

# HOUSE AND LEISURE

THE PLEASURE OF LIVING HERE NOW

## local marvels: 5 inspired contemporary buildings in south africa

THERE'S A GROWING LIST OF MAGNIFICENT CONTEMPORARY BUILDINGS IN SOUTH AFRICA THAT ARE TRANSFORMING THE SPACES THEY OCCUPY.

June 7, 2018 | **Text** Annzra Denita **Photo** Supplied



In South African architecture, there's a growing list of modern structures that transform the spaces they occupy. We look at five inspired contemporary buildings that exemplify how an edifice can stand out, yet complement its surroundings at the same time.

### **1. alice lane towers, johannesburg**



*Image by Paragon Group.*

Also dubbed the ‘dancing towers’, Alice Lane Towers in Johannesburg is an ultra-modern construction that has notably enhanced the Sandton skyline. Comprising a pair of towers each 16 storeys high, the building was the project of [Paragon Architects](#), who employed cutting-edge glass technology (not used in South Africa at that point) to embellish the north- and south-facing towers. Their facades are patterned with layers of clear, dark grey and translucent glass. The east- and west-facing sides are highlighted with sculptural, handformed aluminium boxes set around deeply incised glass lines, creating a playful ‘dancing’ yet sophisticated design.

## **2. 88 on field, durban**