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### Painted pink

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A magnificent facade coupled with an arresting shade of pink – what's not to love? We share some of the best blushing beauties around the world

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Photograph by Claudio Fonte

### 75 Wale Street, Bo-Kaap, South Africa

Possibly one of the most photographed houses in the historical and culture-rich Bo-Kaap, bordering the Cape Town CBD, 'The Pink Lady' at 75 Wale Street is a sight for sore eyes. The heritage landmark, which has been lovingly and respectfully restored inside, is available to rent via Airbnb. [@airbnb](https://www.instagram.com/airbnb/) (<https://www.instagram.com/airbnb/>).

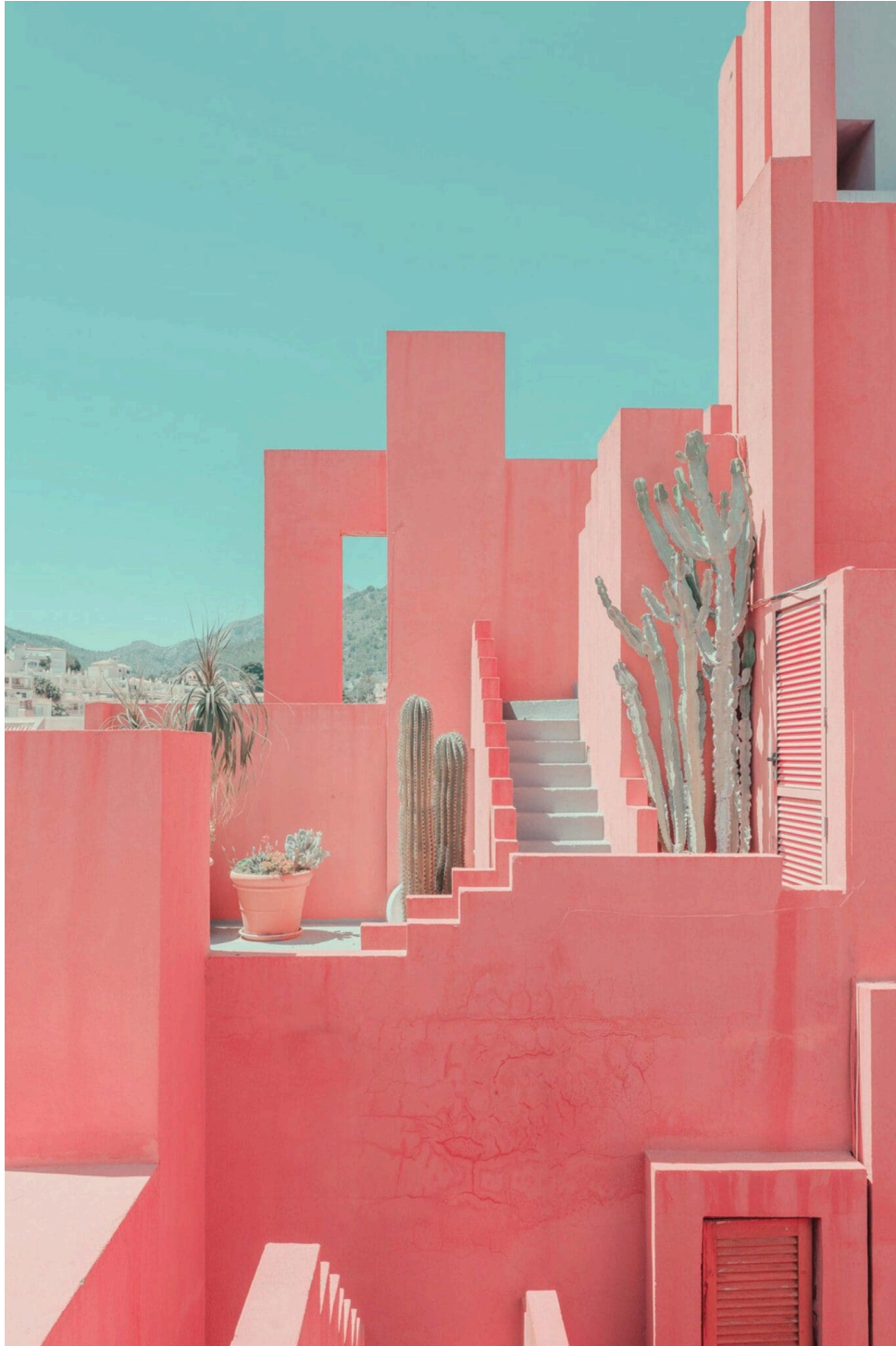


Photograph by Annalize Nel

### 99 Juta Street, Johannesburg, South Africa

An almost 80-year-old building received a complete overhaul when architects Local Studio and property developers Consolidated Urban and Play Braamfontein, together with multi-disciplinary design company Dokter and Misses, joined forces. The result? A cheerfully bright design-focused hub in Braamfontein, home to various stores, events and exhibitions. [@99juta](https://www.instagram.com/99juta/) (<https://www.instagram.com/99juta/>).





Photograph by Ludwig Favre

### La Muralla Roja, Spain

Built in 1973, 'The Red Wall' – which is in fact made up of very many more colours than just red – was envisioned by Spanish architect, Ricardo Bofill. The building's structure, with its constructivist aesthetic, is made up of interconnected patios linking 50 apartments. The celebrated architect, who designed plenty of noteworthy spaces, passed away earlier this year at the age of 82. [@murallarojaestudio](https://www.instagram.com/murallarojaestudio/) (<https://www.instagram.com/murallarojaestudio/>).



Photograph by Francisco Nogueira

### **Pink House, Azores, São Miguel, Portugal**

It's easy to see why this exclusive guesthouse on the island of São Miguel won the Paulo Gouveia Architecture Award in 2018. Having been in the same family for six generations, in 2017 they converted an old barn – surrounded by gardens and orchards – into two contemporary guest houses. The project was overseen by Mezzo Atelier, who were instrumental not only in the structure, but the interiors and furniture too.  
