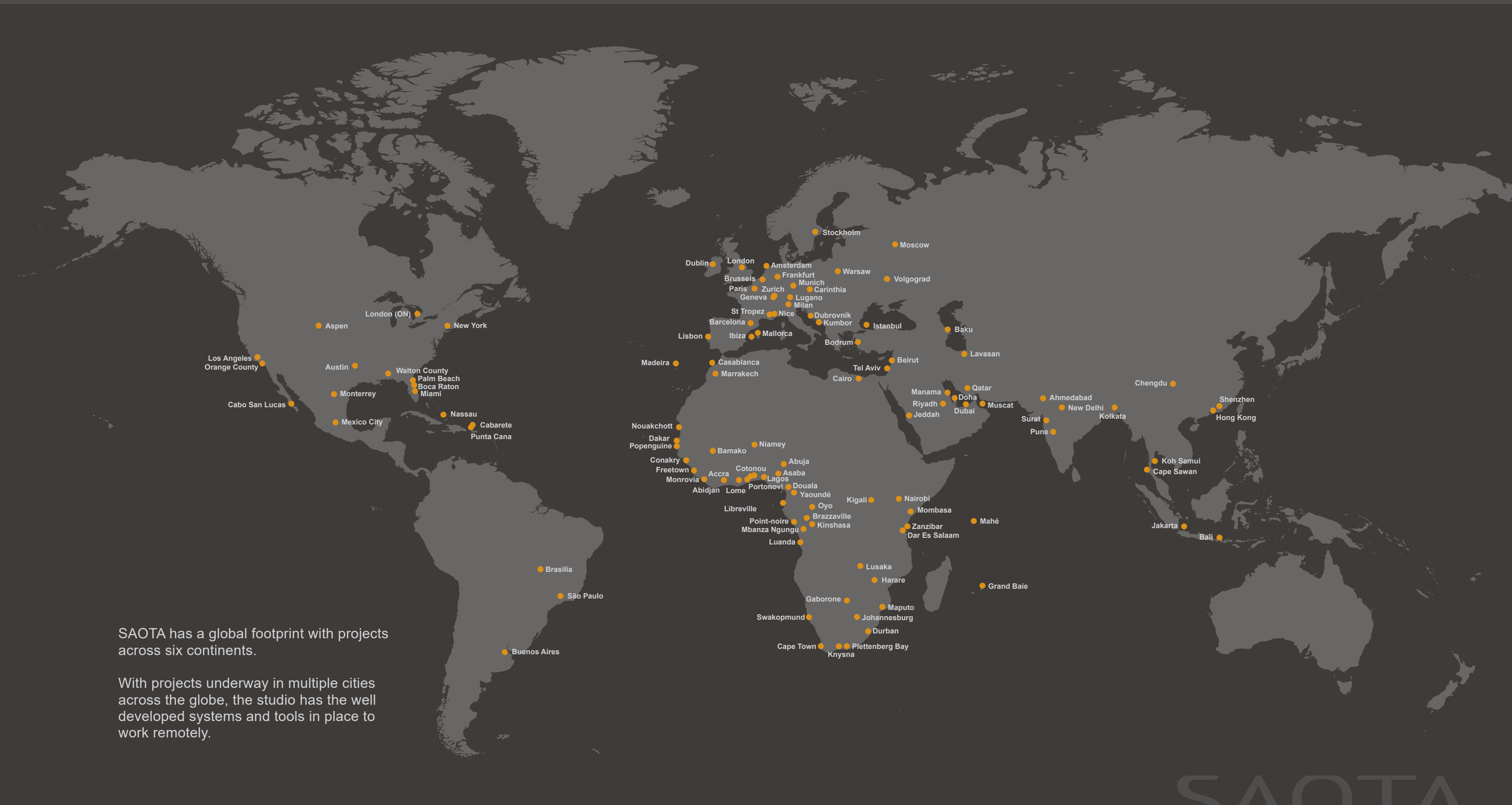
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GLOBAL REGIONS



SAOTA has a global footprint with projects across six continents.

With projects underway in multiple cities across the globe, the studio has the well developed systems and tools in place to work remotely.

