**Arop House**

Arop House is a building in Von Brandis & Kerk Street. Construction commenced in 1931 and completed in 1932 by Hermann Kallenbach, along with his partners Kennedy and Furner. The building is characterized by balconies with steel balustrades and its name was inspired by a Union of Soviet Socialist Republics petroleum company with the same name.

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In the vicinity of Arop House is the much-renovated **Lewis and Marks Building** 63-65 President/Simmonds Street, Johannesburg. According to Clive Chipkin, this was built in 1935-1937 by Kallenbach and partners, and along with many buildings including Arop House and many in Hillbrow and surrounding inner-city suburbs, was one of the skyscrapers that gave Hillbrow the claim to being Manhattan in Africa.

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