[@pinkhouseazores \(https://www.instagram.com/pinkhouseazores/\)](https://www.instagram.com/pinkhouseazores/)



Photograph by Ludwig Favre

### Paul Smith store, Melrose Avenue, Los Angeles

A now iconic landmark in the heart of LA, the Paul Smith store on Melrose Avenue has had its bright pink facade since the day it opened in 2005. According to reports, it costs around \$60 000 a year to maintain its bright frontage – official Pantone name: Pink Ladies, which is trademarked – with claims that the spot is the second most photographed in the world after the Great Wall of China. [@paulsmithdesign](https://www.instagram.com/paulsmithdesign/)  
(<https://www.instagram.com/paulsmithdesign/>)





Photograph by Annie Spratt (<https://www.instagram.com/anniespratt/>)

### Hawa Mahal, Jaipur, India

This intricately designed palace in the city of Jaipur, India, was built from red and pink sandstone in 1799. Designed by Maharaja Sawai Pratap Singh, it is known as the most recognisable monument of Jaipur. Its 365 latticed windows are what makes it really stand out, capturing the attention of all those who seek it out. The palace is open daily, with visitors welcome. [@hawamahalpalace](https://www.instagram.com/hawamahalpalace/) (<https://www.instagram.com/hawamahalpalace/>).



### **Uxolo Apartments, Cape Town, South Africa**

Located in Cape Town's CBD, this striking apartment block – the brainchild of Two Five Five – is the first micro-unit residential development of its kind to be completed. Made up of 32 mini studios and three loft apartments, each with bright pink contained balconies, inspiration for the project was influenced by many works, including that of the iconic Esther Mahlangu. [@uxolo\\_ct](https://www.instagram.com/uxolo_ct/) ([https://www.instagram.com/uxolo\\_ct/](https://www.instagram.com/uxolo_ct/))





Photograph by Sergio Pirrone

### Office CDA, Seoul, South Korea

This project on the outskirts of Seoul by South Korean architecture firm, BCHO, saw the team take three existing buildings and transform them both inside and out to create the Office CDA in Seoul. To try and unite the spaces as one building, the architects opted to create a 'front second skin' facade. Using Meta Decor MD Expanded Metal and a 'reddish' powder coating, the result is this interesting frontage that doesn't obscure any views.





