



The building straddles a narrow, longitudinal site; a challenging characteristic in the design of a north facing building. The seemingly problematic orientation is addressed by the introduction of courtyards between segments of the structure. These spaces enlarge the effective area of the northern facade, thereby increasing day-lighting and inclusion of clerestory and corner windows, as well as translucent sheathing on selected roof overhangs. The multi-level building comprises of reception, directors' offices, a board room and ablutions on the ground floor and staff offices on the first floor. Connection between the two storeys is established by the incorporation of an impressive, hardwood, timber staircase and judicious use of double volumes at the entrance and the corridor. Quantity surveying plays an important role in the building industry. The use of different construction methods in the building is a showcase of off-shoots of push-jointed technology. Different building methods used range from a traditional brickwork to exposed steel construction. The integration of these methods and materials result in visual interest and contrast to the exterior and aesthetically responsible building that is a true testimony to the South African construction industry.

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