



## SACSC RETAIL DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT AWARDS



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# WINNERS 2026



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# OVERVIEW



## SACSC RETAIL DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT AWARDS



### About the SACSC Retail Design & Development Awards

The SACSC Retail Design & Development Awards (RDDA) is a celebration of shopping centre design excellence, an initiative of the South African Council of Shopping Centres.

The RDDA awards seek to annually recognise exceptional Shopping Centre design together with its economic success, within the South African property industry, embodying the following attributes:

- Excellent design
- Achieving a clear overall development goal
- Responding positively to its market and surroundings
- Adopting innovative design and construction solutions
- Embracing sustainable design and business techniques

RDDA awards recognise and reward industry leaders in the design and development of retail centres. This encourages designers, architects and developers in the industry to strive consistently for high standards, as well as raising the bar for design and development, resulting in an industry that is constantly innovating, creating and challenging itself – a mark of world leaders in retail design and development.

# ENTRY CATEGORIES

Four categories will apply and a winner will be selected from each of these:

## Category A NEW DEVELOPMENTS:

**Large Centres**  
(Greater than 60 000m<sup>2</sup> GLA)

**Medium Centres**  
(20 001m<sup>2</sup> – 60 000m<sup>2</sup> GLA)

**Small Centres**  
(Less than 20 000m<sup>2</sup> GLA)

## Category B RENOVATION/EXPANSION:

**Large Centres**  
(Greater than 60 000m<sup>2</sup> GLA)

**Medium Centres**  
(20 001m<sup>2</sup> – 60 000m<sup>2</sup> GLA)

**Small Centres**  
(Less than 20 000m<sup>2</sup> GLA)

## Category C RETAIL DESIGN – STORE AND RESTAURANT

**Restaurant Design**

**Store Design**  
(Independent Retailer)

**Store Design**  
(Large National Retailer)

## Category D INTERNATIONAL



# JUDGING PROCESS

Judging is a 3-step process:

## STEP 1

Judges review eligible submissions and score them confidentially. Judges will not review entries from their own companies or any entry that might constitute a conflict of interest.

In the 1st round judges are required to score yes/no if they feel the entry meets the above requirements and should be short-listed to 2nd round judging.

All entries receiving more than 50% vote by the first round will go through to 2nd round judging.

## STEP 2

The 2nd round judging then includes all entries where "YES" was scored by 50% of the judges.

Site visits are then conducted by judges and judges give a score out of 100%.



## STEP 3

Judging takes place in person or via Zoom call. Judges discuss entries based on the scores received and winners are decided.





# JUDGING PANEL



## Amori Lienbenberg

**Lead Interior Designer & Project Manager, AL CAPONE**

Amori Lienbenberg is a Lead Interior Designer and Project Manager with a BA Honours in Interior Design and extensive experience in luxury residential and premium retail design. She combines creative vision with technical expertise, leading projects from concept through construction, installation, and final delivery. Amori currently leads the design and delivery of retail stores for the Al Capone Group, overseeing projects for internationally recognised luxury brands including True Religion, Marc Jacobs, Kenzo, Givenchy, Stella McCartney, Etro, Isabel Marant, Missoni, and Giuseppe Zanotti, as well as premium local brands including Al Capone Premium, Colt 45, Kids Around, and Mio Londo. Previously, technical detailing, manufacturing co-ordination, project management, and on-site delivery. Passionate about innovative interior and exceptional user experiences, Amori believes successful design is built on creativity, collaboration, technical excellence, and a human-centred approach that delivers meaningful, memorable spaces.



## Andrew Bennie

**Lead Designer & Project Manager, THE NOTORIOUS DESIGN HOUSE**

Graduating with distinction from South Africa's Design Centre in 1992, Andrew Mark Bennie established The Notorious Design House in 1998. With a legacy spanning over 25 years, he specializes in full-turnkey interior architecture and project management. Guided by his vision, "To have no fear of perfection," Andrew combines natural creativity with rigorous problem-solving and a demand for absolute technical accuracy. A respected industry authority, he is extremely proud to have served on the Retail Design and Development Awards (RDDA) judging panel since 2015. His impressive portfolio includes high-value corporate spaces for Coca-Cola and HP, alongside prime retail implementations in Sandton City, Nelson Mandela Square, the V&A Waterfront, and Gateway Theatre of Shopping. Andrew leads extensive design collaborations for premium brands – including Aeronautica Militare, La Martina, Paul & Shark, Jo Borkett, Geri, and Cellini – consistently delivering innovative and flawless environments.



