience. This property features a unique blend of classic charm and modern sophistication, with top-of-the-line fixtures and finishes throughout. The open-plan design of the rooms ensures that natural light floods the space, while the neutral colour palette create a warm and inviting atmosphere.



Muckleneuk Pretoria

R 5 400 000

2 | 7 | 7 | WEB: 2925931



Gerard Moerdijk's family home! Are you looking for the ultimate luxury living experience in the heart of Pretoria? Look no further than this stunning 7-bedroom architect-designed house in Muckleneuk! The ideal custom-designed floor plan concept features a character-filled interior and offers a formal dining room, large entertainment spaces, well-proportioned rooms, expansive living areas, flow-through living area, good-sized living room and generous living spaces.



Broadacres Sandton

R 3 850 000

 3 |  4 |  3 | WEB: 2869429

Immerse yourself in the epitome of luxury living at the exclusive Broadacres estate. This modern yet classic contemporary family home showcases French country charm and modern elegance. Enjoy spacious living areas, a masterful kitchen, and an outdoor oasis with a courtyard and solar-heated pool. With exceptional security and resort-like amenities, Broadacres offers the ultimate in luxurious lifestyle.



Steyn City Johannesburg

R 17 999 999

 4 |  5 |  5 | WEB: 2857069

Luxury living in Steyn City, a world-class estate. This designer home impresses with a double volume entrance, open plan living, 5-star kitchen, braai area, pool, 4 en-suite bedrooms, cinema room, library, staff quarters, 3 garages. Experience refined living at its best.



Steyn City Johannesburg

R15 000 000

 3 |  5 |  5 | WEB: 2856119

Stylish, north-facing home with indoor/outdoor living. Stunning double volume entrance, open plan living/dining area with double-sided gas fireplace. 5-star kitchen, integrated Smeg appliances, pantry/scullery. Entertainment area with bar, pool, landscaped outdoors. Guest room, study, 4 en-suite bedrooms, cinema room, library, second lounge. Staff quarters, 3 garages, Jojo water tanks. A modern masterpiece for refined living.



Fourways Sandton

R 6 500 000

 3 |  5 |  5 | WEB: 2993035

Discover unmatched luxury and security in Fourways! Your dream property awaits in Hawthorn Village Estate. This exquisite home boasts 4 en-suite bedrooms, offering the perfect blend of elegance and comfort. Don't miss your chance to own this coveted piece of paradise in the heart of Fourways.



Thornhill Estate Edenvale

R 5 400 000

3 | 5 | 5 | WEB: 2718597

Stunning 5 Bedroom home in Thornhill estate. Thornhill Estate is one of the finest estates in Gauteng with immaculate parks, walkways and gardens throughout. This rare country style living, with a stream running through the estate and mature trees lining the roads and pathways, is the ideal place for families to relax and enjoy the lifestyle offered.

The estate boasts a well equipped community centre, 2 swimming pools, a soccer field, cricket net and children's play area.



Bedfordview Johannesburg

R 4 500 000

4 | 3 | 2 | WEB: 2943254

Newly renovated home in Bedfordview set on an acre. Beautifully renovated home with fantastic views and set within a boomed area. Excellent location being close to highways, shopping malls, great schools and sporting facilities. This large property measuring 3966 sqm boasts a large 4 bedroom home as well as a small second home with a private garden and entrance.

Main home has been completely renovated with excellent kitchen and bathrooms.



Sundowner Randburg

R 2 995 000

 2 |  4 |  3 | WEB: 3005221



The good life awaits you in this secure estate home in the heart of the highly sought-after Sundowner area. Located a stone's throw away from the prestigious Curro Aurora Campus and set in a small private estate, you'll find this magnificent family home that doesn't compromise on space or style. From the moment you open the front door and the entrance hall welcomes you, you know this place is special. No wasted space in the living area's further enhanced by the durable aluminum stacker doors.



