

MLB was founded in 1987 with one director. Since then, this Cape Town-based firm has grown into a well-managed partnership with seven directors. To accommodate its growth, it expanded in 2013 by establishing a branch in Johannesburg and moved its Cape Town office to the CBD in 2017, enhancing its corporate presence.

Directors: Izak Burger, Herman Joubert, Leonard Arendze, and Shaun Heeger

The firm's portfolio encompasses a wide range of large projects, including mixed-use developments, commercial buildings, retail spaces, public buildings, universities, hospitality venues, luxury residential properties, retirement villages, industrial complexes, and self-storage facilities.

MLB Architects' design philosophy emphasizes a strong focus on the brief, context, sustainability, and professional service. We believe that design is an ongoing process that aims for purity and eliminates the superfluous. This involves understanding the purpose, maintaining clarity of concept, and paying meticulous attention to detail.

Architecture is the physical manifestation of external forces such as economics, politics, and sociology. We respond to these forces with an approach that focuses on creating an investment for the client, is historically and socially sensitive, and contributes meaningfully to the urban fabric.

MLB received an Award of Merit for the Gugulethu Sports Complex in a joint venture with Noero Wolff Architects. The firm has also garnered considerable media coverage, with over 30 printed articles. In 2014, MLB was awarded joint First Prize in the national competition to refurbish the Naspers block in Cape Town. More recently, its online presence and recognition have grown on reputable architectural websites such as Archdaily and Architizer.

We advocate for the design of sustainable buildings that are resource-efficient and environmentally responsive. Through passive design research and a light-touch approach that acknowledges change, scale, and materials, our results reflect advancements in built form, infrastructure, and evolving typologies.

The rapid pace of technological advancement challenges all industries to stay ahead of clients' requirements. At MLB, we embrace progress in materials and building techniques by working collaboratively with fellow professionals to ensure our buildings remain ahead of the times.

MLB's wide-ranging client base has been a key component of the company's success over the last 37 years, highlighted by the high degree of return business. We emphasize building relationships and aim to strengthen ties, as no practice can thrive in isolation.



