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## East Africa's First Latter-day Saints Temple Completed in Nairobi



he Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has officially finished building its first temple in East Africa, marking a significant milestone for the region. Located in Mountain View along Hinga Road, just off Waiyaki Way in Nairobi, the new temple is a notable addition to the Church's global presence.

Unlike the Church's regular meetinghouses or chapels used for weekly worship, temples are regarded as sacred spaces—"houses of the Lord"-where key religious ordinances such as marriages, baptisms, and other eternal family rituals are performed, all based on the teachings of Jesus Christ.



Previously, members in Kenva and neighboring countries such as Uganda, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Burundi, and South Sudan traveled to the temple in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo. The Nairobi Kenya Temple will now serve as a central spiritual site for Latter-day Saints across this broader East African region.

Architecturally, the temple is built using a cast-in-place concrete frame, complemented by concrete block partitions and a stone veneer exterior. The outer finish features Portuguese Moleanos limestone, giving it a refined and timeless appearance.



Floral designs are featured throughout the temple as a tribute to Nairobi's role as one of Africa's leading flower exporters. The interior showcases high-end finishes, including Milliken carpets, nylon rugs, and porcelain Cerim Marfil stone flooring, accented with Quartzite Blue and Verde Imperiale stone. The skirting stones are also crafted from Portuguese Moleanos limestone.

Inside, the walls are painted in soft, neutral tones inspired by the natural colors of the Kenyan savanna, creating a serene and spiritually uplifting atmosphere.









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### The Rise of Midtown Towers: Redefining Urban Luxury in Nairobi's Skyline



### Nairobi, Kenya - June 2025

A new architectural marvel is set to rise in the heart of Nairobi's prestigious Upper Hill district-Midtown Towers, a high-rise mixeduse development that is poised to reshape the city's luxury living and commercial landscape. With its sleek silhouette, smart infrastructure, and sustainability-first approach, Midtown Towers is more than a building-it is a bold symbol of Nairobi's ascent as a modern African metropolis.

Developed by PrimeConstruct Africa Ltd, designed by the visionary architects at BuildArc Studios, and executed by CentraBuild Contractors, this twin-tower project promises an unprecedented blend of urban elegance, modern engineering, and world-class amenities. The development is slated for completion by Q4 of 2026, marking a milestone in Kenya's high-end real estate sector.

### Strategically Located at the Heart of Urban Expansion

Upper Hill, Nairobi, once a quiet suburb, has transformed over the past two decades into a thriving hub of commerce and diplomacy. Hosting several embassies, regional offices for multinational corporations, financial institutions, and medical centers, the area has grown into one of the most sought-after addresses for businesses and luxury living in East Africa.

Midtown Towers capitalizes on this premium location by positioning itself within minutes of key infrastructure including the Nairobi Expressway, Kenyatta National Hospital, The World Bank Group, and Britam Tower. This proximity ensures residents and tenants of unmatched accessibility to both the central business district (CBD) and Jomo Kenyatta

### International Airport.

A Dual-Tower Masterpiece The project comprises two 25-storev towers that mirror each other in design yet serve distinct but complementary functions. Tower A will offer ultra-modern commercial offices and a 5-star boutique business hotel, while Tower B will host residential apartments and fully serviced luxury suites. Each tower has been meticulously designed to allow unobstructed panoramic views of

Nairobi's skyline, Ngong Hills, and the Nairobi National Park. The integration of glass facades, vertical gardens, and natural light elements provide both aesthetic elegance and eco-conscious functionality.

### **Design Philosophy: Future-Ready and** Timeless

Midtown Towers is a perfect embodiment of BuildArc Studios' signature "future-forward minimalism." With a blend of modernist symmetry and biophilic design, the towers feature vertical landscaping, landscaped sky decks, and advanced solar glass cladding for energy regulation.

From the soaring double-height lobbies to rooftop terraces that double as social and business lounges, the design language of Midtown Towers aims to strike a balance between luxury and efficiency, work and relaxation, connectivity and calm.

