



## THE ROYAL PORTFOLIO

### PRESS RELEASE: WATERSIDE AT ROYAL MALEWANE IS OPEN

Greater Kruger National Park, South Africa (1 July 2022) — The latest addition to The Royal Portfolio – Waterside at Royal Malewane – opens its doors today, bringing another level of luxury and safari sophistication to the Greater Kruger.

Waterside is a 12-bedroom lodge, constructed using a contemporary combination of glass, steel and thatch, and maximising on the view of an expansive waterhole. It is a perfect stay for all travellers who put a premium on memorable experiences, personalised and superior service, and unrivalled game viewing.

Waterside was built to be exceptionally family-friendly, welcoming children of all ages, and accommodating guests in a curated selection of four luxury one-bedroom suites, two one-bedroom Aloe suites, one two-bedroom suite, and a four-bedroom villa – Waterside House. Every room has a private deck with a pool, bright interiors featuring maximalist artwork, and theatrical design true to the inimitable style of owner Liz Biden.

“Waterside is in enchanting harmony with its natural surroundings, the seasonal moods and hues of the bush,” says Liz. “Colours and textures combine to bring magic and fascination to every space, drawing on the very essence of the wild.” Nature, in all its richness, is omnipresent at the lodge; peaceful, calm, yet imbued with all the pent-up drama that characterises the African bush.

“In honouring this natural ecosystem, the lodge has implemented The Royal Portfolio’s widely adopted promise to operate sustainably and with consideration for the Earth, now, and in the future,” said Matthew Biden, CEO of The Royal Portfolio.

“The core of our purpose and values is to contribute to the conservation of our physical environment, and to invest in the future of our neighbours in the community, with whom we share this natural heritage,” he continued.

The familiar warmth and practiced expertise guests have come to expect at Royal Malewane, is also evident at Waterside, with an award-winning team in place to deliver the level of service that is synonymous with the brand. The Guides and Trackers are part of the Royal Malewane family, well known as the most qualified guiding team in Africa, and especially equipped to create an engaging and exciting experience for young families.

“A sense of comfortable familiarity carries through the easy flow of the lodge, tying every space together and facilitating the connected guest experience we wanted at Waterside,” said Simon Mandy, Managing Director of The Royal Portfolio. “It features the space and convenience families need to truly relax and unwind, yet it prioritises the privacy and personalised luxury one looks for in a natural sanctuary like this.”

Rates are fully-inclusive of accommodation, meals, drinks (including local South African wines), twice-daily game drives and bush walks. There is also single and double-spa treatment rooms and Hammam offering a variety of indulgent treatments, as well as a gym and yoga/meditation room, wine cellar, hide, games room and kids entertainment area.

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