

Creating *your* vision

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Ruslin Interior Architects, an interior design studio, was founded by Belinda Gillies and Karen Rudd in February 2009. Over the past five years Ruslin Interiors has built up a solid reputation in the industry of commercial office space by “Creating your Vision.”

Having a passion for the interior design industry, Belinda and Karen attained qualifications in interior design from the Greenside Design Centre in Johannesburg. Karen’s career started with the design of custom built furniture. From here she progressed into retail sales and ultimately into corporate interiors. Belinda progressed through the ranks of interior design whilst working for some of the industry leaders. In 2004 Belinda started Ruslin Space Planning, a business focused on drafting space planning layouts. This was the foundation on which Ruslin Interior Architects was built.

In February 2009, Belinda contracted Karen for a project. Following the project’s successful completion, Belinda and Karen decided to unite their skills. A joined partnership was created and the company name was changed to Ruslin Interior Architects, as a full turnkey could now be offered.

The Ruslin team pride themselves in living their slogan, ‘Creating Your Vision’. They are able to take their client’s ideas and portray them within the office, bringing the vision to life. Their passion is creating office spaces, which are beautiful and functional. Belinda and Karen are able to take full control of the process from conception to completion by allowing their clients the freedom to concentrate on business, all whilst knowing the project is in expert hands. Ruslin strive to find the most effective way to get the look and feel their client’s aspire to, all while ensuring budgets and timelines are adhered to. Belinda and Karen believe that each client



One of their favourite projects
the Villa Crop headquarters.



Karen Rudd and Belinda Gillies - creating your vision

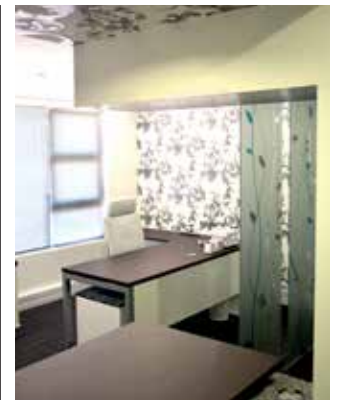
and project is unique and their space should resemble that.

One of their favourite projects to date has been the Villa Crop headquarters. Villa Crop was designing a new building to accommodate the company’s growth, now and into the future. This mandate enabled the use of the latest technology and some of the newest products on the market. Villa Crop added a focus on green design; Ruslin Interior Architects was able to meet this mandate requirement by using their existing skills and further enhancing their knowledge. Ruslin was involved from the very beginning of the project, before ground was broken, which made the design process more interactive between everyone involved i.e. building, staff and design.

Irrespective of the size, these two designers embrace all projects with enthusiasm and an array of unique ideas. Within each project there are unique opportunities and challenges; Ruslin aims to build relationships with staff across the entire organisation to ensure the project is a success.

Belinda and Karen aim to embrace new technologies and design ideas, this enables them to be challenged and inspired. They also aspire to incorporate a green element into their design, and where necessary, educating their clients on the benefits these bring.

“Interior Architecture stands at the intersection of the architecture and design of the built environment. Designs are created in response to and coordinated with the building shell. At Ruslin we believe that structural boundaries give your employees a building to work in, the design gives your employees a space where they want to work. Both are needed for employees to feel happy in the space and ensure the space encourages productivity.”



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environment to be creative



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