Sundowner Randburg

R 2 495 000

 4 |  5 |  3 | WEB: 3017428



Experience the sublime fusion of sophisticated comfort and modern convenience in this gorgeous home nestled in the serene community of Sundowner. The security boom offers peace of mind to compliment the lush surrounds of the area. Outdoor living reaches new heights with a heated swimming pool, covered patio adjoining an outdoor bar, and a separate boma area, ideal for open-air get-togethers and braais. The house sits in the heart of a landscaped garden, promising peace and tranquility.



Randpark Ridge Randburg

R 2 495 000

 4 |  5 |  3 | WEB: 3017429

Nestled in the heart of Randpark Ridge, within a secure boomed-off area, this exquisite family home exudes luxury and tranquility. A sanctuary located on a sought-after street, this property offers privacy, security, and an incomparable lifestyle. The house features five spacious bedrooms and three elegantly appointed bathrooms. The master suite is a haven with ample space and an en-suite bathroom. This splendid Randpark Ridge home seamlessly blends luxurious living with everyday convenience.



Randpark Ridge Randburg

R1 995 000

 3 |  4 |  3 | WEB: 3011095

Welcome to this sprawling 4-bedroom family haven, nestled perfectly in a prestigious golfing neighborhood. This home invites comfort, exudes modern elegance, and is ready to welcome your family. The heart of the home comprises a generous, open-concept living space with 5 distinct reception rooms. This provides the perfect setting for relaxing and entertaining. This versatile space seamlessly integrates an entertainment area with a built-in bar. For the golf lover, this is your slice of paradise.



Honeydew Ridge Roodepoort

R 2 900 000

 3 |  4 |  3 | WEB: 3011093

Nestled within a sought-after secure estate, this remarkable property presents an unparalleled opportunity for those seeking a luxurious and comfortable lifestyle. This home will captivate your heart with its exquisite design and impressive features. Step inside and be greeted by a spacious lounge, creating a warm and inviting ambiance for relaxation and entertainment. A welcome extra is the upstairs family room, offering a versatile space for creating lasting memories with your loved ones.



Weltevreden Park Roodepoort

R1 995 000

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Well located on a large stand with enough rooms for the family who entertain lavishly. And then, of course, the 8 solar panels that ensure an uninterrupted power supply is what you want in your new home. As you open the front door, you're welcomed into the home via a proper entrance hall that can easily be used as a study. Downstairs you have three reception areas with the gourmet nestled between them. A big standout is the upstairs lounge which is huge and can easily accommodate a snooker table.



Waterfall Country Estate Midrand

R 14 950 000

4 | 5 | 5 | WEB: 2141612



Pristine five-bedroom home on a greenbelt stand within the secure and popular Waterfall Country Estate. An entertainers' delight, this property offers formal and informal living areas as well as a pavilion with sweeping views of the estate and garden.

Only fifteen minutes from Sandton, this impressive home includes four garages, inverter and solar panels, borehole, heated pool and staff accommodation.



Waterfall Country Estate Midrand

R 10 995 000

3 | 4 | 3 | WEB: RLF20775

Poised in a picturesque part of Waterfall Country Estate overlooking an unspoiled natural greenbelt, this illustrious residence provides for glamorous living and large-scale entertainment. The attractive architecture exhibits elegance with a spin on country charm and is highlighted by the choice of elegant lighting and finishes throughout.

Exposed beams and neutral tones have created a tranquil environment to complement the style and location.

Bridle Park AH

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R 15 000 000



4 | 3 | 8.9 HECTARES | WEB: 2908493

Take up the baton of an iconic property and business. An iconic property which proudly occupies its place at the highest point of Midrand with endless views across to Sandton and the Johannesburg skyline and Magaliesberg.

Over 22 years the owners have passionately and meticulously transformed what was once barren land to a thriving oasis of gardens, ponds, mature trees and flora. A glorious trail through the site breathes their vision over the years to create their euphoria linked to a nationally acclaimed, highly profitable specialist wholesale herb nursery as well as the retail components on this site.