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COMPANY PROFILE

SAOTA, a leading firm of architects, is driven by the dynamic combination of Stefan Antoni, Philip Olmesdahl, Greg Truen, Phillippe Fouché, Mark Bullivant, Roxanne Kaye, Logen Gordon, Dani Reimers and Dominik George who share a potent vision easily distinguished in their practices.

This, paired with both an innovative and dedicated approach to the design, documentation and execution of projects globally, has seen SAOTA become an internationally sought-after brand.

SAOTA has a global footprint with projects on six continents. We have a clear understanding of the place of design in the world and how to deliver architectural projects in diverse markets.

This success is driven by a design philosophy that connects function and form, and the pursuit of true architectural design to create appropriate solutions. The focus on achieving maximum value has also led to global invitations to design, build and create highly prestigious projects.

The philosophy of practice is embodied in the spirit of enquiry that flourishes amongst its staff. This spirit not only guides the firm, but enables it to maintain its position as definitive designers in a highly competitive and fast-changing industry. Increased exposure to the global marketplace has seen SAOTA flourish as cities and contexts allow for infinite inspiration which can be seen radiating from the approach to design.

SAOTA is also focused on using the most current computer technology in its design process, both to understand the design and to communicate the design to our clients. To this end we are world leaders in the use of Revit and have also developed virtual reality tools for use in our process.

"We strive to promote a service marked by excellence both in our buildings and in addressing the needs of our clients, with the focus on high standards & elegance."











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Rudolfstetten Switzerland

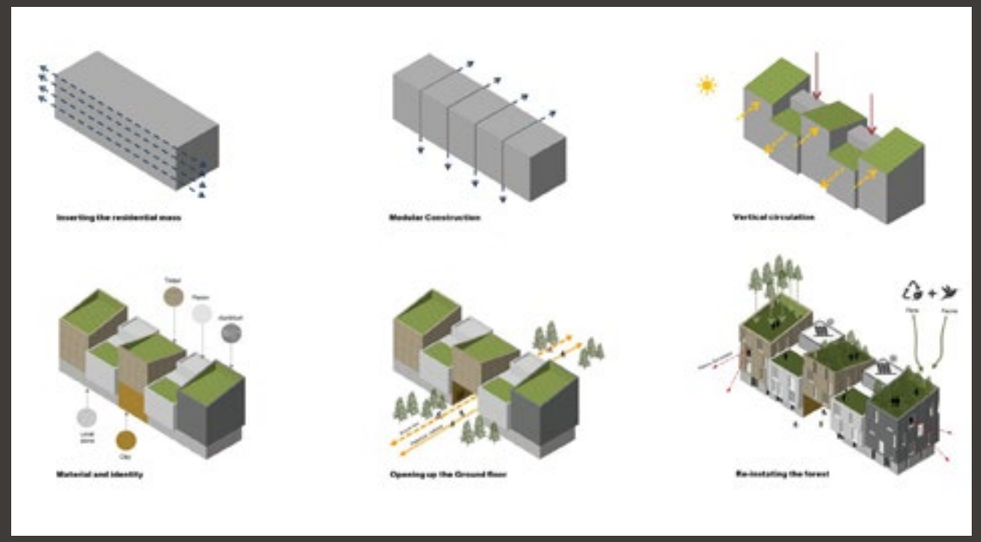
Located in the small town of Rudolfstetten, this proposal for a new multi-residential development will consist over 400 HOUSING ESTATES and various commercial functions for inhabitants of all age groups.

The shape of the buildings was inspired by the traditional pitch roof swiss houses. The use of a modular construction system assisted in the overall reduced project cost of this mid-income housing project. Low embodied energy and locally sourced materials contribute to creating a more sustainable development.

The project aims to re-introduce the natural fauna and flora to the area. Roof areas were the ideal location for photovoltaic panels and the use of solar energy. The main commercial functions are located along the main access routes leading towards key communal spaces.

Punctures through the ground floor building masses create bicycle and pedestrian pathways allowing for a non-motorized zone. The openings include an opportunity for bicycle parking and resident post boxes.

The main commercial functions, which include a bakery, cafe and grocery store are located along the main access routes







KNM VILLAS

China

Holiday villas in the countryside, surrounded by indigenous hills and mountains. The project is part of a larger development focused on a harmonious lifestyle, with gardens and nature becoming strong focal points.

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THE COAST

Koh Samui Thailand

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The Coast is located on the western edge of the beautiful island of Koh Samui in Thailand.

