

SOUTHERN OCEAN

LODGE



Architect

Max Pritchard Architects

Builder

Gildail Developments

Fabricator

KR Installations

Capral Products

AGS 900 High Performance
Sliding Door with flush grate sills
AGS 450 Narrowline Wide
Pocket
AGS 225 Doors

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Nestled on the rugged coastline of Kangaroo Island, Southern Ocean Lodge stands as a testament to architectural ingenuity and environmental harmony.

This iconic retreat, which opened its doors in 2008, captivated luxury travellers with its dramatic clifftop setting and immersive wilderness experience. However, the 2019-2020 bushfires devastated the sanctuary, showcasing nature's raw power. Determined hoteliers James and Hayley Baillie pledged to rebuild their flagship property after the disaster. This decision set in motion a remarkable journey of rebuilding and reimagining the reopening of Southern Ocean Lodge in late 2023. The rebirth of this luxury retreat not only showcases architectural resilience but also highlights the innovative use of cutting-edge building materials and systems.

The reimagined Southern Ocean Lodge, affectionately dubbed 'SOL 2.0', represents a harmonious fusion of the original's timeless features with grand new elements designed to elevate the guest experience. South Australian architects Max Pritchard and Andrew Gunner, who were behind the initial design, returned to craft innovative plans that would not only recapture the essence of the original but also push the boundaries of luxury lodge design. The architectural vision for SOL 2.0 centred around several key principles. These included maintaining the original footprint while enhancing views and guest comfort, introducing new premium accommodation options, and elevating the wellness facilities. The

redesign also focused on strengthening environmental sustainability measures and enhancing the overall guest experience through thoughtful design elements. This vision required a delicate balance between preserving the beloved aspects of the original lodge and introducing innovative features that would set a new standard in luxury eco-tourism.

The realisation of this ambitious architectural vision relied heavily on the selection of high-performance building materials and glazing systems. Capral Aluminium emerged as the ideal partner, providing a range of aluminium window and door systems that met the project's exacting requirements for durability, aesthetics, and environmental performance.





One of the standout features of the new Southern Ocean Lodge is the extensive use of Capral's 900 Series Sliding Doors. These doors, specifically designed for unrivalled performance, were chosen for their ability to create seamless transitions between indoor and outdoor spaces, a crucial element in the lodge's design philosophy of connecting guests with the surrounding landscape. Incorporating flush grate sills with these doors was necessary, allowing for smooth, barrier-free access while effectively managing water ingress – a critical consideration given the lodge's exposed coastal location.

The AGS 450 Narrowline system played a crucial role in achieving the architect's vision of expansive views with minimal visual interruption. This system was selected for its ability to accommodate a wide range of glazing options, from standard 12mm units to impressive 44mm wide double-glazed units with internal Venetian blinds. The flexibility of the 450 Narrowline system allowed the architects to tailor the glazing solutions to different areas of the lodge, optimising thermal performance and guest comfort

throughout the structure.

Complementing the larger sliding door systems, Capral's AGS 225 Commercial Doors were utilised in areas requiring a more traditional door configuration. These versatile doors were chosen for their flexibility, performance, and ease of assembly, making them ideal for a range of applications within the lodge. This versatility allowed the architects to maintain a cohesive aesthetic throughout the lodge while addressing the specific functional requirements of different spaces.

The selection of high-quality aluminium window and door systems was only part of bringing the Southern Ocean Lodge vision to life. The expertise of the window fabricator and installer played a crucial role in ensuring that these systems were implemented to the highest standards of craftsmanship and precision. KR Installations, a renowned name in the industry, was entrusted with the task of fabricating and installing the Capral aluminium window and door systems throughout the lodge. The unique design of Southern Ocean Lodge, with its curved facades and

challenging coastal environment, required a fabricator with extensive experience in handling complex architectural projects. KR Installations' track record in high-end residential and commercial installations made them the ideal choice for this demanding project. Throughout the installation process, KR Installations demonstrated their ability to adapt and innovate, developing custom solutions to address unique challenges posed by the lodge's design and location. This flexibility was crucial in maintaining the integrity of the architectural vision while ensuring optimal performance of the aluminium systems.

As Southern Ocean Lodge welcomes guests once again, it stands as a testament to the resilience of the Australian spirit and the power of innovative design. The seamless integration of Capral's aluminium systems throughout the lodge ensures that this iconic retreat will continue to offer an unparalleled luxury experience while treading lightly on the pristine environment it celebrates.