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We are a highly talented, interdisciplinary, **ISO 9001: 2015** certified design, management and advisory house.

We provide bespoke services in **architecture, interiors, planning, management, landscape, advisory** among others to a variety of private and public clients.

We are registered by the Board of Registration of Architects and Quantity Surveyors of Kenya (**BORAQS**). We are also corporate members of the Architectural Association of Kenya (**AAK**), chartered by the Royal Institute of British Architects (**RIBA**) and The Kenya Green Building Society (**KGBS**) who are members of the World Green Building Council (**WGBC**).

Our projects are **diverse**; in terms of type, scale and use. In collaboration with our highly specialized partners, we offer tailor made solutions to our clients.

Our team is **optimized** to address the specific needs and circumstances of each assignment. In order to guarantee **quality** and **performance**, our project teams research extensively and innovate sustainable solutions for every project.



We are Blink Studio

Putting communities first

Striving for excellence

Creating value

For a better future

Core Values

Communities First

We seek positive cultural, social, economic and environmental impact for communities in all our projects.

Collaboration and Team Work

We support each other at all times for all success is team effort.

Transparency

We ascribe to openness and full disclosure in all our dealings.



People

We are a team of great experience, diversity, talent and passion. We possess an extraordinary depth of interdisciplinary expertise in project delivery. We are passionate about integrated processes. We consistently strive to deliver solutions that are **highly responsive** to the needs of our clients and enrich the lives of people.

We create **strategic collaborations** with teams at the cutting edge of various fields to ensure that our clients benefit from a single point of accountability, effective decision-making, seamless delivery, and unbeatable results. This approach helps our clients minimize the headaches and enjoy the process of creating **successful projects**. We are committed to becoming the best in everything we do.

The guiding principles that we jealously guard are; **cultural authenticity, environmental sensitivity, creativity** and the **bottom line**. We apply our rich diversity of insight and expertise in a process of progressive exploration and discovery; always asking questions, always refining; as individuals and as a cohesive team.

Design

We strive to create **positive conversations** between people and their environment. We are passionate about creating spaces that **question, rethink, challenge**, and **improve the status quo**.

In each project, we seek to integrate **program, site** and **spatial experience** fused with craftsmanship, materiality, efficiency, cost and sustainability. As the design becomes focused and more honed to the requirements of the specific project, utmost care is taken to guard the **freshness** and the spark of its **inception**.

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**Rethinking,
Challenging
and
Improving
the
Status Quo,**”

Methodology

Our process is **collaborative and inclusive**. The consultants, clients and users contributions are fused to discover new innovative solutions and compelling expression rooted in the unique spirit of every project. Each assignment is a collaborative exploration with the team, clients and target users. The constant aim is always to seek progressive discoveries and innovative solutions.

This methodology is under **continuous scrutiny for loopholes**. Since every assignment is unique, we progressively test and advance our formula to suite specific requirements. This is fuelled by an unwavering commitment to the evolution of excellence and innovation through an open spirit of collaboration in the committed people who make up our team. This **active dialogue** extends to our clients, colleagues, and stakeholders. We believe that our projects become richer and accumulate meaning when the process actively engages a broad body of participants.

Exceeding client expectations is an important characteristic of our work. But what makes the methodology truly successful is the **impact our output have on our clients' top and bottom line**.

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A
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Programme

Each assignment aims to cater for specific requirements and activities. Our philosophy **fuses form and function** by rigorously analysing user culture, spatial requirements and disposition, peer facility benchmarking and appropriate building technology. The process of brief programming is informed by the reality that the activities of a place gives meaning and act as landmarks for orientation to the user communities at multiple levels.

We continuously explore possibilities for our work to enrich linkages between people, place and programme. Through integrated analysis of context, craft, sustainability and user experience, we embellish our appreciation of the role of our work in the **enrichment of society** and progressively deploy the lessons in all subsequent assignments.



Technology & Context

All architecture should belong to a **social, cultural** and **environmental** context. Our work seeks to **reveal** and **celebrate** inherent qualities of the particular site, community and culture. Armed with detailed analyses of the myriad contextual realities of every place, we seek to positively contribute to the **evolution** of its **landscape, culture, history, people** and the **experience**.