## Brian Unsted

**Lead Specialist Sustainability: Insurance & Asset Manager,  
STANDARD BANK**

Brian has a 30 year track record in the South African real-estate sector, across various roles including environmental sustainability, asset management, developments and finance. In 2014, he co-authored a travel guide called Sandton Places. "SandtonPlaces is a guide to the hidden gems, undiscovered corners and delightful destinations of northern Johannesburg, while providing both a history

of Sandton and insights into the future of Sandton." Brian relaxes by running, mountain biking or travelling with his wife and kids.



## Colin Jonkers

**Senior Asset Manager, MASINGITA GROUP OF COMPANIES**

Colin Jonkers is a distinguished member of the South African Council of Shopping Centres (SACSC). He presently serves as the Asset Manager at Masingita Group of Companies, bringing over 25 years of comprehensive experience in the industry and a proven track record of senior leadership within the retail and property sectors. Mr. Jonkers is recognized for his innovative methodologies and strategic acumen, consistently delivering exemplary results across South Africa's diverse

retail and property markets. Provided strategic direction and influence over high-impact tenant mixes for prestigious developments valued in the billions of rand, thereby improving overall performance and fostering tenant success. Led and managed a wide range of retail projects across South Africa and other African markets, offering strategic insights and scalable solutions. Translated consumer insights into actionable concepts by designing engaging shopping experiences while ensuring operational efficiency.



## Cornus Strydom

**Design Director, BENTEL ARCHITECTS SOUTH AFRICA**

Cornus finished his architectural studies Cum Laude at the University of Pretoria. He started working at Gapp Architects and move to Boogertman and Partners after a year. There he had the position of Design Architect and got promoted to Associate soon. Currently Cornus is Design Director at Bentel Associates International. Playing a fundamental role Cornus oversees and is involved in many of the projects from their inception phase to completion. Cornus is a member of

the South African Council for the Architectural Profession (SACAP). Cornus is passionate about architectural design and retail design specifically. He likes to explore the user experience with a mix of architecture and technology. The building is seen as a gather space for the community. The context is an important driving force in decision making and the resultant architectural language has an identifiable vernacular. His experience includes various retail centres including Waterkloof Corner, Northcliff Corner, La Lucia Mall revamp, Boardwalk Sheds, Jouberton Mall to name a few. Cornus also worked on various Mixed-Use developments like Harbour Arch and Grandview Mixed-Use. Highlights he is currently busy with, is the design of two regional shopping centres of 40 000m<sup>2</sup> and 53 000m<sup>2</sup> respectively as well as various master planning projects.



## Darryl Mayers

**CEO, SEER PROPERTY**

Darryl Mayers has been involved in various roles in the property industry since the late 1980's. After having spent almost 23 years at Investec between 1995-2002 and from 2008-2022, in various leadership roles within Investec Property as Head of Retail Developments, and Head of South African Trading and Development, culminating on an appointment as joint chief executive officer of Investec Property Fund between 1 December 2018 and 30 November 2022. In January 2023 Darryl

formed Seer Property Pty Ltd, a property consultancy providing skills and services to the REIT and institutional market, focussing on turn-around and repositioning of retail malls, improving the space and performance of office assets, and general management consulting mandates. Over and above current consulting appointment, Darryl was appointed as CEO of PutProp Ltd.

# JUDGING PANEL



## Derek Patrick

CEO, TDC & CO

Derek has been part of the retail design and building industry for 37 years. Entrepreneurial, nurturing and driven, he began as senior store designer at Woolworths; proudly co-founded Boston School of Design; before founding TDC&Co some 30 years ago, where he is currently Group CEO. Some highlights for Derek include winning the SACSC Spectrum Design Award in 2020 a pinnacle moment in his career, the International store of the year awards for Woolworths

in the early development of TDC&Co, the Global Shop store design of the year for Makro Riversands in 2018 and the creation of the @home brand, giving him the ability to drive TDC&Co as a company that thinks globally and acts locally in the creation of leading-edge retail design solutions. Some of his favourite projects include Checkers re-brand and evolution, Lifestyle Centre Ballito and Builders Warehouse. Derek loves being able to create retail environments that enhance the shopping experience. He describes the industry as dynamic, everchanging and unexpected.