The site's sharp incline offers views of the famous five islands, with the mainland in the background.

The combination of the tropical environment, steep slope and west aspect delivers sunsets that are truly hard to beat. The design brief was for four villa types (250m², 300m², 450m² and 600m²) and a beach club (1000m²).

While the local regulations demand fragmented buildings, SAOTA innovated by separating the spaces in three dimensions as well as in plan.

Combined with a sensitive palette of materials and a deliberate effort to draw landscape and lush planting into the building, the result is a design which is integrated with, rather than imposed on, the tropical island context.







THE RIDGE ESTATE

Cape Town South Africa

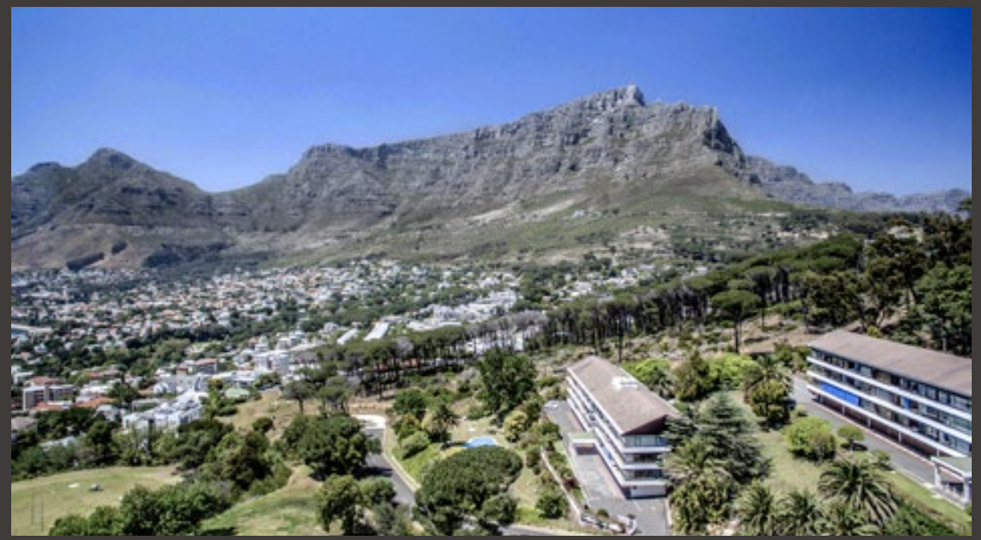
THE RIDGE ESTATE

Cape Town South Africa

The Ridge Estate on Lion's Head is located below the High Places Apartment complex and above the suburb of Tamboerskloof on the edge of Cape Town's City Bowl in South Africa. It comprises two different housing complexes; The Ridge Estate Villas is accessed from Quarry Hill Road with The Ridge Estate Residences accessed from De Hoop Avenue.

The Ridge Estate Villas consists of eight plots and The Ridge Estate Residences consist of 18 plots. These sites offer both the unique microclimate of Tamboerskloof and some of the best views that the city has to offer - providing a panoramic outlook that encompasses Table Mountain, Devil's Peak, the full width of the City Bowl and Signal Hill with the ocean serving as a backdrop.

The Ridge Estate is envisioned to be the first security estate in the City of Cape Town characterised by architecture which is both contemporary and connected to the growing body of Cape vernacular architecture. The emphasis will be placed on clean, timeless, geometric forms designing according to modernist and detailing principles, rather than eccentric shapes and ornaments.







MONT CHOISY

Grand Baie - Mauritius

MONT CHOISY

Grand Baie Mauritius

Located on the northern tip of Mauritius in Grand Baie, Le Parc de Mont Choisy is the only residential golf and beach estate in the North of Mauritius.

The estate consists of 1200 acre's of former sugar cane farmland that straddles the Pointe aux Canonniers peninsula. Phase 1 is situated on what was a small forest created by the original owners.

Residential components comprise a variety of building types. The Banyan Grove HOUSING ESTATES arranged in clusters of 3 storey buildings set around a large organic swimming pool, the Le Peninsule HOUSING ESTATES arranged in a formal layout around gardens, a communal pool and water features with pavilions, 3 types of villas and townhouses.

