



COMPANY PROFILE

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ARCHITECTURE | URBAN DESIGN | PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Cape Town | Johannesburg | Gqeberha

SVA INTERNATIONAL (PTY) LTD Member of the **GIBB GROUP** of companies

This Is Who We Are

SVA International is a leading South African practice for Architecture, Urban Design and Project Management.

During the last 82 years we have been engaging in projects throughout the African continent. Achieving more than 1000 successfully completed projects.

We have Studios in Cape Town, Johannesburg, and Gqeberha.

SVA International became one of the GIBB Group of Companies in 2014.

Our Vision

To be the preferred Architecture and Urban Design practice in Africa, offering an inclusive design led service, while providing creative and viable solutions for our clients.

Our Approach To Sustainability

At **SVA International**, we are committed to sustainable design and construction, through an integrated approach.

We aim to design low-impact settlements, buildings and spaces that provides efficient and comfortable surrounds, with reduced energy costs, and increased health and ecological benefits.

Our design services are led by our experienced Green Building Accredited Professionals.

We pursue tangible sustainability outcomes while also appreciating the value of property and income.

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Studio
Offices

90⁺
Employee
Headcount

82
Years of
Expertise

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Selected Awards



2025 SACSC Spectrum Award - Town Square New Market
2025 SACSC Retail Design & Development Awards - Town Square New Market, Alberton
2025 SACSC Retail Design & Development Awards - Opienhorst Village, Cape Town
2025 PMR Golden Arrow Award - SVA International
2025 Reside Silver Award for Student Accommodation of the Year - Ellis Park Student Village Phase 2 & 3
2025 PMR Golden Arrow Award - SVA International
2024 SAPOA Overall Winner - New Science Centre, NMU
2024 SAPOA International Developments Award - Stanbic IBTC Head Office, Lagos, Nigeria
2024 SAPOA Other Developments Award - New Science Centre, NMU
2024 Corobrik SAIA Awards of Merit, Commendation - Ocean Sciences Campus extension, NMU
2024 Annual Africa Property Investment Awards, Best Commercial Project - Stanbic IBTC
2024 SAISC Steel Awards, Architecture Category Winner - New Science Centre, NMU
2024 SAISC Steel Awards, Regional Winner - New Science Centre, NMU
2023 SAPOA Merit Award - Ocean Sciences Campus Extension, NMU
2023 SAIA-EC Regional Award for Architecture - Ocean Sciences Campus extension, NMU
2023 LAUFEN International Property Awards, Public Service Architecture South Africa - Ocean Sciences Campus extension, NMU
2023 SAISC Steel Awards, Architecturally Exposed Steelwork - Ocean Sciences Campus extension, NMU
2023 SAISC Steel Awards, Best Eastern Cape Project - Ocean Sciences Campus extension, NMU
2022 SACSA Retail Design & Development Awards - Drakenstein Sentrum
2022 Greenstar SA Certification, 4 Star Rating, Best Practice - PWC Head Office, Gabarone
2021 SACSC Retail Design & Development Awards - Village View Shopping Centre
2021 Greenstar SA Certification, 4 Star Rating, Best Practice - SANBS Head Office KZN, Mount Edgecombe
2021 Greenstar SA Certification, 4 Star Rating, Best Practice - Stanbic Head Office, Lagos
2020 SAPOA Retail Developments Award (Small Boutique) - Constantia Emporium
2020 Connoisseur Circle Hospitality Award: Best Hospitality (Reader's Choice) - St. Regis Mauritius Resort
2019 SAPOA Overall Transformation Award - Cape Town International Convention Centre (East Extension)
2019 SAPOA Refurbishments Award - 33 Baker Street, Rosebank
2019 PMR Silver Arrow Award - SVA International
2018 PMR Silver Arrow Award - SVA International
2018 Best Projects - AfriSam Innovation Award for Sustainable Construction - BCX Head Office
2018 Best Projects - Highly Commended - Architects - BCX Head Office
2017 PMR Silver Arrow Award - SVA International
2017 Greenstar SA Certification, 4 Star Rating, Best Practice - BCX Head Office, Centurion
2016 SAPOA Other Developments Award - Mitchells Plain Hospital (Project Management)
2016 PMR Silver Arrow Award - SVA International
2015 SACSC Retail Design & Development Awards - Matlosana Mall
2015 PMR Diamond Arrow Award - SVA International
2015 Greenstar SA Certification, 4 Star Rating, Best Practice - 8 Melville Road, Illovo, Johannesburg
2014 PMR Golden Arrow Award - SVA International
2013 PMR Bronze Arrow Award - Stach Vorster Architects
2009 SACSC Retail Design & Development Awards - Moorivier Mall
2005 Cape Institute Of Architecture Award Of Commendation - Cape Town Convention Centre
2004 SAPOA Award For Innovation Excellence - Cape Town International Convention Centre
2004 Steel Award - Cape Town International Convention Centre
2004 Eskom Hot Dip Galvanising Award - The New Terminal Port Elizabeth Airport
2000 SAPOA Merit Award - Munich Reinsurance Offices
2000 SAPOA Merit Award - Norwich On Main
2000 SAPOA Merit Award - Long Beach Mall
2000 SAIA Award Of Excellence - Cape Town International Convention Centre
1999 SAPOA Building Merit Award - Cape Town International Convention Centre
1999 SAIA Merit Award - Botswana Technology Centre
1999 SAIA Merit Award - Ceramic Industries
1999 SAIA Award Of Merit - Munich Reinsurance Office Development
1999 PIA Merit Award - Botswana Technology Centre
1998 SAPOA Building Merit Award - Cape Town International Convention Centre
1995 SAIA Merit Award - Tshilidzini Hospital
1994 SAIA Merit Award - BOP Music Recording Studios
1994 SAIA Merit Award - Parks Board Offices
1994 SAIA Merit Award - Bus Terminus, Pretoria Station
1994 NIA Conservation Award - The Manor House
1989 SAPOA Merit Award - Rand Water Board
1989 SAPOA Building Merit Award - Monaltrie



