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## INSPIRED BY THE WORLD'S LARGEST URBAN FOREST

*dhk Architects unveils contemporary new apartment block*

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Tree Tops Houghton, designed by dhk Architects for property developers Tricolt, is a newly launched luxury apartment block planned for a site nestled between the suburbs of Houghton and Rosebank in Johannesburg. The complex will be perched on top of a two-storey parking podium overlooking the city's lush canopy - providing an idyllic, leafy setting whilst remaining a mere 10-minute walk from public transport and the vibrancy of Rosebank.

Comprising 131 upmarket one-, two- and three-bedroom units as well as penthouse suites, the apartments will be positioned around a central landscaped garden including a clubhouse and lap pool. Referencing the world's largest urban forest, the facade of the building was inspired by light observed through trees, and the manner in which it is filtered in between branches and tree trunks. This also influenced the introduction of warm white walls enriched with dark accents and subtle textures, from stone cladding to metal screens.

All elements have been carefully crafted to create sophisticated and welcoming living spaces. The spacious apartments feature premium finishes, walk-in wardrobes, and private patios and are



defined by a timeless colour palette, clean lines and exceptional detailing throughout. Additional amenities include an entertainment area, gym, and state-of-the-art security.

The apartment sizes range from 55m<sup>2</sup> one-bedroom units to 236m<sup>2</sup> penthouse suites. The deluxe three-bedroom apartments and penthouses each boast a separate entertainment room, study, and wrap-around balcony.

Aram Lello, associate director and lead architect on the project says, "Timeless design elements fuse with a distinctly modern suite of materials to present a facade that, while complementing the existing street fabric, brings the beauty of the streetscape within homes. Tree Tops encompasses a collection of 131 generously proportioned apartments with free-flowing living spaces, spacious courtyards, and wide balconies along with secure parking and lift access".



A sophisticated and contemporary addition to the area, Tree Tops is expected to be complete in 2020.

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