## Des Laubscher

CEO, GREENSIDE DESIGN CENTRE

Over 42 years of experience in retail design, Des founded his career through lecturing. Des has facilitated a host of project referrals in other African countries. He has been involved in professional bodies throughout his career. He has been the President of the International Federation of Interior Architects, Vice President of the International Council of Design, Founder of the African Institute for the Interior Design Professions and now President of the Pan African Design Institute.

Des believes the customer experience is paramount and that can only happen with well trained staff and understanding the service industry. He loves the design experience and the touch points between the customer and the store service staff. He describes the Shopping Centre Industry with these three words: "Innovation, Experience, Convenience". All of his favourite projects include restaurant design.



## Dylan Bolus

Director & Owner, HYDRAULICS

Dylan Bolus is the Director and Co-Owner of Next Generation Clothing & Accessories, trading as Hydraulics, one of South Africa's leading luxury fashion retailers. He joined the business in 2014 as Creative Director after beginning his career in the interior design industry at Msquared Design. With over 12 years of experience in design and creative direction, Dylan has played a pivotal role in shaping the identity and growth of the Hydraulics brand. Drawing on his background

in interior and retail design, Dylan has led the development of Hydraulics' distinctive store environments, creating immersive shopping experiences that reflect the company's commitment to luxury and innovation. He is the creative force behind the brand's three unique retail concepts: Hydraulics WEARETHEFUTURE, the contemporary streetwear destination; Hydraulics Avantgarde, the group's elevated luxury concept; and Hydraulics Femme, a dedicated luxury fashion destination for women. His vision continues to drive the evolution of the Hydraulics brand, setting new benchmarks for luxury retail experiences across South Africa.



## Enrike de Wet

Director & Lead Interior Architect, SKETCH INTERIOR ARCHITECTS

Enrike de Wet is the founder of Sketch Interior Architects, a boutique studio specialising in hospitality design. With over a decade of experience, she creates concept-driven spaces where materiality, atmosphere and narrative come together to deliver immersive, memorable environments. Founded in 2019, Sketch Interior Architects launched with the design of Proud Mary in Rosebank, establishing the studio's refined yet expressive approach to hospitality design. Since then, the

practice has been recognised as Emerging firm of the year at the 2024 Scape Awards, won two categories at the 2023 Retail Design and Development Awards, received two nominations in 2025, and was included in the Scape 100 in both 2025 and 2026. Enrike's design approach is intuitive, detail-driven and shaped by constant observation. She is drawn to the balance between restraint and bold expression, creating space that evoke emotion and leave a lasting impression. For her, great design is measured not only by how a space looks, but by how it makes people feel.



## Francois Bredenkamp

Partner, BAR ARCHITECTS

Francois Bredenkamp is a Director and Partner at BAR Architects, where he leads new business development and drives the firm's creative vision and design direction. As an accomplished urban designer, he specialises in the planning and design of integrated mixed-use precincts, with retail developments frequently serving as the catalyst for broader urban regeneration and place-making initiatives. With more than 20 years of professional experience, Francois has received

numerous awards and industry accolades from the South African Council of Shopping Centres (SACSC), leading architectural institutes, and the World Architecture Festival. He was invited as a guest speaker at the 2021 SACSC Congress and has presented at several African Property Investment (API) Summits across the continent. His portfolio includes several landmark retail and mixed-use developments, most notably the award-winning Leaping Frog Shopping Centre, Mushroom Farm Shopping Centre, and Garden Walk Mall. Through his leadership and design expertise, Francois continues to contribute to the delivery of innovative, commercially successful, and contextually responsive developments throughout Africa.



## Gavin Tagg

CEO, RETAIL NETWORK SERVICES

Gavin is one of South Africa's leading shopping centre specialists and retail development strategists. With more than 35 years' experience in the industry, he has played a key role in delivering over 75 retail centres across urban, township and rural markets. Known for his strategic insight, commercial acumen and meticulous attention to detail, Gavin is trusted by developers, investors, retailers and professional teams to create sustainable, high-performing centres. His

strategic expertise spans site selection, centre design, layout, tenant mix, leasing and value-added amenities, ensuring developments attract strong footfall, maintain low vacancies and serve as vibrant community hubs. A respected partner and skilled negotiator, Gavin combines deep industry knowledge with creativity and commitment to deliver retail environments where communities connect and retailers thrive.