### **Smart Living Meets High-Tech Commercial Spaces**

In an era where technology underpins urban development, Midtown Towers incorporates smart building technologies that are uncommon even in Nairobi's premium developments.

These include:

- Intelligent parking systems with license plate recognition
- High-speed elevators with destination dispatch systems
- Touchless access control and security monitoring
- Energy-efficient HVAC systems
- Automated lighting and shading controls
- Backup solar and hybrid power solutions

Each residential unit in Tower B is equipped with smart home automation features, including app-controlled lighting, climate control, door security, and energy management.

### Luxury Living, Redefined

Residential units at Midtown Towers cater to the discerning urban dweller. They include:

- 1- and 2-bedroom apartments
- 3-bedroom executive suites
- Duplex penthouses with private plunge pools and terraces

All residences feature Italian kitchens, marble countertops, European fittings, and expansive balconies. Residents also have access to:

- A wellness and fitness centre Infinity-edge swimming pool
- Business centre and meeting pods
- Kids' play area
- Pet-friendly zones
- Sky garden terraces for events and

private relaxation What makes the residential offering unique is

the Serviced Apartment Wing—a fully managed hospitality model designed for corporate travelers, expatriates, and long-stay business guests.

Office Spaces Built for the Future of Work Tower A will feature over 15,000 sqm of premium Grade A office space, adaptable for both co-working and headquarter-style setups. Flexible floor plates, high ceilings, and column-free layouts allow for customizable office solutions.

In anticipation of the growing demand for hybrid work environments, Tower A is equipped with acoustic meeting rooms, soundproofed call booths, and shared breakout lounges, perfect for innovative startups, NGOs, and professional firms.

Retail & Hospitality: An Urban Social Hub The ground and mezzanine levels of Midtown Towers will feature a curated selection of retail outlets, restaurants, and cafes, alongside a signature lobby café and artisan market. The adjoining boutique hotel will offer conference halls, banquet facilities, and a rooftop fine dining restaurant.



Developers envision the retail podium as a community-centric space designed to host events, cultural showcases, and weekend markets-blending luxury with Nairobi's vibrant urban life.

### Sustainability and Green Building Commitments

Midtown Towers has taken significant steps toward environmental responsibility, including applying for EDGE green building certification. The buildings integrate:

- Rainwater harvesting systems Greywater recycling for landscape
- irrigation Double-glazed windows for thermal
- control Passive cooling and cross-ventilation
- strategies
- Solar-powered corridor lighting

Further, an in-house waste management system and electric vehicle (EV) charging stations align with Nairobi's growing green mobility movement.

### Job Creation and Local Impact

PrimeConstruct Africa Ltd estimates that the Midtown Towers project will create over 500 direct construction jobs and more than 1,200 indirect jobs by project completion. Postcompletion, the towers are expected to support over 800 permanent roles in hospitality, retail, facility management, and commercial operations.

According to Dr. Miriam Wafula, CEO of PrimeConstruct Africa, "Midtown Towers is not only a vision of architectural progress but also a commitment to empowering Kenya's workforce and boosting our economy through sustainable urban transformation."

**Market Positioning and Demand** 

With Nairobi fast becoming East Africa's financial and tech capital, demand for luxury mixed-use developments is on the rise. According to recent industry reports, there is a growing appetite among high-net-worth individuals, diaspora investors, and multinational firms for developments that offer premium amenities, security, and strategic location.

Real estate analysts have already predicted that Midtown Towers will be one of the most lucrative investment opportunities in Nairobi between 2025 and 2027.

A Vision for Tomorrow's Nairobi Midtown Towers is more than just another high-rise in Nairobi's growing skyline. It is a deliberate statement-about the future of living, working, and connecting in the heart of Africa. With unmatched design, thoughtful



amenities, and a strong commitment to sustainability, the project is positioned to become an icon of contemporary Nairobi.

As Kenya accelerates its urbanization and global integration, projects like Midtown Towers will play a critical role in reshaping the narrative of African cities-making them not just hubs of business, but vibrant, humancentered places to call home.

