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ARTE PROFILE

Arté Architects is a South African based architectural practice with studios in Centurion, Gauteng and The Garden Route, Western Cape.

The firm was founded in 2014 by Wouter Erasmus and Johann le Roux, whereby decades of experience in Architecture and Construction came together.

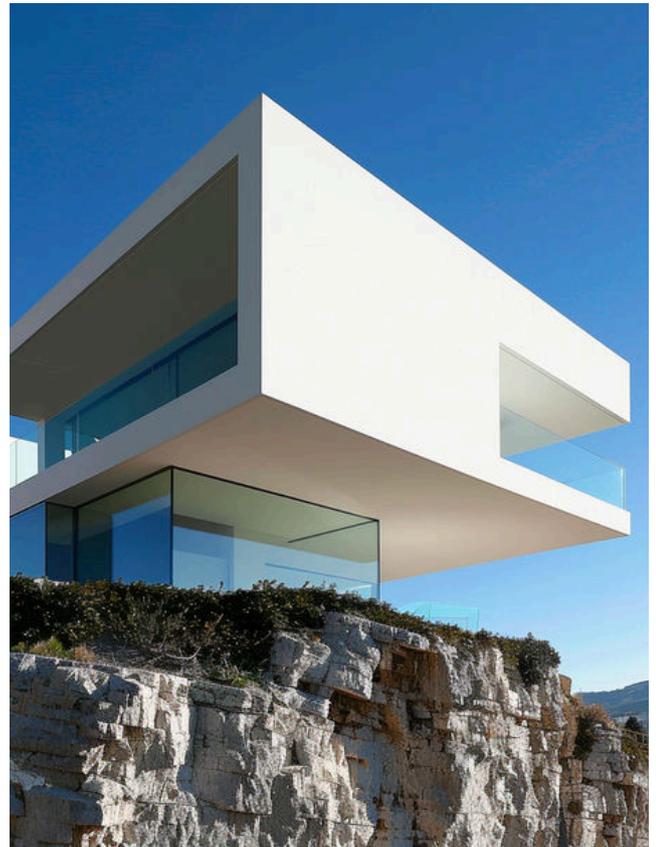
In 2020 the company was joined by Tommy Joyce as lead design partner. Tommy is currently one of the most innovative and sought-after designers in South Africa.

The Architectural office, under the leadership of Adriaan Thom, Lizeri Grobler and their team, strive to exceed all our client's expectations. Interactive and realistic 3D presentations of dream properties, and detailed construction drawings, provide our clients with an unsurpassed experience.

Dedicated to innovative, practical, and sustainable design solutions, Arté specialises in designing contemporary structures that are singular, energy efficient and environmentally sensitive. Each project, whether large or small, is considered unique and design solutions suit the individual requirements of client and location. The end results are elegant, timeless, and sophisticated buildings.

With combined strength in all architectural and construction related disciplines, Arté Architects are the all-in-one service choice for families, individuals, and companies.

Arté projects are recognized locally and internationally. Projects have been featured in numerous lifestyle design magazines, TV shows, and leading architectural design websites.





ARCHITECTURE

When we start any project, our approach is characterized by pure dedication and passion.

We possess an enthusiasm that drives us towards achieving unparalleled excellence in all facets of our work.

We believe that architecture must represent the innovative vision as well as technical expertise of an architect, all while addressing client desires and aspirations.

That is why we commit ourselves towards building long-standing relationships with individuals who use our services - doing so permits us to cater specifically for their distinctive requirements.

Fundamental design philosophies are principles we uphold consistently in every undertaking we embark on.

By embracing these core values, we are able to provide dynamic teams that possess the technical skills necessary to navigate previously unimagined projects.





LODGES

Our team, comprising experienced architects and contractors who are skilled at their craft, has earned a reputation as an influential group within the hospitality industry.

This is thanks to our unyielding commitment towards providing service that consistently surpasses expectation.

The proof lies in the stunning residential constructions and exclusive retreats we have produced through adherence to world-class standards.

Our professionals' expertise enables them to tackle even the most intimidating logistical challenges with success - complex logistics associated with constructing buildings in remote locations do not deter us from delivering exceptional results punctually and with accuracy - all of which serve only to cement our already strong reputation within this field.





