

CAPE WINELANDS AIRPORT appoints *LEAD ARCHITECT*

Boogertman + Partners

First covered by To Build in March 2025, the Cape Winelands Airport (capewinelands.aero) has announced the appointment of Boogertman + Partners as lead architects for the new airport development. The practice will oversee the architectural vision and design integration of the project.

With a development and finance partner, the project is “locked and loaded” and moving closer to construction, pending the resolution of environmental appeals against the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) approval received last year.

Following approval of the final Environmental Impact Assessment Assessment report in October 2025 by the Provincial Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEADP), five affected parties still have appeals pending before Western Cape Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning Anton Bredell.

According to Mark Wilkinson, Executive Director: Finance of the Cape Winelands Aero company, a final decision is expected soon. “Thereafter we will be able to move to the first phase of construction, subject to the appeal ruling.”

The authorisation and subsequent appeals follow an extensive environmental assessment and public participation process conducted in compliance with NEMA. This included public consultation, specialist studies, and environmental, social, and technical assessments.



The project has reached a further milestone with the appointment of Growthpoint Properties, a leading Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT), as a strategic partner. Growthpoint has made an initial investment, with the right to co-invest and develop the new Cape Winelands Airport precinct.

The architects

Boogertman + Partners, says that it will collaborate with *amd.sigma*, a strategic airport development company based in Berlin. Together, they combine international expertise with deep local knowledge, insight, and proven capability.

The Cape Winelands Airport development is planned as an airport city precinct

designed to support economic growth, attract new investment, and enhance regional connectivity, bringing together aviation, commerce, and community. Long-term plans for the airport will include the construction of a new boutique terminal, runway infrastructure, upgraded airside systems, enhanced cargo and logistics operations, and a modernised general aviation precinct.

The development represents an expected initial investment of approximately R8 billion to R10 billion in Cape Town. This will include the terminal buildings, runway, and a 450-hectare developable estate. The airport is expected to sustain approximately 35 000 direct and indirect jobs, rising to just

over 100 000 direct and indirect jobs during its initial 20 years of operation.

According to Nicholas Ferguson, Managing Director of RSA Aero, the owner and operator of Cape Winelands Airport, Boogertman + Partners' track record in contextually responsive architecture and their ability to connect infrastructure with human experience makes it well suited to the project.

