



Architecture and
Master Planning

Company Profile

Creating Spaces That Matter



The Sanctuary
Somerset West
Cape Town, ZA

Who We Are

At SVA, architecture begins with understanding - of people, place and the systems that shape how cities function.

Founded in 1943, SVA International has spent over 80 years shaping the built environment across Africa.

Today, we build on this legacy by looking forward - designing with intent, navigating complexity, and responding to context with clarity.

Our work goes beyond aesthetics. We create environments that support people, enable business, and contribute to the long-term growth of cities.



Eight decades on, our biggest building is still trust.

SVA International is one of Africa's leading architectural practices, with studios in Cape Town, Johannesburg and Gqeberha.

We combine architectural expertise with multidisciplinary capability to deliver complex projects across the continent.

We are known for bringing together design excellence, technical rigour and structured delivery - helping clients navigate complexity, reduce risk and deliver with confidence.

83

Years of Expertise

90+

Employee Headcount

3

Studio Offices

1000+

Projects Delivered

Our Approach

Every project begins with a clear understanding of its context - social, environmental, commercial and regulatory

This informs decisions from the outset, allowing us to resolve complexity early and maintain alignment between design intent and delivery.

Our role extends beyond design. We structure projects, coordinate teams, and manage the process to ensure consistent outcomes from concept through to completion.

The SVA Edge

Contextual Intelligence

We design in response to real conditions - not templates. Each solution is shaped by its place, purpose and constraints.