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THE ROCKEFELLER

Cnr Christiaan Barnard Str & Martin Hammerschlag Way Foreshore, Cape Town



Ryan Joffe & Narrative



16 St mixed use development with hotel component



















NETTLETON ROAD

Nettleton Road
Clifton, Cape Town



Private



Proposed new residential development















WEMBLEY SQUARE II

40 Solan Road Gardens, Cape Town

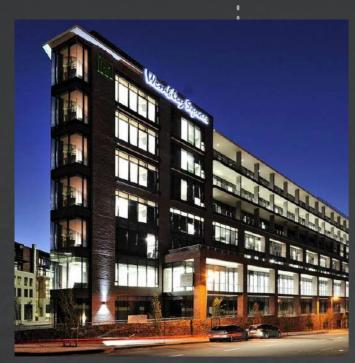


Redefine Properties



Mixed-use, Commercial & Retail development















WEMBLEY SQUARE III

Solan Road
Gardens, Cape Town



Redefine Properties



Mixed-use, Commercial & Retail development













COMMERCIAL

THE BOULEVARD

Cnr Pontact & Nelson Roads
 Woodstock, Cape Town



Redefine



Commercial development with retail component













THE EQUINOX

• 154 Main Road Sea Point, Cape Town



Berman Brothers



Mixed-use, Commercial & Retail development



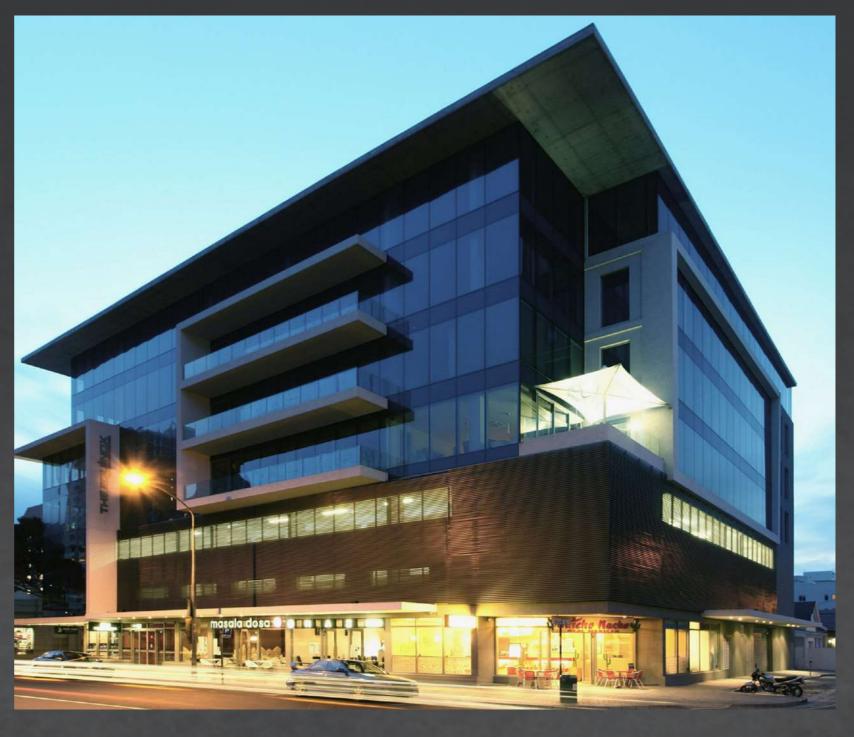














PUBLIC SECTOR

NNR

Atlantic AvenueDuynefontein, Cape Town



National Nuclear Regulator



Administrative office building













DEER PARK PLACE

 2 Deer Park Drive Vredehoek, Cape Town



Signatura Property Development



Mixed-use, Commercial & Residential



















PUBLIC SECTOR

AIRPORT TERMINAL

Cape Town, Western Cape



ACCSA



Administrative, Operational, Retail, Commercial, Customer Service















STUDENT HAUS

Highbury
Northern Suburbs, Western Cape



De Jure Property Holdings



Residential apartment units with clubhouse and gym facilities















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STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY SKILLS LAB

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Tygerberg, Cape Town, Western Cape