Photograph by Greg Cox/Bureaux

### 32 Clarens, Cape Town, South Africa

Highlighting that their design prowess extends far beyond that of only fashion, Klûk CGDT's Malcolm Klûk and Christiaan Gabriël du Toit added a residential project to their portfolio in 2021. 32 Clarens, in affluent Fresnaye, is a thing of beauty. Impeccably designed both inside and out, it's set to become an icon in the neighbourhood. [@klukcgdt](https://www.instagram.com/klukcgdt/)  
(<https://www.instagram.com/klukcgdt/>)





### Amanjena, Marrakesh, Morocco

With a name that means ‘peaceful paradise’ it’s no surprise that this exclusive resort, which is surrounded by olive groves, is often frequented by celebrities looking for a little R&R. (If it looks familiar, it may be because it was the set of *Sex and the City 2*.) Designed by architect Ed Tuttle, and built over two years, the style is typical of the region. Made of stone, the hotel is coloured pale peach with additions of pink, honey and sage green throughout.

[@amanjena\\_resort \(https://www.instagram.com/amanjena\\_resort/\)](https://www.instagram.com/amanjena_resort/)





Photograph by Greg Cox/Bureaux

### **Rose Building, Vila Real de Santo António, Algarve region, Portugal**

Located in the south of Portugal, along the riverside avenue of Vila Real de Santo António, the 'Rose House' – an 18th-century structure – was reimagined by Aurora Architects and completed in 2021. While the outside is a treat, the interiors are just as beautiful, but sadly, as this is a private residence, you'll just have to admire it as a passerby. [@auroraarquitectos](https://www.instagram.com/auroraarquitectos/) (<https://www.instagram.com/auroraarquitectos/>).



Photograph by Adam Letch

### **Buffelsdrift Farm, Ladismith, South Africa**

A specialist in clay buildings, architect Jaco Booyens and SAOTA restored this farm homestead in Buffelsdrift, west of Ladismith in the Klein Karoo, earning the team many awards. Available to rent, it's certainly worth the road trip to the arid region – you'll be rewarded with beautiful interiors, abundant nature and a pool to cool down in. Book via Perfect Hideaways. [@perfecthideaways \(https://www.instagram.com/perfecthideaways/\)](https://www.instagram.com/perfecthideaways/)





**Craigievar Castle, Scotland**

Said to be the inspiration for Walt Disney's Cinderella castle, this beautiful grand dame is surrounded by rolling gardens and ancient trees. While you can't stay in the castle itself – there are rental cottages on the property – you are able to tour the heritage site, view its many artefacts, artworks and antiques, and walk the gardens at leisure. [@craigievar\\_castle](https://www.instagram.com/craigievar_castle/) ([https://www.instagram.com/craigievar\\_castle/](https://www.instagram.com/craigievar_castle/)).





Photograph by Oksana Smolianinova

### Ihantola, Helsinki, Finland

The oldest art nouveau apartment building in Helsinki, Ihantola represents the Jugendstil architecture of the time. Designed by O. E. Koskinen and built between 1905 and 1907, it's a popular tourist attraction and one that also caught the eye of the team behind Accidentally

Wes Anderson, featured in its recent photographic exhibition and their cult favourite book. [@accidentallywesanderson](https://www.instagram.com/accidentallywesanderson/) (<https://www.instagram.com/accidentallywesanderson/>).



Photograph by Armando Salas Portugal

### **Cuadra San Cristóbal, Mexico City, Mexico**

As noted by the Barragán Foundation, Cuadra San Cristóbal is a private estate, made up of a house, horse stables and auxiliary facilities dreamed up by renowned Mexican architect, Luis Barragán. The monumentally elemental, yet precisely nuanced design of it rests on the functional and aesthetic principles of Modernism, while also mimicking the landscapes, ranches and haciendas of rural Mexico, filtered through his personal memories and creative interpretation. [@barraganfoundation](https://www.instagram.com/barraganfoundation/)  
(<https://www.instagram.com/barraganfoundation/>).





### Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel, Cape Town, South Africa

Possibly Cape Town's most iconic hotel, 'The Nellie' continues to be a favoured urban retreat for locals and visitors alike. Flanked by Table Mountain, with its unmistakable pink facade, it is said to have been the first hotel in South Africa (in 1899) to offer cold and hot running water and was applauded for being 'even better than its London counterparts'. [@belmondmountnelsonhotel](https://www.instagram.com/belmondmountnelsonhotel/) (<https://www.instagram.com/belmondmountnelsonhotel/>)

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