

Winners of the **AfriSam-SAIA awards** for Sustainable Architecture

The AfriSam-SAIA Awards ceremony was held on 23 September at Turbine Hall in Newtown, Johannesburg, as part of AZA 2010. Koop Design's Dalton Private Reserve in the KwaZulu-Natal Midlands won the top award for Sustainable Architecture.

The Dalton Compound is the operational centre of the Reserve with buildings that are flexible to various utilitarian needs yet offer exclusivity to guests staying at the compound's luxury accommodation.

Richard Stretton started Koop Design in 1999 and Koop's ethos is to design and produce buildings and products that are environment-sensitive and energy-efficient. During the project, alien vegetation was removed and recycled for use on the 3 000-hectare reserve. A vegetable garden was created for staff and the local community was trained and employed in the construction of the compound.



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Commendations went to Savage & Dodd Architects for Hillbrow's Ekhaya Project; Nsika Architecture and Design for the renovations at the Lifestyle Garden Centre in Gauteng; ARG Design for the Lynedoch Community Centre on the Spier Wine Estate in the Cape and Metropolis for a family residence in Bishopscourt in Cape Town.

Al Stratford, President of SAIA, commented: "The future for architects will be defined by accelerating urbanisation and climate change, precipitating economic and cultural adjustment, demanding an integrated sustainable design and practice response." 

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