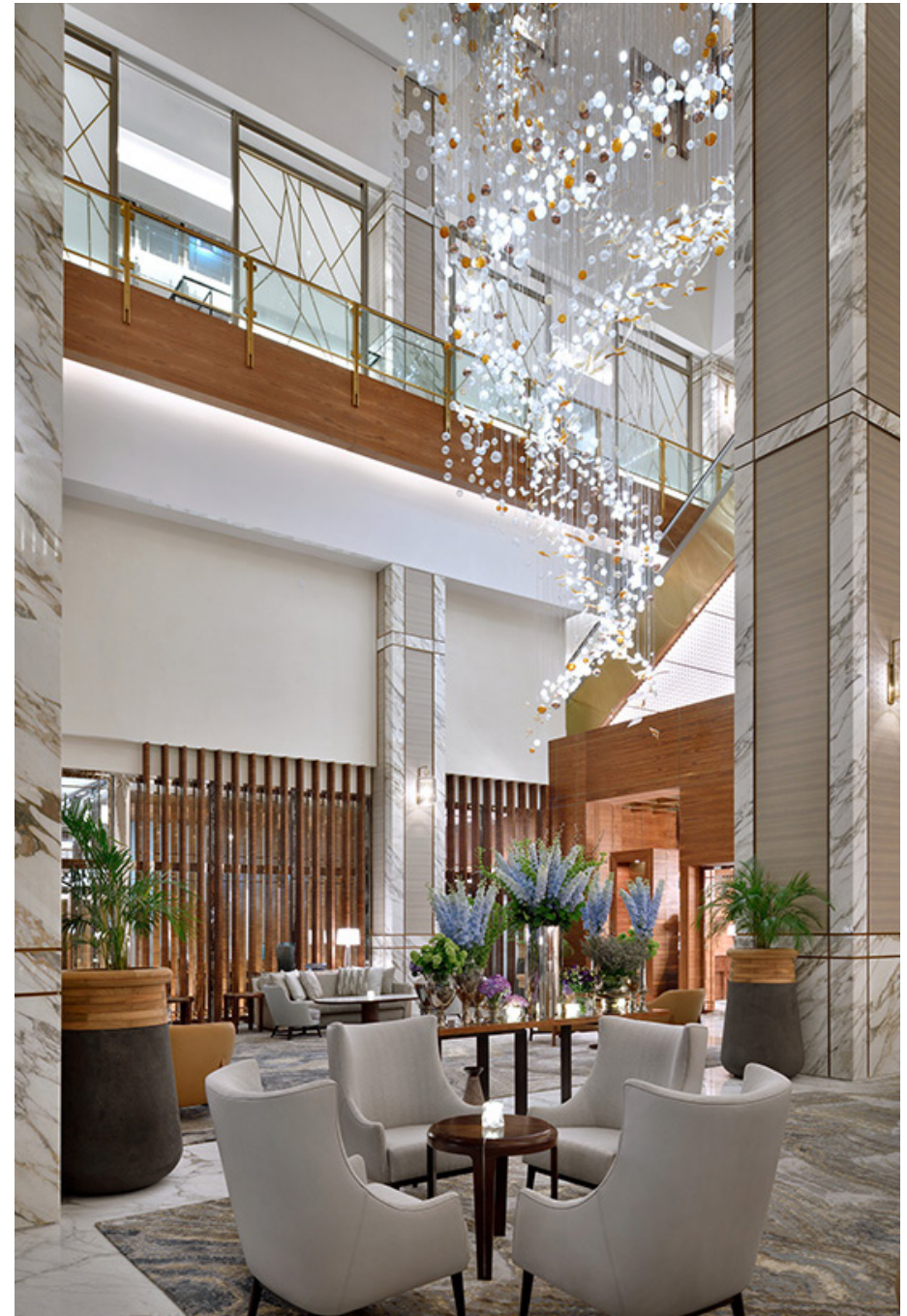
Certainty

We bring structure to complex projects, coordinating teams and managing risk to ensure reliable delivery.

Impact

We focus on outcomes - creating buildings that perform, endure, and contribute to long-term value.

Grand Plaza Mövenpick Hotel,
Dubai
UAE Dubai UAE



Our Expertise

We provide architectural, urban design and master planning services across the full project lifecycle, from early-stage feasibility and brief development through to detailed design and implementation.

Our services include:

- Architecture
- Masterplanning
- Project & Design Management
- Heritage Consultancy
- Feasibility & Brief Development
- Sustainable Design

Our involvement extends beyond design, allowing us to maintain continuity and ensure that project intent is carried through to delivery.

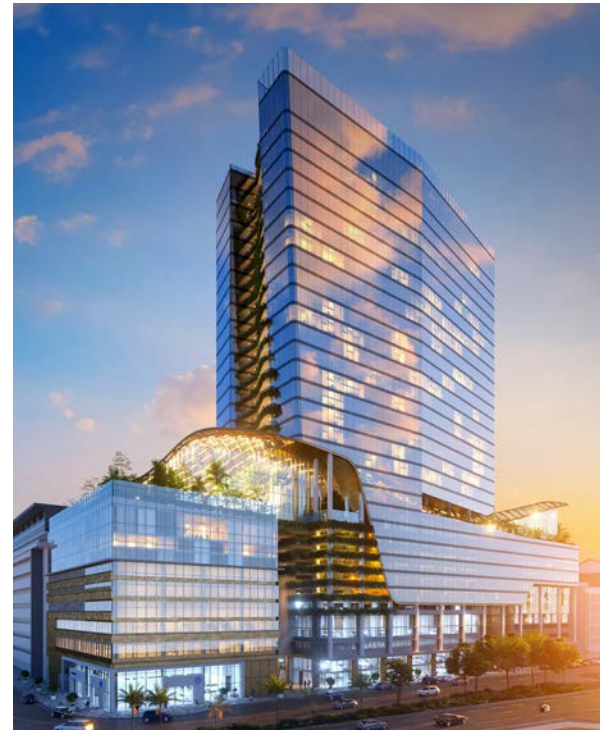
Capabilities

Multidisciplinary Delivery

Complex projects require clear leadership and coordinated input across multiple disciplines.

As Lead Consultant, we bring architects, engineers, planners and specialist consultants into a single delivery framework. This ensures alignment between design intent, technical performance and construction outcomes.

By maintaining oversight and coordination throughout the process, we reduce risk, improve efficiency, and support informed decision-making at each stage.



The Conservatory
Cape Town, South Africa



Town Square at Newmarket
Alberton,
South Africa

Capabilities

Digital Design & BIM Integration

Our digital capability strengthens both creative exploration and technical control.