We do not seek to replay historical patterns, rather to embrace realities with solutions that respond to the evolution of **socio-economic, cultural** and **technological** realities of the modern world.

People experience places at different levels and scales. The **nuances** of **light, texture** and **colour** form critical components of these experiences. Our approach embraces these truths and offer them expression in the technical detailing of the overall fabric at different scales. **Materials** and **craftsmanship** are critical in our processes as they offer the opportunity to support and enrich the project's **cultural meaning** and **user experience**.

“ Focusing on people, culture, history and experiences at all levels and scales ”

Sustainability

We believe that an architecture that harmoniously connects **human activity** with the **natural environment** is inherently good. We therefore engage visionary thinking at the onset of every design to ensure that **environmental principles** are integrated with the **strategic goals** of the project from inception all the way to project delivery.

We believe that sustainable design should surpass Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (**LEED**) and Excellence in Design for Greater Efficiencies (**EDGE**) evaluation criteria and that our team must proactively engage our clients on the practical approaches to improve **operational performance, reduce life cycle costs, maximize comfort** and promote **environmental stewardship**.

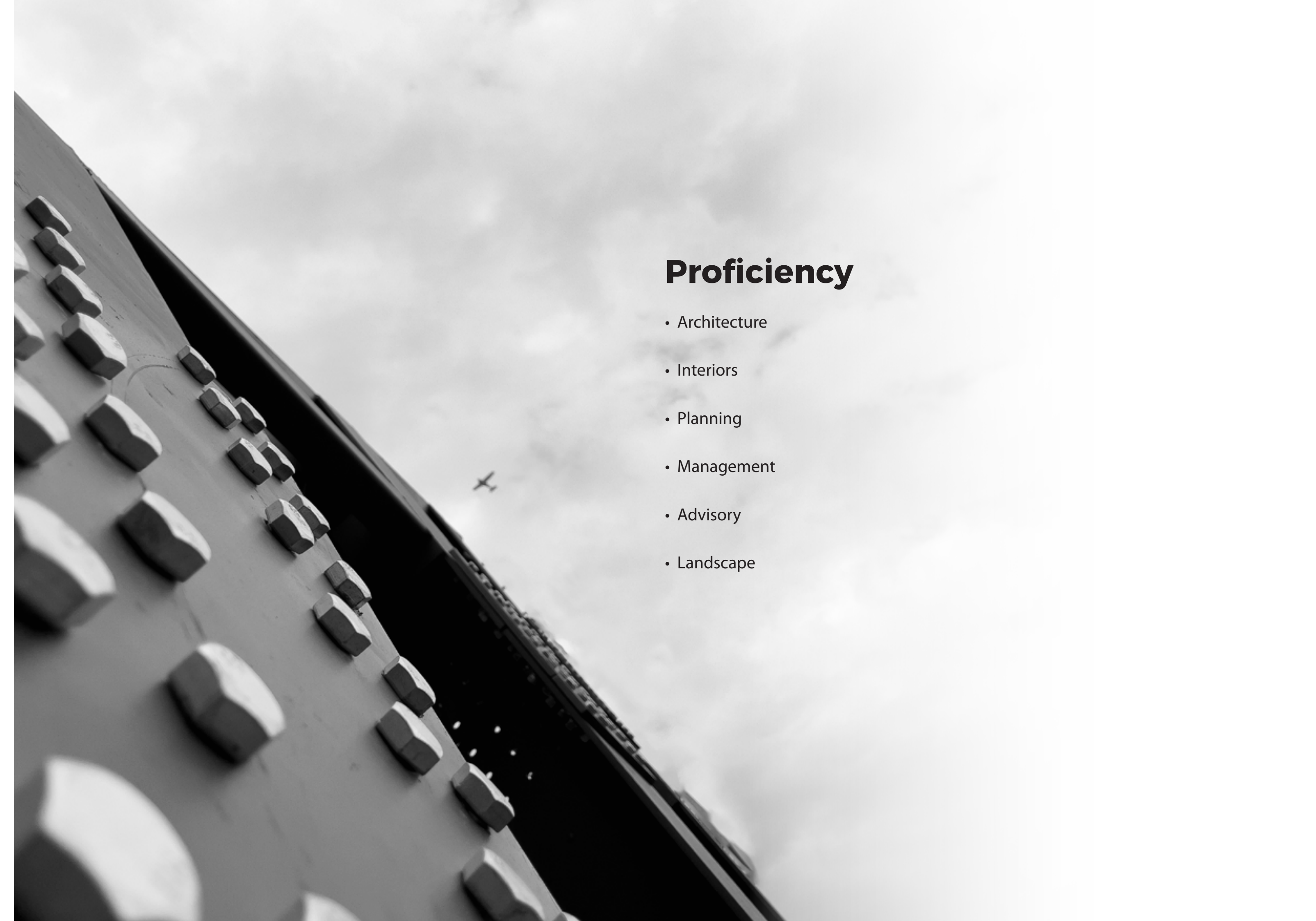


Expertise

