



Delving INTO DESIGN

Trisha Harinath discovers the latest architectural trends

The architectural trends for 2020 and beyond have one thing in common – sustainable development. Whether through using recyclable materials or implementing eco-conscious designs, the way we build our homes has changed. Here is what some of our industry specialists believe will be in the spotlight for the coming years in terms of architecture:

SUZETTE HAMMER DIRECTOR, SBE AFRICA ARCHITECTS

As an architectural firm with a footprint throughout Africa, including countries such as South Africa, Lusaka, Botswana, Angola and Rwanda, SBE Africa Architects says energy-efficient design is here to stay.

In response to our hectic lives, homes are being built to bring balance and harmony both inside and outside. In order to express this, a key trend coming through is the marriage between elements. Mixing fire and water by creating a fireplace inside the pool with a seating area around it is one such trend we can look forward to. This exotic feature conjures the feeling of being on holiday, which more and more home owners are looking to create in and around their homes.

Lights are also no longer reserved for the ceiling, and the 2020 trends are showing off designer staircases that are being finished with strip lighting under the steps. Functionality with a touch of glamour – this trend will grow well into the future. Look out for curved glass balustrades that are guaranteed to be a design feature in their own right.



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Trends give insight into a general mood or feel in a market. Our design mood is continually evolving, like our beautiful country, an expression of diversity and a reflection of our unity. On the outside, we seek to show our individuality, on the inside most have the same ideals: make every cent shine; make every rand work; make my hard earnings look and feel like more; create my sanctuary, express my personality, make it tenable. Two principles influence trends today – regulation and economy. Green building and sustainable design may have been marketing catch phrases a few years ago, but today they are key in helping clients understand their importance in design, complying with regulation and assuring better living.