INTERIOR DESIGN

The art and science of interior design involves the thoughtful consideration and intentional manipulation of various elements within a given space so as to evoke particular emotions, sensations, or responses from those who inhabit it.

This discipline is centered around exploring the ways in which humans interact with their physical surroundings on an emotional level.

It is an extremely potent and fundamental element that permeates every aspect of our daily routines and profoundly impacts the manner in which we conduct ourselves during our professional responsibilities as well as leisurely pursuits.

Interior design encompasses the creation of welcoming and cozy living spaces, efficient offices that supports productivity, aesthetically pleasing public areas that resonate with beauty.

These elements all come together in a seamless flow resulting in interior designing being dynamic and ever-changing.

Arté takes pride in providing an unparalleled level of service by offering the skillset and knowledge of professionally trained interior designers.

Our sought-after design solutions are renowned for their luxurious quality, catering to those with discerning tastes who demand nothing but excellence.



CONSTRUCTION

In today's advanced and highly developed world, it is expected that the process of construction must transform architectural designs into tangible structures.

As a service provider, we offer our clients a chance to partake in a design/build contract.

Through this agreement, we commit ourselves to overseeing the entire project process from its inception until completion.

The turn-key option is a comprehensive service that affords the client a seamless approach to integrating various professionals, including architects, interior designers, engineers, landscapers and contractors throughout every stage of design development and construction implementation.





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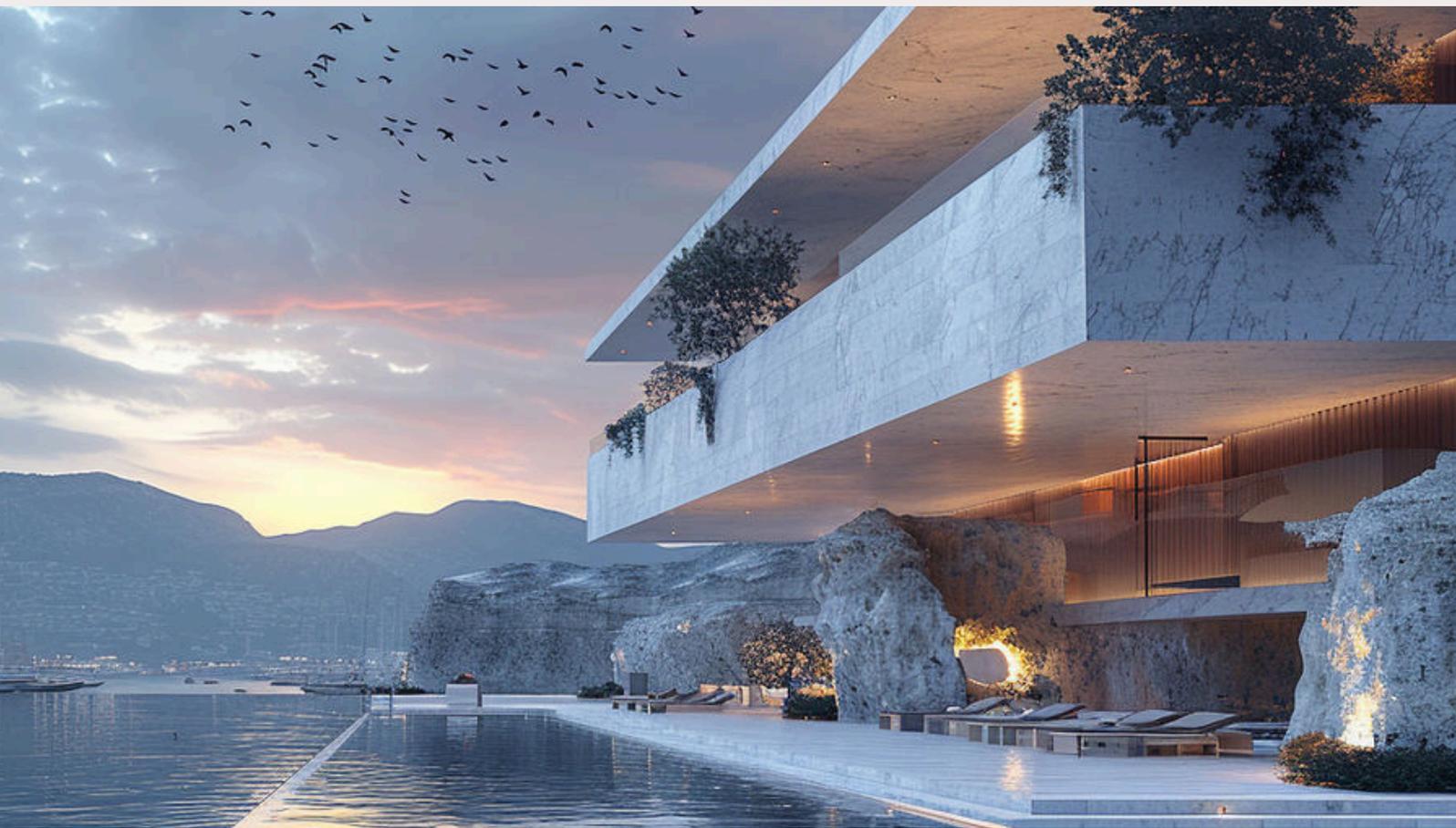
Arté Architects is presently broadening our horizons beyond the confines of South Africa by developing a new and exciting venture involving a luxury hotel in Grand Baie, Mauritius.

