

BIODIVERSITY AND LAND USE

Emira believes that being a responsible business means being a positive influence in communities and respecting the natural environment. Likewise, being great in the provision of great real estate means delivering a better experience for people frequenting its properties and spaces. One of the ways Emira does this is by taking care of indigenous plant life and maintaining a sustainable environment in spaces surrounding its buildings.

Safeguarding the well-being of communities, protecting biodiversity and creating healthy ecosystems all go hand in hand. The world of business is greatly enhanced by the natural world, which provides the backdrop for life, through vital resources and economic support as the country's ecological infrastructure. The natural world offers life-giving clean air, water and food sources, without which neither businesses nor communities could sustain.

BEEHIVE PROJECT - UPDATE

As the global honeybee population continues to dwindle, the vital role of these pollinators becomes increasingly evident. Bees are crucial to agriculture, as they are responsible for pollinating numerous food crops, which collectively constitute about one-third of the world's food supply.

To address the declining bee population, Emira has installed 16 beehives at eight properties in Gauteng and KwaZulu-Natal since September 2020. The aim of the beehive project is to help grow the global bee population, which contribute so much to society. The project demonstrates the Fund's proactive approach to supporting bee populations and safeguarding food security, and highlights the biodiversity of its properties.

In its second year, the honey harvest yielded 119kg of honey, which came from five of the Fund's eight sites, including Knightsbridge, One Highveld, Hyde Park Lane, Albury Park, and Wonderpark Shopping Centre. This initiative shows the tangible benefits that can be achieved by actively growing local bee populations in urban environments.

