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Despite its modest name, Leisure Farm Resort Residences is no village. This so-called "farm" has clinched awards like FIABCI Malaysia Property Award 2005 in the Master Plan Development Category; and was a runner-up for the FIABCI Prix d'Excellence 2006, also in the Master Plan category. The 1,765 acres of land makes it seem more a mini-country than the *kampong* (Malay for village) its name suggests. The architects even opened up a river by deepening and widening its passage, and it is expected to have a population of 30,000 people by the time it is completed in 2025.

Those who have about RMS1 million to spare can pick a lot from seven themed precincts, from Admiral Heights to Merbok Springs. The bungalow lots are most generous in Merbok Springs and Victoria

Meadows, where each lot spans one acre; the smallest bungalow lot, available in Pendas Creek, is still some 8,000 square feet.

I visited the Bayou Water Village, which contains 213 residential units. Modelled after the traditional house on stilts, each unit is perched on stilts with an overhanging porch, and is 1,923 square feet. The freehold residential enclave comes with a clubhouse, infinity pool facilities and the like.

The Porresia Golf and Country Club offers 36 holes; and if you are itching for a ride, there is the Bale Equestrian & Country Club. Built to international standards, the stables in the equestrian club come complete with paddocks and dressage area.

Just 15 minutes away from densely built-up Singapore, Leisure Farm is the perfect playground for Singaporeans and other expatriates. The Johor Bahru City Centre and Sultan Ismail International Airport are located nearby.

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