Dunkeld Johannesburg

R 20 900 000

4 | 5 | 5 | WEB: 2909975

Arguably Dunkeld's finest home, set on 3000sqm of landscaped garden, this extravagant entertainer's family home is set well on the property. This south entry north facing home has everything to offer a modern-day sophisticated lifestyle. A home that has been created to optimise design and style with every element working together to create an absolute masterpiece. Cinema, Gym, Excellent security, borehole, irrigation, generator, Egoli gas.



Parktown North Johannesburg

R 6 750 000

2 | 4 | 3 | WEB: 2878993

Enter this North facing, South entry property through a double gate into a magical formal garden, resplendent with a jacaranda tree towering over the magnificent façade. Perfectly symmetrical, the home is a wonderful iteration of a Georgian farmhouse with sash windows and shutters and a large front door leading into the home with a sightline through to the magnificent garden at the end. Picture perfect, high quality finishes. Great position in Parktown North.



Saxonwold Johannesburg

R 11 500 000

6 | 5 | 4 | WEB: 2850969

Set perfectly on a spectacular sub-divisible acre. Arguably the most prestigious road in Saxonwold, a stature rich home appears at the end of an imposing treed driveway, with a large portico and forecourt giving access to 3 double garages.

This generous, architecturally noteworthy home is filled with light. The home is north facing and positioned to overlook the pool, tennis court and pool room.



Houghton Estate Johannesburg

R 9 900 000

3 | 3 | 3 | WEB: 2998568

Introducing a captivating haven of tranquillity in Houghton Estate. Nestled on a 4,000m² stand, this remarkable home offers a world of possibilities. Step into a property of elegance and charm as you explore the enticing features that await. Two upstairs cottages. Large studio with kitchenette and 2 large cellars for wine and music. Borehole, solar, new electrical & plumbing. Tennis court and pool. Staff accommodation. Best location.



Parkhurst Johannesburg

R 3 450 000

2 | 3 | 3 | WEB: 2948827

This charming home will sell fast. Located in a quiet cul-de-sac, this immaculate three bedroom en-suite home is perfectly placed in the suburb and within walking distance of 4th Avenue and Verity Park. Fabulous open plan living with wood burning fireplace and stunning covered patio perfect for long lazy lunches. Garaging for three cars, a brand new inverter / solar system.

Parktown

JOHANNESBURG
GAUTENG

R 19 000 000



 4 |  5 |  5 | WEB: 3009752

The best of Herbert Baker, remodelled for the modern sophisticated family. A home with a unique provenance offering a relaxed lifestyle with open plan living spaces. All bedrooms ensuite. Beautiful panelled dining room and exquisite sitting room. Fire places throughout the home. This North facing classic contemporary family home sits on the Parktown/Westcliff ridge with unparalleled views across the Johannesburg Northern Suburbs. A separate, private 2 bedroom cottage is suitable for the extended family. Egoli gas, borehole, inverter. Excellent security in a quiet, boomed street. Central location close to best of Johannesburg schools, universities and hospitals.

Cornwall Hill Country Estate

CENTURION
PRETORIA

R 14 500 000



 2 |  4 |  4 | WEB: 2991426

This magnificent platinum home, located in the highly sought-after Cornwall Hill Equestrian Country Estate, is in pristine condition and boasts luxurious and spacious accommodation. With a total area of 1105m² (excluding stables) on a 9176m² stand, this property features six stables and a paddock for horses, making it the perfect choice for equestrian enthusiasts. The property is situated on the Rietvlei Dam side of Cornwall Hill, offering breath-taking panoramic views and a meticulously maintained garden.





The evolving and expanding *Fine & Country* licensee network has recently opened a new office in Glenvista, in the south of Johannesburg.

The hallmark of the Fine & Country brand is a portfolio of well-appointed and aspirational residential properties. From this pool, buyers are assured of securing a home that meets exacting standards, be that relative to their lifestyle choices or investment. Sellers are similarly indulged by a service that avails of the global Fine & Country bespoke strategies and solutions, one of which is a progressive expansion of its licensee network.

