



There's good news for those involved in the property market this week, as the results of the Europe & Africa Property Awards 2009 in association with CNBC Arabiya have revealed. Rightly proud of its success, Century Property Developments is delighted to announce that it has won awards in the categories of "Best Development" for Waterfall Equestrian Estate, "Best Retirement Development" for Waterfall Hills and "Best Development Marketing", also for Waterfall Hills. Winners are invited to attend a high profile gala dinner at the Marriott Hotel in London's Grosvenor Square on Friday, 16 October where they will be presented with their awards.

The event is part of the International Property Awards, the world's most prestigious competition dedicated to recognizing the best real estate professionals across the globe. The fact that Century Property Developments has won three of these coveted awards is proof that South Africa is not only able to compete at this level but also to triumph within the highly competitive Europe and Africa property arenas. Later this year, top scoring winners from the Europe & Africa Property Awards will compete against winning companies from Asia Pacific, the UK, the Americas and Arabia for the title of "World's Best" in each Category.

Entries were judged by a panel of professionals whose collective knowledge of the property industry is second to none. This year's judges included Eric Pickles MP, chairman of the Conservative Party, Ben Wood, industry head property markets of Google UK; Peter Bolton King, group chief executive of the National Federation of Property Professionals; Imtiaz Farookhi, chief executive of the National House Building Council; Christopher Hall, president elect of FIABCI; Wilhelm Harnish, Master Builders of Australia (MBA); Thijs Stoffer, International Consortium of Real Estate Agents Association (ICREA); Helen Shield, editor-in-chief of International Homes Luxury Collection magazine and Gillian Farr, head of design of Laura Ashley Home.

Mark Corbett, CEO of Century Property Developments said of winning the award, "We are truly honoured to receive these accolades. This is our first year of entering the Europe & Africa Property Awards, and winning in all three categories entered into is a wonderful achievement! We pride ourselves on our uniquely South African approach, and I reckon that it was the combination of environmentally friendly principles and aesthetically pleasing architecture that won the day for us."



Voted Best in South Africa, Best in Africa... and now, Best in the World.



Waterfall Equestrian Estate (Winner in category “Best Development”) is a luxury lifestyle estate consisting of 120 stands, with each stand measuring an average of 8500sqm. Prices in this sought-after development have reached over R6 million per stand, with homeowners being responsible for the design and construction of their own houses. This process is monitored in conjunction with a set of architectural guidelines and an aesthetics committee that endorses the use of materials in their natural state. This approach leads to an architectural style reminiscent of farm-style buildings or Highveld manor houses and the materials used are known to blend with the environment. As with every other signature development by Century Property Developments, the ecology is completely indigenous. Other facilities on this secure estate include a boutique hotel, conference venue, beauty spa, gymnasium, 17 kilometers of walking trail and, of course a wide variety of equestrian facilities.

Waterfall Hills (Winner in the categories “Best Retirement Development” and “Best Development Marketing”) is a mature lifestyle estate that is also based in the Sunninghill area. The development consists of 129 freestanding homes and 55 luxury apartments. A choice of six different unit layouts has been designed and purchasers are permitted to customize the layouts according to their individual needs. This high-end lifestyle infrastructure consists of numerous facilities, including a horticultural centre, putting green, tennis court, walking trails, bowls green, croquet lawn, comprehensive gymnasium, arts/crafts studio, restaurant, business center, hair salon, billiards room, cigar lounge, beauty salon, theatre, news agent, delicatessen, travel agent and a library. Comprehensive medical care will be provided within the fully equipped frail care centre which is currently under construction. Unlike other retirement villages, Waterfall Hills is not based on “life rights”, making it a sound investment that should enjoy capital growth. The main challenge in marketing this development was in positioning retirement as an achievement that should be embraced and celebrated.

Century Property Developments is also pleased to announce that their sister company, Tintswalo Lodges, won the award in the category “Best Boutique Hotel” for Tintswalo Atlantic. Tintswalo Atlantic is a sixteen suite boutique hotel located in a national mountain reserve at the base of Chapman's Peak in Cape Town. Exquisite international cuisine combined with opulently appointed suites sets Tintswalo Atlantic apart from its competition.