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## **Turkish Contractor** Wins Battle



Turkish construction firm, Summa Turizm Yatirimciligi Anonim Sirketi, has officially received approval to proceed with the construction of the Bomas International Convention Complex in Nairobi, after a lengthy legal battle.

The project, valued at Sh31.6 billion, faced months of uncertainty due to a dispute involving the Ministry of Defence.

The Court of Appeal recently dismissed the Ministry's last attempt to cancel the tender, ruling that the appeal was filed too late. The court emphasized that the Ministry of Defence's action to challenge the decision was not within the required legal timeframe, making the appeal inadmissible. The threejudge bench, which included Justices Gatembu Kairu, Fred Ochieng, and Aggrey Muchelule, upheld the decision to strike out the appeal.

The Bomas International Convention Complex, approved by Cabinet in August 2023, is planned to be a world-class facility designed to boost Nairobi's status as a prime destination for international conferences. The project includes a high-capacity conference center, a presidential pavilion, and at least five luxury hotels, catering to large-scale events, summits, and state functions.

In November 2023, Summa Turizm was

awarded the tender through Direct Tender No. DHQINFRAS/004/23-24. Despite securing 80 percent of the required funding for the project, the Ministry of Defence moved to cancel the tender in October 2024, 329 days after the award, and without a formal contract in place. The Ministry's decision raised questions about its commitment and led to further legal action.

The Public Procurement Administrative Review Board (PPARB) intervened in December 2024, ordering the Ministry to finalize the tender within 90 days. The Board found that the Ministry had failed to justify the cancellation, claiming that it seemed to be attempting to intentionally delay the project. The Ministry's attempt to reverse the Board's

ruling through the High Court was also dismissed, with the court stating the appeal was filed after the 14-day period allowed by law

In its final response, the Ministry argued that the delay was caused by the Christmas court recess, but the Court of Appeal rejected this excuse, underlining the importance of adhering to procurement timelines to ensure transparency and efficiency in public projects. The court's ruling clears the way for the construction to move forward, reinforcing Kenya's aspirations to enhance its infrastructure and position itself as a leading hub for global conferences and summits.



## Launch of \$245mn Elitz 2 project in JVC

Real estate developer Danube Properties has launched eight projects in 16 months while it prepares to deliver three projects with 1,303 apartments this year.

Real estate developer Danube Properties, the fastest-growing in the UAE, announced the launch of Elitz 2 at the Jumeirah Village Circle (JVC), with a development value exceeding \$245 million in the presence of HE Dr Thani bin Ahmed Al Zeyoudi, UAE Minister of Foreign Trade and Bollywood superstar Malaika Arora.

When completed in the third quarter of 2026, Elitz 2 will deliver 750 residential units including studio apartments, 1-bedroom, 2bedroom and 3-bedroom apartments and a few retail stores. Like most other Danube projects, homes at Elitz 2 will also come with more than 40 amenities for the community, including lifestyle amenities and health and a health club, sports arena, swimming pools, jogging track, tennis court, barbecue area and among other facilities.

Prices of residential units start from \$177.111 for a studio apartment. However, the prices of the units will continue to appreciate with time, which more valuable for investing in. Danube Properties' homes come with an attractive 1% payment plan, following the initial deposits - making home more affordable and simpler.

The homes are delivered around mid-way of the payment plan, which means the buyer can move into the apartment after paying 60% of the total value of the property. This helps homeowners to extract additional value either by increase savings on the rents or by paying the equated monthly instalments (EMI) from the rental income.

### The high demand response

The Real estate developer Danube Properties maintains a policy of launching one project at a time, selling it out, and then appointing a contractor to build the project, before launching the next one. It has so far sold out 22 of the 23 projects launched so far and delivered 12 of them when the rest currently under different stages of construction. Project Elitz 2 is Danube Properties' 23 residential project in 9 years since the company started development activities in 2014 and the eighth project in a row to be launched in the last 16 months, that is one project launch every two months - making it busiest private real estate developer in the UAE

"The launch of Elitz 2 is in response to the continued high demand for quality homes and comes within less than two months of launching of Fashionz project which is nearly sold out," Rizwan Sajan, Founder and Chairman of Danube Group, said.