Our integrated approach guarantees effective time and cost control. To ensure consistent quality of design and technical solutions, we have implemented a firm-wide quality assurance system that is benchmarked on the **ISO 9001:2015, ISO 14001:2015, ISO 2600:2010, ISO 14006:2011, ISO 50001:2011** certification and **RIBA Chartered Practice**. This process engages our teams and all the project participants in interactive framework of coordination and reviews that is highly organized and systematic.

Our design process is based on the idea that **seeing is believing**. From conceptual sketches, to renders, to CAD drawings and BIM models, we create visuals that make our designs accessible. Our CAD/BIM modelling procedure links design intent and geometry, allowing us to create form as we explore and solve **geometrical** and **functional** problems concurrently.

Creating a series of idea development sketches gives our design team and our client a common **reference point** for discussion and advancement. To this end, we have developed capacity to seamlessly straddle between various **software programs** and **simulation engines** to effectively utilize iterative modelling and simulation during all phases of design.



Proficiency

- Architecture
- Interiors
- Planning
- Management
- Advisory
- Landscape

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Memories,
Lives,
Communities,
Environment,
The Greater Good

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Education

**Re-imagining
Transition,
Development
& Growth**





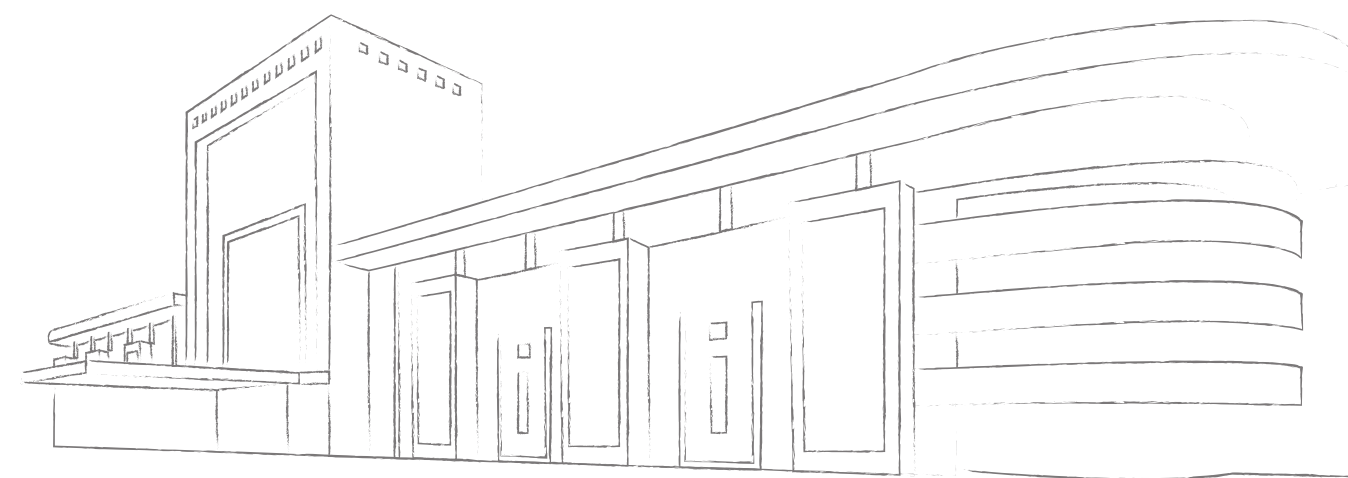
Umma University

Kajiado, Kenya

Edifying a Community

Umma University is a student-centered University that provides quality services in order to produce holistic graduates.