## Graeme Adley

Client Services Director, DAKOTA DESIGN

Graeme Adley has worked in retail-related industries since 1996. His real passion for three-dimensional brand expression was ignited while working for a London based advertising firm in the early 2000s. Developing store designs for brands like Heineken and The Macallan, in the Travel Retail environment, Graeme soon learned the value of producing fit-for-purpose solutions, which not only surprised and delighted shoppers, but also stood up to the daily rigours of Duty Free. In 2013, he

joined Dakota Design and again experienced the steep learning curve that multi-store retailing demands from its Interior Architects and Designers. In today's retail and hospitality environments, designs need to deliver so much more than just a great place to shop. That is exactly why, with more than 22 years' experience Dakota and its Design Teams put their client's business needs at the heart of everything they do. By immersing themselves in their client's businesses and really understanding their goals, Dakota Design is able to consistently deliver national and international award-winning designs.



## Jeffrey Cole

Managing Partner, MESSARIS WAPENAAR COLE ARCHITECTS

Jeffrey Cole is a qualified professional architect, an industrial process planning expert, and the managing partner at Messaris Wapenaar Cole Architects and Blue Tangerine Interiors. Jeffrey is also a partner in the Brisbane based practice of Messaris Wapenaar Cole Husband Architects and the transformation practice of Array Architects in Johannesburg. With a commercial background in architecture and a deep understanding of industrial process flow, Jeffrey crosses the divide

between engineering and architecture, thus ensuring his input is highly sought after by many global companies. This demand has led to Jeffrey travelling extensively across the African continent and working on many of the continent's premier projects such as the Moatize Coal project and the Nacala rail and port projects in Mozambique and Malawi.

# JUDGING PANEL



## Karan Bawa

**Project Manager, FORTRESS REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS**

Karan Bawa, a project manager at Fortress Real Estate Investments, started his career as a professional architect over ten years ago and has specialized in retail design and redevelopment. He was recruited by LP Architects in 2012 which is where his experience with retail property development began. Over the years, Karan was involved in the designing and project management of numerous retail properties across South Africa. This eventually led to him being recruited by

Fortress REIT where he has extended his experience in conceptual development and project management of new retail developments as well as redevelopments of existing properties. He enjoys the challenge of developing properties through a conceptual framework that creates a distinct atmosphere and experience for shoppers through thoughtful design elements and engagement with a property's surrounding community and context. He believes this engagement is a critical factor to the success and sustainability of a retail development.



## Leemisa Tsole

**Retail Asset Manager, BURSTONE GROUP**

Leemisa Neo Tsole has 12 years of experience in the Shopping Centre Industry. He has come full circle and is now Asset managing the portfolio that he started his career in as a Junior Property Manager. He has managed shopping centres ranging from a super regional mall, Mall of Africa, to regionals across the country in the Western Cape, Gauteng and KZN. Three words he uses to describe the Shopping Centre Industry: Customer Centric, Dynamic and Innovative. His peers describe

him as humble, passionate, and collaborative. Leemisa's philosophy is to always be curious to understand the various business models when thinking of tenant mix. The grit required, especially in the Shopping Centre Industry, from Negotiations, to Leadership, becoming a team player, and simply, having the willingness to get one's hands dirty.



## Lisa Curry

**Founder & CEO, HAMILTONS ADVERTISING**

Lisa Currey is the Founder and CEO of Hamiltons Advertising and is based in Cape Town. Lisa has been integral in building the Food Lover's Market and Freshstop brand over the past few decades. Lisa loves the advertising industry and thrives on being able to create and market a brand and see the result of all the effort of the "Hamfam" team. She is a testimony to growing brands and client relations.

"Understanding our client needs, their brand, and the retail market, while building journeys that always innovative is my passion. I love the store design aspect and conceptualising theatre - bringing the shopping experience to life. Creating Hamiltons Advertising was a dream and is a legacy, 30 years old with a team of 70 dedicated and passionate people who love what they do.



## Livia Coetzee-Stein

**Director, DHQ INTERIOR | BRAND | ARCHITECTS**

Livia Coetzee is the Creative Director & Partner at DHQ, with over 20 years of experience in interior design, specialising in retail & hospitality environments. She is passionate about shaping brands through design and creating customer experiences that are relevant, impactful and built to leave a lasting impression. Her work focusses on helping businesses translate their brand into meaningful physical spaces, combining creativity, customer insight and strategic thinking to

create environments that connect with people & deliver lasting impact. A more recent highlight of Livia's career has been leading the brand development and design of a multi-award winning co-living concept, Yethu City. The concept focusses on providing accessible, dignified living at a lower cost. The project reflects her belief that great design is not only about large big budget landmark projects, but also creating thoughtful, meaningful spaces that improve people's lives. At DHQ, Livia continues to champion design that goes beyond aesthetics; creating spaces that strengthen brands, shape experiences and make a difference, while still being visually eye catching.



