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The Royal Portfolio Opens The Farmstead at Royal Malewane

Greater Kruger National Park, South Africa (1 May 2019) — The Farmstead at Royal Malewane is an exclusive new safari lodge and the latest addition to The Royal Portfolio. The Farmstead welcomed its first guests on 1 May 2019 as Liz Biden, Owner and Founder of The Royal Portfolio, revealed her spectacular new interiors.

The Farmstead offers a unique safari experience. Accommodation at The Farmstead includes three Luxury Farm Suites and The Farmhouse – a three and a half bedroom villa offering private services.

Antique doors from Zanzibar welcome guests into the comfortable interiors that are a marriage of the contemporary style of The Silo Hotel and the capricious opulence of La Residence. Fabrics from Ardmore and Clarke & Clarke cover the plush sofas and designer chairs. Light oak, tin rooves, wrought iron and gentle hues of blue and white define the style with lively splashes of emerald and ruby. In the main lodge area a vintage North African banking kiosk is repurposed

as a serving hatch for the delicious cuisine of Executive Chef Brandon Souris. After dinner guests can relax around the fire pit and reflect on the day's wildlife adventures.

Outdoor living is encouraged on the deep verandahs replete with hanging day-beds custom made for The Farmstead.

The collection of contemporary African art enhances The Royal Portfolio's already extensive private collection with notable pieces by Kudzinai Chiurai and James Jana among other works from the AVA Gallery and Smith Studio. In keeping with the community involvement of The Farmstead, there are a number of pieces from Lalela.

Despite the extravagant space there is a rustic homeliness to The Farmstead which offers the same incredible safari experience with the most qualified guiding team in Africa as well as the same exceptional service and cuisine that guests have come to expect over 20 years at Royal Malewane.

In keeping with The Royal Portfolio's Purpose and Values, The Farmstead is part of a broader project to uplift local communities. Support for the community and conservation of the environment are inextricably linked. The local community needs to realise the financial gains of tourism in order to see the value in protecting wildlife and the environment. The Farmstead land is leased from the local community. Not only will The Royal Portfolio employ and develop members of the community, but at the end of that long lease both the land and the asset will revert to the community with the option to continue working with The Royal Portfolio in perpetuity.

The Farmstead will be managed by Nick Daneel and by the General Manager of Royal Malewane Adriaan Erasmus.

Rates are fully-inclusive of accommodation, meals, drinks, game drives and bush walks. There is also a double spa treatment room offering a variety of indulgent treatments as well as a gym.

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