"Fine & Country has always prided itself on delivering quality homes, sold by property experts in niche or desirable locations," says CEO of Fine & Country South Africa, John Herbst. "This tradition plays out in South Africa by our penetration into locations that offer residents an elevated lifestyle experience, be that a freestanding property or within exclusively appointed estates.

Glenvista, in the south of Johannesburg, is considered as one such location, which is why Fine & Country recently identified a licensee in the suburb. The area is well known for its cosmopolitan character despite being nestled in a natural valley within the Klipriviersberg Mountain Range. It presents a variety of homes, from apartment living and well-secured estates, to freehold private and exclusive homes. Glenvista is showing excellent sustainable growth and a relative rise in the average price of freehold and sectional title homes.

"Expanding into Glenvista is part of a broader strategy that allows Fine & Country to reach sellers and buyers who are looking for quality homes in an area that is fast growing in popularity. Not only we will be able to increase sales but it will allow us to broaden and elevate our bespoke service to clients who have specific needs in their property acquisitions and sales."

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Lydenburg Mpumalanga

R 1 750 000

 1 |  4 |  4 | WEB: 2982471



Escape to your own private oasis in the heart of the African bushveld. This stunning holiday home is situated in a 4 800 hectare nature reserve. It consists of a rustic, four bedroom, four bathroom thatched roofed home that offers the perfect blend of luxury and natural beauty, making it the ideal getaway for those looking to relax and unwind. Kudu Private Nature Reserve was proclaimed in 2013 but has existed since 1998. This 4 800 hectare wildlife estate is located just outside Lydenburg.



Nelspruit Mpumalanga

R 4 700 000

 1 |  3 |  3 | WEB: 2831009

This immaculate small holding of 6,2098 hectares, features three possible income streams and a lifestyle most can only dream of. Nestled among farmlands that offer scenic views, this property features 4,2 hectares of Beaumont macadamias provided with drip irrigation. The trees are about four years old. A successful dog kennel business with eight kennels that can easily be expanded to house more kennels have already been established on the property. A steady rental income from three rental units.

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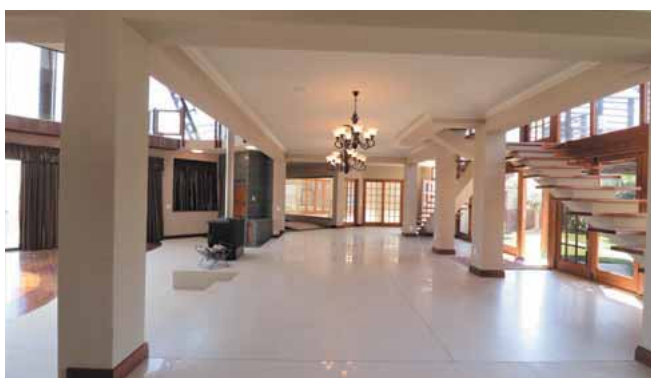
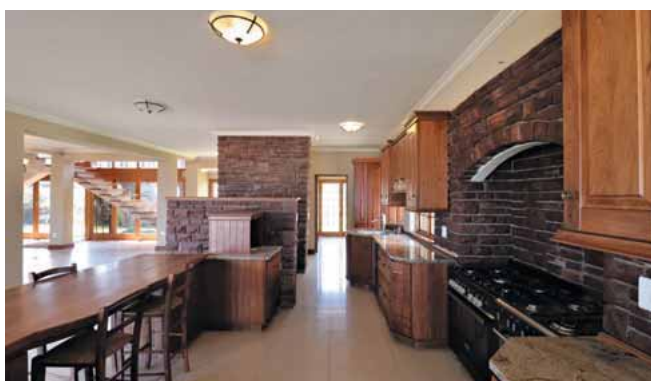
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Beachfront Villa

