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1. COMMISSIONED PROJECTS

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The design concept is a direct RESPONSE TO THE BRIEF in terms of the client aspirations – bringing together a functional, profitable and secure modern facility in form that is both elegant and timeless.

The buildings position, orientation and articulation are informed through the particular requirements of the brief: GROSS TO NET floor areas, adequate CIRCULATION, appropriate STRUCTURAL arrangement as well as designing for SECURITY and PARKING provision.

THE PODIUM, grounds the building, providing a platform for the building form to rise skywards.

The lower more public levels establish an architectural HIERACHY OF SPACES which become more private and exclusive as the one ascends through the building.

WATER features in the landscape celebrates the visitors arrival and adds to the presence of the building as you enter.

The ENTRANCE is framed by a strong vertical element and arranged on a linear AXIS through the site culminating in a private garden towards the rear and a public pedestrian gate on the main road frontage.

2. PROJECTS ON SITE



The Aga Khan University Hospital Heart and Cancer Center, inaugurated by his Excellency President Mwai Kibaki of Kenya and his Highness the Aga Khan is a state-of-the-art facility which houses modern diagnostic equipment. As a reflection of the center modern technology the interiors are sophisticated and have a rich contemporary look. Using colour as therapy, the interiors give out a sense of relaxation, harmony and purity which helps speed up the healing process





DFCU BANK HEAD OFFICE KAMPALA, UGANDA

Symbion were selected in a competitive bidding process to design the new head office for DFCU Bank . The theme of the building was international architecture with a bit of a classical touch. The 9000sqm site would house the seven stories of office space clad in curtain walling and alucobond, as well as two levels of basement parking. The roof terrace will provide refreshing views over the leafy Nakasero and Kololo suburbs. The building will add yet another iconic landmark to the Kampala cityscape.



UGANDA HEALTH MARKETING GROUP AND WAREHOUSE AT NTINDA, KAMPALA

Designed to be a sculpture relevant to its place and time, this office block boasts of its clever contemporary play of linear planes with subtracted and added rectilinear forms. The design aimed at promoting corporate trends and dogma through the articulation of simple geometric forms and planes to build the overall aesthetic. The development promises 1800sq.m of offices on 3 levels and 600sq.m of warehousing.



PROPOSED HEADQUARTERS FOR THE INTER-UNIVERSITY COUNCIL FOR EAST AFRICA, KYAMBOGO, KAMPALA

The proposed new headquarters of the IUCEA would aim to position the council as a leading regional inter-university agency providing permanent office accommodation, adequate support amenities for higher education stakeholders and improve the general working environment in IUCEA. Symbion Uganda Ltd ran a successful bid and look forward to setting a new standard of office accommodation for up to 150 staff expected by 2020.

3. PROJECTS COMPLETED



NEW SYMBION UGANDA OFFICE BUILDING IN BUGOLOBI KAMPALA

The new home for the Symbion Uganda family is located in the rapidly commercialised Bugolobi suburb of Kampala.

The spacious state-of-the-art facilities in a contemporary aesthetically-pleasing 3-storied form will be a refreshing makeover for the ever expanding group's corporate image.

The intelligent orientation on the modest half acre site ensures maximisation of office space, parking and landscaping on site.

The roof terrace, fully equipped with a bar and gym, will be a welcome recreational space for future internal and public socialising.



STANDARD CHARTERED BANK HEADQUARTERS, CHIROMO ROAD, WESTLANDS, NAIROBI - KENYA

Symbion were commissioned to design Standard Chartered Bank's new headquarters building in Nairobi, which was formally opened in 2011.

The building comprises 2 wings each measuring 1000sqm with a central atrium.

In addition to accommodating the entire headcount for the Standard Chartered headquarters in Nairobi the building also includes a gymnasium, staff cafeteria and conference rooms. The central data handling area has special services provisions and the whole campus is provided with landscaped car parking areas and external breakout spaces.

The project incorporates a complex Hybrid Ventilation System, raised floors, and a regional data centre, designed to comply with LEED Green building concepts.

4. PRACTICE NEWS

NAIROBI

SCB opening by the president
Symbion Nairobi Team Building @ Lake Naivasha
Aga Khan Interiors

MOMBASA

Symbion Mombasa Team Building @Kizingo

KAMPALA

Symbion Uganda New offices

SUDAN

Juba ground breaking



On the 13th May, 2011, Symbion Kenya Ltd staff did a team building retreat. With high expectations, we assembled at Symbion house as early as 6:45am for this event.

Unlike in 2010, we journeyed about 100km N.W. of Nairobi to the tradition rich and exclusive Lake Naivasha Country club.

The well manicured lush country lawns, vibrant bird life, fresh air and awesome food were as energizing as the stimulating and challenging indoor and outdoor events that marked the day.

To cap it all, a one hour boat ride on Lake Naivasha took the team to experience the hippos, birds, islands and of course sample the fresh water fish!



The 25th of June was no ordinary Saturday for the staff of Symbion Mombasa. The recent long rains and heat in the coastal region had left the external paint works in a terrible state. They took on an activity to give a facelift on the parking. Everyone assembled early in the morning to beat the day's scorching heat. Despite paint spills and a few mistakes everyone got the hang of it and enjoyed the newly acquired art of painting. By midday every place was sparkling with new paint. Lunch was served and gave way to an afternoon fun filled sport. The activities included Tug of war, football and swimming.