Through computational design tools and an advanced BIM environment aligned with international standards, we enable coordinated design, accurate information management and efficient project delivery.

By resolving spatial, technical and systems challenges early, we reduce construction risk and improve overall project certainty.

**We don't just design for what's seen.
We design for what's lived**

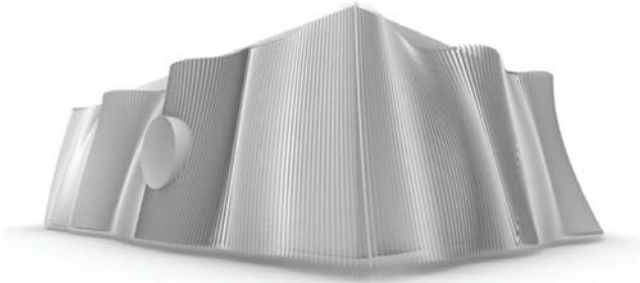
Sustainability

Sustainability is embedded in our design approach from the outset.

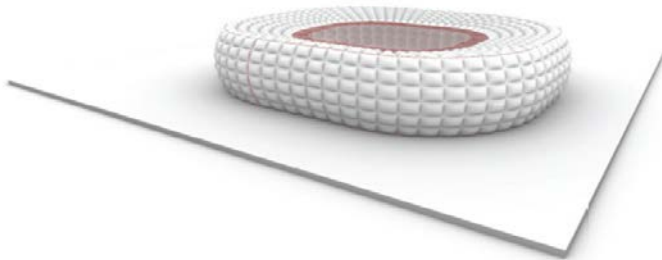
We respond to climate, resource availability and long-term performance requirements through passive design strategies, material selection and efficient systems.

The focus is on creating buildings that are practical, durable and cost-effective to operate — delivering environmental performance without compromising functionality.