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Services Offered

Our Practice offers a Comprehensive range of services under Architecture & Urban Design.



- Project Management



- Brief Development



- Design Management



- Green & Sustainable Buildings



- Heritage Consultancy



- Feasibility Studies



Buildings Types and Sectors

- Hospitality and Leisure
- Corporate and commercial offices
- Retail and shopping centres
- Convention and Conference
- Healthcare & Science
- Education & Research
- Civic & Entertainment
- Interior Design
- Mixed Use
- Residential (High- & Low-rise)
- Residential Estates
- Affordable & Student Housing
- Transport
- Industrial and Warehouses
- Urban Design and Master Planning
- TV, movie and radio studio

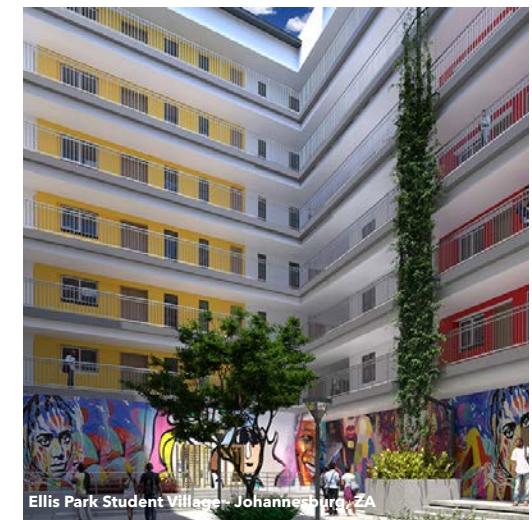
We are able to provide design expertise for any scale and type of project, ranging from large urban precincts, through to complex buildings and small detailed work. The practice is structured on the principle that specialist knowledge and support is readily available from one office to another, ensuring maximum benefit to the client irrespective of where the project is located.



Optenhorst Village - Cape Town, ZA



Radisson Blu - Cape Town, ZA



Ellis Park Student Village - Johannesburg, ZA

Project Leadership & Quality Control

Leading Multidisciplinary Teams

At SVA International, we excel in leading and coordinating multidisciplinary professional teams to deliver integrated and coordinated design and technical documentation, as well as digital models. To ensure that our projects are delivered to the satisfaction of our clients and stakeholders, we have implemented a robust quality control system to monitoring the quality of services delivery throughout the projects lifecycle, including:

- Verification of Quality Standards
- Continuous Improvement
- Non-Conformance Management

When leading Multidisciplinary Design Teams, we continuously monitor of the quality of service delivery by:

- Establishing a Design and Documentation Programme
- Defining Roles and Responsibilities
- Comprehensive Consultant Briefing
- Design Coordination Meetings and actively managing the Design Sequence
- Utilising Technology for Collaboration on the following Key Areas of Information Management, such as the preparation of a project BIM Execution Plan (BEP), management of a Common Data Environment (CDE), standardization of Architectural and Engineering building elements and components and by facilitating cross platform integration with Autodesk's Architecture and Engineering software.
- Addressing Non-Performance



Quality Control Management

- Within SVA International, our Quality Assurance policy is based around our quality system and we operate a formal quality management system in the engagement of all our projects, through the implementation of SVA's Practice Manual.
- The fundamental goal of SVA International is the achievement and maintenance of **Service Excellence** to our clients. We will measure our performance and will manage our business processes to ensure continual improvement of the quality of our products and services.