In addition to this project abroad, we are also making headway in Central Africa.

Our reputation for providing excellent architectural services is rapidly increasing with each new project.

That is why we remain keenly interested in partnering with developers who possess similar values as us - individuals whose visions champion practicality combined with creativity - all while acknowledging environmental preservation through use of sustainable design elements.





TECHNOLOGY

Our highly skilled and talented design team, coupled with years of experience and world-class software place us at the forefront of 3D virtual tours, video presentations, CGI and AI.

We provide our clients with a virtual 3D experience from early concept stages to fine details upon completion for their dream home or project.

Additionally, we use the latest BIM (Building Information Modelling) software to seamlessly integrate engineers, contractors, clients along with other industry professionals.

Our property development partners have achieved great success using our digital marketing solutions thereby speeding up sales processes while reaching wider audiences.



PROJECT TWO80

SA Homeowners magazine showcased this modern coastal home that was designed with the goal of placing an aircraft into the Sky bar entertainment room situated on its top floor. The result is a remarkable visual focal point, visible from both intersecting roads flanking Mossel Bay's exclusive Pinnacle Point Estate in South Africa.

The aircraft display's design is like an upscale showroom, with large frameless glass panels, steel framework, concealed LED lights and visible concrete elements. The cantilevered shape floats over the terrain as a prominent symbol of the property.

The house was constructed with knowledge of Pinnacle Point's notorious gusts, resulting in a layout that focusses on an enclosed inner courtyard meant for leisure and amusement. This space serves as the heart of all activity, having various facilities tailored to satisfy the homeowner's personal preferences.

The double-height living, dining and kitchen spaces bring together the top-level Sky bar and plane display area in this protected setting. This design promotes visual flow between indoor-outdoor lifestyles, improving overall enjoyment.

With its expansive views of the ocean, a sizable, elevated lap pool overlooks the golf course. The perimeter is enclosed by frameless glass panels to shield against gusty winds while fully showcasing nature's beauty. Utilizing solar heat pump technology, swimmers can enjoy an optimal swimming temperature every season for uninterrupted relaxation and leisurely escapes.

To achieve an atmosphere of elegance, the selection of both internal and external materials focuses on a moody colour palette consisting mostly of black, charcoal, and dark timber. The use of bespoke materials like grey marble tiles, off-shutter walls adorned with rich textures along with distinctive elements like timber slat pergolas that add depth to the overall appearance are all part-and-parcel in creating visual interest for this home.

Green technology has been seamlessly integrated into the design of this home, enabling sustainable living systems. The discreetly incorporated environmentally sensitive features range from effective gas geysers and solar panels to battery backup solutions as well as water harvesting systems. By adopting these green technologies which minimize environmental damage, long-term resilience is enhanced while reducing negative impact on the environment simultaneously.