"Elitz 2 is one of our large projects in terms of the number of residential units - 750 to be specific – that is to cater to the growing demand. With more than 40 lifestyle facilities homes in Elitz 2 offer luxury and a larger-

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"The launch of Elitz 2 comes within a week after we completed Wavez and broke grounds for the construction of Viewz – one of our largest projects - with sales value exceeding Dh2.05 billion that was unveiled in January and sold out within two weeks. This marks the construction of Viewz while the last project Fashionz will go into the groundbreaking process in the next few weeks." "As a developer, we have a very customercentric approach and that's why we are focused on delivery. Most of our projects are handed over before promised delivery date which reflects our strong commitment to home buyers and investors in line with our slogan - We launch, we deliver".

### Sustainability

Residential Elitz 2 homes will be smart and sustainable homes and will consume less energy – in line with the UAE's commitment to sustainability. The building will also comply to green building standards. Real estate developer, The Danube Properties offers homeowners 10-year Golden Visa especially those who qualify as per the investment criteria - subject to government approval. The Dubai Land Department recently signed an agreement with Danube Properties to offer Initial Sale Contract (Oqood) to property buyers almost emergently.



## Kenya Looks to South **Korean Technology to Address Housing Challenges**

Kenya is turning to South Korean technology to tackle its housing issues, inspired by the country's achievements in large-scale housing projects and modern construction techniques. The focus is on innovative Korean methods to support Kenya's ambitious goal of building 200,000 new housing units each year.

In a recent interview with The Korea Herald, Charles Hinga, the principal secretary of the State Department for Housing and Urban Development, emphasized the government's commitment to utilizing Korean technology to meet housing demands.

"Our aim is to construct 200,000 housing units annually, and we've already initiated over 100,000 units since July 2023," Mr. Hinga stated.

A key aspect of this initiative is the adoption of aluminum formwork, which allows for quicker and more efficient construction using reusable molds

Funding for Kenya's affordable housing

initiative comes from various sources, including a new housing levy that generates \$60 million each month. "Our target is to reach about \$75 million a month," Mr. Hinga noted

He assured that Kenya has the financial capacity to invest in these technologies and encouraged South Korean builders to partner with the country in creating affordable housing and developing new construction techniques.

During his visit to South Korea for the World Smart City Expo from September 3 to 5, Mr. Hinga explored innovative urban development solutions that he hopes to implement in Kenva.

He envisions a revolutionary housing project with uniform designs: Block A for social and affordable housing, Block B for affordable and market-rate units, and mixed-use developments that include retail spaces and amenities for up to 10,000 residents. The plan also incorporates essential social

infrastructure like schools and hospitals.

"It takes time, but ultimately we want Korean companies to establish production facilities in Kenya," Mr. Hinga expressed.

He urged South Korean builders to contribute to the design of affordable housing in Kenya, pointing out the growing demand for advanced construction technologies, such as elevators, as a significant opportunity for Korean firms.

Mr. Hinga highlighted that Korean companies could take advantage of Kenya's skilled labor force, special economic zones, and strong infrastructure. However, he acknowledged existing challenges in Nairobi, such as high land costs, low wages, and inadequate public transport, which contribute to the spread of informal settlements and slums.

To address the high construction costs, which account for 45% of development expenses, the government has implemented VAT exemptions on building materials

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**Knowledge Economic City** awards \$135mIn MEP contract for Saudi mall project

The mall will be competed by the first half of 2025

The scope of work includes electrical networks (different voltages), communication (ICT), panel boards, lighting, control systems, and alarm systems in addition to the setting up of lifts, elevators and escalators as well as the HVAC systems, piping for water supply and drainage, insulation and sanitary works, said KEC in its filing to the Saudi bourse Tadawul

Saudi Arabia - Knowledge Economic City Company has awarded a SR507 million (\$135 million) electromechanical and finishing works contract to Alsaad Company for its upcoming retail project, KEC Hub, located in the northern part of the KEC development.

