

# EYE OF AFRICA SIGNATURE GOLF AND RESIDENTIAL ESTATE

GAUTENG, JOHANNESBURG

ESTATE NAME: EYE OF AFRICA ESTATE

SUBURB: EYE OF AFRICA

TOWNSHIP: EYE OF AFRICA

MUNICIPALITY: MIDVAAL

COORDINATES (LAT\LONG): -26.3777, 28.0135 | STREET VIEW

TOTAL SIZE: 6 879 416 M<sup>2</sup>

NO OF ERVEN ON ESTATE: 1354

NO OF PROPERTIES ON ESTATE: 1438

Golf and Residential Estate | Pioneering the urban landscape of the South

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The original developers coined the estate's name "Eye of Africa" because it captured the beauty of the region and hinted at its proximity to Johannesburg, the economic hub of Africa. Construction began in 2007 with the infrastructure and first phase of residential properties. In quick succession work started on the magnificent golf course. Designed by the legendary Greg (Great White Shark) Norman, the 7 100-metre, par 72 championship course meanders through the natural grassland, looping back on itself. This was an inspired move. "The Eye of Africa is the first Greg Norman Golf Course Design championship course opened in South Africa and it sits naturally in some of the highest rolling hills of the Gauteng region. We are proud that this course has been recognised as the new home of the South African PGA Championship, one of the most prestigious golf events included in the Sunshine Tour this year", says Kent Gush, CEO of Kent Gush Properties, and has really put the estate on the map.

Although construction started on the eve of the recession, and sales did slow down a bit at that time, the estate's financial model is built to survive long life cycles that include recessions; the properties' values have recovered and exceeded their pre-2008 asking prices, notes Mark McGovern, COO of Eye of Africa Developments.

Developed with the express intention of leaving open space for plants, birds and small mammals to thrive, The Eye of Africa Signature Golf & Residential Estate is, has been, and will continue to be instrumental in ensuring the survival of some of the beautiful Highveld species. This has been done by concentrating homes in a number of clusters scattered about the 750-hectare estate. Nearly 350 hectares remains untouched and preserved Highveld splendor. While the main reason was to preserve some natural habitats, this has the added advantage of facilitating the formation of relatively intimate, well-integrated neighbourhoods within the greater Eye of Africa community.

The plan for Eye of Africa, according to Mark McGovern, is to create a vibrant recreational, social and community hub with a standard of living that is rivalled only by the sense of community and facilities available to all residents. The myriad of community-centred manicured parks with children's play areas, water fountains, picnic areas and plenty of seating, hiking and biking trails are designed to bring families, friends and neighbours together.

"The value of both the stands and existing homes has shown an excellent growth over the past year on the back of the significant infrastructure spend by the new estate investor, David Nagle of Eye of Africa Developments," adds Kent Gush. The newly opened Greens Grill House and a wine bar and planned construction of a new clubhouse and resort pool and deli in the central park have been added to a host of other facilities – floodlit tennis courts, pools and currently under construction, hiking and mountain biking trails as well as excellent birding.

With all the advantages of being close to the economic powerhouse of Africa, but far from the madding crowd, the Eye of Africa Signature Golf & Residential Estate is great place to bring up kids knowing they can wander around safely in a secure and contained, but exciting and just-wild-enough, environment. Best of both worlds.