



## THE VISION

'I have travelled the world for thirty years working on resort and leisure developments, firstly as a director of Bovis Abroad at Quinta do Lago, and then as head of Savills international residential department. During that time the world and the market has changed considerably. Now more than ever we are witnessing a major shift towards sustainability, wellness, organic food and the preservation and enjoyment of the natural environment.

Our vision is to 'lead the way' in this sustainable direction with the creation of **PLANTATION GUADIANA**, a high-quality Eco-Community, Organic Farm and Wellness Centre in a beautiful 600-acre valley overlooking Spain on the River Guadiana. Located near Castro Marim in the unspoiled eastern Algarve, the site is under an hour from Faro international airport.

The inspiration for the resort came from my friend André Jordan, creator of the world-renowned Quinta do Lago and 'father' of Portuguese resort development and tourism, with whom I had the honour to work for many years. Well ahead of the trend, André pursued an eco-friendly agenda from the outset and became well recognised for his environmental leadership, winning many awards for his resorts.

**PLANTATION GUADIANA** will be substantially different from a traditional 'resort' being largely off-grid, car-free and adhering to a sustainable 'Clean Energy' strategy. An organic farm and nature reserve will provide homegrown produce while an internal road network formed with crushed stones rather than tarmac will see residents travelling with electric buggies and cycles, leaving cars offsite.

The 'Clean Energy' strategy will play a fundamental role reducing the resort's carbon footprint, exchanging fossil fuels for leading-edge solar hydrogen technology. This will provide electrical power, heating and hot water throughout. We are further forfeiting steel and masonry-based construction in favour of timber in order to 'lock-up' carbon within the fabric of building structures. We will use the lightest infrastructure, minimal water and natural landscaping with off-site pre-engineered construction slashing down on carbon-heavy materials and additional waste.

A range of stylish, sustainable and detached *1-3-bedroom Plantation River Club Eco-homes* will be available from €200,000 to €400,000.



'balancing life with nature'

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Meanwhile, contemporary **3-6-bedroom Plantation Quintas** set on large natural plots will be available from €500,000 to €1.5m. The eco-homes benefit from one-level carbon-zero building, designed to maximise indoor/outdoor living, privacy and views to natural surroundings. High-quality sustainable materials and systems will further ensure annual operating and maintenance costs are affordable.

The eco-community master-plan includes a wide range of facilities for all ages. Key features include a Wellness Centre, Riverside Farm Shop, Organic Café, Adventure Centre, Business Units, Workshop and Meeting Space. Further amenities will include an Arts, Crafts, Cultural & Music Centre, a Nature Reserve, Tented Camp and a Marina with a river mooring facility and electric-powered boats to explore the river Guadiana and UNESCO Ria Formosa Natural Park. A beach club in Vila Real de St Antonio is a short drive or sail away while the unspoilt surrounding area offers golf, beaches, horse-riding, local restaurants, nature parks and cultural attractions.

**PLANTATION GUADIANA** is a progressive, forward-looking concept created for the modern age. Our philosophy is to work closely with the local community, institutional and educational organisations, such as the Circular Economy initiative of the CCDR and the University of Algarve to deliver a showcase for renewable energy, cleantech and sustainable systems within an eco-resort environment.

We have a vastly experienced development and operating group to manage the project, including an international branded hotel operator and organic farm manager. As a team we are passionate and committed to delivering a world-class service, which will ultimately enable people to experience 'owning' a holiday, second home or retirement home, in a managed farm and nature area.

Given the current world health climate, the core focus of this particular eco-resort is perhaps of greater relevance and importance than ever before. As nations and economies rebuild, we expect to see a larger emphasis on personal health, wellness, nature, environment, natural foods and community as a whole. This is why we firmly believe **PLANTATION GUADIANA** offers a future blueprint for eco-community developments around the world.

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