Rendering of KEC Hub mall Madinah, Saudi

Arabia. The project is being developed by Knowledge Economic City Company (KEC). The finishing works contract includes those related to aluminium, elevations and facades, stated.

The first phase of the KEC HUB project, which will come up on a 65,000 sq m area, will provide a mix of hospitality, residential, commercial and entertainment elements to its residents.

The KEC HUB project will be spread over a 450 m area on King Abdul-Aziz Highway. Its location is very strategic and vital since it links Prince Mohammed Bin Abdul-Aziz Airport in Madinah to the Main Mosque passing through the Haramain High Speed Railway station (HHR) and Knowledge Economic City.

The project also boasts shopping and



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entertainment facilities including a boulevard, coffee shops, restaurants, heritage zone as well public places and gardens.

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### **Developer Launches Sh30 Billion Gated Estate in Kiambu**



Property developer Superior Homes has introduced a Sh30 billion gated estate in Ruiru, aimed at meeting the increasing demand for modern housing in Kiambu County and surrounding areas.

The Kofi Ridge estate will cover 240 acres, situated on a 300-acre former coffee farm, just 12 kilometers from Thika Road near the Kimbo area. The project will include 10,000 units featuring stylishly designed threebedroom townhouses, four- and five-bedroom bungalows, and five-bedroom villas, with prices starting at Sh23.06 million per unit.

Amenities at Kofi Ridge will include a security gate, internet access, paved roads, reliable electricity and water supplies, solarpowered street lighting, 24-hour security patrols, and spacious gardens for leisure activities.

Shiv Arora, CEO of Superior Homes, highlighted the meticulous design of Kofi Ridge, emphasizing attention to architecture, finishes, and amenities. "We are thrilled to have the opportunity to invest and provide our offerings to investors in Kiambu County," Arora stated during the project's launch on October 5.

Superior Homes has previously developed notable projects such as Greenpark and Fadhili Retirement Village in Athi River, Pazuri at Vipingo, and Lake Elementaita Mountain Lodge in Nakuru. The company is also working on the Lukenya Wildlife Estate in Machakos County and plans to clear the coffee farm in phases over the next 25 years. Arora reassured that they will compensate for the land used by implementing agricultural activities in other areas.

atmosphere, offering residents opportunities to socialize and enjoy its amenities. Ian Henderson, managing director of Superior Homes, noted that the estate focuses on security, privacy, and access to essential services, making it an ideal choice for those seeking a high-quality lifestyle away from urban chaos.

The project is launched amidst projections that Kenya's real estate market will reach Sh103.7 trillion by December, according to the Statista Real Estate Kenva report. Residential real estate is expected to dominate, with a projected value of Sh85.3 trillion. The market is anticipated to grow at an annual rate of 5.18% from 2024 to 2029, reaching Sh122.5 trillion by 2029, driven by the rising demand for housing due to rapid urbanization

Kofi Ridge aims to foster a community



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## Samsung to Implement Sh7.9 **Billion Smart Traffic** Management System in Nairobi



airobi is set to undergo a major transformation in traffic management, thanks to a Sh7.9 billion (\$61 million) project awarded to South Korea's Samsung Construction and Trading Corporation. The firm has been selected to spearhead the first phase of the Nairobi Intelligent Transport System (ITS) Establishment and Junction Improvement Project, a key initiative aimed at addressing the city's chronic traffic congestion.

The contract was officially signed with the Kenya Urban Roads Authority (KURA) in November 2024, following an international bidding process. Samsung emerged as the winning bidder for the project, which will be implemented under the oversight of KURA-the state agency responsible for urban road development.