## Marianka Victor

CEO & Founder, ANCORA RETAIL PROPERTY

As founder and CEO of Ancora Group, Marianka leads a specialist retail and property business focused on leaving strategy, tenant relationships, local market intelligence, development thinking and hands-on execution, creating retail places that are commercially strong, genuinely useful and built around long-term value. Over the past decade, Marianka has worked with developers, landlords, national retailers and investors across South Africa to unlock opportunities developments, underperforming centres, rural and secondary markets, and assets that require more than a standard leasing plan. Ancora is known for seeing the dots others miss - The value in vacant land, the potential in a tired centre, the retailer that belongs in a market, or the small layout shift that changes the entire outcome. Marianka cares deeply about profitable centres, strong retailers, sustainable income and communities being properly served. Also about building a business that creates opportunities for women, youth and the next generation of retail property talent. She is happiest on site - walking the land, asking questions, listening properly and challenging assumptions. Retail is not just about filling space, it is about creating places that work.



## Michael Brits

Store Design Team Leader, MR PRICE

Michael Brits, Store Design Team Leader, based at Mr Price Group Head Office in Durban, has worked in the store/retail design sector from 2011. His prior experience at Durban Wire and Plastics, and H+A in the Point of sale and FMCG sector has proven invaluable in understanding the ever-evolving retail design sector, as he worked his way up in the design team, to Team leader. In this time, he has been privileged to oversee the design team in fine tuning the traditional Mr Price group space, inclusive of Mr Price, Mr Price Home, Sport, Cellular, Kids, Sheet Street, Miladys and the recent additions of the Yuppiefchef and Powerfashion brands. He enjoys the constant challenge that is associated with "keeping up with the times" and encourages his team to be bold, brave and embrace change.



## Morne Kirsten

Founder & CEO, Landkir Group

Morne Kirsten is the Founder and CEO of the LANDKIR Group, a South African luxury retail interior architecture, project management and full turnkey provider, recognised for its depth of expertise across the premium, luxury and ultra luxury retail sectors. Under Morne's leadership, LANDKIR has become a specialist force in creating refined retail environment for leading local and international brands. True to its registered trademark, "Fluent in the Language of Luxury", LANDKIR translates brand identity into spaces defined by precision, refinement and an elevated customer experience, having implemented retail projects for Louis Vuitton, Gucci, Dolce & Gabbana and Versace. Proudly South African, LANDKIR's reach extends across Africa, Europe, Australia and Mauritius, spanning design concept, technical development and implementation. Morne brings strategic vision, design intelligence, technical precision and construction knowledge, guided by the belief that exceptional retail spaces should elevate brand presence, enrich the customer journey, perform commercially and remain mindful of environmental impact.



## Paul Simpson

CEO, RETAIL PROPERTY STRATEGIES

Paul moved from architecture and construction to retail property and has spent over 30 years in retail property, including heading up the Real Estate division of Woolworths for the greater part and was involved in over 300 shopping centres. Paul enjoys the continuous challenge and describes the Shopping Centre industry as a "Revolution in process". Projects he holds close to his heart include the Stillborn Moafrica development, as this allowed him to explore an enormous range of new ideas and shaped a lot of his future thinking. Clearwater Mall was his first "race track" mall design and Piazza St John, Cape Town which successfully explored a small mixed use concept to great financial success. In his free time, Paul enjoys mountain biking, motor racing and traveling the world to try to work out where retail is going.

# JUDGING PANEL



## Paul Symondson

Executive, SVA ARCHITECTS

Paul Symondson is an Executive of SVA International Architects and is based in Johannesburg. With more than 30 years of experience in retail design throughout South Africa, the African continent and the UK, he has worked on numerous projects ranging from community, convenience and lifestyle centres to major regional malls and big box destination retail outlets. He joined SVA in 1996 to expand their already experienced retail team and advocates a collaborative approach to successful retail design and development. He notes that to achieve a successful and sustainable retail development, the collaboration of multiple players is essential, with each bringing unique and diverse skills. The challenge for the successful retail architect is to respect and respond to these diverse needs, and to harness and channel them into an innovative, exciting and sustainable design.



