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New R60m luxury mansion on sale

Sandhurst designer home attracts interest from the super-wealthy

THE SUBURB of Sandhurst has the highest average property price in Gauteng, the highest number of billionaire residents, and the highest number of trophy homes.

Yet even in this rarefied atmosphere, it is not every day that a brand-new, R60 million designer home becomes available for sale – which is why the latest such property to be brought to market by Sotheby’s International Realty is already attracting interest from high net worth (HNW) individuals all over the world.

“Indeed, surveys show that South Africa remains one of the top 30 destinations globally for HNWIs in search of vacation or investment homes, and that there is currently particularly keen interest on the part of super-wealthy individuals from other parts of Africa,” said Lew Geffen, chairman of Sotheby’s International Realty in SA.

“And for those who wish to buy a residence close to Sandton, now widely recognised as the ‘wealth hub’ of Africa, there can be no better choice than Sandhurst – a gracious, secure residential enclave exclusive to home owners who are at the pinnacle of

their business, professional or political careers.”

Geffen also says the anxiety initially created by government’s stated plans to limit foreign property ownership in South Africa has dissipated now that it is clear that the proposed restrictions will only apply to farmland, with the result that demand and prices in the most sought-after residential areas are rising once more.

“In addition, even for HNWIs, the current rand foreign exchange rate is undeniably attractive. The price of the new trophy home we are currently marketing in Sandhurst, for example, equates to just over \$5m – but offers far more luxury features than investors could buy for that price in the US or anywhere in Europe.”

Named Harrow House, the home is set on its own extensively landscaped estate of more than 6 000m² and is more than 1 800m² in extent. From the first floor it also offers magnificent views of the Sandton skyline.

The grounds are protected by a double-gated security system built into a large guardhouse structure, and further security provisions include remote alarms, motion-controlled night vision cameras and infra-red beams.



The whole property also operates on a bespoke Samsung PABX system which doubles as an intercom system between the various buildings and guardhouse, and has “smart” audio, air-conditioning, irrigation, key and TV systems throughout.

The house itself boasts five ensuite bedrooms all with their own patios, a double-volume entrance hall with a hand-crafted staircase

and spectacular chandelier, formal sitting and dining rooms, a family room, a bar and cigar bar with smoke extraction, wine cellar, billiards room, separate kitchen, scullery and laundry all fitted with Miele appliances, and a butler’s pantry with a walk-in chiller room.

It also has an 18-seat HD cinema with bespoke reclining seats in white leather, remote lighting

including fibre optics, its own bar and fittings for popcorn and slush machines.

More luxury features include a Schindler lift between the ground and first floor, wood-burning fireplaces in the entrance hall and lounge, a remote-controlled gas fireplace in the main bedroom, numerous water features and a Chad-O-Chef gas barbecue with restaurant smoke

PACKED WITH LUXURIES: The trophy home, Harrow House, is being marketed by Sotheby’s International Realty.

extraction on the oversized entertainment patio.

Outdoors, there is a summer-house gazebo fitted as a restaurant with a full pizza oven, Miele appliances and under-bar refrigeration, a gymnasium fitted with a chilled-water drinking system and floor to ceiling mirrors, and a spa with Roman hot pool, steam room, sauna and massage room opening on to a tranquil lemon and lavender orchard.

There is also a championship tennis court, a boutique hotel-style pool with teak decking, garaging for six cars and guest parking for about 20 cars.

Daniella Apteker, the Sotheby’s International Realty area specialist for Sandhurst, says the property’s location also puts it close to highly-rated private and public schools such as St David’s, Crawford, Pridwin, St Stithian’s and Kingsmead, as well as the exclusive Hyde Park and Sandton City shopping malls, several top sports clubs and luxury boutique hotels.