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Welcome and Planning Guide

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Welcome from the Founder

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'Maturing Design and the Art of Slow Living'

I grew up along the Garden Route, where light does something particular. It filters through coastal fynbos with a softness you don't find elsewhere. But the homes around me rarely matched that beauty. They were practical. Functional. Built to serve, not to inspire.

That disconnect stayed with me.

Ten years into leading CF Architects from our Bryanston studio, I'm still chasing the same thing: homes that feel as considered as the landscapes they inhabit. We work across South Africa, the Garden Route, Cape Town, and recently, further afield—a lakeside retreat in Malawi, a coastal remodel in Spain. But the question remains constant. How do you actually want to live?

Not in theory. In practice.

We've built our approach around three principles. Slow living architecture that creates space for presence rather than perpetual motion. Environmental harmony that dissolves the line between indoors and out. Enduring quality that values craftsmanship over trends, longevity over fashion.

It starts with listening. Really listening. To your rhythms, your rituals, the small moments that define your days. Then we design accordingly. Function first, inspiration second, form third. Materials are honest: timber that shows its grain, stone that bears texture, finishes that age gracefully rather than require constant updating.

We handle everything: architecture, interiors, landscapes, smart integration, project management. One team, one vision, no fragmentation.

After a decade, I've learned this. The best homes don't announce themselves. They simply make your life quieter, calmer, more intentional. You walk through the door and something shifts. That's what we're after.

Architecture you don't just see. Architecture you feel.



Azure Horizon: An afternoon spent in the warmly lit courtyard of this Malawi holiday home. Embracing the warmth of natural materials such as the stone cladding and terrazzo exterior floors.

01 Client Experience

Our process is clear, collaborative, and thoughtfully structured – beginning with Inception, where ideas take shape, followed by a detailed Brief, a transparent Investment Approach, and culminating in Concept Design that brings your vision to life.

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02 Our Sectors

We offer bold concept design, seamless turnkey design and build, and considered major renovations. From initial ideas to final finishes, we reimagine spaces with clarity, care, and a tailored approach that balances vision, craftsmanship, and functionality.

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03 Process

We begin by understanding your needs, lifestyle, and vision to create a clear brief. From concepts and material selection to detailed drawings and construction oversight, we manage every step to bring your space to life as envisioned.

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04 Completed And Ongoing Projects

Our portfolio showcases completed projects that reflect thoughtful design, attention to detail, and commitment to client vision, while we continue developing new projects that bring fresh ideas and push design boundaries.

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05 Publications

Our work has been featured in four publications, including SA Home Owner, SA Decor & Design, and SA Inbound, showcasing our commitment to thoughtful design, quality execution, and projects that resonate locally and beyond.

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06 Terms and Conditions

The Payment Terms outline our fee structure, invoicing process, and project milestones, providing clarity and ensuring transparency, accountability, and alignment between project progress and payments.

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07 Contact Details

For all enquiries, consultations, or project discussions, please reach out to us using the contact details provided. We welcome the opportunity to connect, understand your vision, and guide you through the next steps of your project.

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Maison Lumière: Embracing a French inspired Contemporary Farm kitchen scullery. Subtle knearled brass hardware details were chosen on contrasted blue finished shaker doors to celebrate the Farm Aesthetic in Modern Finishes.



What We Offer

The Client Experience

At CF Architects, we offer more than architectural design, we curate lifestyle solutions. From the first sketch to final handover, our work is rooted in precision, creativity, and care. Every project is a unique journey, designed to elevate how you live.

01. PRE-DESIGN: COMPLIMENTARY MEETING

Your journey begins with a private conversation over coffee. We invite you to our Bryanston studio boardroom, a warm and considered space designed for exactly this kind of conversation. Settle in with a cappuccino. Let the formality fall away.

This initial meeting is complimentary and entirely unhurried. There's no sales pitch, no pressure. Just genuine curiosity about your vision and an honest exploration of what's possible. We listen to how you want to live, understand your aspirations, and begin to see your site through fresh eyes. What excites you? What frustrates you about how you currently live? What does home mean to you?

You'll leave with complete clarity on our process, realistic expectations and investment, and an authentic sense of how we collaborate. More importantly, you'll know whether this feels right.

If it does, we begin.

02. DESIGN BRIEF

Once engaged, we immerse ourselves in understanding you. The design brief is where depth replaces assumption, where we capture not just what you need, but why it matters.
We ask considered questions and listen carefully to the answers.

How do you move through your days? What rituals shape your mornings? Do you entertain often or prefer intimate gatherings? What moments should your home nurture? What inspires you? What no longer serves you?

The design brief becomes our compass. Every spatial decision, every material choice, every architectural gesture stems from this shared understanding. Nothing is arbitrary. Everything has intention.



03. INVESTMENT PROPOSAL

Exceptional work requires exceptional transparency. Before design begins, we present a detailed investment proposal that removes all ambiguity. You'll see our professional fees clearly outlined, the full scope of services included, each project phase mapped, and exactly how many design iterations and refinements are built into the process.

No hidden costs. Just honest communication about what's required to realize your vision properly. We also discuss realistic construction investment based on your brief, your site, and your ambitions. Our goal is ensuring your vision aligns with your financial capacity before we invest months designing something unachievable. Better to have these conversations now, in comfort and trust, than to discover misalignment later.

This is where we establish the foundation of our partnership: mutual respect, clear expectations, shared commitment to creating something truly exceptional.

04. CONCEPT DESIGN AND MOOD BOARDS

Now your vision takes tangible form. This is where possibility becomes architecture, where aspiration translates into space you can almost walk through.

We explore your site's full potential through intelligent spatial planning and refined architectural gestures. Layouts are tested against how you actually live.

Moodboards establish the soul of your home from the outset. They're carefully curated narratives: material palettes, textural contrasts, finish samples, atmospheric references that capture the precise feeling you're after. The result is a cohesive design story shaped entirely by your lifestyle, your aspirations, and the unique character of your site.