Organic wall shape
exploration

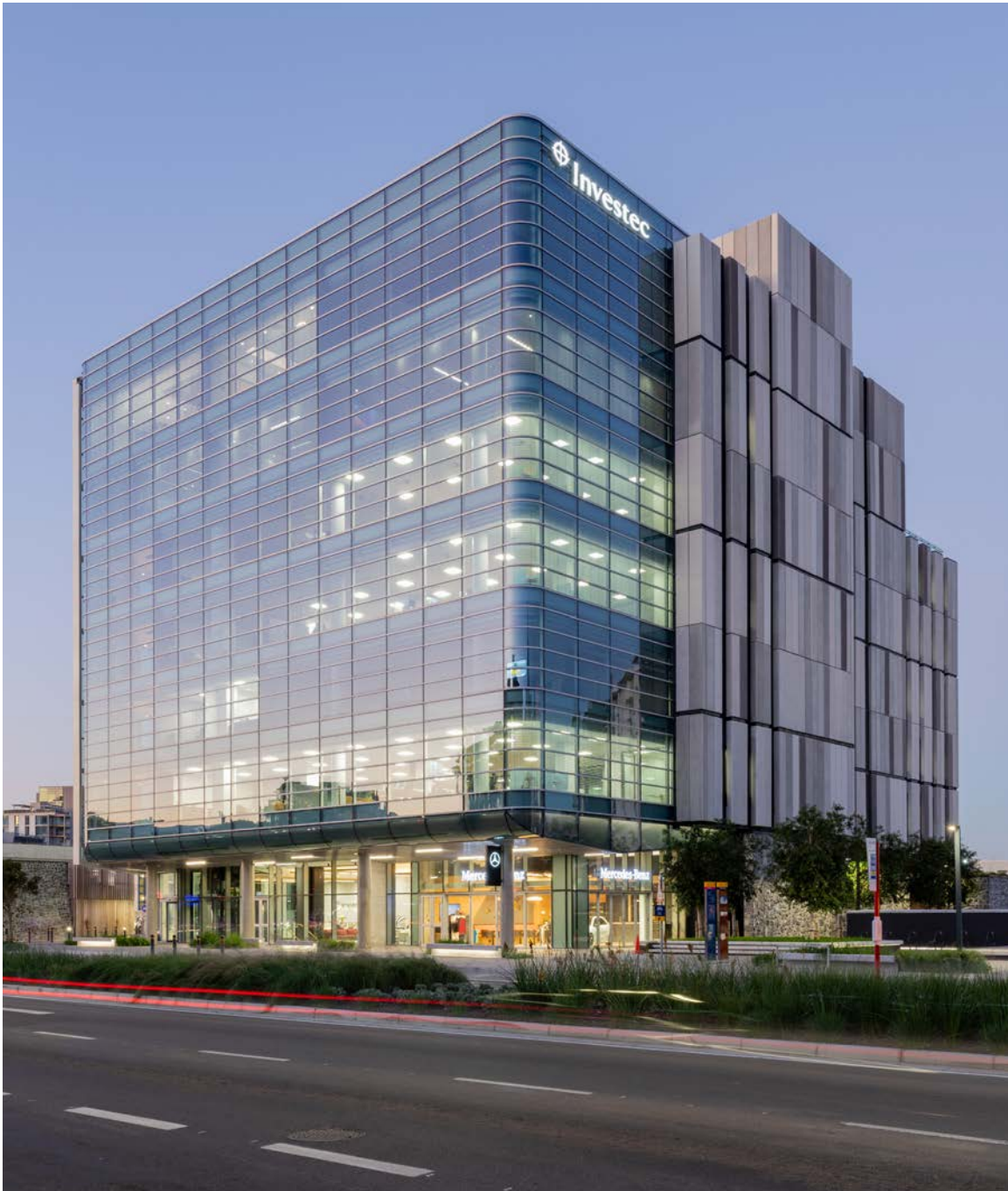


Stadium shape &
facade exploration



Tower shape &
facade study





Capabilities

Quality & Governance

Quality at SVA is embedded in process, not applied retrospectively.

Our Quality Management System governs project delivery from inception through to completion, ensuring consistency, accountability and technical accuracy.

We actively manage risk, track performance, and refine our processes to maintain reliable outcomes and support client confidence.

Empowerment & Transformation

SVA is a Level 1 B-BBEE Contributor, reflecting our commitment to inclusive economic participation and transformation.

We invest in skills development, leadership growth and equitable participation across our teams.

This is integrated into how we operate, shaping how we build teams, deliver projects and contribute to the broader industry.

Investec V&A Waterfront
Cape Town,
South Africa

Sectors

We work across a range of sectors, delivering projects at varying scales and levels of complexity:

Retail & Shopping Centres

Commercial environments that bring brands and communities together.



Tshwane Regional Mall,
Pretoria
South Africa



Town Square at Newmarket,
Alberton
South Africa



Optenhorst Village
Paarl,
South Africa



Matlosana Mall
Krugersdorp
South Africa

Hospitality & Leisure

Spaces that welcome, inspire, and create memorable shared experiences.



Long Beach Resort,
Belle Mare
Mauritius



Park Inn
Lusaka,
Zambia



Grand Plaza Movenpick,
Dubai
United Arab Emirates



St Regis Le Morne,
Le Morne
Mauritius

Corporate & Commercial offices

Workplaces designed for productivity, collaboration, and long-term business performance.



BCX
Midrand
South Africa



National Oil Company
Addis Ababa,
Ethiopia



Investec V&A Waterfront
Cape Town,
South Africa



Project Paris
EKO Atlantic
Lagos, Nigeria

Mixed Use

Integrated developments that combine living, working and retail.



The Sanctuary
Somerset,
South Africa



Radisson Yeli
Boulevard
Abidjan,
Côte d'Ivoire



The Palms
Lagos,
Nigeria



Mayfair
Tsogo Sun
Nairobi, Kenya

Healthcare & Sciences

Specialist facilities that support care, innovation, and human wellbeing.



African Medical Centre for Excellence (AMCE), Abuja Nigeria



Glow Pharmaceutical, Lagos Nigeria



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



Valkenberg Hospital, Cape Town, South Africa

Education & Research

Learning environments that encourage curiosity and collaboration.



