

JOHANNESBURG METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY

HERITAGE ASSESSMENT SURVEYING FORM

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NAME OF PLACE: OPH BUILDING



Photograph: Catharina JM Bruwer.

Above: View of the OPH Building, corner Fox and Rissik Streets, with Bram Fischer House to the left, and Sagit House, to the right.

Previous/alternative name/s :
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LOCATION: Street : corner Fox and Rissik
Street number :
: (100, 102 Fox; 29, 31 Rissik)
Stand Number : 1100
Previous Stand Number:
Block number : BL
Suburb : Marshallstown
GIS reference :

ZONING: Current use/s :
Previous use/s :

DESCRIPTION OF PLACE:

Height :
Levels above street level : nine
Levels below street level :
On-site parking :

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS:

Walls:

Roof:

Windows:

SITE FEATURES:

ALTERATIONS:

No plans record found.

INTEGRITY:

INSCRIPTION:

ARCHITECT:

Stucke, Harrison, Ritchie & Watson. 1965.

BUILDER:

CONSTRUCTION DATE:

Date on plans :
Approval of plans :
Completion date :

BUILDING STYLE:

Johannesburg Modular Regionalism. 1960s.

BUILDING TYPE:

This is a shop to street and office building. (CJMB)

ENVIRONMENT:

CONDITION:

As seen from the exterior the building appears in a fair condition. (CJMB)

URGENT ACTION:

SAHRA RECORD REGARDING ALTERATIONS, RENOVATIONS, RESTORATION:

PROTECTION STATUS: (under National Heritage Resources Act, 1999)

General protection: Section 34(1) structure/s

Formal protection: provincial heritage site

national heritage site

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| provisional protection | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| heritage area | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| listed in provincial heritage resources register | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Relevant Gazette Notice:

Gazette description:

FORMER PROTECTION STATUS: (under National Monuments Act, 1969)

NOTES:

DEEDS INFORMATION:

PRE-HISTORY OF SITE:

MIDLAND HOUSE:

By 1954, *Midland House* occupied the 102 Fox and 31 Rissik Streets corner of this site. Tenants of the building during the same period were:

Rooms 204/205 – M Itzikowitz, “secretary of companies, bookkeeper, insurance agent” (home address – 94, Eight Street, Orange Grove); Middelberg Coal Agency (Pty.), Ltd.; Esby’s Gent’s Outfitters (CJMB)
(The Rand-Pretoria Directory 1954)

UNITY HOUSE:

By 1954, *Unity House* stood at 100 Fox Street.
(CJMB)
(The Rand-Pretoria Directory 1954)

HISTORY:

GENERAL NOTES:

Estimated cost of building	:
Estimated cost of drainage	:
Accommodation approved	:
Valuation at completion	:
Occupied	:

PREVIOUS TENANT/S:

CURRENT TENANT/S:

OPH
Rennies Foreign Exchange

Communication Workers’ Union (CWU); Operating Hours: 08:00 to 17:00, Monday to Friday.
Telephone Number(s): (011) 838-8188; Fax Number(s): (011) 838-8727; Street Address: 3rd Floor, Building 29, 29 Rissik Street, Johannesburg; Postal Address: P.O. Box 10248, Johannesburg. Email Address: reception@cwu.org.za

SOURCES:

Published Sources

The Rand-Pretoria Directory 1954 (Comprising Complete Alphabetical And Trades Directories of Johannesburg, Pretoria And Reef Towns), Cape Times Limited, Cape Town, 1954.

Unpublished Sources

Architects In South Africa 1780 – 1940; Draft manuscript, J Walker & G M van der Waal, 1992, HSRC, Pretoria.
Plans records of surveyed buildings, Marshallstown and City of Johannesburg: Archives, Building Control, Development Management, City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality.

ASSESSMENT OF CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE:

Historic Value:

- Associated with historic person, group or organisation
- Associated with historic event or activity

Architectural/Aesthetic value:

- Important example of building type
- Important example of a style or period
- Fine details, workmanship or aesthetics
- Work of a major architect or builder

Social/Spiritual/Linguistic value:

- Associated with social, spiritual, linguistic, economic or political activity
- Illustrates an historical period

Scientific/Technological value:

- Example of industrial, technical or engineering development/achievement
- New, rare or experimental building techniques

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