

# Balwin Properties launches first Western Cape project

Set alongside the Strand Golf Course, across the road from the Paarde Vlei wetlands and next door to the Somerset Mall, the 1 400-unit De Velde Somerset West Lifestyle Estate certainly inspires an exciting future for Balwin Properties in the Western Cape.

Although this is their first development in the Western Cape, Balwin Properties has an impressive portfolio of Gauteng developments spanning over more than two decades.

"We are well known and respected in Gauteng and our developments are sought after by investors and homeowners alike," says Steve Brookes, CEO of Balwin Properties.

"We believe it is our unique approach to property development, our uncompromising standards of quality and our complete control and accountability on all aspects of our developments that has earned us this reputation."

## Inspired by natural beauty

The name, De Velde is derived from the fact that the site was originally the De Beers Football Club's fields and the design of the estate pays homage to the original Cape Dutch architecture and cultural heritage of the Somerset West area.

Derrick Henstra of dhk Architects who designed De Velde was inspired by the site's natural beauty and significant historical value of the site.

"The tree line on De Beers Avenue was part of the original approach to the farm Vergelegen that belonged to Simon van der Stel. The other established trees on the site were planted as wind breaks to the football fields of De Beers AFC. We wanted to incorporate as many of the existing trees to preserve the historical integrity. The preservation of the wind breaks set up a strong design principle, becoming a green belt that flows through the development."

The De Velde Somerset West one, two and three bedroom homes offer unprecedented space and quality of interior finishes. In addition, each has access to the world-class De Velde Lifestyle Centre which offers a fitness centre, squash court, cinema room, library, function room, wine cellar, two swimming pools, braais, gazebos and much more.