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Competition Brief for Architects

1. Introduction

The Design-Build Competition Nigeria 2025 Edition invites architects, builders, and developers to showcase their creativity and innovation in residential design. This competition aims to address Nigeria's housing challenges by promoting sustainable, quality build, affordable, and luxurious housing solutions. Participants will have the opportunity to gain industry recognition and contribute to the future of Nigeria's housing sector.

This is a 2-stage selection for this competition

Stage 1: First top 40 architect selection based on past or present sustainable design fit for this competition. (Submission with qualified matching brand, corporation or investor developer help in this selection round).

Stage 2: Final design-build home model, and presentation to public in open house selection is based on 70% public votes and 30% judges. Final awards and prizes

Note: All architect is paid at international standard rate by the paired brands, corporation or investor developer.

All brands, corporation or investor developer must show proof of ₦500,000,000 bank letter minimum to enter competition.

2. Competition Objectives

- **Promote Innovation:** Encourage cutting-edge designs that push the boundaries of residential architecture.
- **Foster Sustainability:** Highlight eco-friendly materials and energy-efficient solutions.
- **Address Affordability:** Develop cost-effective housing solutions for low- and middle-income families.
- **Celebrate Excellence:** Recognize and showcase outstanding architectural talent.
- **Meet International Standards:** Ensure high build quality that aligns with global construction benchmarks.

3. Competition Categories

Participants can submit entries in the following categories:

- **Sustainable Design:** Projects that prioritize eco-friendly materials and energy efficiency.
- **Affordable Housing:** Designs that provide cost-effective housing solutions.
- **Luxury Homes:** High-end residential designs that combine aesthetics and functionality.

4. Eligibility

- Open to architects, builders, developers, and students in Nigeria.
- Teams must consist of 2–5 members.
- Participants can submit multiple entries (one per category).
- Submissions can be **new designs** or **previously completed projects**.
- Architects who secure **brands, corporations, or investors** before the pairing stage significantly increase their chances of selection and potential project development.

5. Submission Requirements

Participants must submit the following:

a. Detailed Plans

- **Site Plan:** Show the project's location and context.
- **Floor Plans:** Illustrate the layout of each floor.
- **Elevations:** Provide exterior views of the building.
- **Sections:** Show vertical cut-through views of the building.
- **Construction Details:** Highlight specific construction techniques and materials.

b. 3D Renderings

- **Exterior Views:** Show the building's appearance from different angles.
- **Interior Views:** Illustrate the design and functionality of interior spaces.
- **Walkthrough or Animation (Optional):** Provide a dynamic visual representation of the design.

c. Written Description

- **Project Overview:** Brief introduction to the project.
- **Design Objectives:** Goals and challenges addressed.
- **Sustainability Features:** Eco-friendly aspects of the design.
- **Functional Layout:** How the design meets the needs of the occupants.
- **Budget Estimate:** Cost breakdown for the project.
- **Conclusion:** Summary of the project's impact and significance.

d. Submission Format

- **File Types:** PDF, DWG, JPEG, or PNG.
- **File Size:** Maximum 50MB per file.
- **Naming Convention:** Use a consistent format (e.g., ProjectName_Plan.pdf).

6. Judging Criteria

Criteria	Description
Innovation (20%)	<i>How unique and creative is the design?</i>
Functionality (20%)	<i>Is the design practical and livable?</i>
Sustainability (20%)	<i>Does the design minimize environmental impact?</i>
Affordability (20%)	<i>Is the design cost-effective to build & maintain?</i>
Aesthetics (10%)	<i>Is the design visually appealing?</i>
Feasibility (10%)	<i>Can the design be realistically implemented?</i>

7. Timeline

Timeline Event	Date
Registration Opens	February 15, 2025
Submission Deadline	March 15, 2025
Finalist Selection	March 31, 2025
Pairing Ceremony	April 12, 2025
Submit Final Design + Cost	June 20, 2025
Construction Phase Begins	July 1, 2025
Public Viewing	December 1, 2025
Awards Ceremony	December 21, 2025

8. Registration

- **Fee:** ₦50,000 per team (team: ₦100,000).
- **How to Register:** Visit [Insert Registration Link] and complete the online form.
- **Payment:** Pay via the integrated payment gateway (card, bank transfer, USSD).

9. Awards

The competition features a comprehensive list of awards to recognize excellence in various aspects of residential design.

Grand Prize

- **Best Original Design** – Most unique and innovative architectural concept.
- **Best Interior Decoration** – Most aesthetically pleasing and functional interior.
- **Best Layout** – Most efficient and well-planned home layout.
- **Best Sustainable Home** – Best use of eco-friendly materials and energy-efficient solutions.
- **Best Luxury Home** – Most elegant and high-end residential design.
- **Best Quality Build** – Best building quality that meets or surpass international standard.

Special Mention

- **Best Smart Home** – Best use of smart home technology for automation and security.
- **Best Facade Design** – Most visually striking and creative exterior design.
- **Best Modular Home Design** – Best prefabricated or modular home concept.
- **Best Tiny Home Design** – Most efficient and beautiful small living space.
- **Best Low-Income Housing Solution** – Most cost-effective and scalable affordable housing design.

Functional & Space Awards

- **Best Kitchen Design** – Most beautiful and practical kitchen space.
- **Best Living Room Design** – Best combination of aesthetics and comfort in a living room.
- **Best Bedroom Design** – Most well-designed and relaxing bedroom space.
- **Best Bathroom Design** – Most luxurious and efficient bathroom layout.
- **Best Home Office Design** – Best workspace integration into a home.

Innovation & Technology Awards

- **Best Use of AI in Home Design** – Most innovative application of artificial intelligence in architecture.
- **Best Energy-Efficient Home** – Home with the lowest carbon footprint and energy consumption.
- **Best Water Conservation Home** – Best use of rainwater harvesting, water recycling, and efficiency.

Cultural & Social Impact Awards

- **Best Traditional Nigerian Architectural Design** – Best fusion of modern and traditional Nigerian architecture.
- **Best Community Impact Project** – Best design that benefits the local community.
- **People's Choice Award** – Most voted-for home by the public.

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11. Terms and Conditions

- Participants retain ownership of their designs.
- The competition organizers have the right to showcase submissions for promotional purposes.
- Any form of misconduct (e.g., plagiarism) will lead to disqualification.

12. Acknowledgments

We thank our sponsors, partners, and supporters for making this competition possible. Together, we are building the future of Nigeria's housing sector.

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