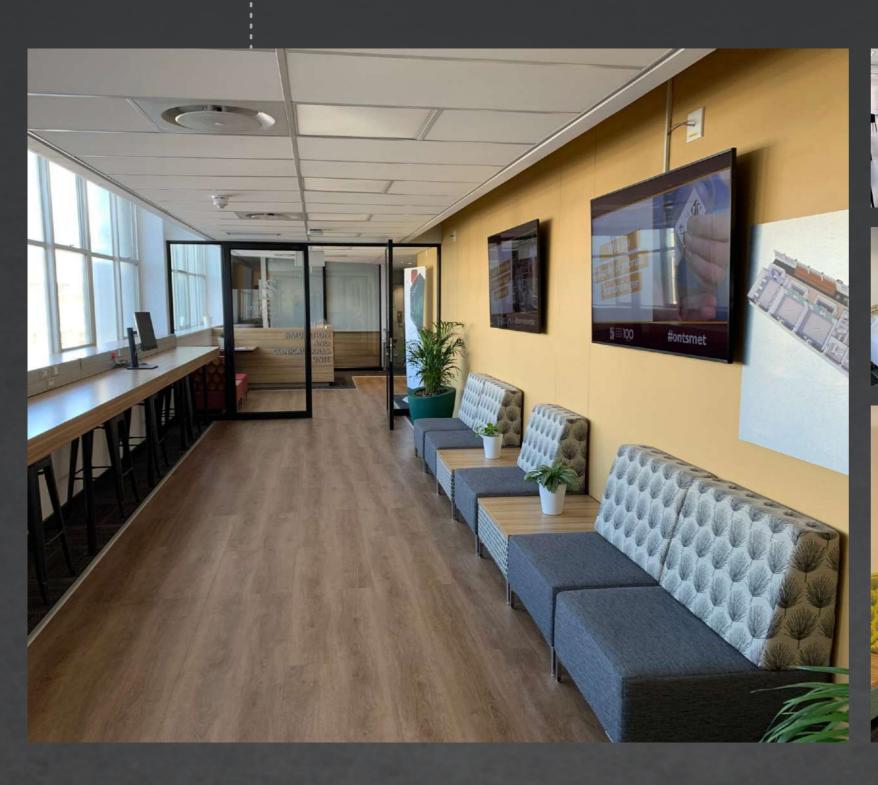


Stellenbosch University



Internal modernisation of the Tygerberg Medical Campus



















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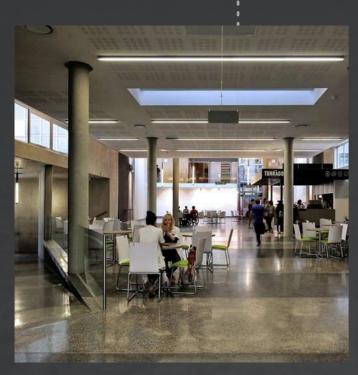


