



Company profile.

Red Giraffe Architecture is a KwaZulu-Natal based architectural practice with over 20 years of hands-on industry experience. We offer a full suite of architectural and professional services, delivered in strict accordance with the standards of the South African Council of the Architectural Profession (SACAP). From the first concept sketch to final handover, we bring precision, creativity, and accountability to every project – no matter the scale.

ARCHITECTURE

INTERIOR

PROJECT MANAGEMENT



Service Offerings

We provide a full suite of standard architectural services, taking your project seamlessly from start to finish:

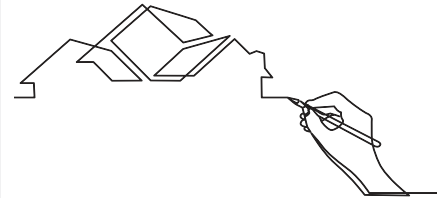
Beyond our standard offerings, we provide specialised services and proudly collaborate with other industry professionals—whether in teams, on a turnkey basis, or as subcontractors—to meet your specific project requirements.



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Inception:

Understanding client requirements and project feasibility.



4.

Documentation:

Preparing detailed drawings and specifications for construction.



2.

Concept Design:

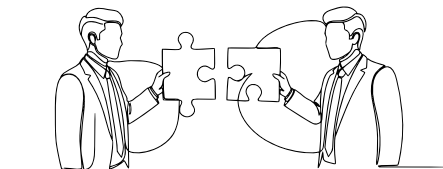
Developing initial design ideas and concepts.



5.

Construction Administration:

Overseeing the construction process to ensure strict adherence to the design.



3.

Design Development:

Refining designs to align with client needs and regulatory standards.



6.

Close Out:

Finalising all aspects of the project and ensuring complete client satisfaction.



Design Philosophy

Our team is fully committed to guiding projects from the spark of an initial concept through to final realisation. We value the traditions of the past and seamlessly integrate them with the innovations of the future, delivering thoughtful designs tailored exactly to your needs.

Client Testimonials

We pride ourselves on our professionalism, attention to detail, and personalised approach, and our clients agree:

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Red Giraffe Architecture consistently delivers quality work, expertly customising projects around our specific needs.

– Fanie van der Westhuizen,
JF Projects

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The design process was highly enjoyable, and Ryan’s attentiveness to our exact requirements was outstanding.

– Benette and Mary-Anne Fortein



01 • Standout Projects

Below are a few of the standout projects we've had the privilege of working on over the years, gaining invaluable industry knowledge along the way and consistently positioning our clients for success.

Hillcrest Primary School

Client: Hillcrest Primary School | Mr Kemraj (Principal)

Location: Hillcrest, KZN

Duration: July 2024 – August 2025

Project Value: R14 Million

Project Type: Educational

Scope of work:

We were appointed as the professional team leader for a new 1000 m² STEAM building being added to Hillcrest Primary School's facilities. The building houses a new robotics and science lab, a multi-purpose arts and culture room, classrooms and offices. We provided full architectural services from concept to completion, including management of the build & budget.



Key features:

- Delivered the project R1 million below the originally agreed budget, even with various extras added along the way.
- Kept the project firmly on track, ensuring on-time delivery despite navigating multiple delays with the local municipality and the Department of Education





02. Residential Developments

Client: Ravi Bedi

Location: Kloof, KZN

Duration: January 2024 – Current

Project Value: R20 Million

Project Type: Residential

Scope of work:

We were appointed as the professional team leader for a new 11-unit development in the heart of Kloof, KZN. Providing full end-to-end services (Stages 1 through 6), we are currently in Stage 5. Construction is about to begin on the new units, while the existing house on the property has already been successfully converted into five individual apartments.



Key features:

- Designed bespoke units with a strong focus on location, seamlessly blending new architecture while heroing the site's existing buildings.
- Maintained strict project timelines to ensure on-time delivery.



03. Residential Developments

Client: Stephen Porteous

Location: Kloof, KZN

Duration: January 2022 – Current

Project Value: R100 Million

Project Type: Residential

Scope of work:

We were appointed as the professional team leader for a new 36-unit development in the heart of Kloof, KZN. Our services for this project encompass Stages 1 through 4.2.

Key features:

- Collaborated closely with the client to conceptualise home designs perfectly suited to both the market and the unique landscape.
- Dedicated significant effort to iterative design, testing, and exploring various opportunities to deliver a final product that met the client's budget and needs.



