

**DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHT**

## Retiring with dignity

With retirement living options few and far between, Evergreen Retirement Lifestyle Villages aim to cater for retirees across the country, writes **THUMESHNI MUDELIAR**

**E**VERGREEN Retirement Lifestyle Villages are the newest brand of quality retirement living options to come onto the market. Launched recently, Evergreen promises to address the great demand for quality retirement homes across the country.

The developers have identified a site in Muizenberg, Cape Town for the moment. Developers, Amdec Property Developments have planned sites in Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal and the Eastern Cape.

Urged on by the shortage of retirement developments and with people clamouring to be on waiting lists as long as 20 years for the sought after retirement villages, Amdec has decided to embark on this innovative Evergreen concept.

Prices of the Evergreen Retirement Lifestyle Village in Muizenberg apartments range from R750 000, while retirement homes will be priced from R1.175m.

John Wilson, chairman of Amdec who understands the importance of quality retirement options being of retirement age himself, knows retirees seek health, tranquillity and social involvement as the foundations to an active life.

Many want to enjoy a quality of life they have grown accustomed to in their working years, in addition to living a care free existence as without the worry of the challenges that old age brings. Evergreen, touted as SA's first national community of retirement villages has been created with this very philosophy in mind.

Evergreen Muizenberg will keep retirees close to their loved ones and familiar surroundings, communities



and facilities allowing them to live full healthy and social lives. Accommodations on offer include architect-designed homes for

independent living or spacious apartments. Residents are provided with high-speed internet access, satellite TV, laundry, cleaning services and community dining spaces.

For security, the villages will have 24-hour patrols, surveillance cameras and electric fencing along with emergency assistance at the touch of a button. The outdoor areas are defined by large gardens and pathways that lead to gamebo areas or water features as well as outdoor activities.

Amdec has provided that each Evergreen location will contract a reputable healthcare provider. The Western Cape for example, has the CPOA (Cape Peninsula Organisation for the Aged) as a the specialist health

provider. CPOA already manages 22 retirement homes and is backed by 55 years of experience in providing top care and nursing to the aged.

In purchasing at Evergreen retirees have financial security in that the homes on sale will be offered on a Life Right basis, in terms of the Housing Schemes for Retired Persons Act.

This is a worldwide standard in retirement purchase schemes. Muizenberg is only a 30-minute drive from Cape Town, close to the beach and urban amenities while nature lovers will appreciate the Steenberg and Silvermine Nature Reserves.

**PRICE:** Homes from R1.175m  
Apartments from R750 000

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