

## **Subtle blend of rustic architecture and luxurious finishes beckon at The Kingdom**

Aptly named 'The Kingdom', this new jewel in the Beekman Managed Portfolio crown is situated in the magnificent Pilansberg district in South Africa's North West Province.

The Kingdom offers discerning guests the opportunity to be in close proximity to the thrills and excitement of Sun City and the splendour of the Big Five in the Pilansberg Game Reserve, yet at a comfortable distance to enjoy complete tranquillity.

An easy two-hour drive from Pretoria or Johannesburg and within easy reach of the Pilansberg International Airport, The Kingdom falls within the Cradle of Humankind, set around the Rustenburg, Magaliesberg and Hartbeespoort regions. The area abounds with relics from the Stone Age and early middle and late Iron Age.

Alongside The Kingdom is the Pilanesberg National Park, nestled in the crater of a long extinct volcano. This landscape of three concentric ridges or rings of hills, known as the Pilanesberg National Park Alkaline Ring Complex, was produced by volcanic eruptions 1 300 million years ago. A number of rare minerals occur in the Park and it rates amongst the world's outstanding geological phenomena.

The Park exists within the transition zone between the dry Kalahari and wetter Lowveld vegetation, commonly referred to as 'Bushveld'. What differentiates this large game park is the inimitable blend of mammals, birds and vegetation that occur because of this transition zone. Visitors are regaled, not only by the Big Five, but by the Springbok, brown hyena, the red eyed bulbul, and camel thorn trees usually found in arid areas, cohabiting with animals normally only found in the moister areas such as impala, black eyed bulbul and Cape chestnut trees.

Due to its unique topography, the area enjoys a pleasant year-round climate. However, for the warmer days, the luxury villas at The Kingdom are equipped with air conditioning to moderate the temperature. Winter heralds balmy days and cooler nights and brings with it excellent opportunities to view game due to the dying back of the foliage in the Park.

The Kingdom comprises four distinctively separate ethnic villages, themed around the Ndebele, Setswana, Venda and Zulu cultures. The architecture and interior design revolves around an aesthetic synergy with the surrounding bush, while at the same time enveloping luxurious finishes and furnishings.

This is the only development of its kind in the Pilansberg Bushveld to offer both full title and fractional ownership, making it an attractive option for a mixture of investors. Choose from full ownership of a two- or three-bedroom villa or a four-week ownership, both of which are automatically incorporated into the Beekman Managed Portfolio with the benefit of a managed rental pool.

Full ownership comes with the added benefit of a VAT refund on the purchase price that equates to villa owners receiving their first year's monthly levies for free as well as receiving furnishings for their villa.

The first phase of this upmarket development incorporates 28 two-bedroom and 84 three-bedroom units, all complete with two tasteful and contemporary solid wood *en suite* bathrooms, elegant recessed light fittings, granite tops, gas stoves and environmentally friendly solar power. A flat screen TV and DSTV network add to the inherent comfort specified as a design prerequisite.

Spacious open plan living areas lead out onto covered patios that afford beautiful, relaxing vistas. A dual-sided Jetmaster braai (barbecue) provides a laid-back cooking option in even the rainiest weather while room service or the on-site coffee shop and licensed restaurant offer a guilt-free alternative to self catering.

Building on its reputation as an ecologically-aware and driven company, The Kingdom is another example of the Beekman Group's emphasis on retaining 'green' qualities within in portfolio of exclusive properties. The large open roof space in each unit has been designed to enhance natural air ventilation while the resort employs complete recycling of waste water to maintain gardens and grounds.

While Sun City, known as 'Africa's Kingdom of Pleasure', is a mere 2.5 kilometres away, there's plenty for villa owners to keep them occupied within the boundaries of The Kingdom. For the more adventurous at heart The Kingdom offers cycling and horse riding, Jungle Land, tennis, mini golf, trampolines and a games room. For the aquatically inclined, the Lazy River, Aqua World, swimming pools, Wet Park and bumper boats offer a refreshing alternative. And for those craving a pampering session, the Body Bliss day spa presents treatments from the simple to the sublime. Child care facilities ensure full peace of mind while you escape for a few hours.

Ensuring 24-hour uncompromising security for guests The Kingdom has spared no expense with its access control system geared towards user friendliness. Strategically placed close circuit television (CCTV) cameras and checkpoints, complemented by foot patrols and perimeter electric fencing further ensure that only owners and their invited guests are admitted to the premises.

Future phases of The Kingdom will add a further 380 villas and will include two- and three-bedroom units as well as studios.