Stellenbosch University



Auditoriums, lecture and student facilities















THE ADELPHI

21 Bellair Road, Vredehoek Cape Town, Western Cape

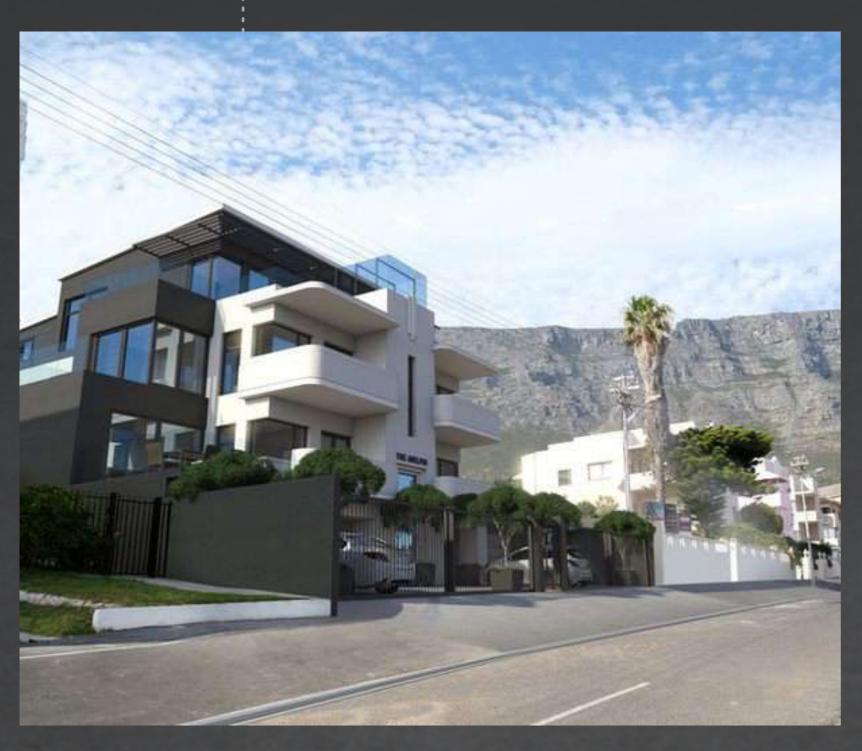


Bespoke Residences



Luxury Art Deco style residential apartments



















HOSPITALITY

SOUTH BEACH

• 6 Link Road Camps Bay, Cape Town

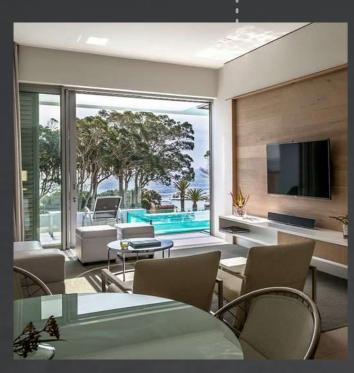


Blue Views Villas & Apartments



Boutique hotel & luxury self catering apartments



















HOSPITALITY

PEPPERCLUB HOTEL

• 167 Loop Street Cape Town CBD, Western Cape

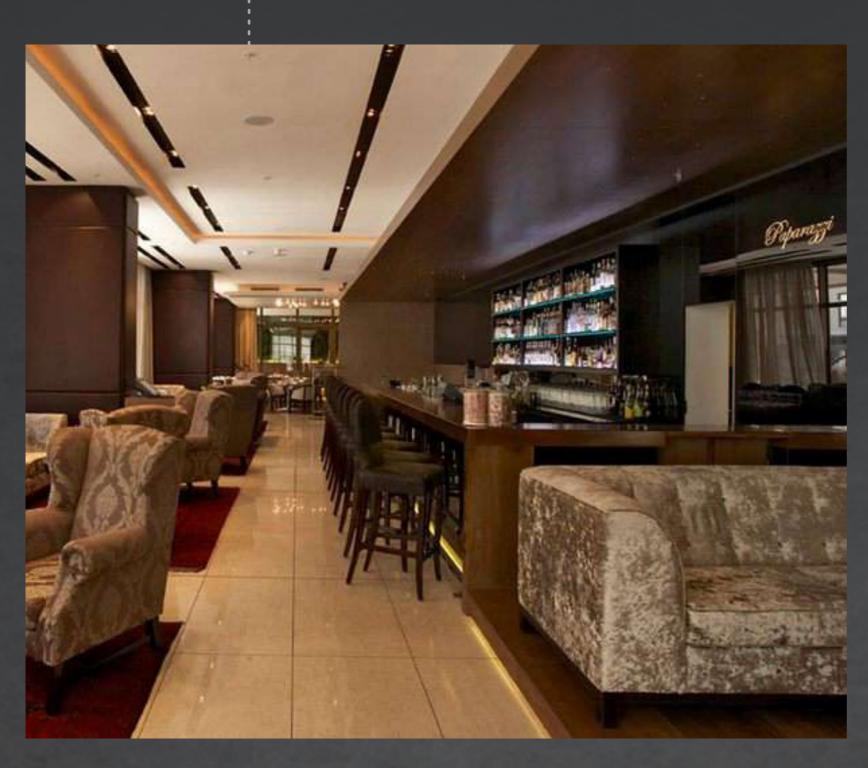