We present the concept in our boardroom, over coffee again, walking you through every decision and the thinking behind it. From here, we refine together through collaborative dialogue until the design feels exactly right. Then we move forward: detailed design, and the orchestration of bringing your home to life.



What We Offer

Our Areas of Expertise

CONCEPT DESIGN

We bring bold ideas to life through a carefully considered and collaborative design journey. Whether you're building from the ground up or re imagining an existing space, our concept phase is where vision begins to take form. We explore the full potential of your site through intelligent spatial planning, refined architectural gestures, and intentional detailing that balances beauty with function.

Every concept is shaped by your lifestyle, aspirations, and the character of the environment. We test layouts, consider light and flow, and curate material directions that establish mood and identity from the outset. The result is not just a design proposal, but a cohesive narrative ,one that feels personal, purposeful, and distinctly yours.

DESIGN & BUILD

For those who prefer a streamlined experience, our full turnkey offering takes care of everything. From architectural drawings to the last layer of paint, we oversee it all. This is architecture without the overwhelm. We manage timelines, budgets, and handpicked contractors, ensuring a seamless transformation from concept through to completion.

You're involved in the decisions that matter including material selections, spatial flow, the details that define character. Our tasks cover the details such as coordination, problem solving, and site management that keeps projects on track. Our team brings together architecture, interior design, landscape design, smart home integration, and project oversight under one roof. No fragmented or misaligned visions.



MAJOR RENOVATIONS

We specialize in breathing new life into existing structures. With a sensitivity to both context and character, our renovation work marries the charm of the old with the confidence of the new.

Renovating a home requires a different kind of thinking. It's not a blank canvas. It's a conversation between what exists and what could be. We approach each project by first understanding the bones of your home: its original intent, its structural logic, the moments worth preserving. Then we re-imagine the rest.

Whether you're re configuring spaces that no longer serve your lifestyle, adding extensions that feel like they've always belonged, or updating finishes and systems to meet contemporary standards, we bring the same rigour and care as new builds.

LANDSCAPE & INTERIOR DESIGN PLANNING

Great architecture extends beyond walls. We plan for the complete environment, inside and out. While we don't execute landscape or interior design ourselves, we integrate these considerations into our architectural planning. This prevents costly retrofits and ensures your home functions as a cohesive whole. During design, we map out landscape opportunities: outdoor living zones, circulation, how your home connects to its site. We consider orientation, sight lines, and thresholds between built and natural.

For interiors, we design with furniture layouts in mind, coordinate electrical positions, and specify architectural finishes that establish a foundation for your selections. When you engage decorators later, they inherit a considered framework rather than working around avoidable limitations.

What We Offer:

Our Architectural Process

At CF Architects, we believe that great design begins with a deep understanding of our clients' vision and objectives. That's why we've developed a comprehensive process that allows us to transform ideas into reality with precision and creativity.

01
Pre-Design & Brief Development

This phase focuses on understanding the client's needs, lifestyle, budget, and vision for the space. Site measurements, existing condition assessments, and initial feasibility discussions take place. A clear design brief is finalised to guide the project moving forward.

02
Concept Design

Initial design concepts are developed, including space planning, layout options, and overall aesthetic direction. Mood boards, precedent imagery, and preliminary material palettes are presented to establish the look and feel of the renovation. Client feedback is incorporated before progressing.

03
Design Development

With your input, we refine the initial concept into detailed architectural design, carefully calibrating every spatial decision and proportion. Materials, finishes, and key furnishings are selected through collaborative dialogue. Technical drawings are developed with along with renders to ensure your vision translates seamlessly from paper to reality.

04.1
Documentation & Approvals

Our team produces comprehensive drawings and detailed renders that translate your vision into buildable reality. These documents are submitted to Council as well as to the engineers for finalisation and to contractors for construction estimates.

04.2
Detail Design & Construction Drawings

Our team produces comprehensive technical drawings and detailed specifications that translate your vision into buildable reality. Every element is documented with precision: dimensions, materials, finishes, construction methods, and performance requirements that guide contractors with absolute clarity. This documentation ensures accuracy and consistency throughout construction, and protecting the integrity of the design from concept through to completion.

05
Construction

Once the design is finalised, we carefully oversee the procurement and construction process, coordinating closely with contractors, consultants, and suppliers to ensure every detail is executed with precision. Our role is to safeguard the design intent, maintain quality standards, and ensure the project progresses smoothly from concept to reality.

06
Final Project Inspections

As completion approaches, we focus on the finer details that bring warmth and cohesion to the space. Before handover, we conduct a comprehensive inspection to ensure every aspect of the project meets our uncompromising standards. We address any outstanding items and confirm that the home is delivered exactly as envisioned.

07
Project Completion & Closeout

At project close, we carry out a final site review, identify any defects, and recommend appropriate remedies. We assist in facilitating the practical completion process, ensuring all documentation is in place and that the transition into your new space is seamless and assured.



Floor Plan

The exploration of material choices and landscaping in a complementary setting.



Material Palette

In the design of unique spaces the composition of materials and finishes and their ability to complement each other are vital

Where vision takes form

Concept Development

There's a moment in every project where aspiration becomes architecture. Where conversations about how you want to live translate into spatial arrangements you can almost walk through. We call this Concept Development, though the phrase hardly captures the intimacy of the process.

It begins with everything we've learned about you during the design brief. Your daily rhythms. The moments that matter. We take that understanding back to the studio and begin sketching, testing, questioning.

We explore your site from every angle. Morning sun. Prevailing winds. The view worth framing. How the land slopes. These aren't constraints. They're opportunities. Good architecture responds to place because of it, not in spite of it.