## Pierre Lahaye

Partner, MDS ARCHITECTURE

Pierre joined MDS Architecture in 1997, after graduating with distinctions in Design and Professional Practice from the University of the Witwatersrand, and after having gained valuable experience working and travelling in Europe and Africa. He's commitment to excellence in design and professional practice, has allowed him to successfully lead the professional team towards the completion of a variety of projects, including shopping centres, offices, hotels, conference centres, casinos, resorts, residential and mixed use developments, to the highest architectural and building standards. . Pierre is also a Green Star Accredited Professional and has used he's expertise in the field of Green Architecture to incorporated energy efficient and sustainable design to solutions into the projects that he is involved with. Since 1954, MDS Architecture has always been at the forefront of architectural trends. From the earliest days, the practice earned an enviable reputation for its ability to satisfy all aspects of a multitude of different clients' requirements. This reputation remains based on professional and commercial expertise combined in a variety of related disciplines, together with a commitment to design excellence and client service.



## Richard O'Sullivan

Director, RETAIL AFRICA

Richard has been part of the South African Real Estate Industry since 1991. He joined Anglo American Property Services and went on to become their youngest Leasing Director responsible for their Retail, Commercial and Industrial portfolios. Subsequent to Broll Property Group acquiring Anglo American Property Services, he was appointed Managing Director of Broll Retail. In 2006 Richard left Corporate to join Retail Africa as Partner responsible for leasing of their new Projects and existing Portfolio. Currently he is dividing his time between securing New Development opportunities and leasing Retail Africa's substantial Development Pipeline. He has a love for all things Retail, the fast pace of Johannesburg, a passion for exotic cars and pursuing the next deal.



## Robyn Self

Founder & Director, PLAN - IT DESIGN

Robyn Self is an accomplished, award-winning interior designer specializing in Retail, Commercial, and Mixed Use developments. Over the course of 25 years, she has left a defining mark on South African design. Driven by both creative vision and strong business acumen, Robyn has grown Plan-IT Design into a leading multidisciplinary firm, delivering impactful projects across the African continent. As a former Director of the African Institute of the interior Design Professions (IID), she remains a dedicated advocate for advancing excellence in design practice throughout Africa. At Plan-IT Design, Robyn leads the creative direction and consultancy services, focusing on interior design, architectural solutions, turnkey projects, and procurement for retail, Commercial and building-Related developments.



## Rod Warner

**Strategic Leasing Manager, PARETO**

Rod Warner has 35 years property experience, with the last 20 years retail focused. He sees that the retail industry is going into a tough period where trading density growth is paramount to ensure Asset long term sustainability and Central to this performance is the consumer shopping experience enhanced by good retail design. He has been described as analytical, collaborative and solutions driven by industry peers and enjoys engagements between Landlords and Tenants especially when ideating on the use for unconventional spaces.



## Terri Roetz

**Senior Architectural Associate, ELPHICK PROOME ARCHITECTURE**

A Senior Associate Architect based in Durban with more than 10 years of professional experience delivering projects across the luxury residential, commercial, hospitality, fitness and affordable housing sectors. Their portfolio spans award - winning bespoke luxury homes, large-scale residential developments, commercial buildings, hotel, and community - focused projects, reflecting a commitment to thoughtful, contextual responsive design. Known

for leading complex projects with clarity and professionalism, they excel at navigating challenging design, technical, and stakeholder environments. A collaborative leader and effective communicator, they build strong relationships with clients, consultants, and project teams transform ambitious ideas into successful built outcomes. Driven by a balance of design excellence, technical rigour, and practical delivery, they are committed to creating architecture that is enduring, functional and enriches the communities it serves.



## Tim Hughes

**Architect, TIM HUGHES ARCHITECT**

Tim Hughes is a Cape Town based architect with a focus on commercial, industrial, retail, healthcare, and mixed-use developments. His expertise spans the full architectural process, from urban planning and master planning through to detailed architectural design and project delivery. Tim began his career with Derick Henstra Architects (Now dhk) in 1996 before establishing his own architectural practice in 2000. Over the past 26 years, Tim has built a reputation for delivering innovative, commercially successful, and technically robust architectural solutions. His practice has been privileged to work with industry-leading developers, multinational companies, and investment funds, including Investec, Old Mutual Properties, Growthpoint, Rabie Property Group, Mc Donald's, Burger King, Horizon Capital, and Food Lover's Market. Tim believes that successful projects are founded on collaboration. He combines creative design thinking with practical execution to deliver functional, commercially responsive architecture that meets his clients objectives while creating enduring value for the communities his projects serve.



