

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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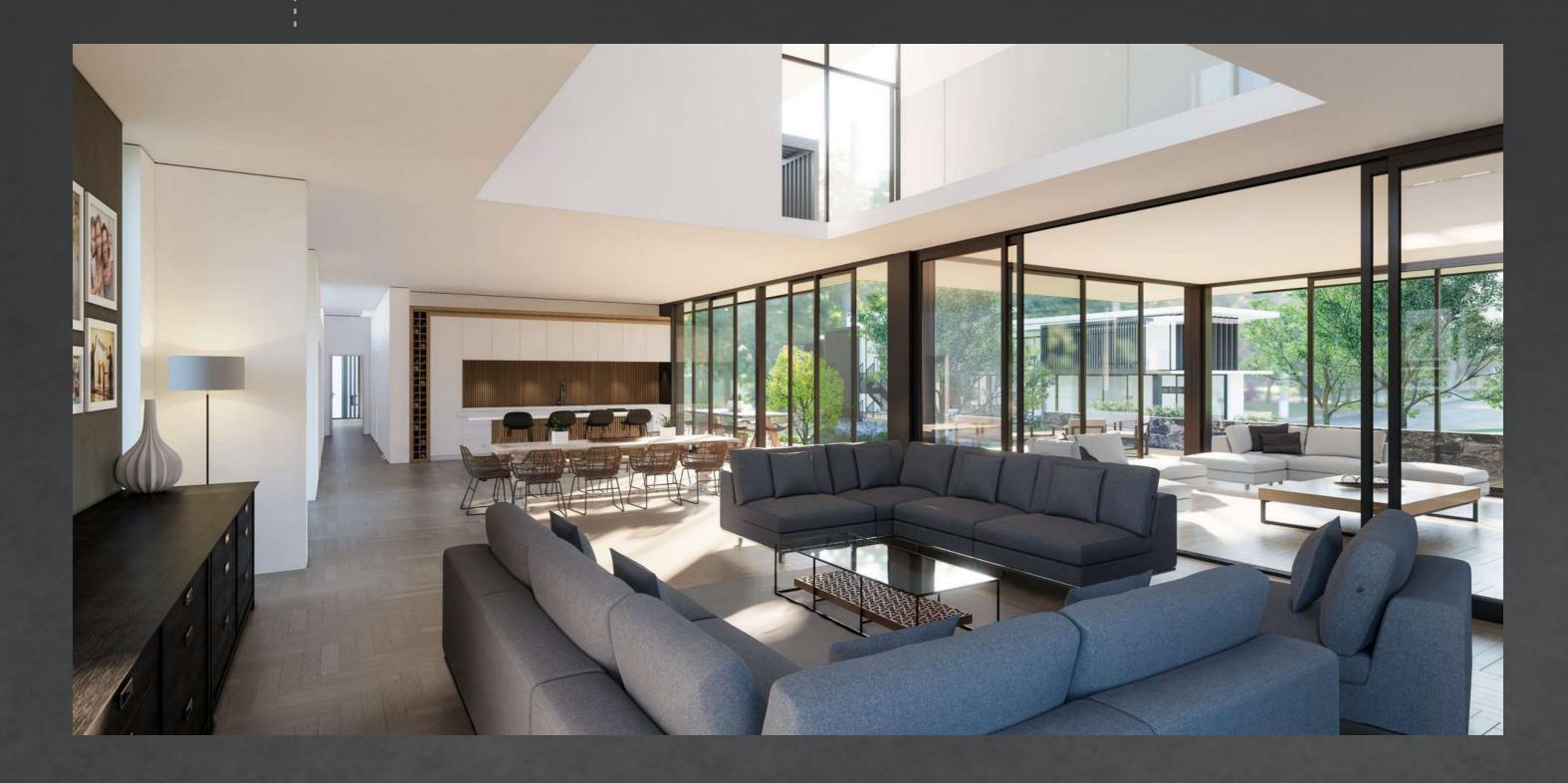


