



## Geometry Informs a Tree-Like Sanctuary

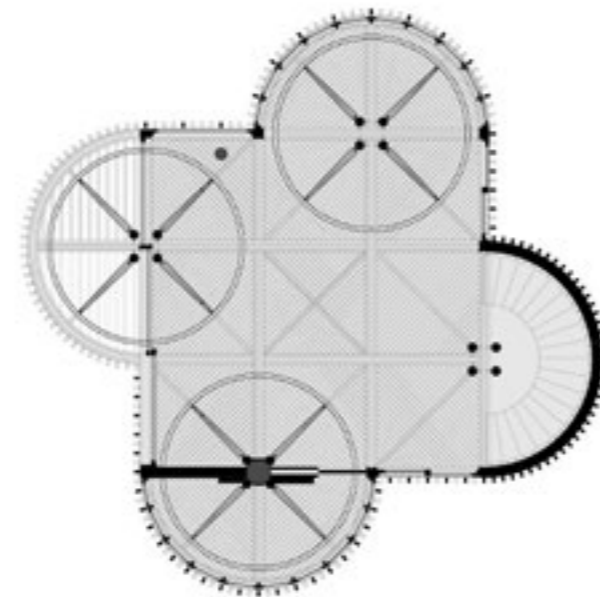
Architect [Malan Vorster Architecture Interior Design](#)  
 Project [Tree House Constantia](#)  
 Location [Cape Town/South Africa](#)

This one-bedroom hideaway resembling a contemporary tree house revitalizes a Cape Town property teeming with trees. Designed by local studio Malan Vorster Architecture Interior Design, the structure complements the layout of the property, which is a modern interpretation of a typical South African farmyard with several separate buildings.

The cabin, located in a small clearing in the forest-like garden, is elevated on stilts to take advantage of spectacular views of the verdant landscape, and the design reflects the verticality of the trees towering around it. The timber slats on the facade are untreated and have been left to weather naturally, creating a rustic aesthetic.

The layout is based on four cylinders with a square in the center. The cylinders create curved spaces on each of the three levels, reflecting the organic, natural surroundings. The square aligns with the north-south axis of the site. In the middle of each cylinder stands a Corten steel-plate column that supports the ceiling beams and connects with four branch-like arms, held by a circular ring. Each column is divided into four “trunks” to maintain transparency and light in the rooms. Attractive hand-turned brass components connect the steel and timber, adding interest to the focal points.

The ground level contains the main living space, and the semi-circular bay includes a patio and dining alcove. The bedroom lies on the level above with an en suite bathroom in the curved area. On the top is a roof deck with a built-in curved seat, and below the building lie a plant room and a timber and Corten steel ramp providing access.



Even at nightfall, the cabin blends in with its natural surroundings, its mirrored facade reflecting the colors of the sky.