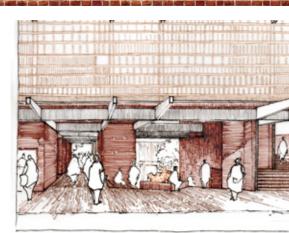
Showcasing excellence,
University of Pretoria
final-year architecture
student Wian Jordaan has
been declared a regional
winner in the 2022 Corobrik
Student Architecture
Awards, in addition to
winning the Best Use of Clay
Masonry category.



Wian Jordaan, final-year architecture student, University of Pretoria





dimensions.

Jordaan highlights that architecture is a unique discipline that not only provides the opportunity to solve real-world problems, but also allows for personal artistic expression in the conceptualisation, execution and representation of space. He adds that the contribution that architecture can make to the improvement and welfare of communities is often underappreciated.

"Healthy urban environments allow people's everyday lives, identities and rituals to be played out in public spaces. People's relationship to the built environment and public spaces in the Pretoria inner city are fractured and require alternative solutions," Jordaan explains.

The project design used Montana Travertine face brick and Nutmeg Piazza pavers from Corobrik for internal arcades and courtyards to be perceived as external and public spaces.

"The perception of a space as 'public' aids in the facilitation of temporary acts of refuge

Celebrating talent, creativity, innovation and inspiration, the Corobrik Student Architecture Awards is all about jump-starting careers, building the industry and designing tomorrow. Regional winners are selected from eight major universities, based on the students' final theses. These regional winners then go through to the national round, where the top title is awarded, plus a R70 000 grand prize. This year, the national awards will again be a hybrid event held in May, following a similar format to 2021.

"We are very excited to celebrate the 35th edition of the awards. It has been an incredibly exciting and richly fulfilling journey," says Thilo Sidambaram, marketing support manager, Corobrik, who herself has been involved with the awards for two decades.

Adds Nick Booth, CEO, Corobrik: "Our relationship with the awards goes back some 35 years, and it's one that has proved very enlightening for Corobrik. It has added a lot of depth and enriched the architectural profession by allowing young, up-and-coming architects to express themselves and show the kinds of directions they believe architecture should be going in." 35



