

Zandspruit Bush and Aero Estate Marketing Director Tracy den Dunnen officially opens the gatehouse granting access to the estate. In the background, to the left, Mr Gerrit Jan van der Grijn, who is one of the developers and Construction Director, raises his glass.



Zandspruit Bush and Aero Estate Developer Martin den Dunnen, Marketing Director Tracy den Dunnen and Developer and Construction Director Gerrit Jan van der Grijn.

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To own a piece of Africa

Nelspruit-based architects Reiner Förtsch and Barry du Plessis at the gatehouse.



Zandspruit Bush and Aero Estate Marketing Director Tracy den Dunnen and one of the architects involved in the development, Mr Reiner Förtsch, propose a toast to a magnificent view from the gatehouse.



Saxophone music and good food set the scene for a mid-morning party.



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There are some who would kill to own a slice of Africa. Especially when that piece of the continent is tucked away in a serene setting in pristine bushveld and the luxuries of slow living are within easy reach.

On the outskirts of Hoedspruit along the main road to Lydenburg a new development has upped the stakes of estate living. Zandspruit Bush and Aero Estate offers investors stands for residential purposes within a natural environment, simultaneously affording them a much-needed escape from the world while still having everyday amenities close at hand.

Zandspruit Bush and Aero Estate, labelled as the only aero estate in the world that is situated in a bush setting, was launched with a party culminating in the official opening of the gatehouse allowing access to the estate on Saturday morning.

The development of the estate will be undertaken in three phases to eventually include a proposed lodge, a hotel, a retirement village, a church, an equestrian centre, a shopping and entertainment area, retail and office block, educational centre and a bush camp. The residential part of the concept will entail the development of 161 bush stands as well as 38

aero stands ideal for owners of aircraft along a completed 1 000-metre hard-surfaced private runway. Each property will boast its own hangar.

Securing space at Zandspruit Bush and Aero Estate would mean a carefree lifestyle in a protected environment. Investing there would necessarily mean inviting nature into one's home, being constantly reminded of the Drakensberg range or Sandspruit River lingering in the distance, having game on one's doorstep and making use of hiking or walking trails, cycling tracks, game drives, sundowner or breakfast spots, bird hides or viewing points in an unspoilt wilderness area.

The concept was born from a desire by developer Martin den Dunnen to protect the land which was initially up for an unsuitable development three years ago. He explained that with the residential stands in Hoedspruit being available, the town would develop in the direction of Zandspruit. Plans for the development also included a boutique hotel and function wedding fit for occasions like weddings. The first phase of the development was being proclaimed next month, which would allow owners of stands to start construction, he said. Working closely with Nelspruit-based architects Reiner Förtsch and Barry du Plessis, buyers are consulted on the location of their homes on their stands. In keeping with the architectural prerequisites owners can choose from an aesthetically pleasing traditional farmhouse, thatched or modern pavilion architectural style.

Den Dunnen, who qualified as a pilot in 1981 and has been involved in the construction industry for the past some eight years, is equally passionate about nature. At Zandspruit Bush and Aero Estate he can combine his deep-seated love for the bush with aviation.

According to Den Dunnen they have an arrangement with the Hoedspruit Air Force Base, an air traffic control training facility, for aircraft to land at Zandspruit Bush and Aero Estate. The officials attached to the base are



Zandspruit Bush and Aero Estate Developer Martin den Dunnen addresses guests in attendance at Saturday's launch party.

keen on increased movement at the facility. Hoedspruit is also a friendly and open space for pilots, he remarked.

In the background saxophone music by Johannesburg-based musician Abbey Artico and designer food by a hotel school in Phalaborwa set the mood. On the cover of a glossy brochure on the table a single line above a photo of the majestic mountains hovering in the background catches the attention. "Move to tranquility, move to sustainability, move to security - move to a better place."

If heaven and earth could meet, surely Zandspruit Bush and Aero Estate is where that precious piece of Africa is at.



The landing strip at Zandspruit Bush and Aero Estate.



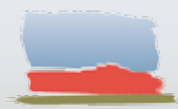
Guest Linda Kieck appreciates the view from the gatehouse.



Zandspruit Bush and Aero Estate Developer Martin den Dunnen ready to embark on a viewing of strategic settings on the estate in one of the vehicles reserved for game viewing.



Guests are guided through the proposed development as depicted in an available model.



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