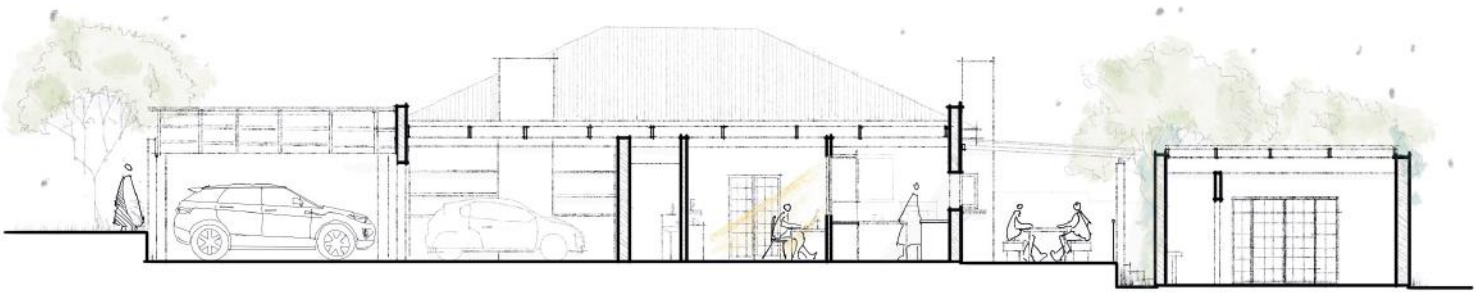
Layouts evolve through iteration. We consider sight lines, flow, how guests will move through during gatherings. Furniture isn't an afterthought. We design with your dining table, your reading chair, your daily patterns in mind.

Then comes the moodboard work. We curate material palettes and textural contrasts that capture the precise atmosphere you're after. Rough stone against smooth plaster. Warm timber grain. These aren't decorative choices. They're the language your home will speak.

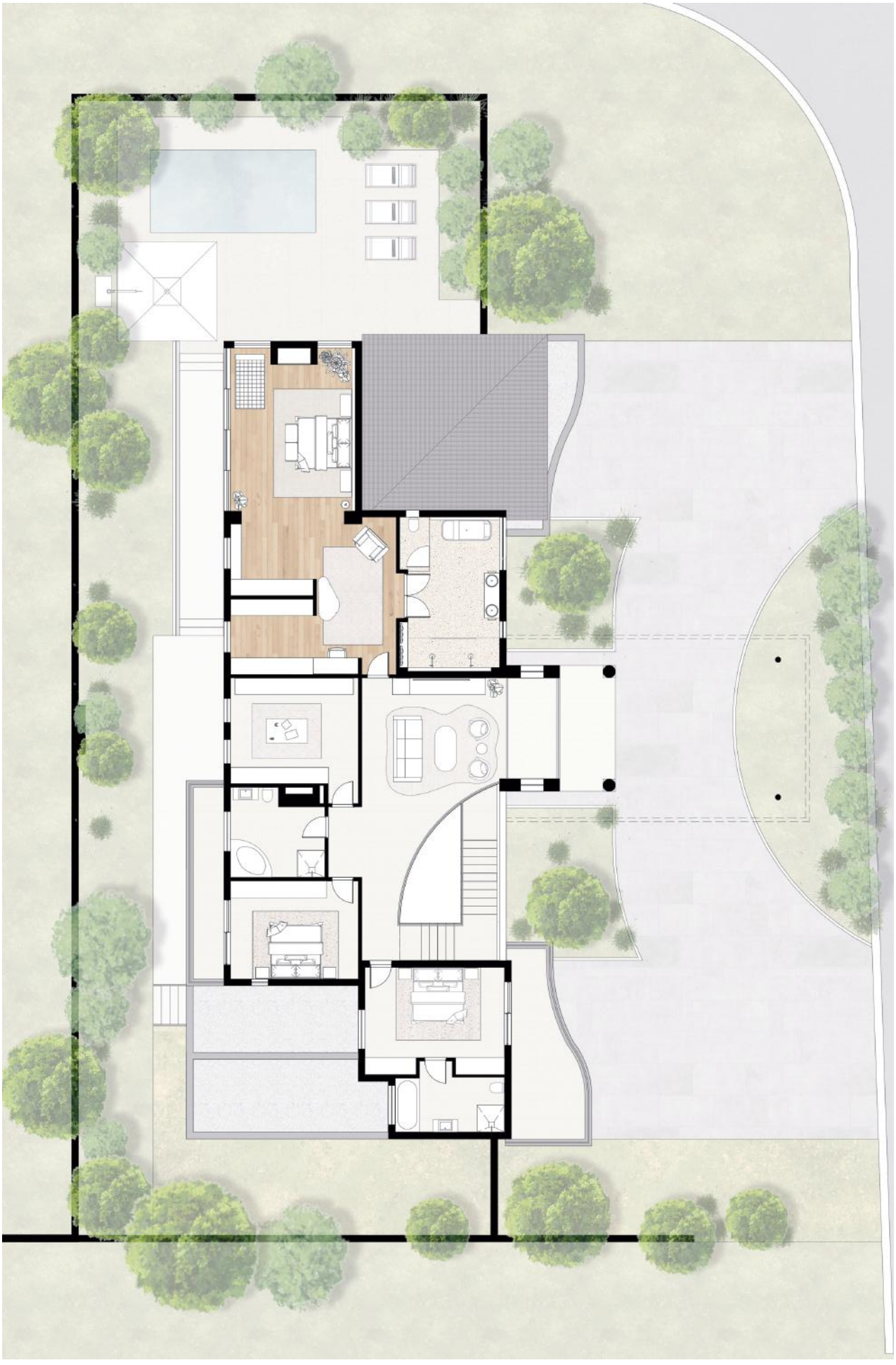
We return to the boardroom with concept drawings and carefully assembled boards. Coffee is poured. We walk you through every decision and the thinking behind it. Your response shapes what happens next. We refine. We test alternatives. We return with revised concepts until something clicks.

Only then do we proceed to detailed design. Because concept development isn't about producing pretty drawings quickly. It's about taking the time to get the foundational ideas right.

That's the difference between a house and a home. Between architecture that impresses strangers and architecture that transforms how you live.



Claassens Residence: This sectional elevation illustrates a minor renovation in the concept development phase, highlighting the proposed spatial adjustments and overall design intent.



Space Planning: Understanding how clients envision their space is best achieved through thoughtful planning and furniture layout. This renovation aims to improve functionality, modernise key areas, and enhance the outdoor entertainment spaces and main bedroom suite.



