

## Contact details



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## Personal details

- [1] Family name: Bester  
[2] First Name: Alwyn  
[3] Date of Birth: 23 May 1974  
[4] Nationality: South African  
[5] Civil Status: Married
- [6] Education: Secondary: Jan van Riebeeck High School, Matriculated in 1992.  
Tertiary: University of Pretoria, B. Arch  
Graduated in 1998 with a distinction in design
- [7] Language skills: English [excellent]  
Afrikaans [excellent]
- [8] Professional Membership: South African Council for the Architectural Profession  
(Reg. no. 7353)
- [9] Present Position: Principle | architectureLAB
- [10] Years with the firm: 2016 - present

## Key qualifications and skills

19 Years' experience in South Africa in the Architectural Profession.

I am experienced throughout the entire spectrum of the architectural profession including conceptual design, design development, technical documentation including design and construction detailing, and site administration. Management of projects with regard to financial, team & resource management, deadlines and deliverables. Projects

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completed ranged from high end single residential buildings, multi storey residential buildings, to office buildings and urban design proposals for mixed use developments.

Software packages I am proficient in include: Revit, Autocad, Sketchup, Indesign, Photoshop, Microsoft Excel, and Microsoft Word.

## Professional experience

2016 – Present	RSA   architectureLAB	Principle
2016 – 2016	RSA   JacobsParker architecture	Associate
2006 – 2016	RSA   <b>dhk</b> architects	Associate
2005 – 2006	RSA   KrugerRoos Architects	Architect
2004 – 2005	RSA   SVA (contract)	Architect
2004	RSA   Tina Gallagher Architect	Architect
2002 – 2004	RSA   KrugerRoos Architects	Architect
2000 – 2002	RSA   CMAI	Architect
1999 – 2000	RSA   Stefan Antoni Architects	Candidate Architect

## Selected Projects

- architectureLAB

2018   Upper Gardens Apartments   <b>Multi-Unit Residential</b>   Cape Town	Project architect
2017   27 Alexandra Ave   <b>Single Residential</b>   Cape Town	Project architect
2017   27 Head Road   <b>Single Residential</b>   Cape Town	Project architect
2017   Stepping Stones Montessori School   <b>Educational</b>   Cape Town	Project architect
2016   Kloof 7-11   <b>Mixed Use</b>   Cape Town	Project architect

- JacobsParker architecture

2016   Icon City   <b>Mixed Use Development</b>   Algiers   Algeria	Project architect
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- **dhk** architects

2016   Office building for DT&PW   <b>High Rise Office building</b>   Cape Town	Project architect
2015   V&A Pavilion Alterations   <b>Office</b>   Cape Town	Project architect
2015   Hilton Hotel   <b>5 Star Hotel</b>   Gaborone, Botswana	Design architect
2014   Queen Victoria Street Office Building   <b>Office</b>   Cape Town	Design architect
2012   Portside   <b>High rise office building</b>   Cape Town	Design architect
2011   Wangari Maathai Institute   University of Nairobi   Kenya <b>Winner: International Competition.</b>	Member of the design team
2011   Office building for corporate client   <b>Office</b>   Johannesburg	Design architect
2011   Urban design proposal   <b>Mixed use</b>   Nairobi, Kenya	Design architect

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2011   Cape Town station redevelopment   <b>Mixed-Use</b>   Cape Town	Design architect
2010   Warwick Mansions   <b>4 Star Hotel</b>   Cape Town	Project architect
2010   CAMAC Tower   <b>High rise mixed-use</b>   Abuja, Nigeria	Design architect
2009   Bay West Mall   <b>Retail mall</b>   Port Elizabeth	Design architect
2009   Members Village   <b>Multi-Unit Residential</b>   Port Harcourt, Nigeria	Design architect
2009   W Hotel   <b>Hotel</b>   V&A Waterfront, Cape Town	Design architect
2009   Deutsche Internationale Schule Kapstadt   <b>Competition</b>   Cape Town <u>Finalist: National Competition.</u>	Member of the design team
2008   <b>Multi-Unit Residential development and hotel</b>   Orighstad	Design architect
2008   <b>Multi unit Residential development</b>   Simons Town	Design architect
2007   Taj Hotel   <b>5 Star hotel</b>   Johannesburg	Design architect
2007   Ninham Shand   <b>Office</b>   Cape Town	Design architect
2007   Nava Raubenheimer   <b>Office</b>   Cape Town	Design architect
2006   Pulse   <b>Office</b>   Cape Town	Project architect
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>KrugerRoos Architects</b></li> </ul>	
2005   <b>UCT Women's Res</b>   Cape Town New residences for the University of Cape Town campus	Member of the project team
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SVA Architects</b></li> </ul>	
2004   Squirrel on Oak   <b>Multi-Unit Residential</b>   Cape Town	Project architect
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tina Gallagher Architect</b></li> </ul>	
2004   Plett Quarter   <b>Mixed-Use</b>   Plettenberg Bay	Project architect
2004   House Kenan   <b>Single Residential</b>   Noordhoek, Cape Town New mixed-use retail, residential and office building.	Design architect
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>KrugerRoos Architects</b></li> </ul>	
2003   Bay House   <b>Single Residential</b>   Bantry Bay, Cape Town <u>Achieved a national merit award.</u>	Project architect
2003   House Justus   <b>Single Residential</b>   Cape Town	Project architect
2002   House Koekemoer   <b>Single Residential</b>   Camps Bay, Cape Town	Project architect
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CMAI</b></li> </ul>	
2000   Thesen Islands   <b>Mixed-Use</b>   Knysna	Project architect
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Stefan Antoni Architects</b></li> </ul>	
1999   Top Road   <b>Single Residential</b>   Fresnaye, Cape Town	Project architect
1999   House Baxter   <b>Single Residential</b>   Bakoven, Cape Town	Project architect

**Personal skills**

I am an expressive, original, independent person who enjoys working in a team. I have good conceptualization skills, which I can then successfully carry through to the sketch design and construction phase of the project. I communicate well with hand drawings as well as with the various software packages I've used to date. I am a problem-solver who loves a challenge, who works well under pressure and am very comfortable working with people from diverse backgrounds. My communication and presentation skills are some of my greatest assets and I have a friendly, open-minded nature.

**Personal interests**

Growing up in Cape Town has played a major part in who I am today. The city inspires me, and the nature surrounding us motivates me. I love just being in the city, feeling the energy, listening to the movement and life around me. I take great interest in its wellbeing, and in its people, and always work with sensitivity and care when designing new buildings in the city. I try and get into the sea for a surf as often as I can, and I find peace on the mountain. I love my children, and want them to be able to live in a beautiful, well designed Cape Town! I am passionate about creating a sustainable future for the next generation, which would include promoting sustainable buildings as well as sustainable cities.