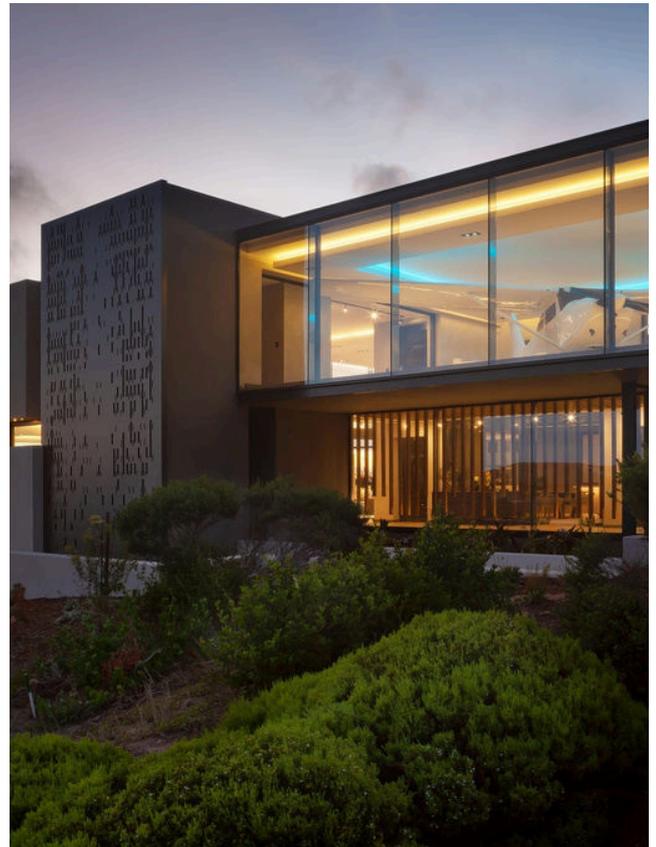
Status: Completed 2020

Project Lead: Tommy Joyce and Wouter Erasmus

Project Location: Pinnacle Point, Mossel Bay, Garden Route, South Africa

Project Area: 750m²

Interior Design: Posh Interiors



PROJECT ONE50

This modern coastal home is in the esteemed Pinnacle Point Estate of Mossel Bay, situated on a gradual slope. The property features innovative design that exemplifies its contemporary nature. Our collaboration with an experienced structural engineer has resulted in unconventional architecture and construction methods which challenge conventional norms and spark creativity.

The home is composed of two separate sections, with the top portion proudly contorted at an angle over the lower part to showcase a dynamic style that our client desired. The ground level seamlessly mixes living, kitchen, dining, and entertainment spaces alongside a pool – all thoughtfully combined to produce an appealing atmosphere for everyday use and group get-togethers.

The upper level seems to effortlessly hover over the lower floors, providing space for bedrooms, ensuite bathrooms and study areas. Every room is thoughtfully positioned to offer a glimpse of the natural fynbos landscape and rushing white waters beneath - ensuring an unbroken link with nature.

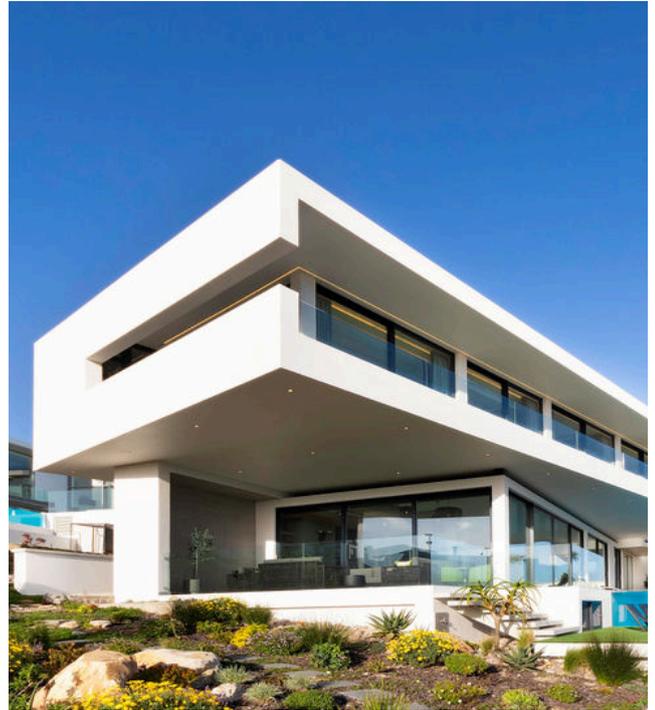
With sustainable design features utilized to the maximum, the house functions as an eco-friendly sanctuary that is mostly self-sufficient.