Courtyard Residence: This sketch illustrates the design development of the home's addition, refining its form to align with the existing architecture and integrate seamlessly with the overall design.







Courtyard Residence : Design Development Render

Where ideas become structure

Design Development

Design Development is where architecture gains resolution. Where broad gestures are tested, refined, and translated into something buildable. This is where good ideas either hold up or reveal their flaws.

We begin by interrogating every decision. Does this window proportion actually work at full scale? Will that ceiling height feel right? How thick should walls be for the thermal performance we're after? These aren't minor details. They're the difference between architecture that looks good on paper and architecture that lives well.

Materials move from inspiration to specification. That rough stone from the moodboard? Now we're selecting the finish and the laying pattern. Timber species are chosen for durability in your climate. Paint colors are visualised against the natural light of your site.

We coordinate with engineers. Structural solutions support your spatial ambitions without compromise. Environmental systems integrate seamlessly. Furniture layouts are finalized. We design knowing exactly where your sofa will sit, how your dining table will be positioned. Joinery is detailed before handing over to specialists.

We return with developed drawings and updated visualizations. The design has gained clarity. By the end, ambiguity has been replaced with certainty. The design is locked. Everyone understands exactly what we're building and why.

This clarity allows construction to proceed with confidence. And ultimately, it's what allows your home to be built exactly as imagined.



Location: Melville, Johannesburg, ZA

Project Type: Residential
Completion Date: 2024

Slow Haus

Vision: *Heritage Meets Contemporary: A Melville Sanctuary*

There is a particular kind of magic that happens when a home stops performing and starts living. The Slow Haus, tucked into the leafy edges of Melville, is exactly that kind of place.

On a stand of less than 500 square metres, this heritage home has been transformed into something that feels far bigger than its boundaries suggest. From the street, the heritage facade sits quietly in its neighbourhood. Walk through to the rear and the story changes entirely. What opens up is a layered outdoor world that reads more like a private resort than a city backyard.

The outdoor living area cascades across multiple levels, each designed for a different pace of entertaining. The main deck sits at the top, sheltered beneath an automatic awning, anchored by a built-in braai and pizza oven. Floating staircases add architectural drama as they descend toward the pool below, where a full-length martini seat and elongated waterfall feature set the scene for long afternoons with something cold in hand. A second deck pushes entertaining capacity to twenty guests without the space ever feeling stretched.

Inside, the master suite takes a different approach entirely. Dark walls finished in powder-washed cloudy plaster give the room a moody, enveloping quality.

The walk-through closet doubles as a personal gallery, with backlit smoked glass wardrobes displaying clothing as a considered collection. The en-suite bathroom earns the word spa without apology, anchored by a three-by-three-metre blue marble shower wall, dramatically downlit to draw out its deep veining.

The Slow Haus makes a compelling case.

Luxury was never really about size. It was always about how thoughtfully a space is imagined, and how completely it allows you to live.





Material Palette's can be dark yet bold. Selecting finishes that complement can add drama and richness to any setting.



Location: Midstream Estate, Centurion, ZA

Project Type: Residential
Completion Date: 2025

Maison Lumière

Vision: *Reimagining Home: A French Country Revival in Midstream*

When this Midstream Estate family came to us, the brief carried a particular kind of weight. They wanted a contemporary home where new memories could form without erasing the old ones. The house had history worth keeping. What it needed was refinement, and light.

The design vision centred on contemporary French Country, where rustic character meets understated elegance. The established gardens were never up for discussion. What changed was the home's relationship with its northern aspect. The existing layout shut out the sun almost entirely, leaving the interiors starved of natural light. The solution was a new covered patio with its roof slab elevated deliberately to draw in low winter sun while welcoming the longer summer light. This single move connected the living room, outdoor entertaining area, and pool into one fluid sequence, dissolving the boundary between inside and outside.

For the patio floor, the clients chose terrazzo. It was the right call. This composite of marble chips suspended in resin catches light differently as the day moves, and it's built to last generations. A quiet choice with a long story.

Inside, the transformation came through careful curation rather than structural change. Wide-format wood-grain tiles, updated lighting, and a freestanding cast iron fireplace anchored the living room with French Country character, while plantation shutters brought light control and timeless composure to the windows. The kitchen became the heart of the project. Blue shaker cabinets introduced a considered moment of colour against gold-veined sintered stone countertops. Satin brass knurled handles drew out the warmth in the stone veining, and illuminated timber display boxes completed a composition where every detail is considered, practical, and genuinely beautiful.

Maison Lumière is a reminder that the most meaningful work is often knowing what to keep and where to improve.







Planning around Pet-friendliness does not need to be boring. Hard-wearing yet expressive materials such as tiles and terazzo always enhance the overall aesthetic.



Location: Morningside, Sandton, ZA

Project Type: Residential
Completion Date: 2023

Morningside Retreat

Vision: *Designing a retreat away from the corporate world that was minimalist, relaxed and did not feel like a hotel.*

There is a particular kind of exhaustion that comes with a demanding corporate life. Not just physical tiredness, but a deeper fatigue that accumulates when every environment you move through asks something of you. The brief was direct: design a retreat from the corporate world. Minimalist. Relaxed. And under no circumstances should it feel like a hotel.

The kitchen was where the transformation began. We demolished what existed and replaced it with an open island kitchen, generous and unhurried. The home's inner atrium was opened up in the process, connecting the kitchen directly to the living greenery of the courtyard beyond. The home now flows the way family life actually does.

The patio was enclosed in a frameless glazing system that disappears visually while doing considerable practical work. Maximum natural light during the day. Warmth and enclosure at night. The reinstated gas fireplace anchors the space with something no specification can fully capture: the particular slowness that a fire brings to a room on a cold Highveld evening.

Beach oak flows through the living areas and across every bedroom floor, its warmth underfoot setting the tone from the moment you wake. The new home office leans most heavily into this material language. In the kitchen, quartz waterfall islands pair with timber cabinetry in a combination that feels quietly luxurious without trying too hard.