We had to come up with an environmentally-conscious master plan for a modern day university campus in Kajiado County. The phased plan included buildings housing the various faculties, student affairs and accommodation, administrative services, library, laboratories, sports facilities, staff accommodation and ultimately a teaching and referral hospital. The planning took advantage of the vast spaces available by creating numerous functional courtyards for enrichment of the student experience.



Client

Umma University Trust & Direct Aid

Size

71,000 square metres

Scope

Design, construction supervision and management services

Year

2013



The design of the project aimed to achieve an important role as an icon for Umma University. The master plan is symmetrical creating an axis meant to amplify the connection between religion, knowledge, ceremony and art.





By merging modular geometry, optimized circulation and a boldly optimistic design approach, our team was able to breathe new life to the site and its immediate surroundings.



Umma University in various construction stages



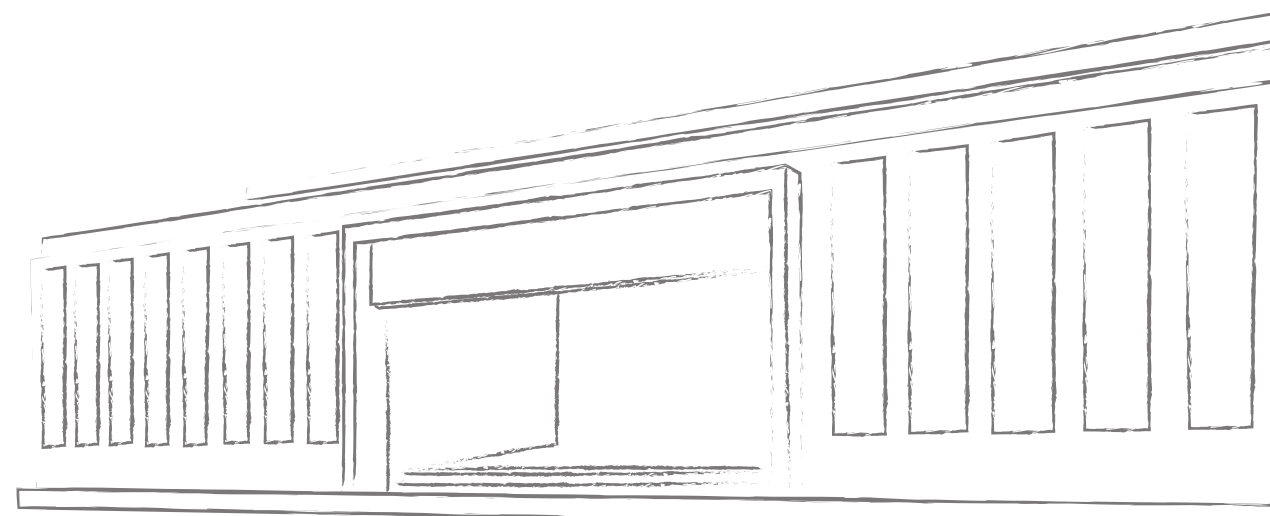


Nova Pioneer Schools

Eldoret, Uasin Gishu, Kenya

Nova Pioneer Education Group is a Pan-African independent school network providing world-class education that develops critical thinking, creativity and technology skills in addition to exceptional academic results at a cost that is affordable to the emerging middle class.

The client's interest was to develop two boarding secondary schools on the 20-acre site which would include classrooms, dormitories, auditoriums, staff residences, operations facilities (e.g. kitchen, maintenance workshop), and sports facilities. Each school would have up to 816 students each at full capacity, for a total of 1632 students on site once both schools reach full capacity.



