

LIFESTYLE FEATURE

Living in harmony with nature

Ultra exclusive villas in the first phase of Kauai, Zimbali Coastal Resort's latest offering, have become available for viewing. **ROXZANNE VAN EYK** finds out more

WHILE struggling to find its own architectural identity, SA has followed many international styles and sometimes with a very poor interpretation of the original design.

Two of the most prominent styles that took the market by storm were Tuscan and Balinese. Arguably it was Zimbali that inspired the countrywide phenomenon of Bali-styled homes, which at the time was a refreshing change to the saturated Tuscan market. What made Zimbali's Balinese/Indonesian style homes stand out from all the others was its authentic design and quality construction, but also the unique South African interpretation of the style. This included the use of African earthy tones, colours and natural materials such as clay roof tiles and stone wall cladding.

With many international design accolades under its belt, Zimbali is now world renowned for its signature aesthetic of "living in harmony with nature". The resort's latest development, Kauai, also embraces this aesthetic but with a new interpretation. Kauai is inspired by the gentle lifestyle of the Hawaiian Islands and the homes' design encourages the flow of the outdoors to the indoors, with

oversized picture windows to allow the free flow of light and air into the units. There has been an extensive use of timber and rough hewn stone to emphasize Kauai's organic, environmentally sensitive style. Prospective buyers can be assured of quality construction and fine architectural design by Chen Sagnelli of Sagnelli Associate Architects and development company, the Isoleu Group led by CEO Carlos Correia.

Kauai is located on a 14 576m² sea-facing site and positioned next to the highly anticipated Fairmont Zimbali development. Kauai is divided into two distinct types of residences – apartments and villas for both the permanent and holiday resident.

The first phase is nearing completion, with the first five villas available for viewing and the balance of the first nine apartments ready for occupation soon. The penthouse and lakeside villas offers 180° views and the apartments feature wrap-around balconies with exceptional views of the ocean and privacy from neighbours.

To ensure sophisticated coastal living, the penthouses and villas are ultra-luxurious with well appointed living and entertainment spaces, designer kitchens, large undercover



external patios and three en-suite bedrooms. Sized at 334m² the villas' gardens are complete with designer landscaped gardens using an indigenous palette that will incorporate some adult tree specimens to provide shade and privacy. The villas overlook a private lake teeming with birdlife and a wooden lake-side deck provides the ideal vantage point from which to observe the estate's indigenous bush buck and duiker among the surrounding indigenous coastal forest.

For executives with busy lifestyles and holidaymakers in search of hassle-free, prime accommodation, the apartments are housed in a block of nine units, offering the ideal lock-up-and-go lifestyle concept. The units are sized from 196m² to 380m² and are available in three and four bedroom options. For top-end buyers wanting an elite investment acquisition, there is a penthouse unit with four en-suite bedrooms, an extensive veranda and quadruple garaging.

Kauai's first show villa has set the tone for the balance of the development with luxurious finishes throughout, including Travertine tiling, marble

vanities and splash backs in the bathrooms to solid timber flooring, floating staircases and spacious living areas. The kitchen is finished with granite work tops and splash backs and state-of-the-art kitchen equipment with an ultra modern "smeg" hob.

At last year's CNBC Property Awards, Europe and Africa, Zimbali was recognised for its 5-star residential and resort based lifestyle – for the third consecutive year. Zimbali received two five-star awards in the categories of best property marketing, SA and best golf development, SA. It was also awarded three four-star awards in the SA categories of best development, best architecture, single unit, and best developer website.

PRICE: The five available villas from R5 607 455
Nine apartments from R4,525m
Penthouse unit at R10,5m including VAT
No transfer duty is payable on these first sales from the developer.

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