

Tyson Properties awarded sole mandate for Hawaan Forest Estate

Tyson Properties has been awarded the sole mandate to market one of the most remarkable estates along the KwaZulu-Natal coastline - the Hawaan Forest Estate in Umhlanga which is bordered by the last remaining strip of the indigenous dry coastal dune forest that once grew along the entire North Coast as far as Westbrook.

According to Tyson Properties' chief executive, Chris Tyson, the Hawaan Forest Estate is everything that most local eco and golf estates are not. This small, well maintained exclusive estate on Herald Drive offers the peace and privacy that conventional densely settled urban developments do not whilst still providing the security and amenities enjoyed by residents of upmarket complexes.

"It is remarkable that one can be just a few minutes from the busy Umhlanga Centre, close to Gateway and the surrounding business node, as well as schools, hospitals, golf courses and even the beach - but still escape back home to this peaceful forest setting," says Tyson.

Blueprint for an extraordinary place

The estate measures 157 acres with building rights for a total of 165 homes. However, it is already 50% developed with some property owners having bought more than one plot so the completed estate is expected to number just 114 houses. On the phases released so far there are currently only 13 sites left. Prices of plots range from R1.4 million to just under R2 million.

"Developers and longtime business partners, Pat Naicker and Tony O'Neil, have created the blueprint for a truly extraordinary place. The Hawaan Forest Estate has been meticulously planned and designed with the help of architect Stefan Antoni and indigenous gardening guru, Geoff Nichols, who has complemented this with his horticultural expertise and understanding of the neighbouring forest," says Tyson.

All properties are strategically placed, affording them corridor views towards forest and ocean, while gardening is strictly indigenous and homeowners have a list of 600 plants from which to choose when planting on each property. No pets are allowed on the estate, a necessary sacrifice to protect the birds and wildlife.