

# Ponte City Apartments



## Identification

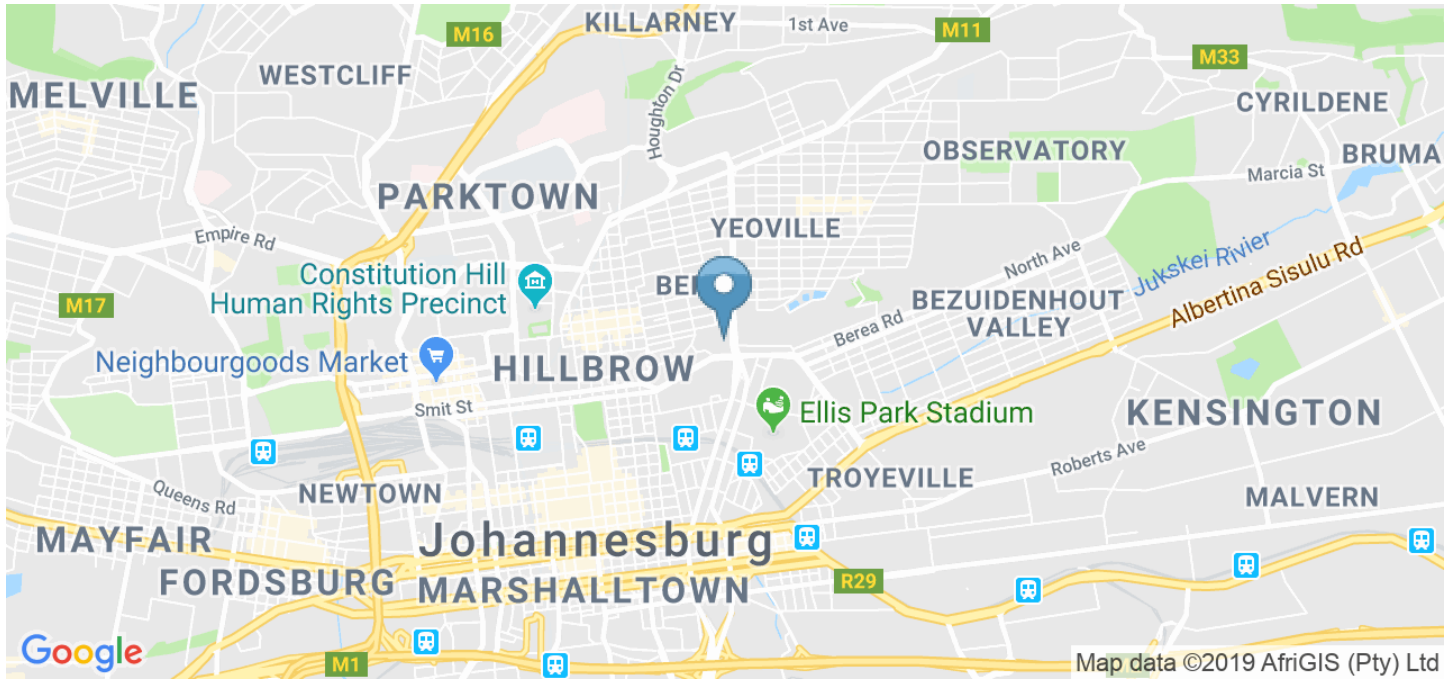
<b>EBN</b>	103534
<b>Name</b>	Ponte City Apartments
<b>Construction Type</b>	skyscraper
<b>Current Status</b>	existing [completed]

## Location

<b>Continent Name</b>	Africa	<b>Postcode</b>	2001
<b>Country Name</b>	South Africa	<b>Address (as text)</b>	1 Lily Avenue
<b>State Name</b>	Gauteng	<b>Main Address</b>	1 Lily Avenue
<b>Metro Area Name</b>	Johannesburg Metro Area	<b>Latitude</b>	<a href="#">Contact us</a>
<b>City Name</b>	Johannesburg	<b>Longitude</b>	<a href="#">Contact us</a>

District (1st level) Hillbrow

### Map



### Description

<b>Structural Material</b>	concrete	<b>Architectural style</b>	brutalism
<b>Facade System</b>	exposed structure	<b>Main Usage</b>	residential condominium
<b>Facade Material</b>	concrete	<b>Side Usage</b>	shopping center
<b>Facade Color</b>	dark brown		

### Spatial dimensions

<b>Height (structural)</b>	567.01 ft	<b>Floors (overground)</b>	54
<b>Height (tip)</b>	606.96 ft	<b>Units</b>	<a href="#">Contact us</a>
<b>Height (roof)</b>	567.01 ft	<b>Elevators</b>	8
<b>Floors (underground)</b>	7		

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## Years and costs

<b>Year (construction end)</b>	1975	<b>Building costs</b>	\$ 2,500,000
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## Features & Amenities

- One of the city's famous buildings

## Facts

- Originally planned to be 64 stories high but was scaled back due to fire fighting concerns of the council.
- A proposal surfaced in the late 1990s to reconfigure the building into a high-rise prison.
- The tallest residential building in Africa, Ponte City has a hollow core along its entire height.
- The sign at the top of the building is the highest and largest in the Southern Hemisphere.
- The building is not completely cylindrical as it has a flat area on the rear side facing north.
- The top 23 floors have a sepperate water supply located in tanks on the 31st floor and while lower floors are serviced by council supply.
- The multi-story parkade is below ground at the front entrance and exposed at the rear due to the very steep nature of the site.
- There is a shopping arcade on the 8th floor with 50 shops serving the tenants as well as a pedestrian bridge to the University crossing an adjacent freeway.

## Involved companies

Architect.....

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