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About us

ABOUT US

MOKO is a contemporary boutique architectural studio based in Cape Town, South Africa.

Our philosophy is to create an enhanced living space through a simple respect and honesty for craftsmanship and design, to ultimately create the enjoyment of an individualized space.

Our openness and enthusiasm for place strikes a chord with clients, and begins an important dialogue to focus their vision and their needs so that they can live in, and be inspired by, the personalized spaces that we create for them.

Each work is a collaborative journey etched from our clients aspirations.

Welcome to MOKO.





What we value

A HEALTHY BUILDING

Wellness, a healthy building, with spaces designed to be truly liveable is a clear goal of the studio. Here are some of the fundamental beliefs we value which result in a house that is a pleasure to live in.

TO FEEL SHELTERED

Screening from summer sun, prevents rays hitting the glass and warming the air within. Well-considered orientation ensures protection and generates a sense of security

WARM IN WINTER

Its a pleasure to live in warm buildings in winter heated via hydronic heating as opposed to heated air

COOL IN SUMMER

Buildings that have thermal mass, exceptional insulation and where the windows are sheltered from the sun all increases wellbeing.

CROSS VENTILATION

To live with fresh air is an essential ingredient to feeling vital and alive. Fresh air helps us sleep, gives us energy when awake and is acknowledged as vital to family health.





“Meraki (n.): The soul, creativity, or love put into something; the essence of yourself that is put into your work.”

AIR AND LIGHT

AIR

By combining sound architectural principles of orientation and cross ventilation with today's sophisticated technologies, a healthy home equates with successful and livable home.

Experts on the architecture of wellness point to the quality of air indoors as a crucial factor in personal well being.

COOL IN SUMMER

A residence that harnesses the natural



YOUR LAND

We can help you understand the possibilities and the opportunity which a great site provides. We do this by undertaking a preliminary site analysis which can include establishing planning scheme requirements, preparing a building envelope, obtaining a property report and creating concept plans.

We are experienced with the complexity of land titles and conversant with the local planning and regulatory environments. Creating concept plans is detailed and almost scientific work, but through our design process, we can take the land and unlock its potential by exploring the possibilities and overcoming any constraints



WESLEY SHANKLAND

Founder and Creative Director

As the founder of Moko and with over 10 years' experience in architecture and interior design, Wesley has established an enviable portfolio.

In that time, Wesley has built a strong consultant team that understands and complements the Moko brand.

Wesley continually searches for innovative materials and products with which to craft new designs. Working in a boutique architecture and interior design firm, allows Wesley to directly mentor his team members which serves to maintain the consistency and integrity of the designs produced by Moko.



EXPERIENCE

After 10 years of working as an Architect and Associate with ARC Architects in the Residential | Commercial | Retail | Master planning fields. Wesley Shankland, with the support of his previous firm, founded Moko Architect Studio in early 2018. Wesley felt it was time to pursue his first love, crafting spaces that create a meaningful contribution to the clients aspirations. Moko's work is found in balance—between richness and restraint, between order and complexity. Each project—whether architecture, interiors, design or creative direction—is imbued with the same intrinsic quality: a simplicity that carries bigger ideas.



REQUEST A MEETING

We appreciate you considering MOKO as architects and interior designers of your project.

We have tried to provide you as much information as we can in this format but there is nothing like face-to-face conversation, so please get in touch if you would like to discuss any aspects of our services in further detail

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Yours faithfully
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