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PROJECTVIEW



TRELLIDOR, PORT ELIZABETH

Muse Architects were approached by the client for the design of their new showroom and workshop in Walmer, Port Elizabeth.

The new building will be located on Walmer Main Road, a developing node with a number of new boutique businesses and shops.

The brief asked for a building that could function as both showroom and workshop and be flexible enough that it could be used by different or multiple tenants in future. Other requirements were to use as much of the existing dwelling as possible and to showcase the products of the client throughout the building.

The original walls of the dwelling were retained and another floor added using lightweight materials with heavily insulated walls and roof. The added floor simplifies the existing footprint and allows for a flexible letting space. The new roof allows for harvesting of rainwater as well as the future installation of photovoltaic panels.

Apart from using Trellidor products in the building, another design element was using a laser cut trellis as a sunscreen as well as the dynamic angles to create an eye catching façade. The façade is further softened by introducing timber to reduce the scale and to add warmth.

A number of other issues informing the primary design response were: i) Urban Fabric; the area, although changing, still has a residential scale and it was therefore imperative that the new building is sensitive to its surroundings ii) Environmental; recycling of the existing structure and control of north light as well as maintaining views to the outside.

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TEMBALETU SCHOOL SPORTS CENTRE, GUGULETHU

dhk architects has unveiled an ambitious new sports project for a disabled school in Gugulethu, designed in partnership with OCAL Global, a non-profit focused on empowering 'differently abled' people.

Tembaletu School for Learners with Special Educational Needs (LSEN) was founded in 1974 to cater for children with physical disabilities in the townships of Cape Town. The school caters for around 200 students.

OCAL Global has partnered with dhk architects with the aim to create a world class sports facility for the school, providing a purpose built space for both the learners and the wider disabled community. The new sports centre will house a fully accessible four-court sports hall and gym with an elevated running track that doubles up as spectator seating for the courts below. A translucent wraparound façade exposes the movement within and allows light into the space while creating a glowing beacon at night.

www.ocalglobal.com

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ONE ON WHITELEY, MELROSE ARCH

Amdec has commenced construction on the latest phase of the iconic Melrose Arch mixed-use precinct with the striking One on Whiteley.

The development of One on Whiteley is already well underway, confirms Nicholas Stopforth, MD of Amdec Property Development. "We are delighted to be building the next phase of Melrose Arch. We have appointed Group 5 as the main contractor and construction has begun on One on Whiteley's basement, retail, hotel and residential components," says Stopforth.

Building is forging ahead for the first two Marriott-branded properties in South Africa – the signature brand Johannesburg Marriott Hotel Melrose Arch and the Marriott Executive Apartments Johannesburg Melrose Arch. Amdec has also released its final phase of exclusive residential apartments for sale. The first phases of One on Whiteley apartments are already sold out amid high levels of interest from investors. Enjoying continued strong demand, with the release of the final phase of apartments for sale, this means that 70% of its total 241 new residential apartments are now sold.

Melrose Arch is a privately owned, maintained and operated precinct with its own excellent infrastructure. Located in the heart of Johannesburg's leafy green northern suburbs, it is a complete lifestyle experience in an immaculate city with an unlimited choice for everyday needs. Its New Urbanist design is people-friendly and environment-friendly.

The development of One on Whiteley distinguishes Melrose Arch even further and adds to its unique collection of international boutique lifestyle brands, especially the variety of its hotel, hospitality, restaurant and entertainment. www.amdec.co.za