04.

Residential/ Tourism

Client: The Stockholm (Pty) Ltd

Location: Woodstock, Cape Town

Duration: July 2025 – Current

Project Value: R10 Million

Project Type: Residential/Tourism

Scope of work:

We were appointed to handle the full architectural design and municipal submission process for the development of an 18-bedroom guest house.



Key features:

- Three-storey walk-up guest accommodation
- Street-facing pergola and secure boundary treatment
- Integration of passive design elements and durable finishes
- Sensitive design approach that respects Woodstock's unique urban fabric and scale
- Harmonised material palette blending old and new, featuring face brick, plastered surfaces, and steelwork

Project outcomes:

- The project contributes to much-needed inner-city accommodation and short-term stay offerings while maintaining contextual responsiveness.
- We successfully navigated planning approvals within a heritage-sensitive zone, delivering a modern interpretation of Cape Town's Victorian vernacular.



05.

Industrial/ Commercial

Clover's Sencillo Project

Client: Clover SA

Location: Durban, KZN

Duration: July 2019 - December 2023

Project Value: R1.5 Billion

Project Type: Industrial

Scope of work:

We were appointed as the Durban-based representation for the architectural professional team. Our duties ranged from conducting various municipal consultations and site inspections to compiling a special consent application for a portion of the project.

Key features:

- Successfully obtained approval for a 32m tower via a special consent application.
- Enlisted the development as a catalyst project with the local municipality, which significantly fast-tracked our approvals.
- Ensured the project was completed on schedule and assisted the client in securing a considerable municipal rebate (in the region of R5m).
- Successfully achieved all project milestones while navigating the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.



06.

Industrial/ Commercial

Client: Rio Tinto | RBM

Location: Richards Bay, KZN

Duration: November 2023 – Current

Project Value: R90 Million

Project Type: Industrial/Commercial

Scope of work:

We have been working with Rio Tinto | RBM for the past four years on their pioneering Everyday Respect Project. This initiative involves the assessment, redesign, and renovation of all their facilities to better fit the evolution of the company as a whole. The focus for this phase encompasses their canteens, utility rooms, ablutions, offices and site compounds (roughly 80 locations). Providing full end-to-end services (Stages 1 through 6), we have completed the designs and construction drawings for this phase, with approximately 20% of the newly designed spaces already rolled out.



Key features:

- Full redesign of all spaces to ensure alignment with Rio Tinto standards.
- Engaged collaboratively with various departments across RBM, spanning their entire facility across an approximate 40km geographic span.





Rio Tinto

SDM 120
pilot plant



07.

Commercial Projects

Client: Various

Location: All around KZN, Cape Town and JHB

Duration: January 2018 – Current

Project Value: R500,000 – R30 Million

Project Type: Industrial/Commercial

Scope of work:

We have had the privilege of working with exceptional industrial and commercial clients over the years. Our involvement spans various project aspects, ranging from as-builts and fit-outs to comprehensive renovations and new developments. We are proud that the majority of our portfolio consists of repeat clients with whom we have partnered for years.



Key clients:

- **The South African Sugar Association:** 7000m² office space planning & fit-outs, additions and alterations, farm relocations, furniture design.
- **Palfurn Agency:** Industrial additions, alterations, and project management.
- **Starrate:** Major renovation and development of their warehouse facility.





Leadership and Team

Red Giraffe Architecture is led by Ryan Fuller, a registered Professional Senior Architectural Technologist (SACAP) and affiliate member of the KwaZulu-Natal Institute for Architecture (KZNIA). With a career built across both South Africa and the United Kingdom, Ryan brings a rare combination of local expertise and international perspective to every project. His hands-on leadership style and commitment to client outcomes set Red Giraffe apart and keep our clients coming back.

Our Team Structure

This structured hierarchy ensures smooth project execution, allowing our well-coordinated team to efficiently handle every aspect of architectural design and construction oversight.

Red Giraffe has been fortunate to collaborate with an exceptional extended team over the years. A special thanks to our sub-contractors Matthew Bedford and Henry Coertz, and to our repeat student contributors Zander van der Westhuizen, Coert Grobler, and Abesh Bharath — your work has been part of what we've built.



Director and Owner:

Ryan Fuller

PROFESSIONAL SENIOR
ARCHITECTURAL TECHNOLOGIST

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