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# BUILT FOR THE FUTURE

The chic and sustainable building for financial and risk services group Alexander Forbes has earned itself the AfriSam-SAIA Award for Sustainable Architecture. The simple and slick office was designed by Paragon and is situated at the company's headquarters in Sandton. It houses 2 500 employees and boasts a four-star rating for water, energy and waste efficiency. Louvre skylights and glazing features reduce heat while maximising light, and eco-aware features have resulted in 70% reduction in water wastage, 50% reduction in waste and an added 60% reduction in energy consumption. Now that's an office to be proud of. - **Gugulethu Mhlungu**