SVA International QUALITY means:

- We value our clients and strive to be seen as the best. By saying **QUALITY** to our clients we mean is the achievement of service excellence through a process of continual improvement of quality products and service to meet client satisfaction.
- We are professionals & display technical excellence and integrity in our work. By saying **QUALITY** to our projects we mean the achievement of consistently high levels of client satisfaction, & the management of risks associated with our projects to within acceptable limits;



Economic Empowerment & Social Responsibility

We are a proud B-BBEE Level 1 Contributor.

Achieving the highest B-BBEE (Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment) Level 1 Contributor score is a testament of our company's commitment to transforming the South African economy by promoting the participation of previously disadvantaged people in the economy. We have achieved this level through active and progressive implementation of initiatives including ownership, management control, skills development, enterprise and supplier development, and socio-economic development.

Commitment to Economic Empowerment and Gender Equity

Our organisation is also deeply committed to actively working towards a society where everyone, regardless of gender, has equal opportunities to participate in and benefit from economic activities, and where women have the same access to resources, power, and decision-making as men. Our policies promote equal access to education and employment, ensuring women have control over their own lives and resources.



Staff & Technical Capabilities

SVA International has a permanent staff complement of over 90 people in 3 Studios, under the following categories:

15

Business and Operational Leadership: Directors, Executives, Practice Principals

71+

Technical Staff: Associates, Architects, Technologists, Architects in Training, Project Managers, BIM Managers and Coordinator, Graphic Designers & 3D Artists

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Administrative and Support Staff



Computational Design Capability

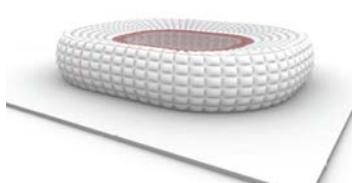
Design & BIM Integration

We harness computational design tools—like Grasshopper, Dynamo, and AI-powered software—to merge creative problem-solving with innovation, enabling complex forms and informed early design decisions. Using platforms such as Autodesk Forma and Revit, we streamline 3D modeling within a fully integrated environment. Our workflow is further enhanced by Common Data Environment (CDE) platforms like Autodesk Collaboration Cloud and collaborative tools like Miro, ensuring clear design communication and traceability.

These tools support our commitment to creativity, efficiency, and adherence to BIM standards, ensuring high-quality design and technical documentation.



Towers shape & facade study



Stadium shape & façade exploration



Organic wall shape exploration

Examples of Conceptual Shape & Facade Studies

Our Pursuit with Computational Tools

We leverage computational and parametric design to enhance creativity, precision, and performance across all project stages:

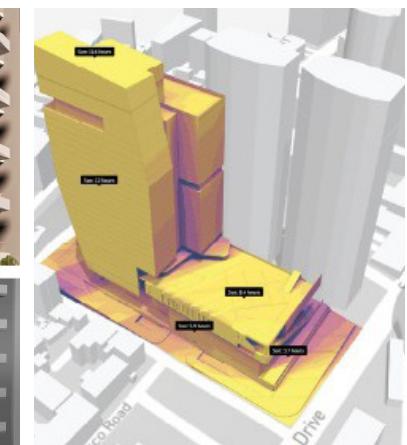
- **Design Exploration:** Computational models facilitate iterative design development and comprehensive solutions.
- **Parametricism** - Parametric tools enable adaptable, responsive design, allowing for rapid façade studies, shape exploration, and iteration analysis.
- **Sustainability** - Computational design aids in early passive strategies, massing optimization, and enhancing climate-responsive solutions.
- **Complex Geometry** - Advanced modeling techniques are used to create bold, intricate forms, leading to innovative architectural expressions.
- **Efficiency** - AI-powered and parametric tools help reduce errors, speed up workflows, and ensure accuracy from concept to technical resolution.
- **Visualization & Communication** - Collaborative platforms and high-quality 3D visuals and animations help align teams and clearly communicate design intent.
- **Building Information Models (BIM)** - Commitment to improving BIM practices and processes in line with ISO 19650, ensuring high standards in design, coordination, documentation, control, and management of building information.