Status: Completed 2022

Project Lead: Wouter Erasmus, Tommy Joyce and Lizeri Grobler

Project Location: Pinnacle Point, Mossel Bay, Garden Route, South Africa

Project Area: 520m²



PROJECT TEN26

The true essence and charm of House TEN26 can only be fully understood through physical observation. Fearless clients who challenge the limits of design led the selection process for every detail, from textures to materials and colours, both inside and out, with utmost care.

With a focus on functionality, this single-story home has garnered attention in several upscale lifestyle publications. The design seamlessly merges the main living spaces and luxurious master bedroom accommodations onto one level, granting effortless access to outdoor entertainment patios and a beautiful four-sided pool with a rimflow feature. Constructed from natural stone tiles, the pool gives off an illusion of perpetually being full while harmoniously incorporating itself into its surroundings at ground level.

Nestled on a serene incline, the dwelling presents awe-inspiring views of both the Oubaai Golf Resort's golf course and northern Outeniqua mountains. Protected from harsh gusts and scorching summer rays, this home employs passive power methods along with solar temperature moderation techniques to ensure continuous comfortability and eco-friendliness throughout all seasons.

The exterior of the building showcases a combination of textures and colours through the use of dry-pack natural quartz, vertical timber grain off-shutter concrete, perforated aluminium screens, and natural bamboo decking.

Function and aesthetics are integrated through the use of mono-pitch roofs housing a vast selection of solar panels, air conditioning condensers, and other necessary services. These elements remain hidden behind sizeable upstand concrete beams.

Status: Completed 2021

Project Lead: Tommy Joyce and Wouter Erasmus

Project Location: Oubaai, George, Garden Route, South Africa

Project Area: 825m²



PROJECT SEVEN 2

Located in the esteemed Pezula Private Estate, situated along The Garden Route in South Africa's town of Knysna, this coastal home is specifically designed for a discerning foreign client seeking refuge from their bustling European lifestyle. Ideal as a vacation home for families, it promises an escape like no other.

Upon arriving, the home presents a spectacular and fascinating view of the stunning fynbos terrain, coupled with expansive view of the Indian Ocean and rough coastal rocks.

The residence effectively combines classic design elements with modern flair using sleek, extensive cantilevered horizontal lines. This refined interpretation seamlessly blends timeless beauty and contemporary sophistication resulting in an enduring appeal that promises to withstand the test of time.

The home's aesthetic appeal is enhanced with the use of hand-packed natural quartz rock and durable Garapa timber, ensuring long-lasting durability.

Status: Completed 2010
Project Lead: Tommy Joyce
Project Location: Pezula Private Estate, Knysna, Garden Route, South Africa
Project Area: 1000m²
Interior Design: Posh Interiors





KIBOKO LODGE

Kiboko Lodge is a project situated within a beautiful natural landscape, designed with the utmost respect for its environmentally sensitive surroundings.

Set on a cliff face with no existing infrastructure or services, the lodge is completely off the grid and sustainable, minimizing its impact on the environment.

The primary goal of the design was to construct a smart, self-sufficient lodge that can regulate its own underfloor heating and cooling.

This state-of-the-art system taps into solar power by utilizing panels on the rooftop which transfer energy towards a swimming pool acting as an energy reservoir.

The lodge's ambitious and bold design emphasizes the dramatic views of the cliff that it is set upon, while its footprint ensures minimal disturbance to the natural landscape.

Status: Under Construction

Project Lead: Johann le Roux

Project Location: Honig Klip Kloof, Mossel Bay, The Garden Route, South Africa

Project Area: 1080m²

Contractors: Arté Construction



IDWALA LODGE

Located in a lush valley next to a beautiful river, Idwala Lodge is an isolated destination that places importance on environmental sustainability.

Its architecture takes into consideration the region's fluctuating weather patterns, which range from scorching hot summers and sporadic floods to cold, dry winters. The lodge cleverly showcases the site's distinctive features such as the magnificent waterfall cascading down from rocky cliffs.

The selection of building materials played a vital role in the design process, due to the lodge's isolated position. The tented structures blend into their surroundings and offer guests an immersive experience in the bushveld, adopting an unpretentious approach.

