

U.S. EMBASSY MAPUTO, MOZAMBIQUE

GROUND BREAKING FACT SHEET

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Design Architect Allied Works Architecture

Architect of Record Yost Grube Hall Architecture

General Contractor Pernix Group, Ltd

Site 10 acres

Total Project Budget \$253 million

GENERAL INFORMATION

- The multi-building complex will occupy a 10-acre site located in the northeast of Maputo in a rapidly developing coastal zone adjacent to the Indian Ocean.
- The project includes a Chancery, Marine Security Guard Residence, support buildings, and facilities for the Embassy community. The Embassy will meet all Department standards for life safety and security.
- The new Embassy will provide a secure, modern, and environmentally sustainable platform for U.S. diplomacy.
- Completion of the project is anticipated in 2019.

PROJECT

- The design connects staff and visitors to the natural beauty and culture of Maputo. Perimeter walls provide the required security, but allow for unobstructed views between the Embassy and the ocean.
- Ultra-high performance concrete will be used to create three-dimensional screen wall reminiscent of the wood carvings of the Makonde tribe, Mozambique's indigenous people. This unique design will limit direct sunlight coming into the building and eliminate glare, while maximizing daylight for the occupants.
- High-performance interiors include raised floors, demountable partitions, and modern furniture systems that allow for future growth and flexibility.
- Sustainable landscaping that represents the three major biomes of Mozambique—dunes, savannah, and forest—will be integrated to create public areas, outdoor meeting spaces, and shaded areas.

SUSTAINABILITY

- The project is registered with the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) program, and is projected to earn LEED® Silver certification.
- Key sustainable landscape design features include coastal dune restoration; the use of water-efficient, native, and regionally appropriate plants; a water-efficient irrigation system; and recovered and treated wastewater as the sole source for irrigation.
- Energy-saving measures in the Chancery will include natural daylighting in interior spaces, facilitated by the building's orientation on the site. High-performance Light-Emitting Diode (LED) lighting provides increased energy efficiency and reduces long-term maintenance expenses.

ART

- The permanent art collection, curated by the Office of Art in Embassies, will include art in a variety of media including painting, photography, textile, and sculpture.
- Artists will be included from both the United States and Mozambique. The ultimate focus of the collection will be artwork which creates a dialogue between the American works and host country artists that are compatible with the values of the host country and reflect the artistic range and cultural heritage of both countries.



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