Shape & facade study for luxury residential tower



Balconies study for luxury residential



Shape and façade sustainability performance study for corporate offices

Building Types and Sectors

1

Hospitality & Leisure



Grand Plaza Mövenpick -
Dubai, United Arab Emirates



St Regis - Le Morne, Mauritius



Park Inn - Lusaka, Zambia



Long Beach Luxury Resort - Belle Mare, Mauritius

Corporate & Commercial Offices



National Oil Djibouti - Addis Ababa, Ethiopia



Business Connexion (BCX)
Johannesburg, South Africa



Investec - Cape Town, South Africa



Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) -
Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania

Retail & Shopping Centres



Tshwane Regional Mall - Pretoria, South Africa



Town Square at New Market - Alberton, South Africa



Matlosana Mall - Krugersdorp, South Africa



Optenhorst Village - Paarl, South Africa

Civic, Convention, Conference & Entertainment



Cape Town Convention Centre -
Cape Town, South Africa



Durban International Convention Centre -
Durban, South Africa



Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) - Abuja, Nigeria



Sandton Theatre - Johannesburg, South Africa

Building Types and Sectors

2

Healthcare & Science



African Medical Centre for Excellence (AMCE) - Abuja, Nigeria



South African National Blood Service (SANBS) - Kwa-Zulu Natal, South Africa



Glow Pharmaceutical - Lagos, Nigeria



Valkenberg Hospital, Cape Town, South Africa

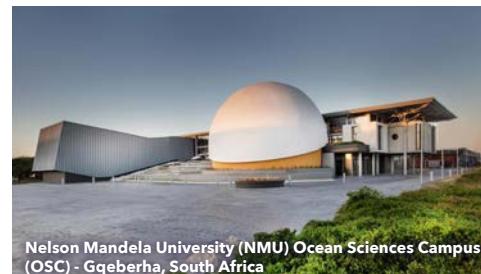
Education & Research



AISL - Lusaka, Zambia



Nelson Mandela University (NMU) Ocean Sciences Campus (OSC) Extensions - Gqeberha, South Africa



Nelson Mandela University (NMU) Ocean Sciences Campus (OSC) - Gqeberha, South Africa



South African National Blood Service (SANBS) - Kwa-Zulu Natal, South Africa

Interior Design



Cavendish Mall Interiors - Cape Town, South Africa



House of the Future - Dubai, United Arab Emirates



78 Havelock - Gqeberha, South Africa



Greenacres Virgin Active - Gqeberha, South Africa

Mixed Use



The Palms - Lagos, Nigeria



Radisson Yeli Boulevard - Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire



Mayfair Tsogo Sun - Nairobi, Kenya



The Sanctuary - Somerset, South Africa

Building Types and Sectors

3

Urban Design & Master Planning



TASSEC Mixed-Use Development - Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire



Eko Energy Estate - Lagos, Nigeria



Ilubirin Mixed Use Marina Precinct - Lagos, Nigeria



Central College Johannesburg - Johannesburg, South Africa

Residential (High & Low-rise)



Quantum Luxury Residential Tower (QLT) - Lagos, Nigeria



The Tribe Residency - Nairobi, Kenya



TASSEC Mixed-Use Development - Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire



6 Bourdillion Road Luxury Apartments - Lagos, Nigeria

Residential Estates



St Francis Quays, St Francis Bay, South Africa



Palmeira Real - Barra do Kwansa, Angola



RIVTAF Golf Estate - Port Harcourt, Nigeria



Serengeti Golf Estate - Johannesburg, South Africa

Affordable & Student Housing



Frederick Street Student Accommodation (FSSA) - Pretoria, South Africa



Ravenscraig House - Woodstock, South Africa



Roshcommon House - Cape Town, South Africa



Ellis Park Student Village - Johannesburg, South Africa

Building Types and Sectors

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Transport



MAN Truck Warehouse - Johannesburg, South Africa



Wallacedene Taxi Rank - Cape Town, South Africa



PRASA Platform 19 - Johannesburg, South Africa



Dar es Salaam Commuter Rail -
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Showrooms, Warehouses, Film Studios & Industrial



Maritime Motors - Gqeberha, South Africa



Benteler Extension - Kariega, South Africa



Leroy Merlin - Rodepoort, South Africa



Cape Town Film Studios - Cape Town, South Africa



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