Future phases will include a country club with tennis courts, gym, swimming pool, spa, clubhouse & restaurants and a beach club with pool-side restaurant & cocktail bar, offering a wide range of water sports.







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RHLSE

Hermanus South Africa

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Located in Hermanus, a seaside town southeast of Cape Town, in South Africa's western province. RHLSE is situated on the last seaside development within the Hermanus precinct consisting of approximately 240 erfs, with 51 situated directly on the water's edge.

RHLSE site is nestled on the beachfront, with views of the ocean- the area known as a whale-watching destination - and backed by a 13-hectare Millwood forest. Given its location, it offered the immense potential to design an exclusive estate with a connection to the sea and exclusive forest outdoor activities. We primarily worked with the natural contours of the site to develop the masterplan of the estate.

With key ordering principles such as a suburban framework, balancing built and open spaces, focal points and natural vistas. We designed a luxury development which includes four villa types, main entrance, a beach club with a gym and restaurant. Each villa type is unique in terms of its layout, programme and connection to the network of roads and immediate site.

With a strong use of materials; stone, steel and heavy bagged walls; the architectural design intent remains consistent and ties the public facilities together with the private, to sit comfortably in the natural landscape.







SERENITY VILLAS

Grand Baie Mauritius

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SERENITY VILLAS

Grand Baie Mauritius

Located 200 meters away from the beach and five minutes from the vibrant atmosphere and lifestyle of Grand Baie, Mauritius.

This estate includes five 5 high-end island-inspired villa types, each with a private garden, and indoor-outdoor experience.

Drawing strong references from the traditional architecture and lifestyle of Mauritius, we have designed the villa as a series of pavilions within a landscape of courtyards.

The intent was to provide a unique living experience, reminiscent of veranda living.

Each space has been designed to have a strong connection with the external spaces, emphasising a seamless courtyard experience private from the larger development and neigbouring villas.

The architectural language is characterised by heavy stone elements of the existing material found on site, then further developed using off shutter concrete horizontal planes and timber screens for privacy or space definition.

Although we created a contemporary series of spaces, architecturally we employed a more traditional roof style which provides beautiful double-volume aired spaces.







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EPIQUE
Bodrum Turkey

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Yalikavak, 18 kilometers from Bodrum, on the Agean Coast. Considered to be one of the most elite villages on the Bodrum Peninsula.

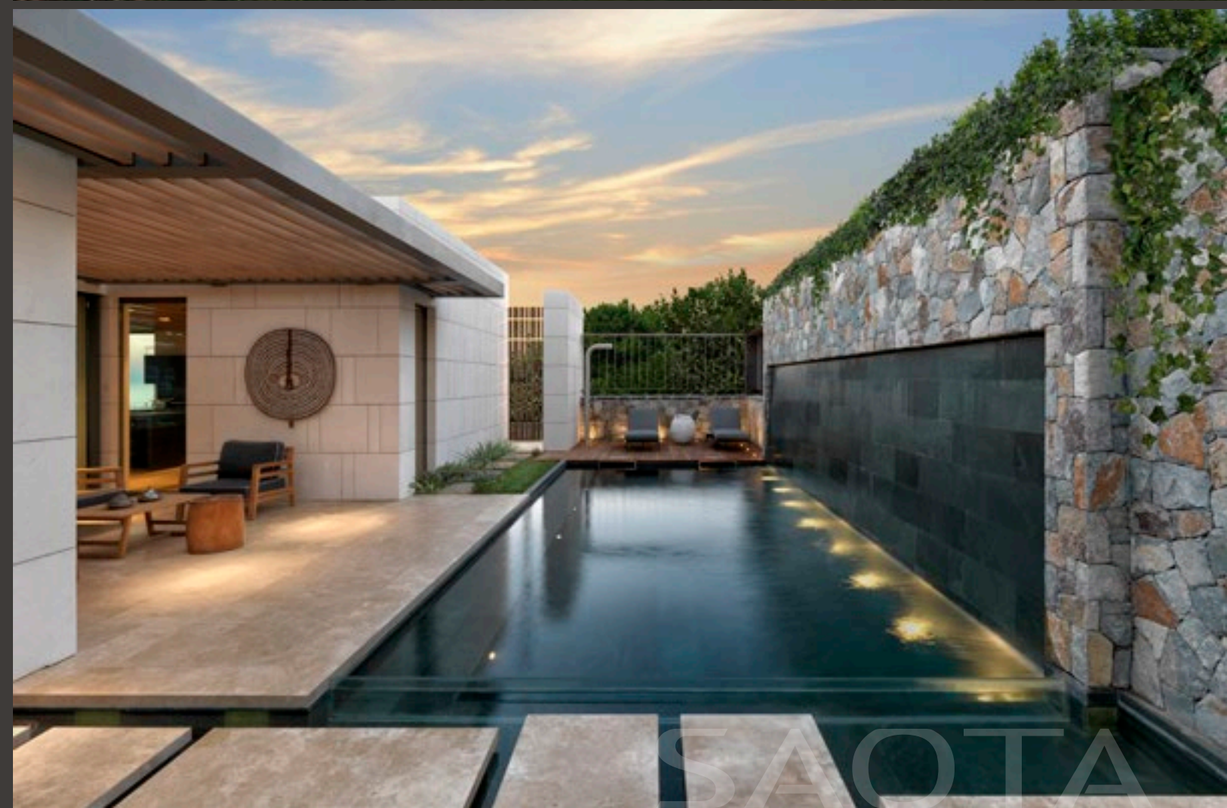
A contemporary residential development on the prestigious coast of Yalikavak in Bodrum, Turkey, redefining the concept of “personal luxury” in this region.

