

SAOTA completes first LA project

Cape Town-based architecture firm SAOTA recently completed its first Los Angeles project, 900 Stradella, currently on the market for \$45m (R595m).



The 1,393m² property, previously owned by Hollywood director Michael Bay, was sold three years ago. Recognising the prime address and good placement on the site, PLUS Development and the owners opted to rather extensively remodel the house than tear it down.



The project is a re-model of a 1970s house on a beautiful promontory in Bel Air. SAOTA's brief was to maintain as much of the existing structure as possible, to maximise the square footage of the re-model, to improve internal and external connections, and to re-design the exterior and interior architecture throughout.



SAOTA made substantial modifications to the exterior and interiors with the introduction of the open-plan layout and the large south-facing exterior terrace and swimming pool with its 40m-long terrace canopy – providing what was previously inward looking spaces with an exterior space and double volume entrance.

“Over the past three years, SAOTA has seen a significant growth in the US market, with Los Angeles becoming a key focus area. We currently have over 30 projects under way in the US - three projects are built, five will be completed in the next year and the remainder will follow closely behind. Overall, we have 70 projects under construction around the world,” comments SAOTA director, Mark Bullivant who led the project team.

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