



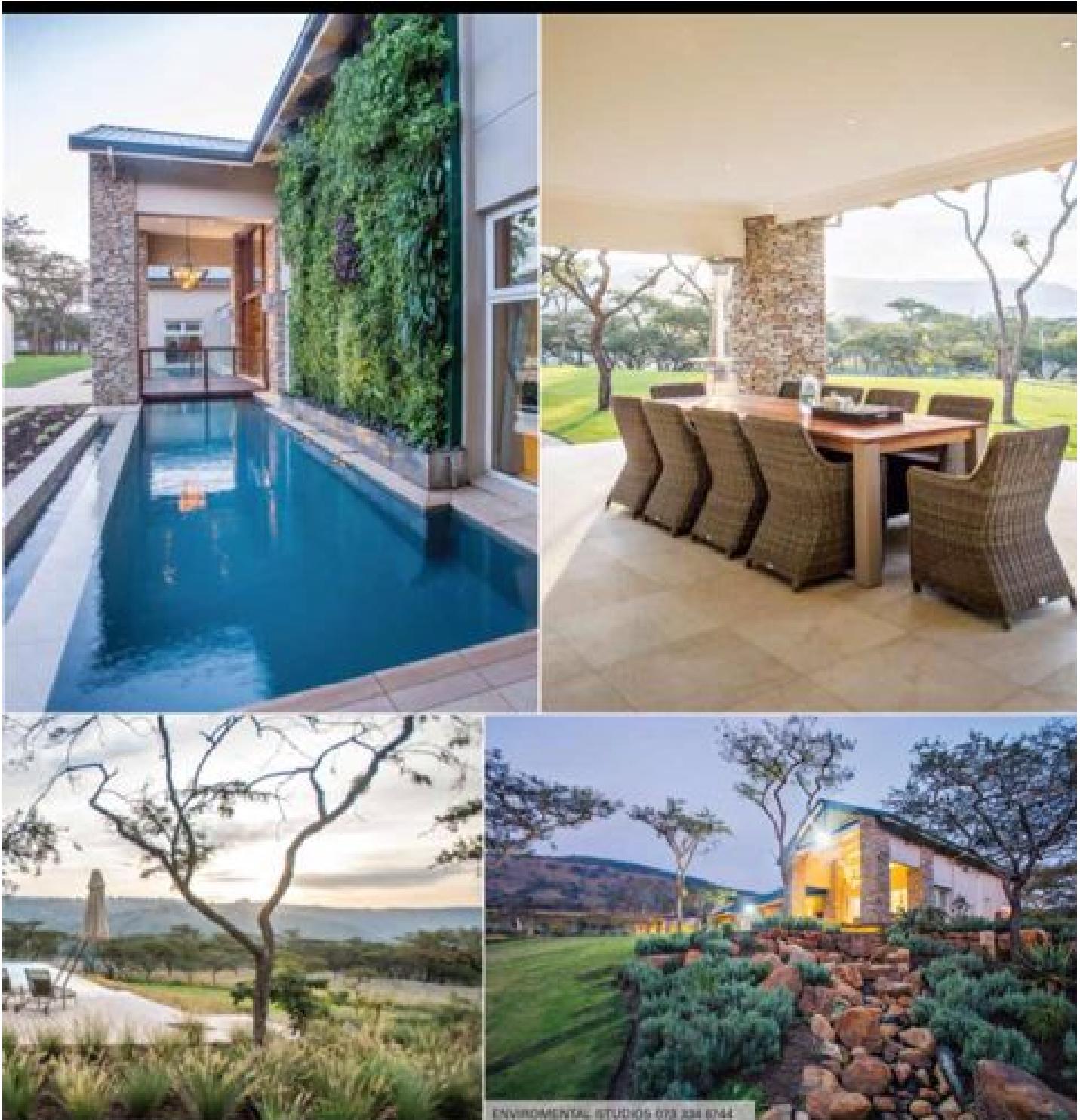
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There's something so magical and grounding about the wilds of South Africa, where zebra and giraffe pass their time out in the open sun, silhouetted against the horizon as each day draws to a close.

For the owner of this large, but unassuming, home, this was the dream: to build a home in the heart of African wildlife. With an abundance of game and some of the most unforgettable inland views, a father and his three sons enjoy paradise on a daily basis.

**TOP:** KwaZulu-Natal company Ridl Construction partnered with the owner in realising his vision for this grand home. In addition to the primary construction elements and finishes, Ridl Construction co-ordinated the project right through to occupation. The high-quality internal finish was achieved with one-coat projection plaster and a vast amount of fine stone cladding. The project included interesting challenges associated with building in the environmentally sensitive game reserve without the usual municipal services, reflecting the company's expertise in undertaking even the most challenging residential projects.



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Set on a 1 000ha KwaZulu-Natal game farm, this traditionally inspired farmhouse needed meticulous planning to ensure it did not impede on municipal and park restrictions. Overseeing and undertaking the work was a local construction firm. Alongside the owner, who was involved throughout the process, the construction firm dealt with wetlands buffer zone applications, environmental approvals and the challenge of no mains on site.

A number of highly engineered systems, such as

**ABOVE RIGHT:** With a backdrop of such natural beauty, the landscaping of this garden required careful execution. Gary Cox from Environmental Studies took on the task, ensuring cohesion with the existing bushveld, while creating a low-maintenance garden for the owners. Large paperbark acacias and a stone water feature add texture and break up the expanses of lawn.



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**ABOVE LEFT:** In such a tranquil setting, generous doses of natural light flood this home, thanks to aesthetically pleasing TEVA windows and doors. Boosting energy-saving properties, they ensure that homes stay cool in summer and warm in winter, and with such large expanses of glass, the owners are able to enjoy unobstructed views.

**RIGHT:** Specialising in new builds and renovations, Plumbman was responsible for the fitting of the elegant and spacious bathrooms. Behind the scenes, the company also took on the task of installing an efficient pressure pump system to ensure provision of instant hot water throughout the house.

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to fish in, and also a cricket net set up to one side of the house."

With only a handful of houses in the park, this home allows you to experience privacy on another level. It's a place where you get to experience nature at its best, where you really can get away from it all. ■

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