



# IN RESIDENCE

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## OBSIDIAN

CLIFTON

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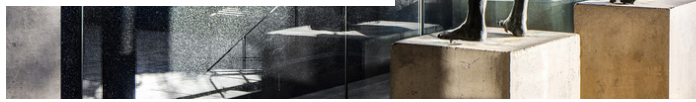
Nestled in the windswept suburb of Clifton, this magnificent home towers over Kloof Road. With stunning views of sandy beaches, cliffs and the Twelve Apostles Mountains to the south and breathtaking sunset views over the Atlantic Ocean, this property is truly a gem. Designed by SAOTA and landscaped by Nicholas Whitehorn Landscape Design, the home is a testament to modern architecture and luxury living. Once covered in native forest and fynbos, this property has been transformed into a masterpiece that blends seamlessly with its natural surroundings.



The first challenge in this project was the steep slope that had to be excavated to make room for the building. The design of the house envisions a series of staggered blocks leading up the hill, with the upper floors providing privacy and shelter from onlookers and the hustle and bustle of the city.

Architect Phillippe Fouché of the South African firm SAOTA explains that the design approach aimed to restore the qualities of the natural landscape. The lower part of the building, which is an independent apartment, is designed as a solid stone base. Its exterior is made of gabion walls, and the interior is clad in dark stained oak and formwork concrete, reflecting the layers of the mountainside.

Above is a transitional area that serves as a green terrace and barbecue area, representing the foliage layer of the landscape. The levels of the house are connected by a sculptural wooden staircase that resembles a folded ribbon. The staircase gradually becomes lighter towards the top, in harmony with the formal language of the house.



The design blends seamlessly with the surrounding hillside, with gabion walls and light wood on the upper level. The middle terrace has a unique feature - a vertical slatted box that allows for the growth of woodland shrub willows on the second level. These lightweight aluminium screens can be adjusted to regulate the amount of natural light entering the interior spaces.



According to Phillippe, the living level of this house is set back to follow the slope, providing additional privacy and acoustic screening. It creates the illusion of being on a platform connected to the breathtaking views of the surrounding area. A terrace facing the mountain visually extends the space and allows ventilation, light and planting.

The concrete ceiling of this floor is covered with rough-sawn boards that emphasise the rough texture. The use of natural materials is evident in the wood floors and the wood-clad scullery. The scullery also serves as the base for a private study on the mezzanine level, accessible via a bridge that runs the length of the space.

Experience the ultimate in luxury living with a stunning top level master bedroom. Perched high above the treetops, this room offers breathtaking views that are fully accentuated by the use of hinged glass walls. The use of white marble and light wood along with strategically placed skylights creates an atmosphere of lightness and openness that is sure to leave you feeling relaxed and refreshed.



## VILLA FEATURES

Entrance hall  
Security gate  
Garage parking for 2 cars  
Secure parking for 3 cars  
Elevator for all floors  
Dining room  
Lounge area  
Sea view  
Shaded BBQ area  
4 bedrooms with private bathrooms  
and sea views  
A guest apartment comprising of 1  
bedroom, ensuite bathroom,  
lounge, dining area and kitchen  
Entertainment area  
Fully equipped kitchen  
Infinity pool  
Mezzanine with a study

## NEARBY

Clifton Beach - 6 minute drive  
Lion's Head - 9 minute drive  
Table Mountain - 15 min drive  
Airport - 30 min drive

## INCLUDES

Housekeeping  
Advanced Concierge services

## AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

Activities and excursions  
Butler and/or Chef  
Dry Cleaning  
Personal Security  
Personal Shopping  
Spa and beauty treatments  
Villa pre-stocking