# CATEGORY A NEW DEVELOPMENTS FINALISTS



## Garden Walk Mall

20 000m<sup>2</sup>

Western Cape

BAR Architects  
Architect

Moolman Group  
Developer

Moolman Group,  
Dorpstraat Properties &  
Organic Coral Investments  
Shopping Centre Owner



## Groot Pheasantekraal View

30 000m<sup>2</sup>

Western Cape

Boogertman + Partners  
Architect

Abland Property  
Developers  
Developer

Abland Property  
Developers and Sasol  
Pension Fund  
Shopping Centre Owner



# CATEGORY A NEW DEVELOPMENTS FINALISTS

## Mushroom Farm

29 135m<sup>2</sup>  
Gauteng

BAR Architects  
Architect

Century Property  
Developments  
Developer

Century Property  
Developments  
Shopping Centre Owner



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## CATEGORY A NEW DEVELOPMENTS

### WINNER

# Garden Walk Mall

20 000 m<sup>2</sup>

Western Cape

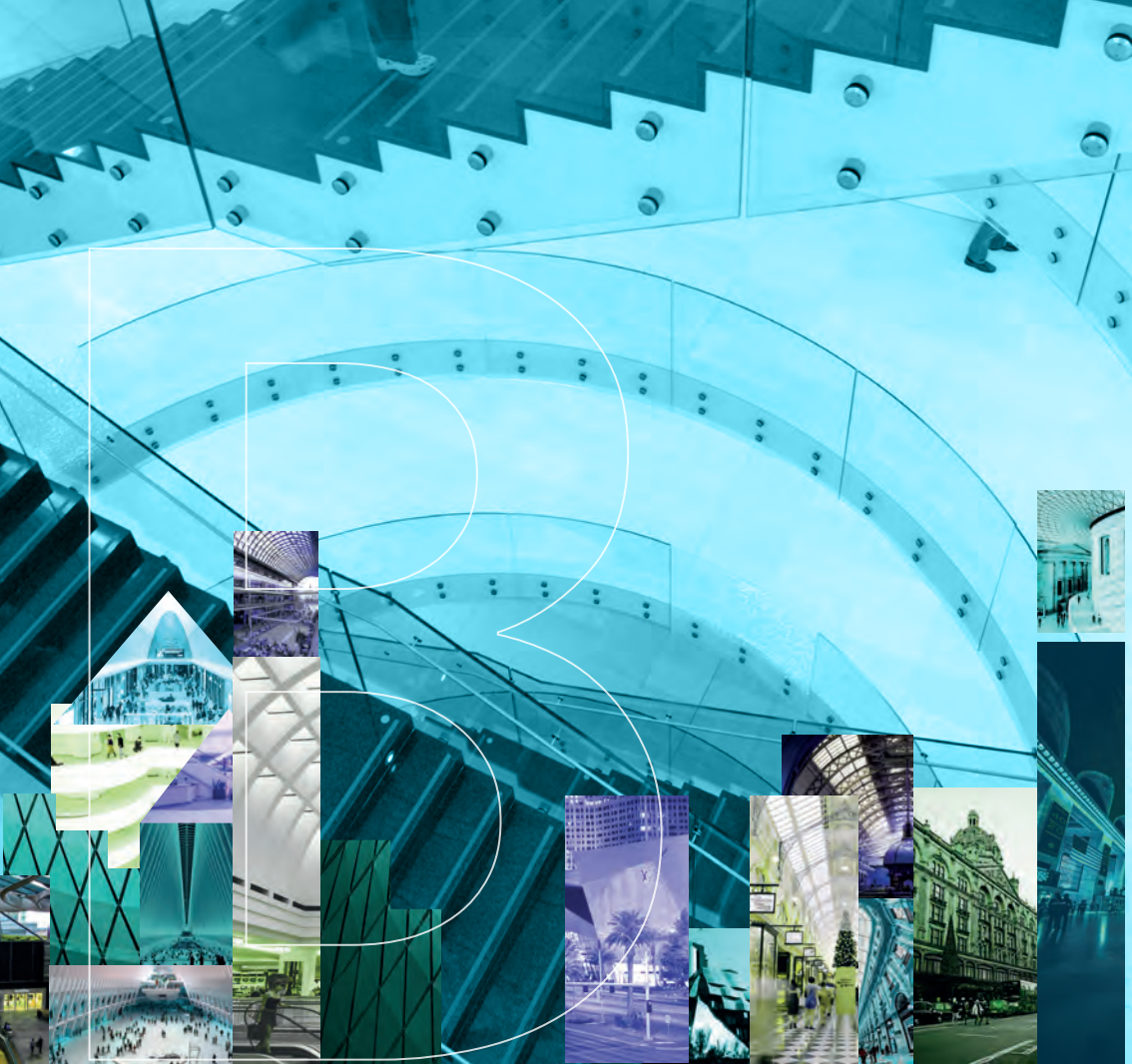
BAR Architects  
Architect

Moolman Group  
Developer

Moolman Group, Dorpsstraat  
Properties & Organic Coral Investments  
Shopping Centre Owner

