



**MLB**

Architecture  
Urban Design

Strategic  
Rational  
Contextual  
Inspired

**OVER TWENTY YEARS, MLB HAS BUILT A SOUND REPUTATION FOR THE QUALITY OF OUR WORK ON CORPORATE, COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS FOR A DIVERSE PORTFOLIO OF CLIENTS.**

**W**e aspire to make a significant contribution to the built environment, in the belief that good architecture results from a healthy balance between creativity, rational design and economic realism.

With a team of over 45 people, we have the dynamism, resources and systems to undertake several large projects simultaneously. Our approach to every aspect of a project, from design through to construction, is to continually strive to set new standards of excellence - both for our clients' sake and for our own.

Having working partners and a high proportion of qualified staff allows for the effective delegation of efficiencies. Partners are free enough to maintain an overview while involved enough to be informed and decisive.

## Strategic

**WHILE FORWARD-LOOKING DESIGN IS OUR FIRST PRIORITY, WE HAVE ALSO DEVELOPED A BROAD RANGE OF COMPLEMENTARY SKILLS INCLUDING STRONG PROJECT MANAGEMENT, DOCUMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION THAT ENABLE US TO OFFER HIGH STANDARDS OF QUALITY.**

## Rational

**AS AN INTERACTIVE, ENERGETIC GROUP, WITH AN AVERAGE AGE OF BELOW 35, WE BALANCE THE INFLUENCE OF NEW DESIGN, IT AND MARKET TRENDS WITH THE JUDGMENT THAT ONLY A 21 YEAR, SUCCESSFUL TRACK RECORD CAN BRING.**

## Contextual

**WE ARE KNOWN FOR DESIGN THAT TAKES COGNISANCE OF THE ENVIRONMENT, OF HERITAGE, OF SCALE OF SURROUNDING BUILDINGS, OF SITE CONSTRAINTS AND OPPORTUNITIES.**

## Inspired

**SPACE, LIGHT AND DETAIL ARE THE PRINCIPLES THAT CHARACTERISE OUR DESIGN. PASSION, PERFECTION AND PRODUCTIVITY SUMS UP OUR ETHOS.**

We help clients determine the financial viability of a project, drawing on our understanding of market dynamics and property development that comes from our work on a portfolio that includes large, multi-storey CBD office blocks, mixed use complexes, airport halls, substantial industrial parks, large government complexes, schools, sea-front apartment blocks, retirement villages and hotels.

Special skills which help us maximise our clients' return on their investment include our knowledge of heritage requirements, urban regeneration and our ability to work with a broad range of stakeholders.

We're proud of our many multi-faceted projects and their inter-relation with our city as enlivening urban opportunities.

We employ new materials and technologies in a way that's appropriate for the conditions, our client and the site. We are driven to create appropriate buildings for different contexts - financially, socially, physically, and climatically. Within the context of building in South Africa, we are determined to make a difference to the skill shortage in architecture by training and nurturing a minimum of eight interns a year.

We recognise that all projects have risks - design risks, construction risks and financial risks. To ameliorate these, we place a great deal of importance on process and systems. We consciously focus on identifying potential risks and ensure that we have the right strategies in place, while continually investing in our team, systems and technology.

We know too that projects can take years to unfold, so our clients take comfort in our size, longevity and financial robustness.

Passion expresses the energy and commitment we pour into creating superior buildings for our clients. Perfection relates to our dedication to detail and our insistence on the highest standards of design and construction, and productivity ensures that we focus on our clients' business imperatives. We are inspired by our projects, our clients, our profession and our team.

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