This first phase of the ITS project includes the development of a cutting-edge Traffic

Management Centre (TMC) at City Cabanas along Mombasa Road. This facility will serve as the central hub for monitoring and directing city traffic using artificial intelligence (AI) and smart technology. The system will integrate 25 of Nairobi's busiest intersections with a range of intelligent infrastructure, including adaptive traffic signals, signal controllers, surveillance cameras, vehicle enforcement equipment, and a comprehensive communication network.

Junctions earmarked for improvement include some of the most congested in the city, such as Moi Avenue/Kenvatta Avenue. Koinange/Kenyatta Avenue, Mbagathi Way/Lang'ata Road, and Limuru Road/Muthaiga Road. These upgrades will not only improve traffic flow but also enhance road safety and urban mobility. The ITS project is being financed through the Economic Development Cooperation Fund (EDCF), with funds provided by the Export-Import Bank of Korea. Construction is slated to begin in April 2025 and is expected to be completed by February 2027.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, Cabinet Secretary for Roads and Transport Davis Chirchir emphasized the importance of swift execution. He urged Samsung and KURA to implement a future-proof system that can be integrated with emerging technologies. "Ensure the cameras and infrastructure are designed to be sustainable and adaptable to future enhancements," he said.

An Intelligent Transport System leverages artificial intelligence to control urban traffic through real-time data collection and analysis. By monitoring traffic patterns, the system can automatically adjust signal timings to allow more extended green lights on busier roads and reduce waiting times, which in turn eases congestion and enhances efficiency.

The TMC will be a multi-storey facility hosting a team of specialists, engineers, and traffic officers, all working together to monitor and manage traffic in real time. Once the first phase is complete, KURA will roll out Phase Two, which will involve enhancements at an additional 81 intersections across Nairobi.

This ambitious project marks a significant step in modernizing Nairobi's urban infrastructure and positions the city to better handle future traffic demands through smarter, data-driven solutions

## New Tatu City Logistics Park Set to Boost SME **Development in Kenya**



significant milestone in Kenya's industrial landscape has been A achieved with the opening of The Link Warehousing and Logistics Park at Tatu City in Ruiru. This pioneering facility is the country's first logistics park tailored specifically for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) to operate within a Special Economic Zone (SEZ), unlocking an array of incentives and benefits previously out of reach for many local businesses.

The Link is a collaborative initiative valued at Ksh 2.5 billion, brought to life through a partnership between Tatu City, Chandaria Properties, Mahesh & Tirth Construction, and Steel Structures. It offers premium, purposebuilt warehousing solutions for a variety of industries, including those that require cold storage for perishable goods.

The first phase of the logistics park is already fully occupied, with a notable tenant list that includes Novis PLC-a family-owned



business specializing in pasta manufacturing-and Bakels East Africa, a leading Swiss-based supplier of baking ingredients and solutions. The popularity of the park has resulted in a waiting list for the next phase, which has already broken ground and is expected to be completed by December. According to Preston Mendenhall, Chief Operating Officer of Rendeavour-the parent company behind Tatu City SEZ-the project highlights the effectiveness of mixed-use SEZs in drawing both local and international investors while promoting operational efficiency for businesses. Speaking during the groundbreaking ceremony for Phase Two, Mendenhall expressed optimism that The Link will continue to shape the future of logistics in Kenya.

This development comes at a time when Kenya is gearing up for a significant expansion in its warehousing and logistics sectors. Market research suggests that East Africa, led by Kenya, will soon surpass other regions on the continent in terms of industrial space demand. A 2017 report by global real estate firm JLL projected that by early 2018, East Africa would exceed West Africa in total demand for prime industrial property-a trend that continues to accelerate.

With an anticipated annual growth rate of 5.1% in industrial space demand, Kenya is fast becoming a hub for regional logistics

operations. High-quality

warehouses-referred to as Grade A-are especially attractive to multinational companies entering the market. Despite the strong demand, such facilities remain in short supply, signaling an excellent opportunity for property developers.

Britam Asset Managers has emphasized that the scarcity of quality warehousing, combined with ongoing infrastructure improvements, creates an ideal environment for investors and developers to tap into the burgeoning logistics sector

The Link at Tatu City stands as a timely response to this market gap, offering SMEs a platform to thrive while enhancing Kenya's position as a leading logistics and industrial hub in the region.