Client

The Nova Pioneer Education Group & CPF Group

Size

23,500 square metres

Scope

Design, construction supervision and management services

Year

2019

Shaping the All-Inclusive

Similar to the Nova Pioneer campus at Tatu city, the two schools would be on the same 20-acre plot, but designed so that they are two separate schools, with some shared facilities. Facilities placed between the two schools and didn't belong to either campus exclusively would include;

- Sports facilities
- Student garage
- Central kitchen
- Student Laundry Facility
- Ablution block attached to the kitchen
- Teachers housing
- Support staff housing
- Maintenance workshop



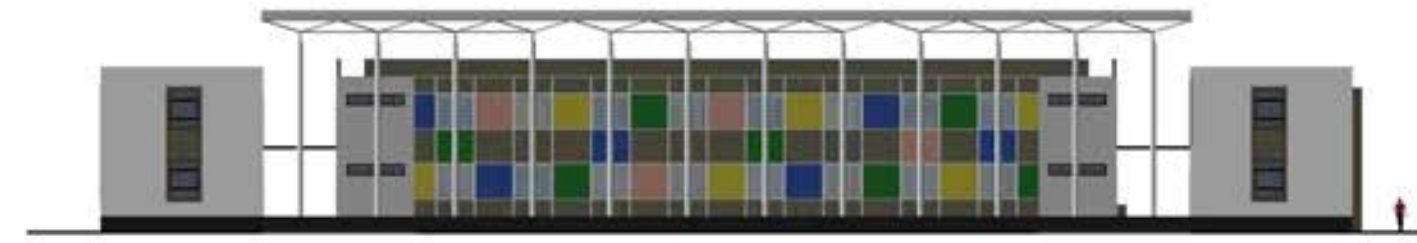
Classroom Design Considerations

Classrooms needed adequate pinup space for teachers and students with all doors into classrooms to be placed at the back.

Classroom block orientation had to take into account sun direction as their main medium of teaching is projectors which are installed in all learning spaces.

Corridor width had to take into account student storage lockers outside the classes and student circulation during change of lesson.

All classroom blocks would have designated drinking water points with water treatment facilities within the building.



Walking Distance Considerations

Time spent during transition is a noticeable burden on Nova Pioneer's educational product. Therefore, as much as possible, the following core areas of activity had to be located as close as possible to each other; **classrooms and the auditorium, fields and the dorms, auditorium and the dorms.**

With this in mind, the highest priority was to keep the classroom and dining hall close, followed by reducing the distance between the fields and dorms, and lastly, between the dining hall and the dorms.





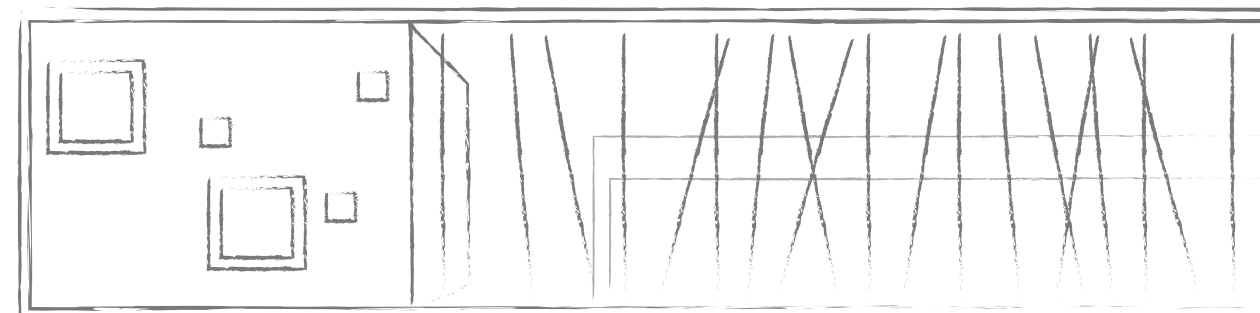
Eliud Kipchoge Library

Kapsisiywa Secondary School, Kapsabet, Kenya

Eliud Kipchoge is a Kenyan long-distance runner who competes in the marathon and formerly specialized at the 5000 metre distance. Regarded as the greatest marathon runner of all time, he is the 2016 and 2020 Olympic marathon champion. He has run four of the six fastest marathons in history.