Each of the four children's rooms was designed as a complete suite with a king size bed and the kind of finish that tells a child their room was taken seriously. The renovated master suite goes further, anchored by a walk-through closet that brings an unhurried luxury to the start and end of every day. White walls, clean lines, and surface-mounted downlights serve the ambience without demanding attention. Brass chandeliers above the dining table and kitchen island earn their place precisely because everything else exercises such restraint.

The Morningside Retreat doesn't perform. It creates the conditions for rest, for family, for the kind of evening that makes the demanding day feel worthwhile.







Careful balancing of light and dark materials, hard and soft surfaces compliment make spaces feel refreshing and warm.



Location: Melville, Johannesburg, ZA

Project Type: Residential
Completion Date: 2022

Bo-Ho House

Vision: *Celebrate a Late Modernist home by bringing warmth, colour, and light into every space while honouring the character of the original architecture.*

Bo-Ho House began its life as a product of Late Modernist architecture. Raw structure expressed without apology. Materials left to speak for themselves. A high-tech design language that was bold, considered, and entirely of its time.

Decades later, the home needed a new chapter. The clients arrived with a brief that was equal parts ambitious and respectful: modernise the home, bring warmth, colour, and light into every space, and reinterpret the spirit of the original without diminishing it.

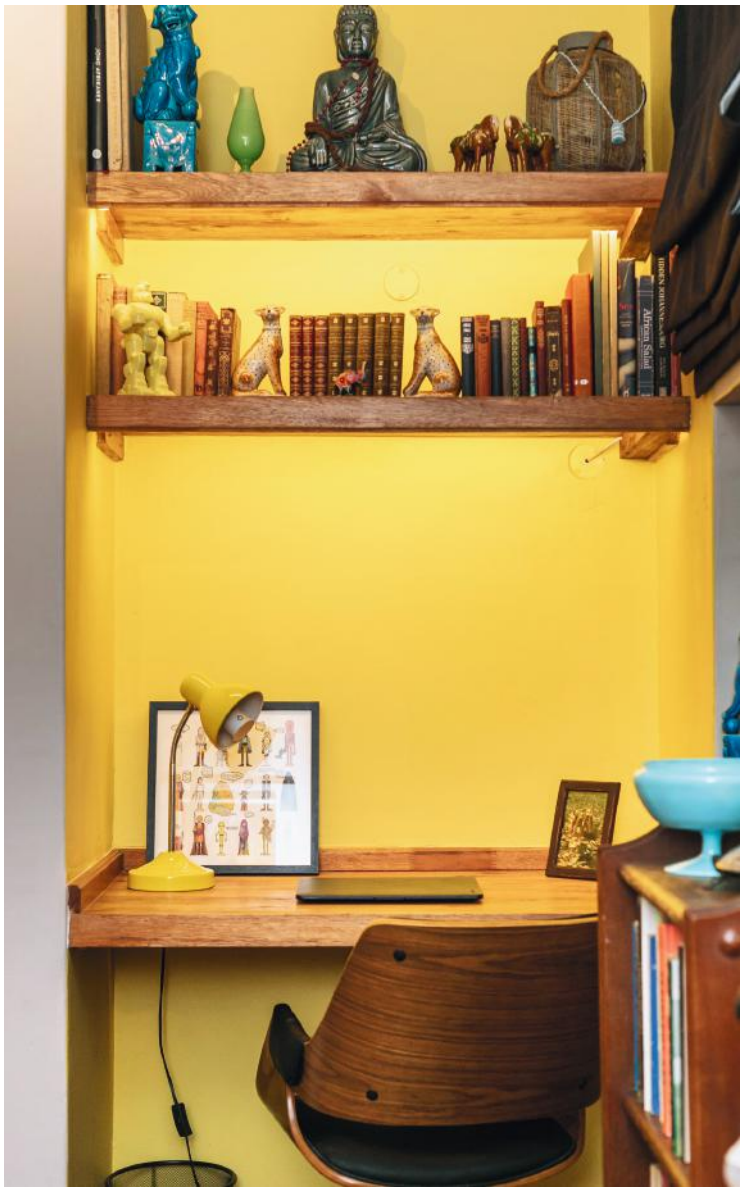
The laminated trusses were never going anywhere. They are the architectural signature of the home, the element that gives every room its character and scale. Rather than working around them, we leaned into them, preserving the originals throughout and introducing new I-beam trusses where the open plan layout demanded it. The ceiling became a feature. The structure became the decoration.

Natural light was among the most important items on the brief. The clients wanted more of it, everywhere, without sacrificing the steel-framed cottage pane doors and windows that gave the home its character. Colour and ambient lighting became the primary tools for reinterpreting the existing spaces. This was a deliberate choice rooted in a belief that design is never limited to lines on a sheet. Light, colour, scale, texture, material, and form are all available to the architect who is willing to think in three dimensions rather than two.

The work has since been recognised in SA Design and Decor, where the details that emerged from this balancing act between old and new were featured for exactly the quality that made them worth capturing.

Bo-Ho House stands as a reminder that the most meaningful renovations are not the ones that erase what came before. They are the ones that understand it well enough to carry it forward, transformed but intact, into whatever comes next.







Bold colours and unique designs are celebrations of your history, culture and personality. Let's celebrate your story.



Location: Bryanston, Sandton, ZA

Project Type: Residential
Completion Date: 2025

Flow House

Vision: *Modernise an existing family home by bringing natural timber and light into every space while enhancing the connection to the outdoor as often as possible.*

Some of the most interesting ones carry an inherent tension, and it is precisely that tension that produces the best work. The clients of Flow House, a South African German family in Bryanston, knew exactly what they loved: the African bushveld and the outdoors. They also knew what they needed: low maintenance, tiled surfaces, and cool colour temperatures. On paper, these two things pull in opposite directions. What this family was asking for required a different kind of thinking entirely.

