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Background

cornerstone.design is a creative and professional architectural design firm founded in 2000. The firm offers a variety of professional architectural services, including but not limited to: architectural design, urban design & planning, commercial interiors, and contract administration.

The two directors, Christopher Whyms-Stone and David Douglas, both attained Bachelors degrees in Architecture-Design from the University of Florida, and Masters degrees in Architecture from the University of Technology, and Harvard University respectively. As part of our belief in 'giving back' both principals have been for the past eight years, and currently, part-time lecturers at the Caribbean School of Architecture, University of Technology Jamaica. Christopher Whyms-Stone is also the Vice-President of The Jamaican Institute of Architects.

We consider ourselves to be innovative and contemporary while recognizing the special conditions of the Jamaican environment. Issues such as context, climate and the use of regionally available materials are given particular importance in our projects. We also strongly believe that greater cost effectiveness, efficiency and a better way of life can be achieved through design.

Selected Projects

Residential

Sterling Residence, Stony Hill, St. Andrew [1998]
Hugh Sam Residence, Cherry Gardens St. Andrew [1998]
Beckford Residence, Jack's Hill, St. Andrew [1999]
Colquhoun Residence, West Cumberland, St. Catherine [2000]
Oberli Residence, Irish Town, St. Andrew [2001-completed]
Henry Residence, Hope Pastures, St. Andrew [2002]
Whyms-Stone Residence, Beverly Hills, St. Andrew [2005]
Armstrong Residence, Hellshire, St. Catherine [2002]
Whiteley Residence, Trafalgar Park, St. Andrew [2003-under construction]
Gordon Residence, Falmouth, Trelawny [2006]
Phillips Residence, Cole Gate, St. Ann [2006 - under construction]
Waite Residence, McAuley Heights, St Andrew [2007 - under construction]
Cunningham Residence, Hidden Valley, Red Hills, St. Andrew [2007]
Bucknor Residence, Irish Town, St. Andrew [2007 - under construction]
Sinclair Residence: Garage Canopy, Beverly Hills, Kingston [2007 - under construction]

Multi-family Residential

Mar Bella Estates: Condominiums, 12 Miles, St. Thomas, [2006]
Allerdyce Lofts, Allerdyce, St. Andrew [2007]

Commercial

Hotel, Restaurant, Shopping Mall & Entertainment Complex. White River, St. Mary [for MLA - 1995-unbuilt]
The Guilt Trip Restaurant, Barbican, St. Andrew [1998-2000]
Unipet Gas Stations, St. Andrew & St. Catherine [1998-unbuilt]
Karmen's Kollection, St. Andrew [1998]
Trench Town Culture Yard: Museum & Bar, Trench Town, St. Andrew [2002]
The Boiler House Restaurant, University of the West Indies, St. Andrew [2001-unbuilt]
Grosvenor Galleries. Manor Park, St. Andrew [2002]
Furniture Showroom. Half Way Tree, St. Andrew [2002]
Furniture Showroom. Constant Spring, St. Andrew [2003]
Villas at The Rockhouse Hotel, West End, Negril, Westmoreland [2004]
Cornerstone.design Architects Office, St. Andrew [2005]
Bob Marley Museum, Old Hope Road, St. Andrew [2006]
West Trade Commercial Complex, Portmore, St. Catherine [2007]

Civic

Negril Library, West End Road, Negril, Westmoreland [2007 – under construction]
Rose Town Redevelopment Project Centre, Rose Town, Kingston [2007]

Commercial Interiors

Hilton's Bakery & Cafe Church Lane. Montego Bay, St. James [2001]
Dispensary at Hilton's Pharmacy. Montego Bay, St. James [2001]
Hilton's Cafe Barnett Street. Montego Bay, St. James [2002]
Administrative office for Youth Now, a USAID Project, Kingston [2002]
Administrative Department for the Cigarette Company of Jamaica, St. Catherine [2002]
Harrison & Harrison Professional Office, Kingston [2007]
Jamaica Producers, Retirement Road, [2007]
Imaginations Retail Outlet, Kingston [2007]

Planning

Residential, Commercial & Light Industrial Development on 33 acres in Trench Town, St. Andrew [1999-unbuilt]
Commercial Development for Retail Outlets. Ironshore, Montego Bay, St. James [1999-unbuilt]

Awards

Second Place Award, Regional Competition: University of Technology Jamaica - Cultural Arts Centre [2004]