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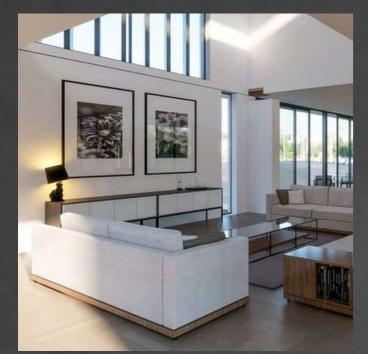
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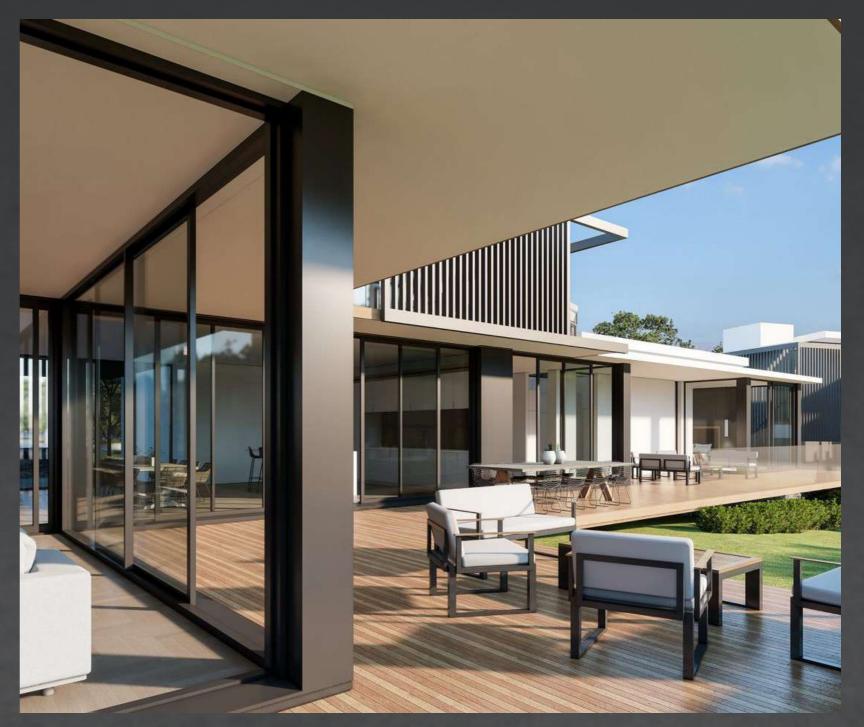














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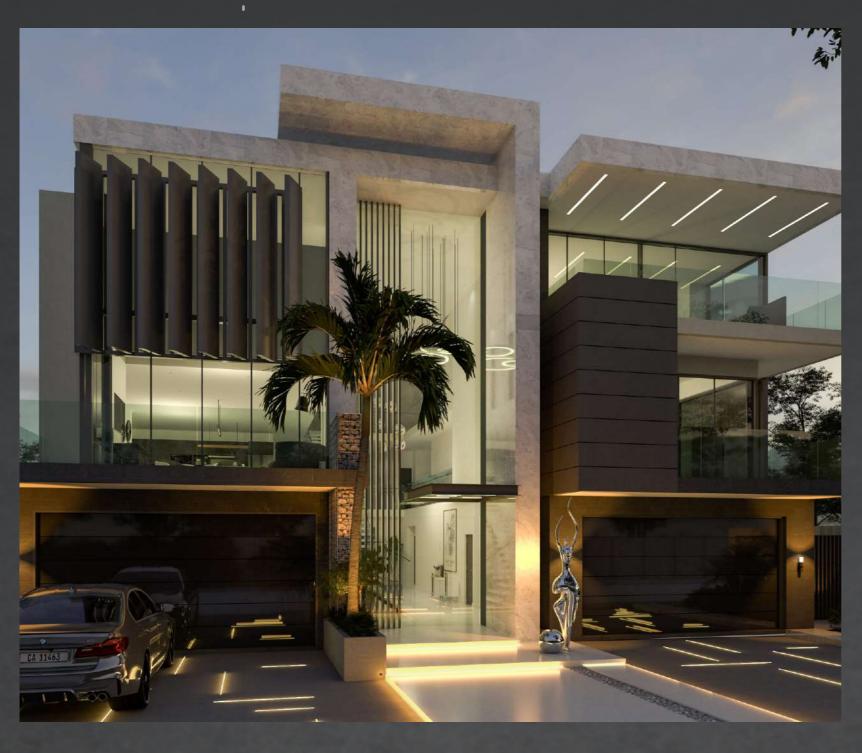