The project consists of 75 private villas, designed to capture a sense of timeless luxury with a specific emphasis on integration into the landscape.

These villas have a dedicated beach and related clubhouse facilities, and share the peninsula with a 100 berth marina, primarily for villa owners.







ONIKOYI

Lagos Nigeria

HOUSING ESTATES

ONIKOYI

Lagos Nigeria

A residential development situated in a prestigious estate in Banana Island, Lagos.

This high-end development consists of a private villa, 13 luxury HOUSING ESTATES and a shared clubhouse and private pool. Equipped with a private jetty, all residents have access to the lagoon.

The contemporary villa is articulated by planted courtyards that open up the main entertainment areas and maximise views across the water and to the city beyond.

The villa and the apartment block flank the clubhouse that houses a gym, small spa, outdoor kitchen facilities and expansive pool.

The splayed walls of the apartment were designed to frame views to the cityscape and at the same time become the iconic sculptural feature articulating the arrival to the development.







HOUSING ESTATES

THE BANTRY

Cape Town South Africa

This contemporary housing design forms part of a large urban development overlooking Lake Sazlidere in Istanbul.

Low rise housing units responds to the topography, allowing vehicles to circulate underneath the buildings, providing convenient access without compromising safe pedestrian avenues on the ground level.

Each unit has access to a private garden, typically on the roof of the neighbour's unit. Double volume gardens accommodate larger trees whilst allowing a degree of permeability through the buildings, ensuring natural light and ventilation to each unit.

The village square is activated by shops, cafés and restaurants, protected by canopies and colonnades.







HOUSING ESTATES

ABATTA

Abidjan Senegal

This residential estate is located on the lagoon outside Abidjan, in an area with several real estate programs in progress. Designed around an identifiable system; the hierarchy of roads and public open spaces are easily accessible and recognisable by the users.

The main axis roads, flanked with green avenues for pedestrians and a commercial sector, provide access to a large urban park and clubhouse zone adjacent the lagoon.

Secondary roads branch off to access the residential zones, comprising of a combination of single and double storey villa types and a series of private green spaces.

The villas are positioned strategically in order to maximise privacy in a typically dense development.

There is a distinctive architectural style of simple lines and white solid forms, with intermittent timber panels, screens and pergolas introduced to soften it.

The roofs are lifted and tilted to bring natural light into the internal spaces, as well as enhance the rhythm of the roofs to avoid repetitiveness in this large residential development.







HOUSING ESTATES

MPOUTO

Abidjan Senegal

The project is situated on the lagoon in a lush residential area in Abidjan. The development consists of 48 Villas, gym facilities and green open spaces spread across the site.

Angled concrete planes lead to the grand avenue, the main access through the development.

The main central road directly links the entrance and the shared clubhouse pavilion building on the lagoon.

48 units are arranged across the site, connected by a densely planted network of roadways and pedestrian sidewalks.

