

# Hotel design scoops prizes

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THE Durban-based architects of a Salt Rock hotel and beach clubhouse have won two prestigious national honours for their architectural design.

The projects came in for praise at the Corobrik-SA Institute for Architects (Saia) Awards of Excellence and Merit, which were presented at the Durban International Convention Centre on Friday.

Both were by the Design-workshop: SA Architects.

The Dunkirk All Suites Hotel was one of eight projects from around the country which received an excellence award as the cream of South Africa's architectural talent was ac-

knowledged at the gala dinner event.

The Dunkirk Beach Club House, on the same property as the hotel, was also among 14 projects to receive awards of merit.

Several office-bearers from the International Union of Architects, currently in Durban for their world congress, attended the awards evening, and the Saia president, Sindile Ngonyama, said it was apparent that they supported the adjudicating panels' view that the winning projects "were on a par with outstanding architectural design globally".

The panel included Peter Kidger of sponsor Corobrik, who said South Africa pre-

sented architects with exciting challenges because of its varying climate, often limited budgets and an evolving multicultural society where public architecture had to be transformative and inclusive.

"Architects are also faced with the significant design and specification considerations surrounding climate change, ensuring we use non-renewable resources more effectively and tread with greater circumspection on our planet," said Kidger. The winning projects had successfully addressed these challenges, he said.

Kidger saluted the winners for the merit of their buildings and for "conceiving architecture with the propensity to delight."



**The winning design of the Dunkirk All Suites Hotel in Salt Rock.**