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Plumblink Waterfall: VistaClad Installation

Midrand, South Africa, February 2023



PROJECT DETAILS

Project Name

Plumblink Waterfall

Project Type

Commercial Warehouse

Description

Cladding

Date of Installation

February 2023

Architect

Ivan Andonov, Empowered Spaces Architects

General Contractor

JG van Gass, Archstone Costruction (Pty) Ltd

Project Location

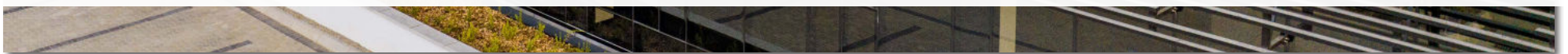
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Product Used

Eva-Last VistaClad Oasis Palm

Size

804 m² cladding





PROJECT OVERVIEW

Plumblink take the plunge

An established business with over 100 retail outlets across South Africa, Plumblink took the plunge allowing visionary architect Ivan Andonov of Empowered Spaces to design a contemporary building that transformed the typical geometry of a standard warehouse into a showstopping facility. Utilising traditional industrial materials such as corrugated sheeting, cladding and tinted window glazing, Andonov effectively delineated the traditional warehouse “block” by inserting massive decorative “window-boxes” with overhangs and balconies above ground level to achieve an eye-catching sculptural effect. Not only does this beautifully profile the building materials traditionally tied to Plumblink’s trade, but it also provides a functional facility for the staff and executives to enjoy and be proud of. The interior features raw exposed surfaces and materials such as polished concrete floors, portable partitions, and exposed roof, highlighting the steel rafters overhead for a chic, clean concept that serves both the warehouse, showroom, and office requirements.



PROJECT MATERIAL SELECTION

New Plumblink head office showcases best of building materials

Specialist plumbing, bathroom, and kitchenware supplier Plumblink needed to build a new multifunctional facility in Midrand, South Africa, that combined the company's 2500m² corporate regional head office, an extensive 8 000sqm² distribution centre warehouse and 700sqm² showroom. The three-storey building is situated just off a major highway in a popular industrial park and is north-facing. This convenient location offers amazing views over the city and busy highway, providing a unique opportunity to increase brand visibility to passing traffic by erecting an attractive facility that sets it apart from its neighbours. The challenge was to utilise building materials that showcased what the company does, whilst simultaneously creating an elegant and comfortable facility for its employees and patrons alike.



WOODEN' IT BE LOVELY

In keeping with the choice of innovative building materials, Andonov wanted a natural-looking material to frame the 'eyebrows' of each window portal. Eva-Last's UV- and water-resistant cladding, VistaClad, in Oasis Palm colour, was mounted inside each frame, providing the desired earthy, organic feel to create a warm, welcoming cocoon for all to enjoy. The authentic looking wooden shade and patterned texture, made from eco-friendly bamboo fibres and recycled plastic, softens the cold, hard exterior. VistaClad is lightweight, fade-resistant, and easy to keep clean and it won't scuff, scratch, or degrade and discolour, like natural wood would, providing the ideal low-maintenance installation, guaranteed to withstand the elements. In addition, the use of VistaClad's recycled content contributes valuable points to the building's sought-after 4-star Green Building rating.



KEY INFLUENCER QUOTE

"I really wanted to use the different materials' characteristics to decorative effect, rather than hiding them for what they are. VistaClad's engineered wood-look colour and texture allowed me to achieve that beautiful, natural feel without the worries of discolouring or maintenance usually associated with real timber over time," concluded Ivan Andonov.



SUMMARY

Plumbink erected a new showstopping multifunctional facility constructed from industrial building materials including Eva-Last's VistaClad, in each structural "windowbox" and under the eaves to soften the hard exteriors. The deep, durable tones of VistaClad in Oasis Palm provide a warm, welcoming envelope on each balcony, inviting executives and customers to enjoy the spectacular views of nature outside whilst complementing the building materials contained inside.



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