CURRICULUM VITAE

NICOLE SEN

INTERIOR DESIGNER · HIGH-END RESIDENTIAL

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EDUCATION

BA Interior Design
Greenside Design Center
2020 – 2023

IEB Matric, 2 distinctions
St Mary's School, Waverley
2011 – 2015

DESIGN SKILLS

Hand Drawing
Empathy Mapping
Design Thinking
Knowledge of Design Principles
Space Planning

SOFTWARE SKILLS

AutoCAD · ArtiCAD · Revit
SketchUp · Twinmotion
Illustrator · InDesign · Photoshop

Beyond the need for space is the *need for place.*

Emotional, intentional design is the difference between a space that doesn't mean anything and a place that means something. I am committed to making that distinction.

EXPERIENCE

INTERIOR DESIGNER, HARVEYS DESIGN STUDIO — Jun 2026 – present

Craighall Park, Johannesburg

Full-range interior design for high-end residential family homes, working with founder Laura Hughes.

FOUNDER, STUDIO YULAN — 2026 – present

Founded an independent interior design practice in Johannesburg, offering design, procurement, project management and snagging.

DESIGNER / CONSULTANT, THE KITCHEN STUDIO — Apr 2023 – Feb 2025

Responsible for the creative, technical and on-site side of bespoke cabinetry and interior projects, from client consultation through production to final installation.

DESIGN AND CLIENT

- Ran client consultations and turned briefs into design solutions
- Developed space plans and cabinetry layouts
- Produced 3D renders for client presentations
- Guided clients through material, finish and hardware choices

TECHNICAL AND PRODUCTION

- Prepared technical and shop drawings for factory production
- Checked designs against manufacturing and installation requirements
- Resolved queries with the factory and approved production documentation before manufacture

SITE

- Measured and assessed sites, and visited during installation
- Compiled and managed snag lists; led final quality checks before handover

COORDINATION

- Linked the showroom, factory and installation teams
- Helped improve the workflow between design and production

SELECTED PROJECTS

Development
Baleta Estates, Boskruin
The Boulevard, Houghton
Waverley

Commercial
Hall of Diamonds, Sandton

REFERENCES

Laura Hughes, founder, Harveys Design Studio
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