As soon as someone enters the tented building, they will be greeted by a panoramic view that overlooks the river and cliffs – creating the feeling of moving beneath a woodland canopy.

Elevated walkways and platforms were constructed to connect the primary building with guest units, ensuring privacy while maintaining the natural environment. These pathways wind through the terrain, providing a sense of isolation for guests as they journey from their lodgings to central amenities.

The lodge consists of:

The main building measures 250 square meters.

The area measuring 120m² is designated for amenities, massage services, and stargazing.

There are two guest units, each measuring 80m² and containing a double bed.

Each of the four guest units is 40 square meters and designed for single occupancy.

Area of Service - 150 square meters.

Due to the lodge's remote location, guests must be flown in by helicopter. During its construction phase, temporary roads were built for transporting materials. Some of these had to be renovated over time to continue serving the needs of the lodge.

A dual-layered tent roof covers all buildings, emphasizing their environmentally conscious and impermanent status. This design creates a ventilated space that insulates indoor and outdoor shaded areas, while also decreasing the heating and cooling needs.

In 2022, the Idwala Lodge was finalized and completed by Arte Construction.

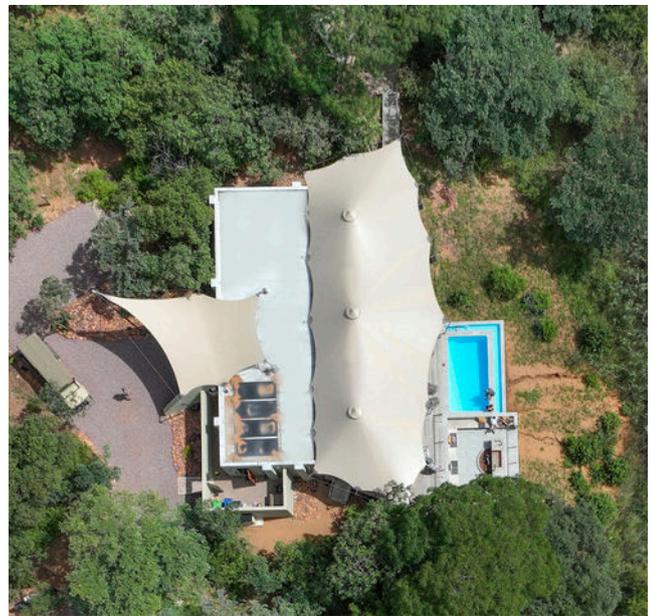
The strict adherence to sustainable practices has resulted in the preservation of the environment and the creation of a beautiful tented lodge for guests who enjoy being surrounded by nature.

Status: Completed 2022

Project Lead: Johann le Roux and Wouter Erasmus

Project Location: Nyati, Waterberg, Limpopo South Africa

Contractors: Arté Construction





SIGNAL HILL

Signal Hill in Plettenberg Bay, South Africa is about to transform. Arté Architects and renowned developers plan to demolish an existing eyesore that has existed for 30 years and build a remarkable new structure instead.

Nine luxury apartments will be built to improve the area's value and appeal by replacing the old concrete structure with a sophisticated new building. We aim to attract discerning homeowners/investors offering high-end living spaces.

Arte Architect promises exceptional, innovative design that surpasses expectations. The building blends seamlessly with Plettenberg Bay's beautiful natural surroundings and offers stunning views overlooking the ocean and the iconic Beacon Isle Hotel.

The new development in Signal Hill is a landmark, symbolizing progress and revitalization. These luxury apartments will improve Plettenberg Bay's urban landscape and economy. Its strategic location represents a significant investment for the community - marking a new chapter in regional growth that both locals and discerning buyers have eagerly been waiting for.



CONCEPTS

Arté Architects have drawn attention for their innovative approach to design and architecture.