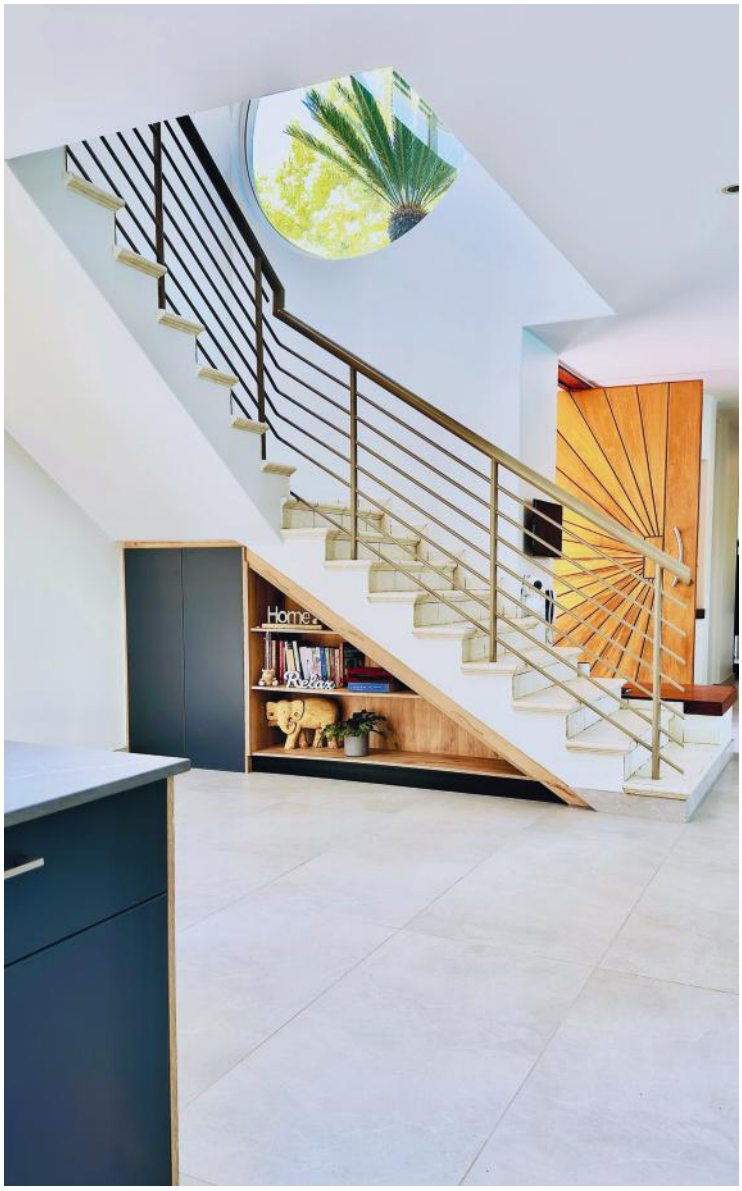
Outside, the exterior palette was refined around soft browns and a rough-finished plaster texture that references the bushveld without imitating it. Rooftop gardens were rehabilitated, bringing living greenery back into the architecture. Old sliding doors were replaced with frameless stacking doors, transforming the relationship between inside and outside entirely. The pool, coping, and entertainment area were completely redone, and a timber deck now connects the pool to the main house, creating an enhanced atrium space that draws you through the property with a natural sense of flow.

The bathrooms delivered function and considerably more. Frameless showers, hexagonal marble flooring, and wood-look tiles on the floors softened the experience in a way that reads as warmth without behaving like timber. A considered solution that honours the brief while quietly exceeding it.

The main entrance is where the project announces itself most clearly. Original carpeting was removed to reveal the terrazzo staircase beneath, resurfaced and transformed from something overlooked into something celebrated. Dark cabinets paired with grey stone countertops carrying white veining brought an African sensibility into the space through material rather than decoration.

Cool in temperature yet Warm in character. Low in maintenance. High in everything that matters. Flow House is a home resolved in an unconventional manner.