SWAKOPMUND
VOGELSTRAND

NAD 15 500 000



 2 |  3 |  3 | WEB: 3018700

Endless sunsets on the horizon. This opulent Beachfront Villa offers spacious living with an entrance foyer, 2 living areas, Designer Kitchen, dining room, Scullery and Laundry. On the first floor there is a family room, three en-suite Bedrooms, two of which have sea-view balconies and the third overlooking the gardens. Access to the cozy two bedroom flat from the garages, it comes with a fully fitted modern kitchen, lounge, two bedrooms, bathroom and balcony overlooking the gardens. Entertain your guests with an indoor pool, BBQ and Central Sound system. Additional features include: Central Vacuum system, Alarm System with Beams, Solar Heated Aquarium, three Garages with BIC, Guest WC, Fireplace

Dolphin Beach

WALVIS BAY
NAMIBIA

NAD 3 550 000



1 | 3 | 2 | WEB: 3018585

Modern Sea View House with Swimming Pool For Sale in Dolphin Beach

The sparkling pool and interlocked back garden creates a wonderful low-maintenance space for large scale entertaining. Fabulous and expansive sea view rooftop deck with the possibility to add a third level. All the bedrooms have access to the balcony, the main bedroom has a private bathroom and walk-in closet, the two further bedrooms share a bathroom. The home is situated in one of the popular holiday locations along the Namibian coastline.

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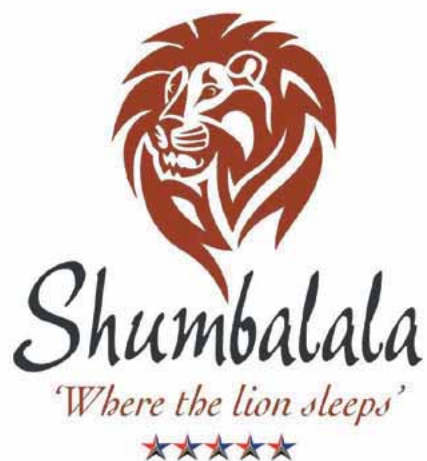
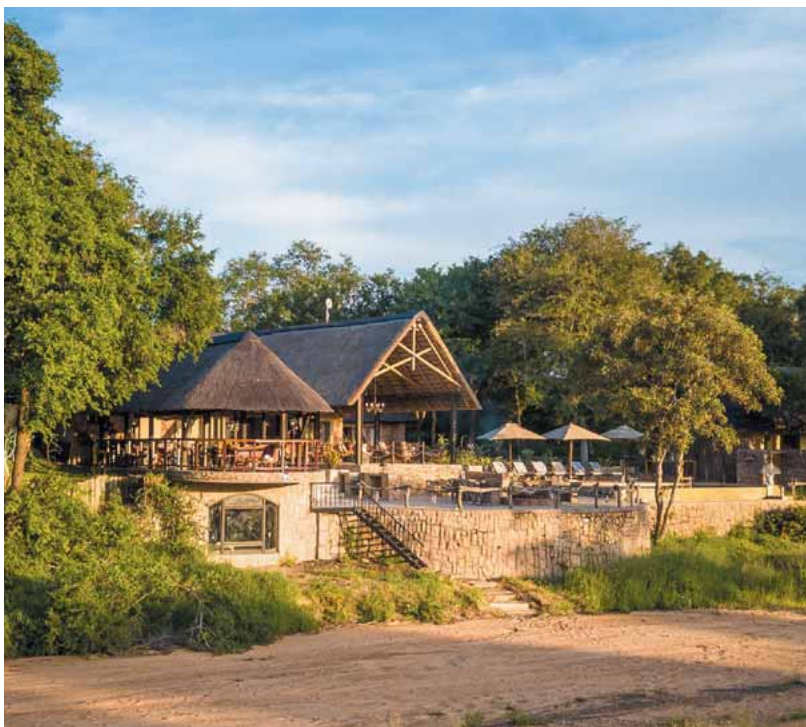
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