

Let the sun shine

Tshedimosetso House boasts the continent's first building integrated solar facade, which makes it a base of ongoing research into this technology.



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The initial brief for the new Government Communications and Information Systems (GCIS) building in Hatfield, Tshwane was for a standard commercial office design. But it has evolved into a workplace that aims to showcase world-class green technology while keeping in mind historical preservation and urban integration.

The porticos of the old 1930s "post office" houses - demolished to make way for the new office - were preserved and became part of the fabric of Tshedimosetso in a nod to its history. No longer placed behind boundaries and fences, the building interacts with people, notes Growthpoint sustainable development manager Werner van Antwerpen.

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