In his honor, President Uhuru Kenyatta issued a directive for the construction of a multi-million Library at the athlete's home village of Kapsisiywa, Nandi Country. Kipchoge made history after becoming the first-ever athlete to run a marathon under two hours – clocking 1:59:40 at the INEOS 1:59 Challenge staged in Vienna, Austria.

“Eliud Kipchoge who is alive and here with us has also inspired the world that no human effort is futile, that we can dream and make our dreams a possibility. He has demonstrated that through integrity, hard work and commitment to excellence nothing is out of reach” said President Uhuru.



Client

Eliud Kipchoge

Size

3,000 square metres

Scope

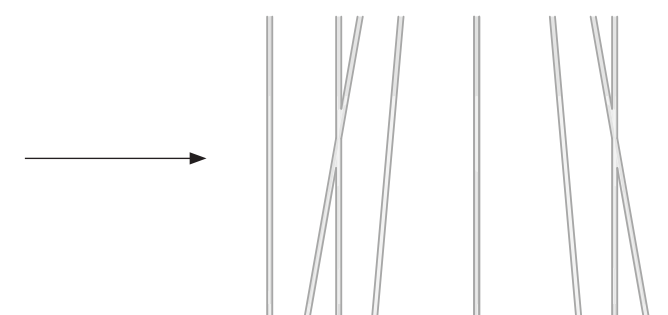
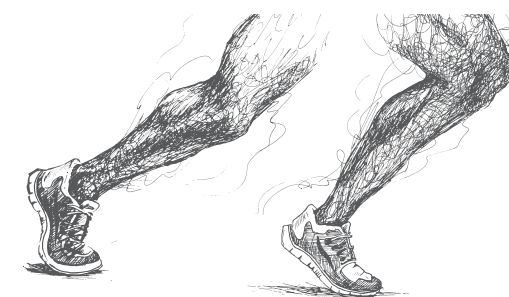
Design, construction supervision and management services

Year

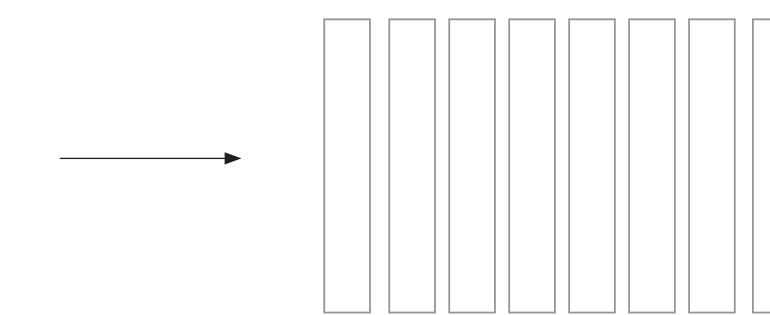
2019

An Enduring Legacy

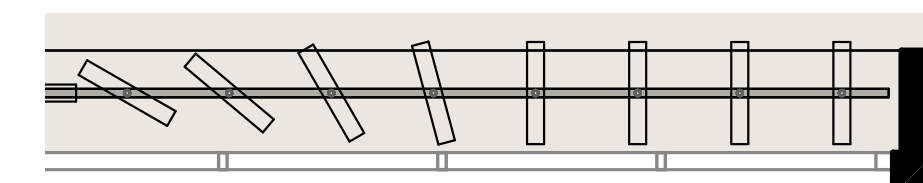
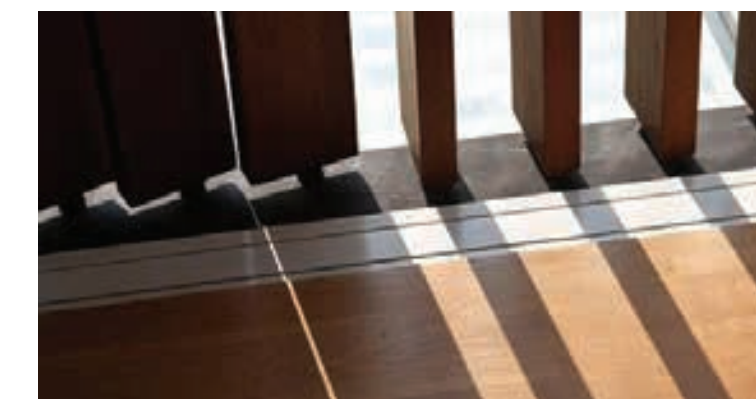
With metronomic precision Eliud Kipchoge raced into history on the Hauptallee in Vienna by becoming the first man to achieve the barrier-breaking sub-two hour marathon as part of the INEOS 1:59 Challenge. The greatest marathon runner of all time Eliud achieved a jaw-dropping time of 1:59:40.2 to secure his moon-landing moment. It was a performance which perfectly encapsulated Eliud the man - calm, consistent, patient and totally unflappable.