The villa designs are comprised of one plan type with four envelope variations. A restrained palette of materials and finishes achieve harmony between each design.

Clean lines, and extruded forms with dark receding masses accent the timber screen elements and slab perforations.







HOUSING ESTATES

LUXURY LIVING

Koh Samui Thailand

Situated on a very steep hillside site, this development comprises four luxury villas overlooking the northern shore of Koh Samui.

A combination of climatic conditions and the need for privacy within a very tight site defined the planning of the villas, whilst the expressive roof design, with its steep pitches and fanning gables draws on elements of the vernacular.

The living level of each villa is a freely composed pavilion held below an oversailing roof with views out into the bay whilst bedrooms and ancillary spaces are nestled in luxuriant landscaping below.

Tactile natural stone and timber finishes play alongside crisp contemporary elements in concrete and metal sheeting and mesh to establish an environment of modern barefoot luxury.







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KATAMEYA COAST CRYSTAL EDITION

Matruh Egypt

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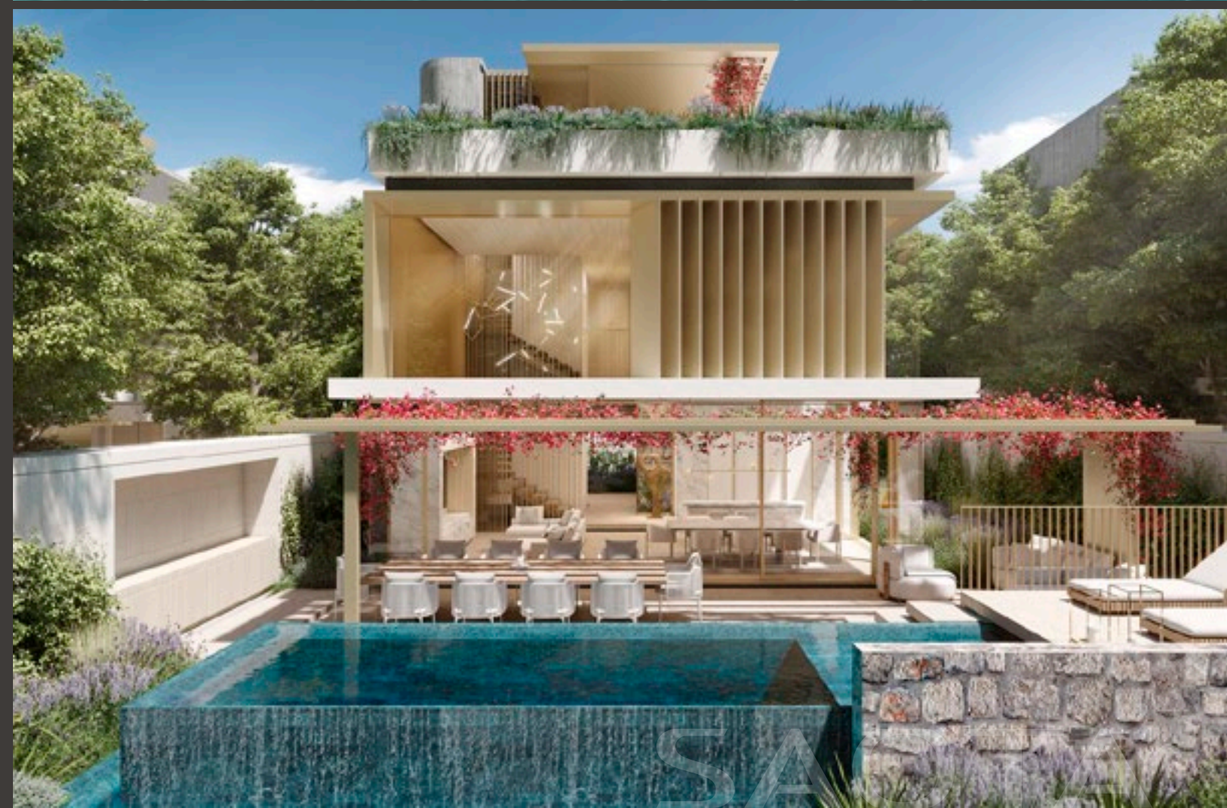
Matruh Egypt

Situated along the Katameya Coast, the strong white horizontals of the centre portions of the building was inspired by the strata lines of the cliffside of the site.

