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DESIGN ARCHITECTS

CUTTING EDGE CONTEMPORARY AFRICAN DESIGNS

BRAND PROFILE

ABOUT US

Kabu Design Architects (KDA) is a full-service architectural practice founded in 2007 by architect Buhle Mathole

With a footprint spanning Johannesburg, Cape Town, and Dubai, the firm operates at the intersection of contextual design, technical excellence, and contemporary architectural thinking.



Over the years, KDA has delivered residential estates, bespoke homes, commercial buildings, and institutional projects. Each commission reflects our commitment to design integrity, material consideration, and disciplined execution.

Our philosophy is rooted in the belief that architecture must respond to both environment and human experience. Every project begins with a deep understanding of site conditions, cultural context, client objectives, and regulatory frameworks. This analytical foundation allows us to craft solutions that are not only visually compelling but structurally sound and practically viable.



19

Years of Architectural Practice



200+

Projects Designed & Delivered



10+

Awards & Industry Recognitions



15+

Cities & Regions Impacted

LEARN MORE ABOUT WHO WE ARE

Our Mission

To design architecture that responds intelligently to its environment, enriches human experience, and delivers enduring value.

Through rigorous design thinking, technical precision, and collaborative partnerships, Kabu Design Architects creates spaces that balance innovation, functionality, and cultural relevance from concept through construction.



Our Vision

To be a globally respected architectural practice shaping contemporary environments through thoughtful, context-driven design.

Kabu Design Architects aims to contribute meaningfully to the built environment by delivering projects that set standards in design integrity, sustainability, and architectural excellence across Africa and international markets.

SERVICES

So, what do we at **Kabu** **Design Architects?**

Our Services

Integrated architectural, digital, and brand solutions focused on building scalable, functional, and professionally positioned environments.

01. Concept Design

The initial creative phase where ideas are explored through sketches, spatial planning, and early concepts that respond to the client's vision, site, and project requirements.

02. Design Development

Concepts are refined into detailed design solutions through layouts, material considerations, and visual development to prepare the project for technical execution.

03. Technical Documentation

Detailed technical drawings and documentation are prepared for approvals, municipal submissions, and construction. This phase involves coordination with consultants, engineers, contractors, and tender processes to ensure compliance and buildability.

04. Closeout & Site Supervision (Project Management)

Oversight during construction to ensure the project is executed according to design intent, quality standards, timelines, and technical specifications through to completion.

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Meet the Founder



KABU DESIGN ARCHITECTS

Founder & Principal Architect

Buhle Mathole

Buhle Mathole is the founder and principal architect of Kabu Design Architects, a practice she established in 2007. With nearly two decades of professional experience, she has led a diverse range of residential, commercial, and institutional projects across South Africa and internationally, building a reputation for thoughtful, context-driven architecture.

She studied architecture at the University of Cape Town before completing her professional Master of Architecture at the University of Pretoria. In addition to her work in practice, Mathole contributes to architectural education as a lecturer at the University of Cape Town, where she supports the development of future architects.



Learn more by
scanning the code

A top-down view of a desk with architectural blueprints. A clear ruler is placed over the blueprints. A silver pen lies diagonally across the ruler. A pair of glasses is also on the desk. The background shows a laptop and other papers.

We view **architecture** as a **collaborative journey**. From **concept** development through to **construction** oversight, our **team** works **closely** with clients, consultants, and contractors to **ensure** clarity, **alignment**, and **quality** control at every **stage**.



GALLERY

Residential



GALLERY

Institutional

Let's Design Your Vision Together, too!

Meet with our team to discuss your architectural needs across Johannesburg, Cape Town, or Dubai. From feasibility to final execution, we approach every project with precision, creativity, and strategic thinking.

Schedule a session and let's build with intention.





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**Get In Touch
With Us**

Have questions or ready to schedule a meeting?

Our dedicated team is here to assist you.

Reach out to us via the information below and let's collaborate to enhance your projects.



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