Running legs have been abstracted to form columns at irregular intervals and angles.

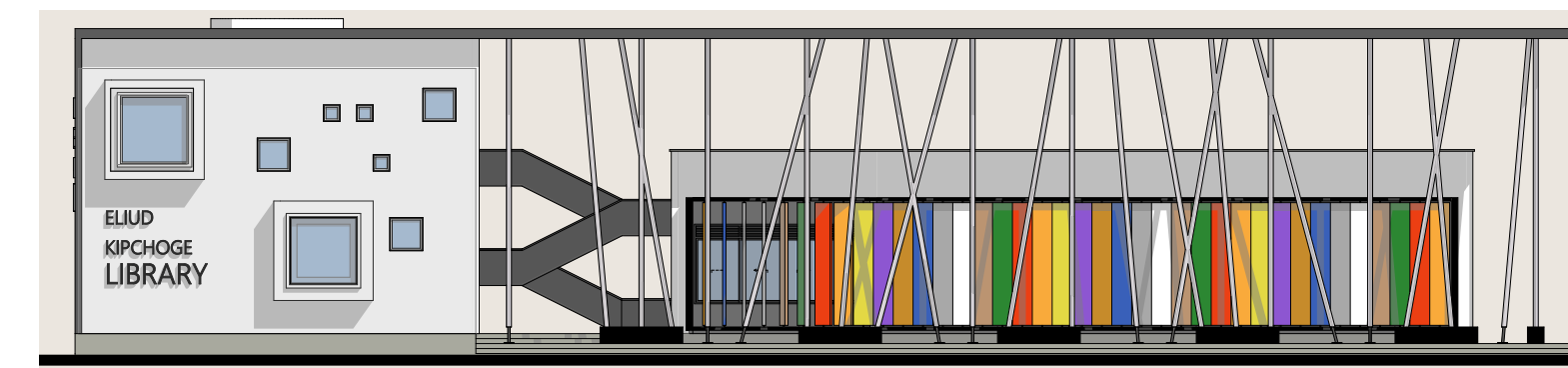


Books arranged on a shelf are symbolised by vertical sun-shading elements painted a variety of colours.



Sun-shading Panels - Taming the Rhythms of Light

Operable sun-shades located along the Eastern and Western facades provide a means to control the amount of heat and solar radiation that can be allowed into the building at different times of the day. The sun-shades are painted bright colours which will reflect light into the library.



Extensively Transformational

The Kipchoge library will help to inculcate a culture of lifelong learning among students. This library will serve the information needs of its students and the curriculum needs of its teachers and staff.