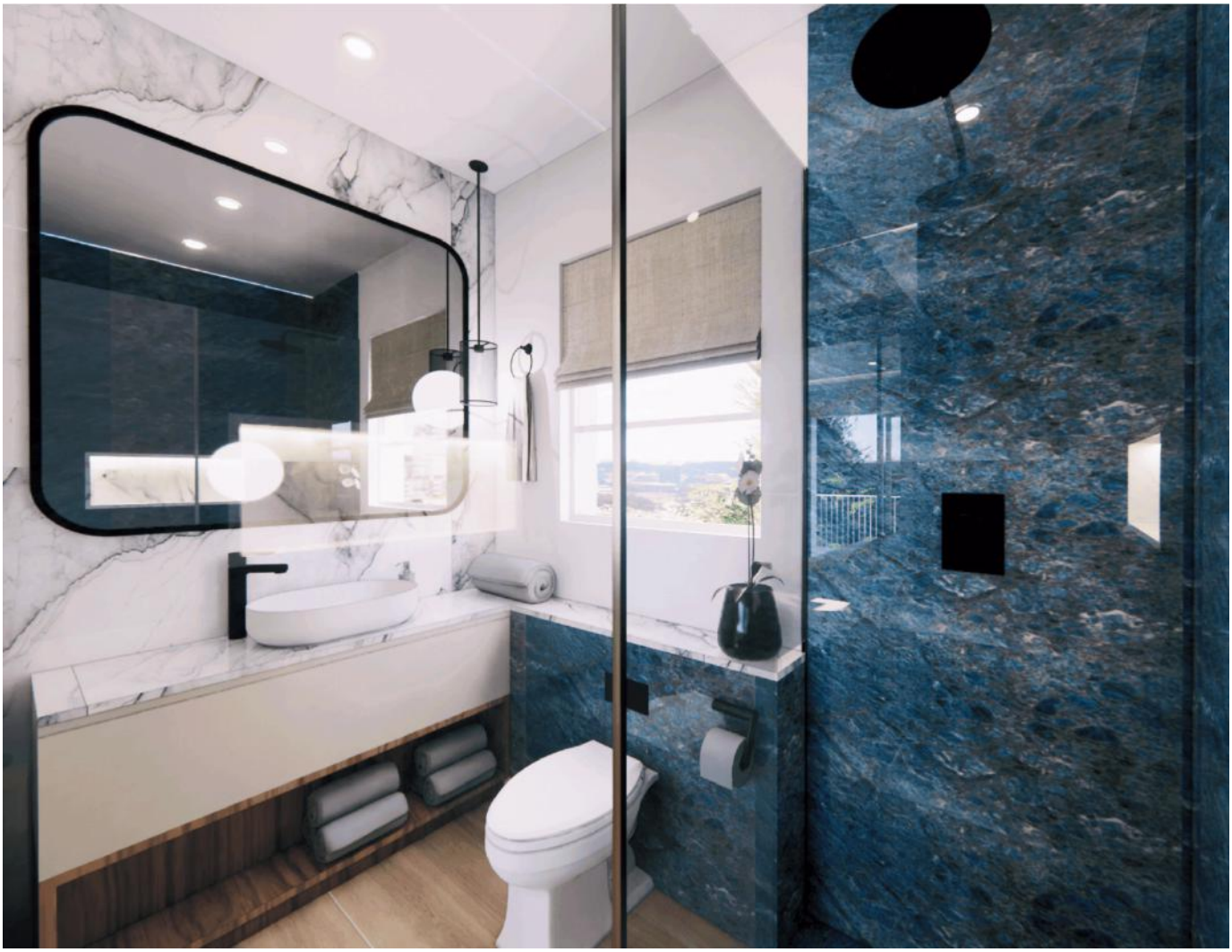






Indoor-outdoor living is celebrated with open atriums, skylights and glass roofs to truly enhance the connection to nature.





Rutland Guest House

Vision: *Contemporary executive self-catering suites rooted in the suburban character but with unmistakable African accents.*

There is a certain standard that the well-travelled executive carries with them. An expectation of quality shaped by the best hotels across the world, and a growing preference, above all of that, for something more personal. A space that feels considered, comfortable, and genuinely welcoming. The brief asked for contemporary executive self-catering suites rooted in the traditional suburban character of Rosebank.

Each suite was designed as a complete world. A dedicated writing desk and generous cupboard space speak to the practicalities of extended stays. A separate kitchenette behind a frosted glass barn door keeps the living space clean without sacrificing natural light. The bathrooms deliver on every expectation: walk-in showers backed by floor-to-ceiling marble set the tone for the entire suite.

The material palette does the rest. Engineered timber floors, quartz work surfaces, and an oak television wall panel layer warmth throughout. The headboard wall goes further – oak base, integrated uplighting, and floor-to-ceiling wallpaper creating a backdrop rich enough to make you want to linger. A large area rug anchors the room with quiet confidence. Matt black hardware ties it all together.

For the executive traveller tired of rooms that feel identical regardless of which city they are in, Rutland offers something genuinely different: a space that knows where it belongs, designed for someone who deserves better than ordinary.

Location: Rosebank ,Sandton, ZA

Project Type: Residential
Completion Date: Ongoing







Azure Horizon

Vision: *Design a Beach Front Holiday home that embraces the luxurious and minimalist mediterranean aesthetic while embracing natural materials, open couryards and natural light.*

Some places ask to be met with intention. The shores of Lake Malawi are among them. Where the water stretches toward a horizon that feels borrowed from the Mediterranean, where light falls differently and life slows to something more present, more real. When the family acquired their beachfront plot here, they didn't simply want a holiday home. They wanted a place that could hold an entire extended family across generations, nurture spiritual connection, and carry meaning that outlasts any single visit.

The concept is rooted in three ideas: the courtyard, the threshold, and the view. Three courtyards – front, centre, and rear – give the home its breath and rhythm, drawing light and air through the plan while creating moments of stillness at different hours of the day. Every threshold is treated as an opportunity rather than a boundary, and every principal room faces the lake, because a home on this shore should never forget where it is.

Outside, the property unfolds toward the water with purpose. A sunken lounge uses the natural slope of the site to create a sheltered gathering space with a fire pit and uninterrupted views. A shared boathouse for the three brothers sits at the shoreline, with provision for a jetty that makes every departure to the water feel like the beginning of something good.

Azure Horizon is designed for the long view. Not just the one across the lake, but the longer view of a family returning here year after year, to the place that holds them best.

Location: Lake Malawi ,Malawi, Africa

Project Type: Residential
Completion Date: Ongoing







Thoughtful design supports nature and existing trees. Playful celebration of these trees allows for special moments to be created in the landscape.

Courtyard Residence

Vision: *Designing a retreat away from the corporate world that was minimalist, relaxed and did not feel like a hotel.*

The best homes are organised around a single idea. One concept that every room, every threshold, and every view either serves or celebrates. For this Sandton residence, that idea is the courtyard. And everything flows from it. We were appointed to re-envision an existing family home with good bones, an established garden, and a pond worth keeping. The brief asked for a contemporary architectural language rooted in pitched roofs, exposed trusses, and a deeply considered relationship between inside and outside. The courtyard became the concept that made all of it cohere.

Think of it less as an outdoor space and more as the heart of the home. Every principal room orients toward it. Open to sky, softened with landscaping and water features, it is simultaneously the social centre of the house and its breathing room.

The kitchen was expanded and opened into an integrated dining space beneath a double-volume pitched roof with exposed trusses and skylights, creating a room that is generous, light-filled, and directly connected to the courtyard. The entrance was reimagined as a covered architectural threshold that draws you naturally toward the courtyard and the life of the home beyond it.

Location: Gallo Manor ,Sandton, ZA

Project Type: Residential
Completion Date: Ongoing

Courtyard Residence is about finding the organising idea that was always latent in a home, and building everything around it with clarity, warmth, and conviction.







Charles Residence

Vision: *A private residence designed with the precision of a boutique hotel and the warmth of a family home.*

The brief for this Bryanston residence arrived with a single, clear ambition: a home that lives like a five-star retreat. Unhurried, refined, and completely private. Our response was a 650m² double-storey family home built around the tension between grandeur and calm. High ceilings and frameless glazing dissolve the boundary between inside and out, flooding the interior with the kind of light that makes a room feel considered even when nothing is happening in it.

