

Pretoria building contractors complete new R36-m Centurion motor dealership

Leading Pretoria building contractors, J.C. van der Linde & Venter Projects, have completed the construction of a R36-million new motor dealership in Centurion.

J.C. van der Linde & Venter Projects, a member of Master Builders Association North, completed the greenfield project on a 4800-m² site on the corner of John Vorster Drive and Hendrik Verwoerd Avenue for the developer, Leo Haese BMW, a few months ago.

Steven Brown, contract director, says the contract involved the provision of a new three-storey upmarket dealership with a footprint of 2,150 m², comprising a lower ground floor to accommodate a workshop and car showroom; a mezzanine level for offices; and an upper ground floor featuring another showroom and more offices.

The façade was clad with 530 m² of metal imported from Italy, and installed by sub-contractors, Alania Building Systems. HBS Advantage curtainwall system and also Solar E glazing, covering about 875 m², was supplied and installed by another sub-contractor, Edelweiss Glass & Aluminium, of Silvertondale.

Brown says the major challenge in this contract, started in January 2016, was the intensive waterproofing required for the exposed upper ground floor's concrete coffer slabs. "This area will be used as an open-air showroom so maximum waterproofing protection was called for. A total area of about 3,000 m² had to receive imported torch-on waterproofing, provided by sub-contractors, Steed Bekker Waterproofing," he explained.

Four off-shutter concrete towers (each around 14 m high), housing interior staircases, protrude from this exposed upper ground floor of the new dealership with its high visibility on the corner of two of Centurion's busiest streets.



It was the second contract J.C. van der Linde & Venter Projects had handled for Leo Haese BMW. The building contractors recently also completed a major refurbishment of a Leo Haese BMW motor dealership in Hatfield, Pretoria.

Assisting Brown in managing the 75-strong J.C. van der Linde & Venter Projects team on site were Cornelis Boersema (general foreman), and Albert van Renssen (site agent).

The professional team for the project were:

Architect/Project Managers: VDO Consulting CC

Quantity Surveyors: Quanticost

Structural Engineers: Civil Concepts (Pty) Ltd

Electrical Engineers: CKR Consulting Engineers

Mechanical Engineer: Spoomaker & Partners

Health & Safety Representatives: Oryx Occupational Safety Solutions

Fire consultant: Chimera Fire Protection Consultants (Pty) Ltd. ■

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About J.C. van der Linde and Venter Projects

J.C. van der Linde and Venter Projects (Pty) Ltd was founded in 2006 following a management restructure of the family business which was established in 1953. All eight directors of the new management team are active shareholders and involved in the day-to-day operations and management of the company. The company is well placed in the medium to large size construction market of greater Tshwane, with the infrastructure and management capacity to complete building contracts to an annual turnover of R500 m.

The company management is based on strong values with the core objective being to improve the lives of their staff and the community within which they work. We believe this focused 'hands on' approach gives us a financial and personal edge not only over our local competitors but also listed companies.

In February 2011, 31% of the company was donated to the Thandive Trust which was formed in partnership with PEN (Participate Empower Navigate – Pretoria City Centre Organization). The beneficiaries of the trust are disadvantaged young girls based in the Pretoria area.

The company is also a member of the M.B.A. North as well as a member of the Unashamedly Ethical Campaign.