Garden Walk Mall represented a range of excellent attributes: strong, well-curated tenant mix, pragmatic plans, and selective spending on the creative design elements. The judges panel voted Garden Walk Mall the most successful in bringing together each of these aspects to create an easy shopping experience, with crisp design and strong trading performance, narrowly edging the other two finalists.





# CATEGORY B RENOVATION/EXPANSION FINALISTS



## Groblersdal Mall

37 000m<sup>2</sup>  
Limpopo

Design Partnership  
Architect

Twin City Development  
Developer

Twin City Development &  
Patricio & Sons  
Shopping Centre Owner



## Lowveld Mall

61 858m<sup>2</sup>  
Mpumalanga

MDS Architecture  
Architect

Twin City Development  
Developer

Twin City Development  
Shopping Centre Owner



# CATEGORY B RENOVATION/EXPANSION FINALISTS

## Lynnridge Walk

18 000m<sup>2</sup>

Gauteng

Boogertman + Partners  
Architect

Dorpstraat Properties  
Developer

Dorpstaat & HCI  
Shopping Centre Owner



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## CATEGORY B RENOVATION/EXPANSION

### WINNER

# Lowveld Mall

61 858m<sup>2</sup>

Mpumalanga

MDS Architecture  
Architect

Twin City Development  
Developer

Twin City Development  
Shopping Centre Owner

The creativity shown by the developers, architects and leasing teams in this project impressed the judging panel. The architects at Lowveld Mall tipped the scales with the oversized pergola features at the entrance and the imaginative ceiling and floor finishes, which transformed the old mall. This, together with the strong performance of the centre, lifted the scores marginally above the two other finalists.



## CATEGORY C RETAIL DESIGN – RESTAURANT FINALISTS



### **Akti Mediterranean Inspired by George** Omni Square, Gauteng 317m<sup>2</sup>

Sketch Interior Architects  
Designer

Basil Papageorgio  
Owner



### **Butcher Boys - Prime Steakhouse** Mushroom Farm, Gauteng 667m<sup>2</sup>

Sphere Design and Architecture  
Designer

Kefales  
Owner



# CATEGORY C RETAIL DESIGN – RESTAURANT FINALISTS

## Doppio Bistrot

Nine Yards, Parktown North, Gauteng  
376m<sup>2</sup>

Sketch Interior Architects  
Designer

Spur Corporation  
Owner





## CATEGORY C RETAIL DESIGN – RESTAURANT



### WINNER

# Doppio Bistrot

Nine Yards, Parktown North, Gauteng

376m<sup>2</sup>

Sketch Interior Architects

Designer

Spur Corporation

Owner

The sheer quality of the entry would stand up well against anything on offer internationally. Doppio Bistrot just pipped the other finalists with the dramatic repurposing of the old buildings to create such a standout experience.





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127m<sup>2</sup>

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Melrose Arch, Gauteng  
842m<sup>2</sup>

TDC & Co  
Designer

Dis-Chem  
Owner



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## Lacoste

Mall of Africa, Gauteng  
272m<sup>2</sup>

Landkir Group  
Designer

The Power of Trading  
Owner





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Chris & Alley with their exciting, highly experiential designs, from layout to style to the quality of finishes. In their Ballito store, they took this another step to create an indulgent, warm environment where the customer is wonderfully cosseted!





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Dischem won through its approach to customer service, where the judges panel liked the integration of innovative systems and services with the clean lines and graphics of the store fixtures and fittings.



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ARCHITECT

Twin City Development

DEVELOPER

Twin City Development

OWNER

Despite the fine margins that separated all the category winners this year, the unanimous winner was Lowveld Mall, which displayed how great design, even with tight budgets, can create a great experience and healthy returns. A strong combination of creative vision and collaboration across the development, architectural and leasing teams helped set this project apart.



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