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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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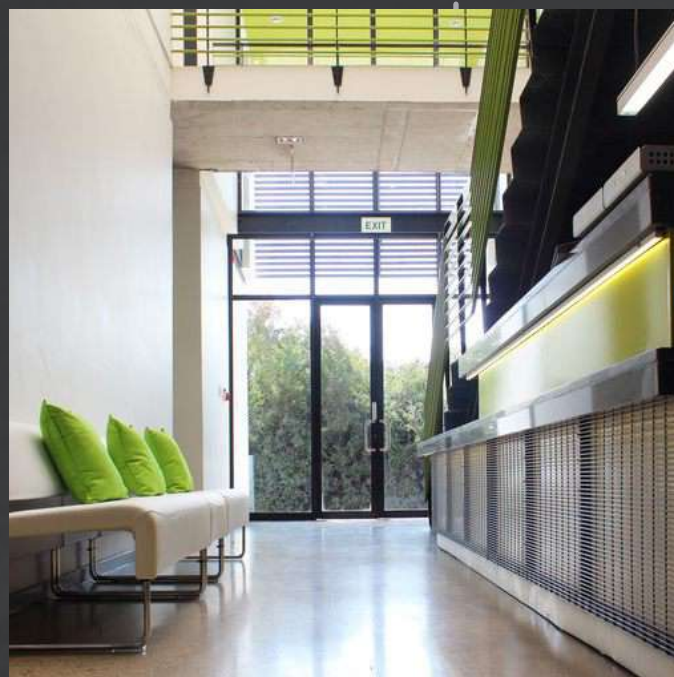
Johannesburg, Gauteng



University of Johannesburg



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FACTORY

📍 Bellville South, Cape Town



Schuurman Lasercut



Light Industrial





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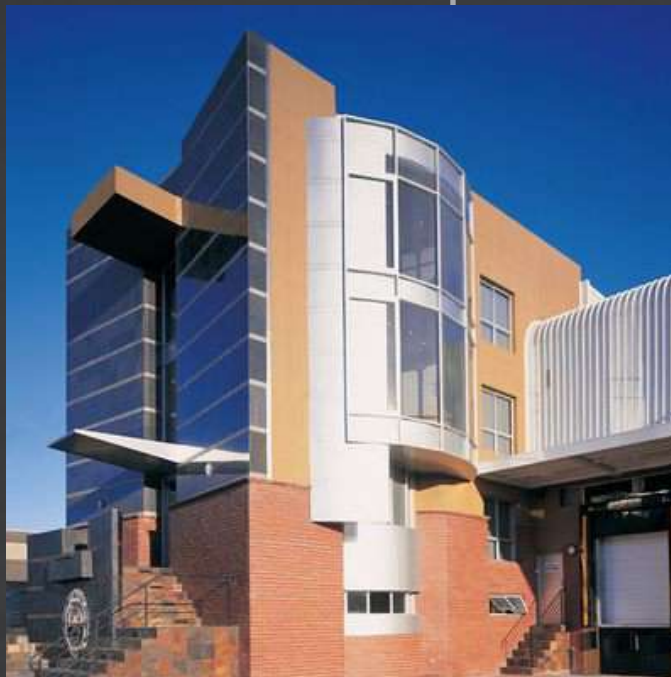
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Food processing



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📍 Hermanus, Overberg, Western Cape



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PRODUCTION

📍 Epping Industrial, Cape Town



Burger King



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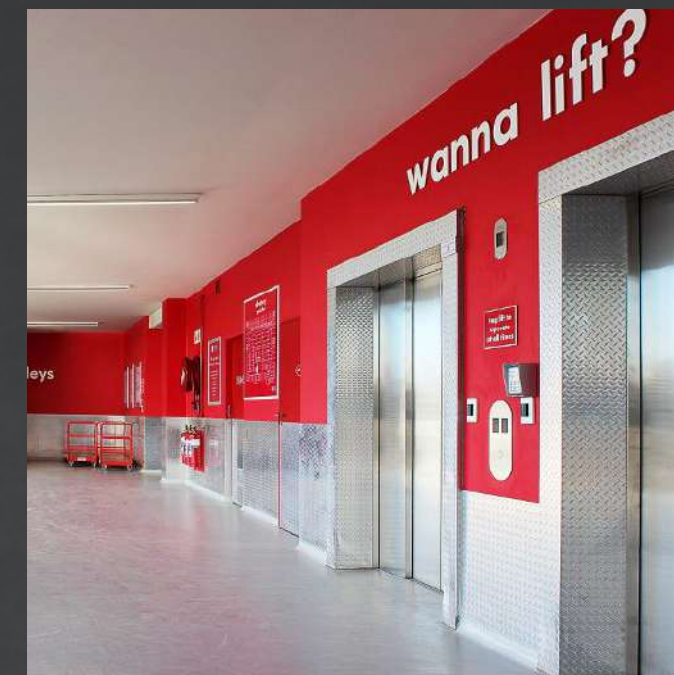
📍 Koeberg Road, Table View, Cape Town



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Roeland Street, Gardens, Cape Town



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📍 Pinehurst, Cape Town



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📍 Durban Road, Bellville, Cape Town



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📍 Peter Barlow, Bellville, Cape Town



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📍 Westering, Port Elizabeth, Eastern Cape



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Constantia Kloof, Johannesburg, Gauteng



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Various national industrial projects completed for Stor-Age.



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Sassi Stor-Age Claremont
Sassi Stor-Age Craighall
Sassi Stor-Age Cresta
Sassi Stor-Age Durban City
Sassi Stor-Age Gardens
Sassi Stor-Age Gillooly's
Sassi Stor-Age Green Bushes
Sassi Stor-Age Hillcrest
Sassi Stor-Age Irene
Sassi Stor-Age Johannesburg H/O
Sassi Stor-Age Kempton Park
Sassi Stor-Age Killarney, Table View
Sassi Stor-Age Kramerville
Sassi Stor-Age Midrand

Sassi Stor-Age Mooikloof
Sassi Stor-Age Morningside
Sassi Stor-Age Mount Edgecombe
Sassi Stor-Age Paarden Eiland
Sassi Stor-Age Pinehurst
Sassi Stor-Age Randburg
Sassi Stor-Age Roeland Street
Sassi Stor-Age Sandton
Sassi Stor-Age Sea Point
Sassi Stor-Age Six Fountain
Sassi Stor-Age Stellenbosch
Sassi Stor-Age Stikland
Sassi Stor-Age Sun Valley
Sassi Stor-Age Sunningdale
Sassi Stor-Age Sunninghill
Sassi Stor-Age Tokai Storage
Sassi Stor-Age Tygervalley
Sassi Stor-Age Waterkant
Sassi Stor-Age Westering Storage



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THANK YOU



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