NMU Science Centre,
Gqeberha
South Africa



AISL Lusaka,
Lusaka
Zambia



NMU University Ocean
Sciences Campus,
Gqeberha
South Africa



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

Residential High Rise and Low Rise

Modern homes designed for comfort, security, and belonging.



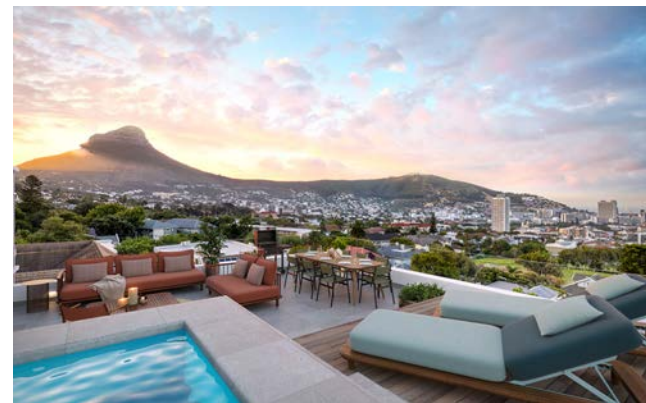
Quantum Luxury Residential Tower
Lagos,
Nigeria



30 Bradwell, The Holly
Cape Town
South Africa



The Tribe Residency
Nairobi,
Kenya



11 Davenport, The Poplar,
Cape Town
South Africa

Residential Estates

Thoughtfully planned communities balancing security, amenity, and quality of life.



RIVTAF Golf Estate
Port Harcourt,
Nigeria



St Francis Quays,
St Francis Bay,
South Africa



Serengeti Golf Estate
Johannesburg,
South Africa



Palmeira Real
Barra do Kwansa,
Angola

Interior Design

Purposeful interiors shaped around people and experience.



House of the Future
Dubai,
United Arab Emirates



Cavendish Mall Interiors
Cape Town,
South Africa



78 Havelock
Gqeberha,
South Africa



Greenacres
Virgin Active
Gqeberha,
South Africa

Affordable & Student Housing

Accessible living environments that support opportunity and growth.



Roshcommon House
Cape Town,
South Africa



Ravenscraig House
Woodstock,
South Africa



Ellis Park Student Village
Johannesburg,
South Africa



Frederick Street Student
Accommodation (FSSA)
Pretoria,
South Africa

Urban Design & Master Planning

Strategic frameworks that guide sustainable city growth.



Ilubirin Mixed Use
Marina Precinct
Lagos,
Nigeria



TASSEC
Abidjan,
Côte d'Ivoire



Eko Energy Estate
Lagos,
Nigeria



BUAN
Gaborone
Botswana

Transport

Infrastructure that connects people, places, and economies.



Dar es Salaam Commuter Rail,
Dar es Salaam
Tanzania



Wallacedene Taxi Rank,
Cape Town
South Africa



MAN Truck Warehouse,
Johannesburg
South Africa



PRASA Platform 19,
Johannesburg
South Africa

Civic, Convention, Conference & Entertainment

Public buildings designed for cultural expression, accessibility, and community use.



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

TV, Movie, Radio Studio, Industrial & Warehouses

Efficient facilities designed for productivity and resilience.



Leroy Merlin Little Falls
Roodepoort
South Africa



Cape Town Film Studios
Cape Town,
South Africa



Benteler
Kariega,
South Africa



Maritime Motors
Gqeberha,
South Africa

Awards

Our work has been recognised through leading industry awards, including SAPOA, Greenstar, SAISC and SACSC awards for design excellence, sustainability and project delivery.



- 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 – Optenhorst 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, Reginal 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 ZA – 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 SciencesV 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
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- 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 – Stauch Vorster Architects
- 2009 SACSC Retail Design & Development Awards – Mooirivier 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
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- 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





We don't just design spaces.
We shape possibility.

Level 1 B-BBEE Contributor

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