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# A major new development is poised to redefine the skyline of Nairobi's Westlands.



The 1870 West, a 30-storey luxury residential tower by Hass Consult, is under construction at the junction of Lower Kabete and Peponi Roads, in close proximity to the Sarit Centre.

This mixed-use development will feature 29 floors dedicated to residential apartments,



with a 30th floor reserved for communal amenities designed to enhance the living experience of its residents. The apartments available will include a variety of sizes, such as one, two, and three-bedroom units, all of which will be equipped with contemporary interiors and high-quality finishes. Each apartment will offer carefully designed layouts, including fully equipped kitchens,



home office spaces, ensuite bathrooms, and panoramic views of the surrounding area.

The architectural design of the building will highlight neutral color schemes and open-plan floor layouts, which are intended to create a sense of spaciousness and flow. One of the key features of the design is the incorporation of curvaceous balconies, which provide a seamless transition from the indoor spaces to the outdoor environment, enhancing the connection with the outdoors.





Residents of 1870 West will have access to a comprehensive range of premium amenities located on the 30th floor. These will include recreational facilities such as swimming pools, lounges for relaxation, workspaces for professionals, state-of-the-art fitness areas, and audio-visual rooms for entertainment. These amenities are designed to cater to the diverse needs of modern urban living, ensuring that residents can enjoy both convenience and luxury at their doorstep.

The development is set to be completed by the first quarter of 2025, marking a significant



addition to Westlands' rapidly transforming real estate landscape. Westlands, known for its vibrant, upscale atmosphere, continues to attract significant investments, with several ongoing projects that promise to further enhance its status as one of Nairobi's most desirable neighborhoods. The 1870 West tower will contribute to this transformation by offering residents a high standard of living and modern urban conveniences in the heart of Westlands. As a part of this thriving area, the project is expected to appeal to individuals seeking luxury living with easy access to key amenities such as shopping

centers, restaurants, and business hubs, making it a prime destination for both homebuyers and investors alike.





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## Nairobi-Mombasa Usahihi **Expressway to Begin Construction in 2026**

he highly anticipated **440** km Nairobi-Mombasa Usahihi Expressway is set to kick off in 2026, following the completion of the final stages of its fundraising efforts and feasibility studies. The project is being developed by Usahihi Expressway Limited, a company backed by US-based Everstrong Capital. According to the company's chairman, Kyle McCarter, the feasibility study will be finalized by **May** of this year, and after that, the company plans to request **final approval** from the National Treasury **Public-Private Partnerships** (PPP) Unit to move forward with the construction.

"We are finishing the feasibility study in May, and we will ask the National Treasury PPP Unit for their final approval. Then, we expect to reach financial close by the end of the year, with an eye on starting construction next year," said McCarter. The project's developer, Everstrong Capital, is working to secure Sh129 billion (about \$1 billion) from local pension funds and banks. This fund will be raised by a

consortium of insurance companies, investment banks, fund managers, and pension funds, operating collectively under the name Pack Hunters Club.

Additionally, Everstrong has entered into a Transaction **Advisory and Placement** Services Agreement with CPF Capital and Advisory, which has recently begun the local fundraising initiative for the project. While the company is already working on securing Sh323 billion (\$2.5 billion) from external sources, the total cost of the Usahihi Expressway is estimated at Sh452 billion (\$3.5 billion), making it one of Kenya's largest infrastructure projects.

The completion of the Usahihi Expressway will significantly improve connectivity between Nairobi and Mombasa, reducing travel time between the two cities to just 4.5 hours, from the current 8-10 hours. This reduction in travel time is expected to drive economic growth along the corridor, benefiting businesses,



tourism, and other sectors.

To facilitate the development of the expressway, Everstrong has allocated Sh12.9 billion (\$100 million) for land acquisition along the corridor. The project also offers landowners the opportunity to invest in the project instead of receiving a direct equity payout, providing them with an estimated 17.5% return on their investment.