The architectural language is uncompromisingly contemporary. Clean horizontal lines, expressed soffits, and a material palette of stone, timber, and glass that reads as quiet luxury rather than statement architecture. The rear of the home opens entirely onto a sculpted pool terrace designed for both active family life and the kind of slow Sunday afternoon that needs no agenda.

Inside, the living spaces are generous without being excessive. Double volume, and detailed with the restraint of a home that trusts good proportion over decoration. An eight car garage and dedicated staff living quarters for four ensure the household runs invisibly, so that the people who live here never have to think about anything other than living well.

This Bryanston residence is about the rare thing: a family home with a hotel soul, where luxury is not measured in excess, but in ease.

Location: Bryanston ,Sandton, ZA

Project Type: Residential
Completion Date: Ongoing





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This Article Features Our Take On The Art Of Slow Living



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This Article Features Project: 'Slow Haus'



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This Article Features Project: Maison Lumière



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Payment Terms

The fee for the performance of our services shall be as specified in our agreed fee proposal and may be any or a combination of:

- The specified percentage or percentages applied to the Anticipated Construction Cost. Until the actual cost of the building work is known, the percentages are applied to the latest approved estimate of the cost of the building works or the Building Contract Sum. The total fee shall be adjusted on the final Construction Cost on completion of the services. The cost shall exclude VAT, other consultant fees and any claims made by or against the Contractor(s).

- The separate percentages for each stage applied to the Construction Cost at the end of the previous stage in accordance with SACAP Gazette Rates.

- The time charges ascertained by multiplying the time reasonably spent in the performance of the Services by the specified hourly rate for the relevant personnel, as set out in this Contract. Time "reasonably spent" includes the time in connection with performance of Services in traveling from and returning to the office.

- Any other agreed method

Payment of our fees will by bank transfer and invoiced on a monthly basis.

Contact Us

Have a question or ready to start your project? We'd love to hear from you. Reach out and let's begin the conversation.

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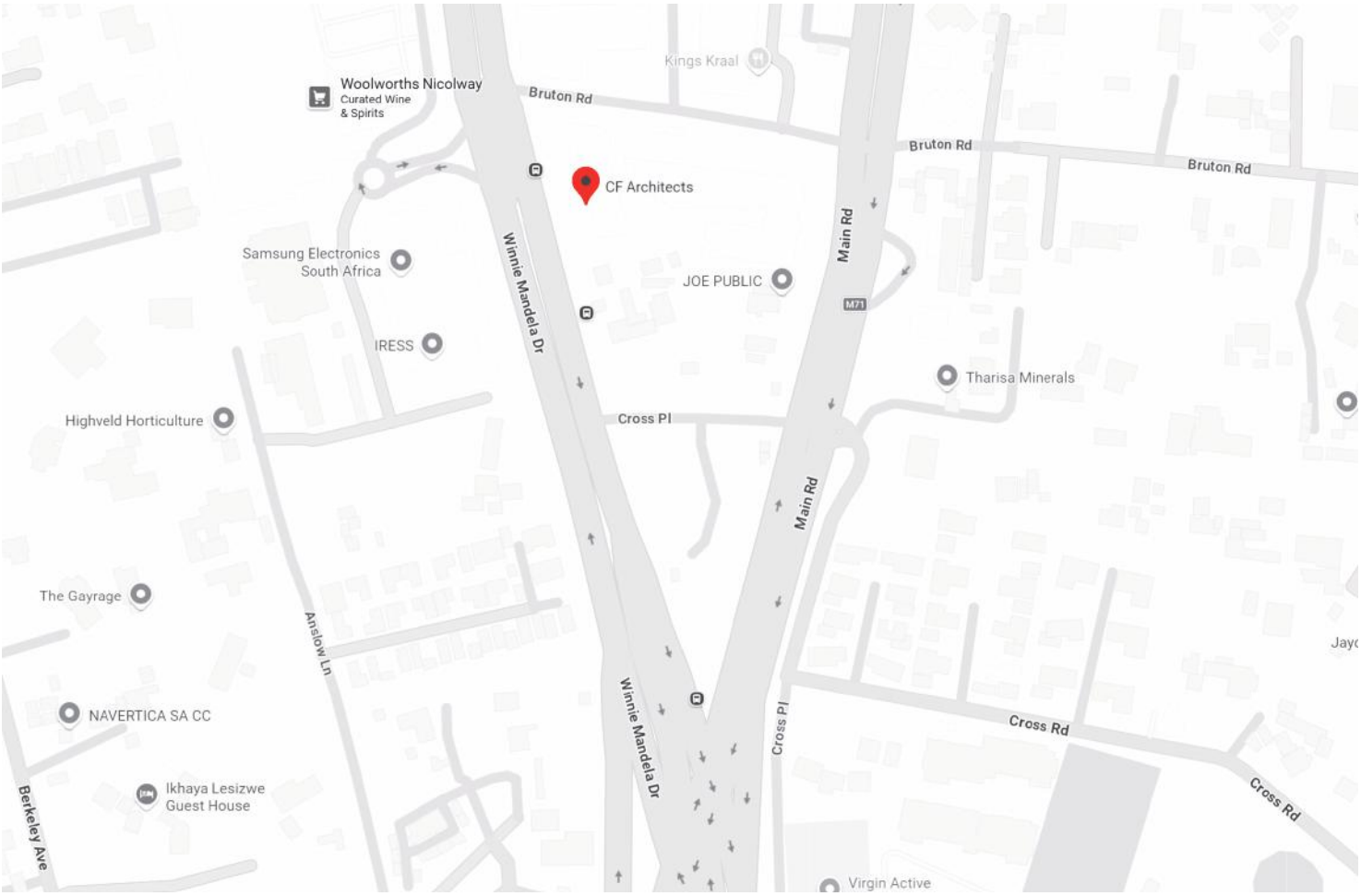
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Work Schedule

Weekdays:

Monday - Friday

09:00 - 17:00



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