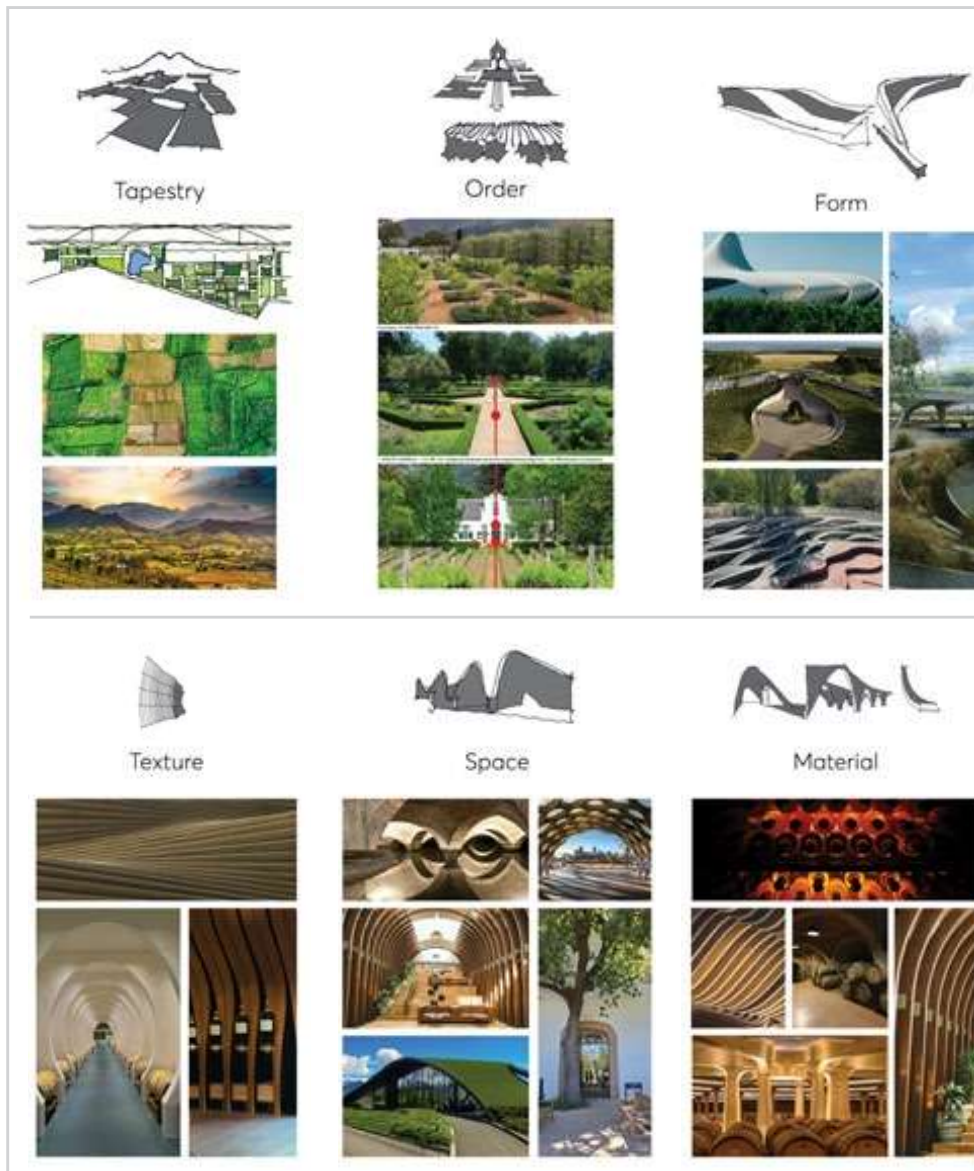
André Wright, Director at Boogertman + Partners, says the airport will establish "a new gateway to the Cape Winelands region,

adding a vital world-class facility that will set new standards for design innovation in the country and on the continent" and aims to deliver a facility that is "contextually grounded, socially impactful, and environmentally responsible".

Wessel van Dyk, Director at Boogertman + Partners in Stellenbosch and the Cape Winelands Airport creative lead, says the design will draw strongly from its setting. "The Cape Winelands Airport will impart a powerful visual identity profoundly rooted in its place. Our vision for the new airport will offer its users an experience unlike any

other. We also plan to target the highest environmental standards and ratings."

Adam Symalla, Managing Director of *amd. sigma*, adds: "The airport represents a truly unique opportunity: a next-generation regional gateway that combines world-class infrastructure with the distinct identity and landscape of the Western Cape. By blending state-of-the-art passenger processes, intuitive terminal design, and a carefully curated commercial offering, the project sets a new benchmark for regional airports - where efficiency meets sense of place, and functionality enhances the overall journey."



The architectural vision for the airport complex blends harmoniously with the natural topography and agricultural tapestry of the Winelands and Swartland region. The airport terminal is envisioned as an undulating glass and steel form that appears to rise organically from the ground - an abstracted interpretation of the terrain that blurs the boundary between landscape and built structure.

The design will target leading environmental ratings and certifications, while the layout is designed to support phased expansion. Its urban design constitutes a flexible framework that can evolve with local conditions, stakeholder input, and future mobility trends.

The appointment of Boogertman + Partners follows the announcements of other key strategic partnerships at the end of 2025, including REIT Growthpoint Properties and WBHO Construction.

Boogertman + Partners' aviation portfolio includes the design of the Chief Dawid Stuurman International Airport in Gqeberha. Its past aviation work includes expansions to the OR Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg. 