McCarter emphasized the importance of involving local stakeholders in the development process. "We are ensuring landowners get a fair price for their property, and we're offering many of them the opportunity to become shareholders in the road's development."

The Usahihi Expressway will run parallel to the existing Nairobi-Mombasa highway and will be managed by Everstrong for 30 vears under a concession agreement. Toll revenues, especially from commercial vehicles, which are expected to make up the majority of road users, will account for 75% of the project's income.

Once **construction** begins in **2026**, the Usahihi Expressway is expected to take about four years to complete, significantly transforming the region's infrastructure and contributing to the economic development of Kenya.

## Muzi Salama: Affordable, Sustainable Living in Tilisi, Limuru



Muzi Salama is an exciting new residential development located in the serene, wellplanned Tilisi master-planned community in Limuru, Kenya. The project consists of 200 homes, offering both 2- and 3-bedroom apartments that combine modern functionality with eco-friendly design. With a focus on sustainability and energy efficiency, the development is EDGE-certified, ensuring that the homes are designed to reduce energy and water consumption, providing an environmentally conscious living option for residents.

One of the key features of Muzi Salama is its EDGE-certification. This certification indicates that the apartments are built using advanced building practices that minimize energy and water use. These homes not only offer a modern living experience but also contribute to the sustainability goals by lowering the ecological footprint of each residence. As energy-efficient homes, the apartments are designed to help reduce both utility costs and the environmental impact, making them a smart choice for anyone looking to live more sustainably.

Located in Tilisi, Muzi Salama benefits from the area's strategic positioning. The development is just a short distance from Nairobi, providing easy access to the city while offering a peaceful, green environment away from the hustle and bustle of urban life.

This perfect balance of convenience and tranquility makes Tilisi an increasingly sought-after destination for homeowners. The community's well-designed infrastructure and family-friendly atmosphere make it an attractive option for families and professionals alike.

Additionally, the surrounding area is growing rapidly, with various amenities such as schools, healthcare facilities, and retail centers being developed nearby. This makes the development an appealing choice for those looking to live in a fully connected community, with easy access to essential services and entertainment options. The proximity to major transportation routes further enhances the development's accessibility, making it a convenient choice for commuters who work in Nairobi but prefer a quieter residential area.

Muzi Salama offers homes at an affordable price range, with prices between Ksh 5.4 million and Ksh 7.2 million (approximately US\$ 41,700 to US\$ 55,600), making it a reasonable option for people seeking quality homes in an up-and-coming neighborhood. This price point makes it accessible for a wide range of buyers, from young professionals to families looking to settle in a modern, ecofriendly community.

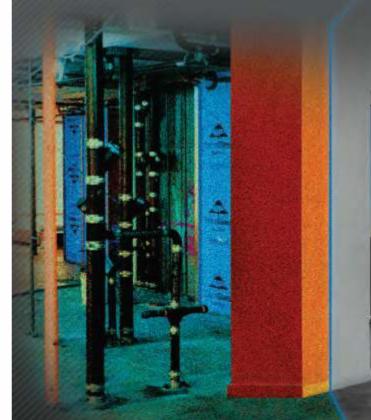
The homes are set for handover in mid-2026

giving potential buyers ample time to explore the area and make their decisions. With the development of Muzi Salama, residents can expect modern, comfortable living spaces that embrace both contemporary design and sustainable living principles. The development is also backed by a high-powered project team led by PLANNING and Turner & Townsend, ensuring that the project adheres to the highest standards of design and construction.

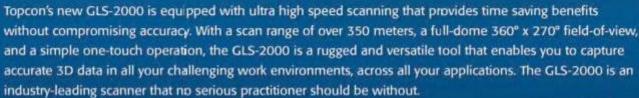
As the Tilisi area continues to grow, Muzi Salama is poised to become a prominent residential community, offering a modern lifestyle in a green, tranquil environment. The development not only promises high-quality homes but also aims to create a community where sustainability, affordability, and modern living come together seamlessly.



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