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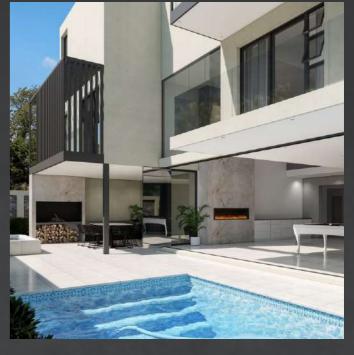
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Llandudno, Cape Town, Western Cape



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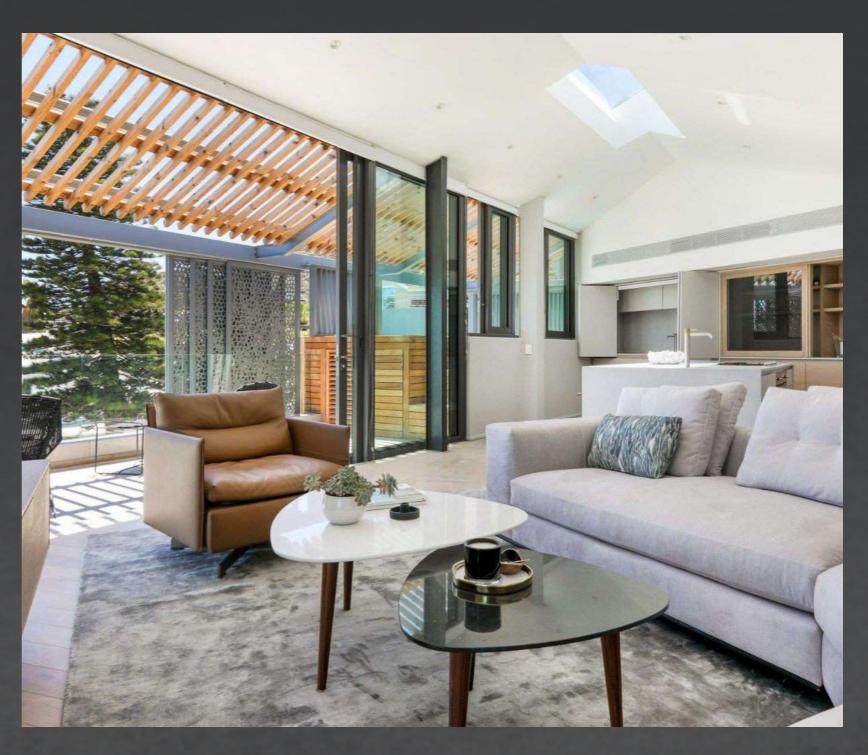














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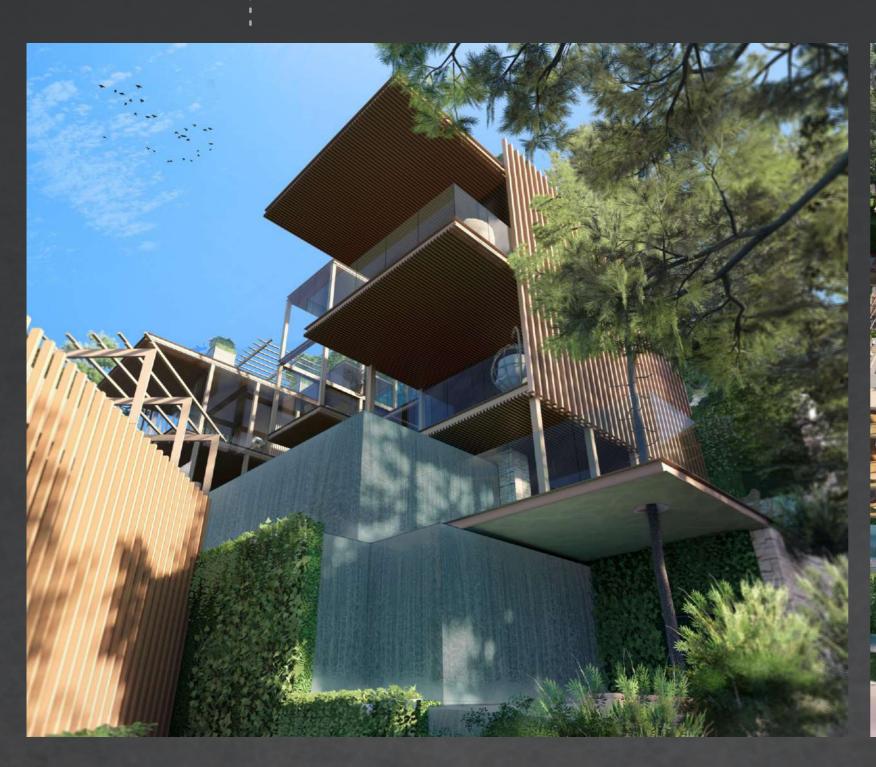