A strong, landscaped base and lightweight bronze roofs to break up the height and layers of the larger types was incorporated. A so-called “crystal lagoon” forms the heart of the masterplan, and most units are designed to have a view of it, as there are no views of the Mediterranean Sea from the site.







HOUSING ESTATES

ECO CITY

Chengdu China

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Chengdu China

The Luxe Lake development is a new town for 100,000 people in the suburbs of Chengdu, China designed around a number of man-made islands and lakes. Commisioned to design 36 villas and a clubhouse on a private island in the latest phase of the masterplan.

The target purchaser of these single family dwellings are the newly prosperous middle to upper classes that are rejecting traditional architecture in favour of a contemporary aesthetic and design solution that combines China's longstanding respect for nature with their own particular embrace of an aspirational future.

The island has been made in such a way that every plot has a view either to the inner or outer lake and the guiding concept was to create spaces that flow into one another with continuous horizontal forms that enclose and engage as well as open up to the outside.

All of the villas are three stories high with the public living areas located on the middle level with access from a pedestrian street and the upper level is given over to private bedrooms. In order to bypass a planning restriction that prevents the construction of detached homes, all of the villas are connected at basement level by a service road and car parking.

This lower level also contains additional communal and entertainment spaces that open out onto the lake.







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CASUARINA

Grand Baie - Mauritius

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Grand Baie Mauritius

The Casuarina Development comprises of over 90 multi-residential apartments in Mauritius. The site lies adjacent to the existing Casuarina Hotel and is intended to form an extension of the Hotel, with seamless transition between the two.

The architectural language and landscape of the apartments is a contemporary interpretation of the existing fabric.

The green spaces become as important as the built form; they are experiential in nature and serve to form privacy gradients with thresholds of trees and planting.

The density of the buildings has been addressed by designing a horizontality in each block, to reduce the scale. This also establishes a continuity and a more fluid design, rather than individual blocks repeated on a site. The emphasis of the horizontal bands ties back to the walkway forms present in the existing hotel.

The strong sense of horizontality is then offset by the timber clad vaults which float lightly over the buildings, animating the silhouettes and becoming the signature reference of the design.







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LIMASSOL HILLS

Limassol Cyprus

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LIMASSOL HILLS

Limassol Cyprus

Overlooking an eighteen-hole golf course, with incredible views towards the Mediterranean Sea, this estate offers three unique villa designs, nestled along the slopes of the Limassol mountains of Cyprus.

Bold contemporary forms, create spatial continuity between the interior and exterior, while locally-inspired materials blend the villas into the surrounding landscape.







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BANANA ISLAND J27
Lagos Nigeria





PANGIA BEACH
Mahé Seychelles





DAKAR WATERFRONT
Dakar Senegal

SPECIAL CAPABILITIES

DESIGN

Our architectural designers are highly skilled and experienced, allowing schemes to be conceptualised in dynamic, yet legible presentations. The design process can therefore develop swiftly with the precise method of achieving objectives and testing the solutions comprehensively. SAOTA have done a substantial amount of projects abroad and have skills in achieving the project requirements set. The design architects are backed up by an advanced computer aided drawing office capable of detailed 3D analysis and presentation.

TECHNICAL

The office has developed advanced technical skills related to, i) Construction Detailing, ii) Building Services and iii) Contract Administration of projects. Further, in working on projects abroad the office has had experience with multi-disciplinary project teams made up of consultants from companies from various countries.

SYSTEMS

SAOTA have developed advanced systems for co-ordination of the projects across all stages of the architects service. This ensures that client presentations, design reviews, Technical Documentation, Tendering and Contract Administration are managed to the highest quality standards.

SAOTA also uses REVIT, the leading Building Information Modelling (BIM) software available allowing us to develop and document a building in a 3 dimensional environment. Any changes are immediately co-ordinated through the entire documentation package. It also gives us unprecedented control over the co-ordination of structure and services when working with consultants using the same platform.

