

Lake Jozini estate ahead of its game

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THE developers of Royal Jozini Big 6 are selling Africa's golden savannah, blue skies, red sunsets and the smell of smoky campfires - at costs upwards of R695 000.

The waters of Lake Jozini lap the feet of the Lubombo Mountains and are surrounded by bushveld, and the development ethos of the estate has been to harmonise with nature.

Alistair Brown, sales and marketing manager for Royal Jozini Big 6, said sales and infrastructure were ahead of schedule.

"All elements of the estate have been planned with ecology in mind, to offer guests and owners a truly natural lifestyle without compromising on modern convenience."

Ewald Plekker Architects and Sharon Milstead Designs have been appointed to guide lodge owners at Jozini.

The development is set on a 14 000ha reserve forming part of the soon-to-be-opened Lake Jozini Transfrontier Park.

As part of a three-year, R30 million game release programme, implemented with Ezimvelo KwaZulu Natal Wildlife, Royal Jozini Big 6 has introduced a variety of game into the reserve.

Animals released thus far include kudu, waterbuck, impala, nyala, giraffe, zebra, wildebeest and warthog, among others.

The Big 5 are also in the process of being introduced, and will soon



A 550-home development at Lake Jozini will offer views, golf and newly introduced herds of game.

be part of the Royal Jozini Big 6 landscape.

No visit to Lake Jozini is complete without an encounter with its famed tiger fish - the Big 6 addition to the usual game line-up.

True to its name, the tiger fish is reportedly the toughest freshwater fighting fish in the world. Lake Jozini is the southernmost place in Africa where tiger fish are found naturally and in abundance.

A variety of purchasing options are available at Royal Jozini Big 6: "Bush", "Mountain" and "Waterfront".

The bush stands are nestled in the forest in between Lake Jozini and the Lubombo Mountains escarpment. Each stand is 4 000m² and priced from R695 000.

They are grouped in clusters around communal recreational areas, with the bush creating natural

screens for individual privacy.

Following the contours of the land, a string of mountain stands along the escarpment offer spectacular views over the lake. Ranging in size from 16 000m² to 30 000m², they are priced from R995 000.

The waterfront stands are along the tree-lined eastern shore of Lake Jozini, where private jetties will be allowed. These will be priced from R2m.

Property owners will have three years to complete their houses from date of transfer. It is anticipated there will be 550 homes within the game reserve, about 40 percent of which have been sold. Construction on a 200-bedroom hotel is due to start in January.

Future plans for Royal Jozini Big 6 include a hotel and casino complex, 18-hole golf course, waterfront restaurants and a marina.