A GIRAFFE ON THE STOEP
The name alone speaks volumes about the setting and ethos of this new high-end lifestyle estate. In Siswati, Likweti means “morning star” which, since ancient times, has been symbolic of fresh dawns and new starts. Since the morning star is also the evening star, the name is beautifully apt for this piece of bushveld which has unparalleled views towards both sunrise and sunset from its elevated position in the hills between Nelspruit and White River.
Described as “eco-sensitive”, the newly launched estate on typical Lowveld bushveld is well situated within the triangle created by Mpumalanga’s capital, Nelspruit, the Kruger International Airport (KMIA) and White River.

It was originally an agricultural holding proclaimed in the early part of the last century. Blessed with ample natural water and comprising large sections of untouched bush - including scenic granite outcrops and valleys filled with indigenous trees that are so much a Lowveld signature - the old irrigation canals are still in use today, bringing a charming touch of yesteryear to this Lowveld farm turned modern lifestyle estate.

When conceptualizing the idea of an eco sensitive estate, the consortium of shareholders was unanimous on at least one point: the property would be low density, would carry large numbers of free-roaming plains game – such as giraffe, impala and wildebeest - and have the explicit aim to ensure that the natural beauty of the estate is safeguarded while promoting an architectural aesthetic theme that blends into the landscape.

Bird lovers will thrill to the challenge of spotting the over 300 bird species on the estate (including the elusive African Finfoot), while those with a love for flora will appreciate the 148 tree species identified here. In keeping with the Lowveld’s outdoor lifestyle in the province that’s home to some of the country’s most recognizable natural showstoppers such as the Blyde River Canyon and the Kruger National Park, residential stands have been laid out to incorporate the natural environment and glorious views.

On each one-hectare property, the developer has thoughtfully planned the best position that will optimise views, use of space and ensure that homes will not impose on each other’s line of sight. Nelspruit architect, Tom Hattingh, was thoroughly briefed about the Likweti ethos and incorporated it in his designs. The result is a contemporary take on a very South African, very Lowveld, vernacular that makes room for individual expression and contemporary taste. Homeowners are encouraged to use green building methods, passive temperature management and natural energy sources. Globally, access to unpolluted water is becoming an increasing problem, which makes Likweti’s natural water supply one of its unique features.

The first home has been completed on the 21-stand first phase. All the utilities and security fences are in place. As with all such estates, safety is a crucial component. In this, too, the natural surroundings have been taken into account without compromising security. The ClearVu, anti-climb, high security fencing planted into a concrete base, virtually disappears against the landscape.

Its earth-friendly ethos and eco aware architecture in land use and architecture puts Likweti ahead of the curve in the Lowveld.

**LIKWETI LODGE**

Likweti Lodge, situated within Likweti Estate, offers luxurious, 4 Star accommodation in an unrivalled location. It is the perfect venue for weddings, conferences and functions, with outstanding, personalised service. With eight Executive Rooms and two Luxury Suites, guests are guaranteed the best views of the surrounding bush. All rooms have private decks and outdoor showers – which have been designed with privacy and indulgent comfort in mind. Guests are assured of experiencing the ultimate in tranquil bush luxury.

The conference venue, Pezulu Conference Room, ensures that delegates engage in their sessions relaxed yet invigorated at being in such a splendid bush environment. As with all things at Likweti Lodge, care has been taken to ensure that the delegates’ every need is catered for through a comprehensive range of conference facilities and equipment.
- Likweti Holdings PTY Ltd. is made up of a consortium of shareholders:
  - Karimu 2005 Investments (Pty) Ltd: This BEE property company was formed in 2005 with a core business of property investment and development in industrial, commercial and residential areas.
  - Laeveltrust 2001 (Pty) Ltd: The oldest of the shareholders, it was founded in 1958, with a strong focus on local investment and local talent. Over the years, the property portfolio has expanded into retail, commercial, industrial and residential developments in the greater Lowveld area.
  - The Visagie Group of Companies: Established in the Lowveld in 1969, predominantly as a farming operation. Today the family-owned Group’s portfolio includes retail, commercial, residential and tourism properties, and the original farming portfolio has grown to include citrus, cucumbers and tomatoes.

- Likweti AT A GLANCE
- Phase One of the 710 hectare development consists of 21 bush stands, each a generous 1 Hectare in size.
- Free-roaming plains game including giraffe, wildebeest, zebra and a variety of antelope such as kudu, nyala, impala, bushbuck and reedbuck.
- A wide variety of indigenous birds and tree species.
- 20km from Nelspruit and 10km from White River on tar roads.
- 10 minutes' drive from the Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport.
- 20 kilometres from private healthcare in Nelspruit.
- 20 kilometres from excellent schools in either White River or Nelspruit.
- Stands thoughtfully positioned for maximum privacy.
- 4 Star Likweti Lodge and Conference venue.

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