

Live life play golf

CompleatGolfer



PRESENTED BY



Audi

GAUTENG

EYE OF AFRICA GOLF AND RESIDENTIAL ESTATE
Johannesburg

The best in the South

Greg Norman's first completed golf course in South Africa has suitably impressed. Only 17 kilometres south of the hub of the city centre of Johannesburg, the layout seemingly mirrors its maker's personality – larger than life, open and extravagant. In his heyday, when Norman was at the top of the golfing world, he was known to bludgeon courses to death with his physicality and as such, you might expect his layout to be a long gruelling test of golf. Quite the contrary, with signature bunkering sprinkled over wide fairways and large greens that have ever-so-slightly been caressed with slopes, Eye of Africa makes for a fun experience. Make no mistake, if you do decide to be aggressive in your approach, the surrounding bushveld-rough will inevitably comply in helping your ball vanish. Continual variations in altitude from tee to green allow for a visually stimulating round, with no excuse for bad course management. The round is played in a continuous loop, with a small grab-and-go structure at the far end of the course aiding in reducing the all-to-common slow-play scenario. The par-72 golf course spans over a distance of 6 895 metres.

As the course is still fairly new, the clubhouse, although temporary, is well-stocked meeting all requirements with a locker room, pro shop and coffee shop. Adjacent to the clubhouse lies the practice area, boasting a massive putting surface and a driving range long and wide enough for big or wayward hitters.

Having opened its doors fairly recently, in April 2010, it's no surprise the design and maintenance are aligned with today's environmental best practices. Developers went to great lengths to make sure the course is harmoniously integrated with the natural indigenous environment. For example, the grass used on the fairways, Cynodon, is indigenous and goes dormant in winter thus saving water. The rough has been seeded with indigenous



To see more
of this amazing
course, scan the
code above.

1 The wide-open fairways are surrounded by highveld grasses that will gobble up any errant shot.

2 Large, slightly contoured greens add to the playability of the course.

grass species, adding to the natural look and feel of the course. Watering systems, being fully computerised, take into account any natural precipitation and hold back on watering to further save water. Once the residential estate is fully established, plans are in place to use grey water in a final water-saving foray.

The surrounding residential estate, developed by Medalist Developments SA, has already received numerous

accolades, including gold and silver awards for landscape construction from the SA Landscapers Institute. On completion a total of 1 200 unique freehold stands and 900 sectional titles will be available within the ultra-secure perimeter of this estate, where no costs have been spared to guarantee safety of the homeowners. Congruent with the golf course construction, best environmental practices are maintained in the development process. Architectural the homes incorporate the use of simple raw materials gleaned from the surrounding Highveld earth, and fuse European and African designs into a unique "Afropean" style. The estate boasts numerous amenities including biking and walking trails.

In collaboration with Medalist, the 'Great White Shark' has designed 14 courses over the globe. Practice, as they say, makes perfect and the Eye of Africa certainly comes close to perfection-ranking as one of South Africa's modern day classics.