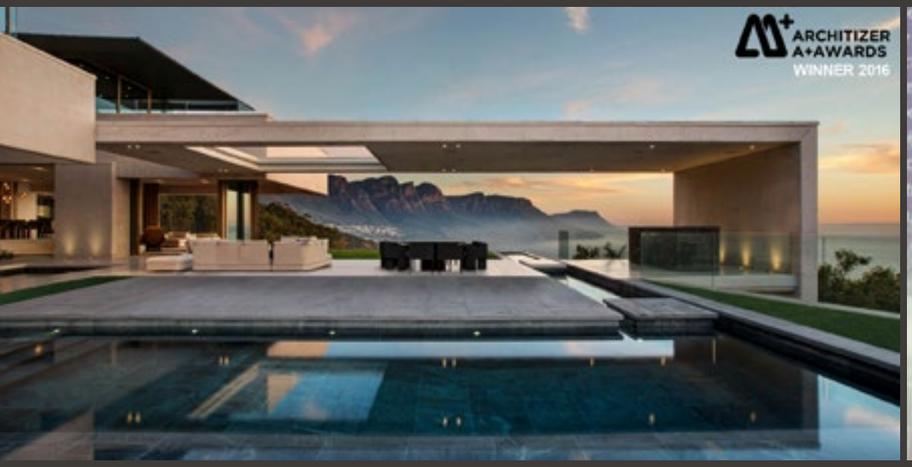
Lumion is used as an architectural visualization tool which allows us to build a 3D environment and create images of each project. Furthermore impressive video presentations and live walkthroughs are created.

Together with Tenebris Lab Director, Gerard Slee, SAOTA developed LUX Walker, a software enabling designers and clients to experience their designs in virtual reality. It's a workflow tool that renders a realistic, true-to-life scale representation of a 3D model that clients can easily interact with.





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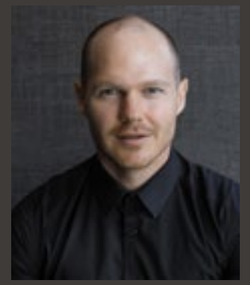

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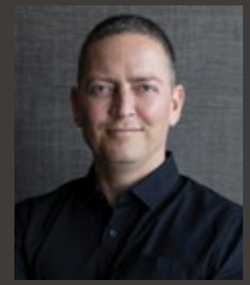

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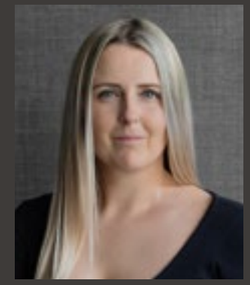
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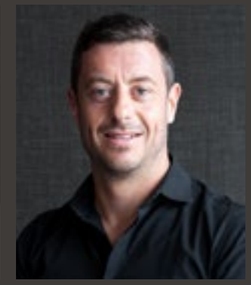

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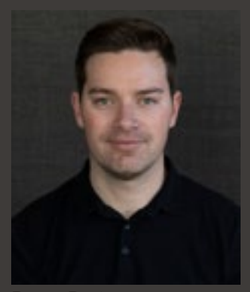

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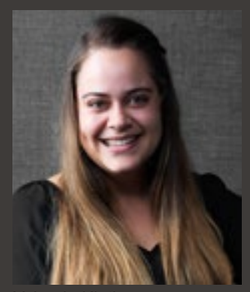
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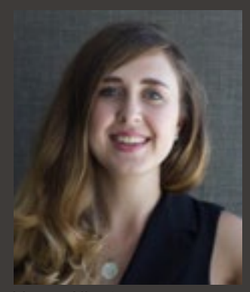

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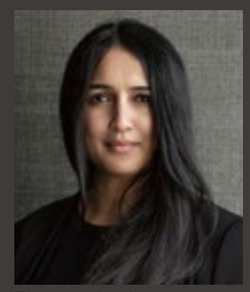

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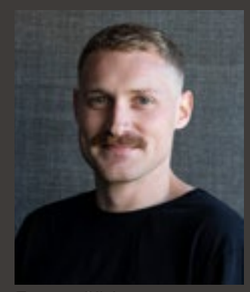

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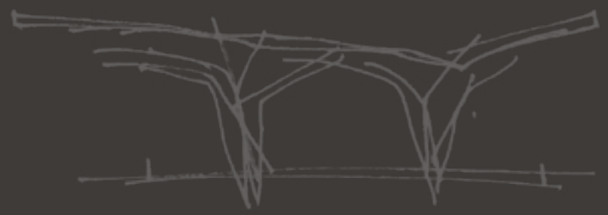

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