Faircape Group



Luxury hotel accommodation

















THE BEACON

• 6 Romney Street Green Point, Cape Town

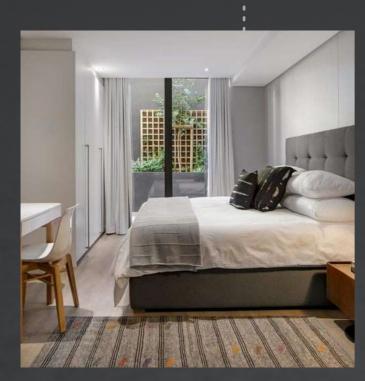


Signatura Property Development



Luxury residential apartments





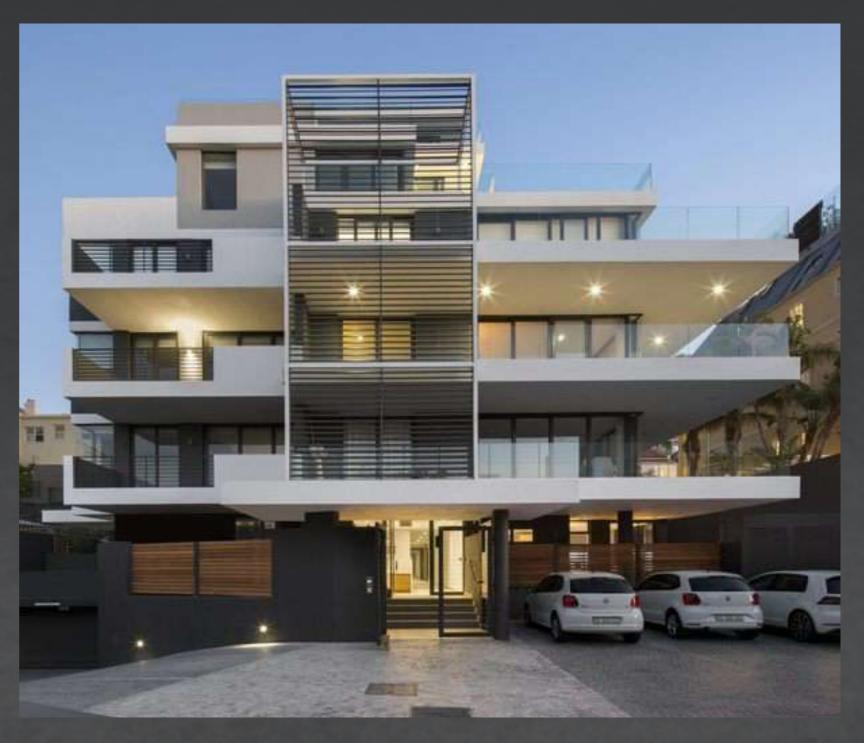














INFINITY CAMPS BAY

Camps Bay
Cape Town, Western Cape

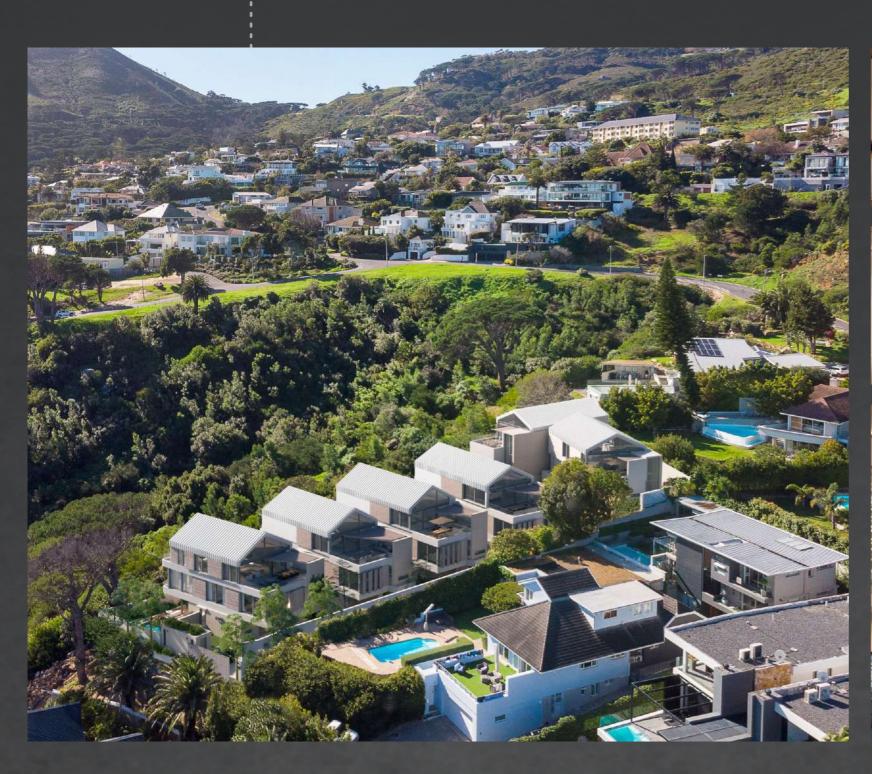


The I-Group



Proposed new residential development



















INDUSTRIAL

STORAGE

Table View, Cape Town



Storage



Industrial storage













ARCHITECTURAL PORTFOLIO

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