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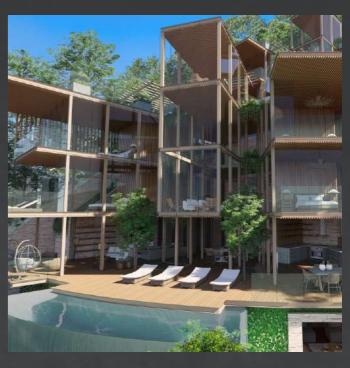


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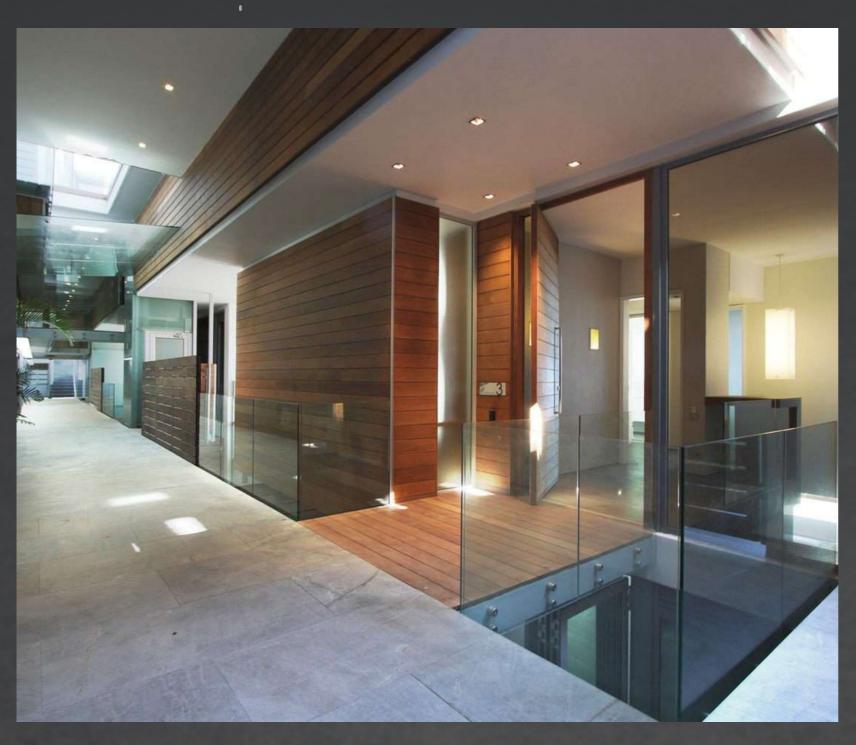


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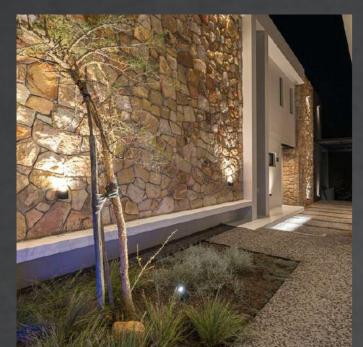
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STELLENBOSCH HOUSE



Stellenbosch, Western Cape



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#### **WINE CELLARS**

HERMAN JOUBERT'S WINE CELLAR EXPERIENCE Wine tasting centre & sparkling wine cellar

Laborie Wine Estate, Paarl, Western Cape













#### **WINE CELLARS**

HERMAN JOUBERT'S WINE CELLAR EXPERIENCE Wine cellar (production & maturation cellar)

Rupert & Rothchild, Franschhoek, Western Cape













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