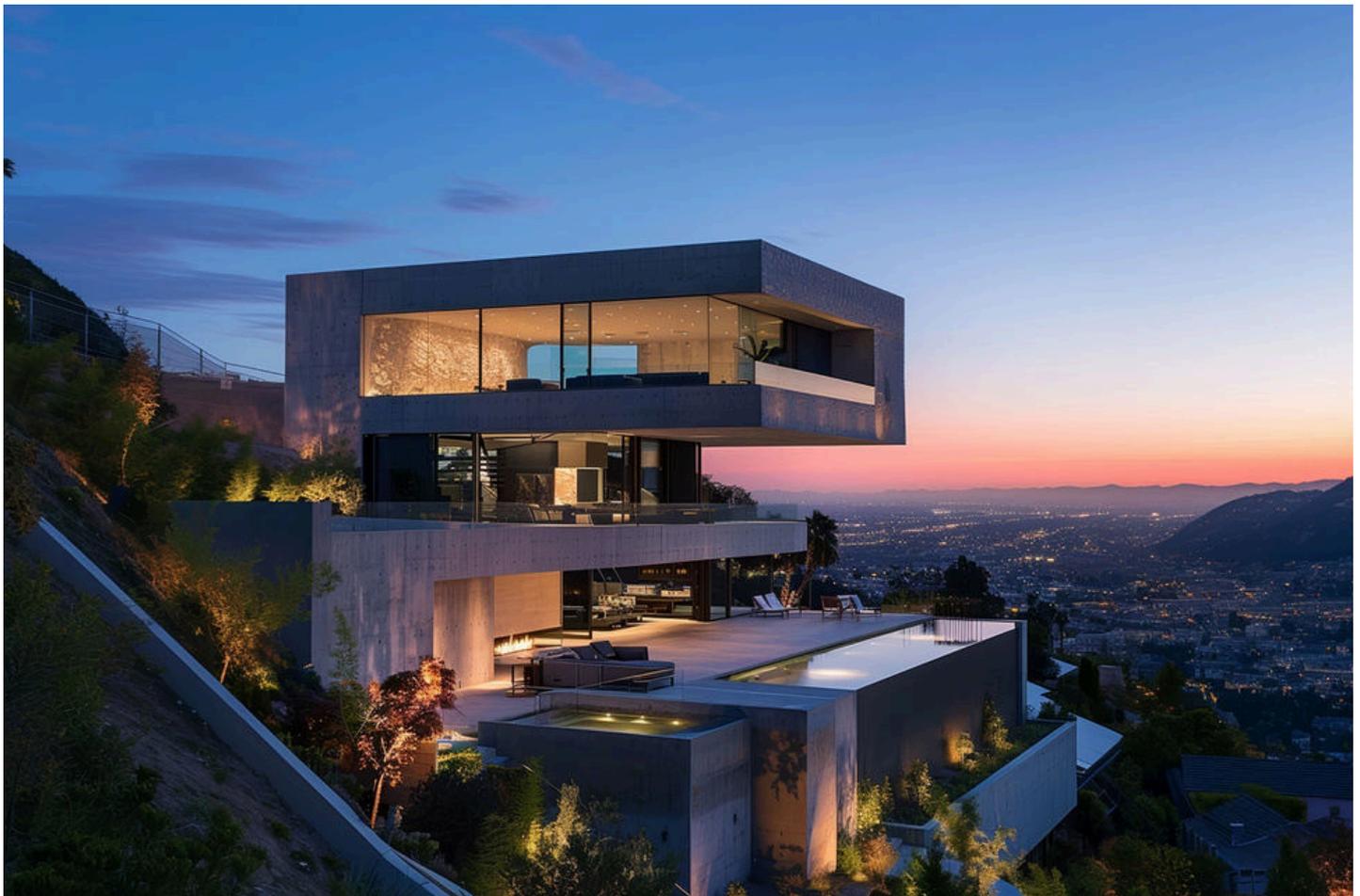
We are recognized for pushing the boundaries of traditional construction and architectural norms, creating state-of-the-art designs that integrate modern aesthetics with functional utility.

Our work often involves using cutting-edge technology and materials, sustainable practices, as well as a holistic approach to space, light and environment - which ultimately makes our buildings stand out both in terms of aesthetics & performance.

Through our innovative approach to design, Arté Architects are helping shape the evolution of urban landscapes.

We offer fresh perspectives on how spaces can be used and interacted with in ways that frequently turn into landmarks or reference points within architecture circles.

Our work inspires fellow professionals and influences future trends while addressing contemporary challenges such as environmental sustainability, urban density, and the need for adaptable spaces in an ever-changing world.





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