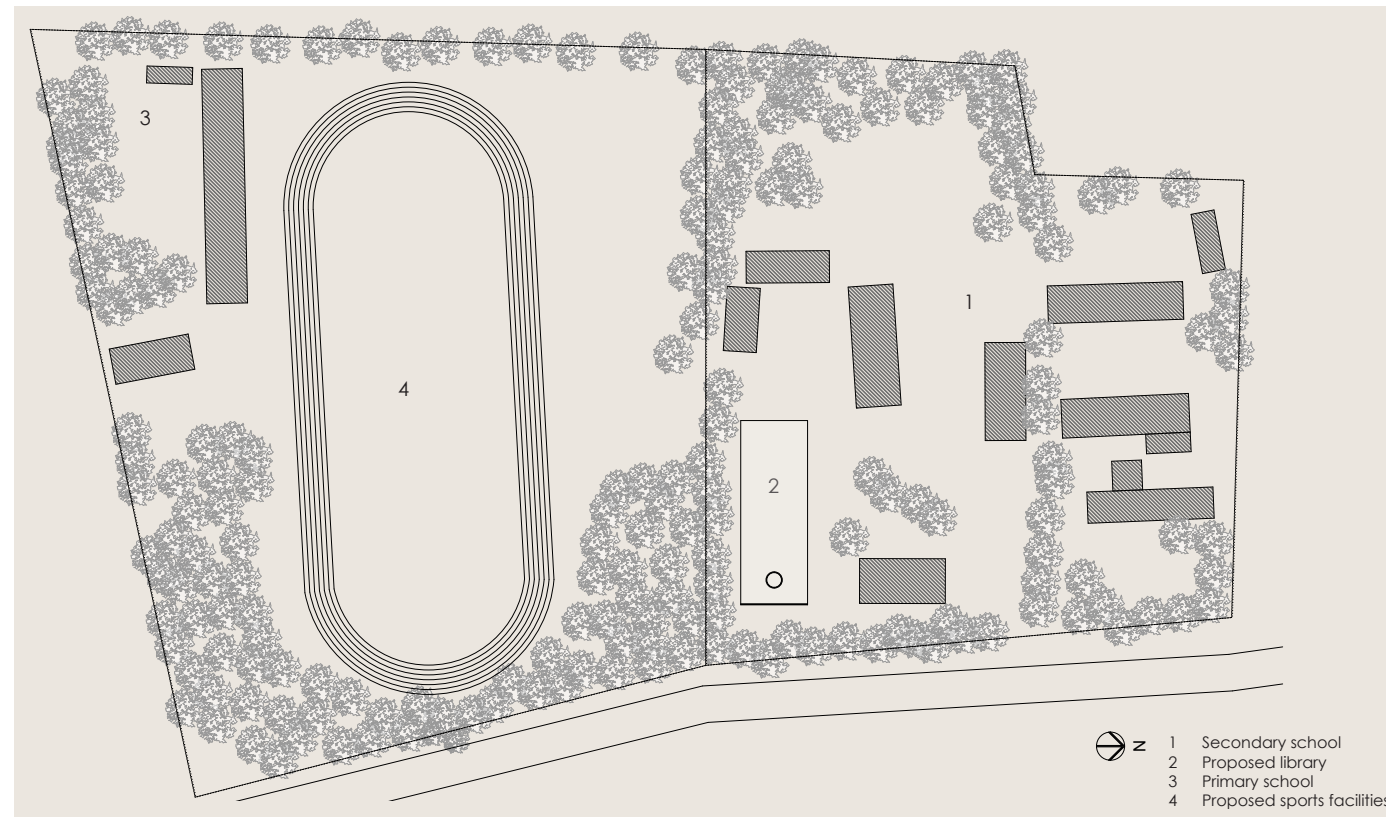
Proposed Brief

Library and student centre;

- Library with 200 person capacity
- Enough space to hold half the school at a time
- Small stage for performances
- Adjacent music room
- Seminar Room
- Audiovisual room
- Administration offices
- Kitchenette
- Store
- Landscaping
- Parking

Sports facilities;

- Running track
- Football pitches
- Basketball court
- Netball court
- Handball court



The school library media centre can become not only the hub of academic research, but also the hub of technology and the 21st century tools and is integral in helping students attain information skills. According to research, there exists a positive correlation between the presence of adequate library media centres staffed with library media specialists and higher academic achievement.



The Gallery

Our commemorative gallery has a very simple approach, yet very different from the rest of the building by design. Like stepping into the twilight zone, we want this space to briefly transport its inhabitants into the mind of a champion athlete.



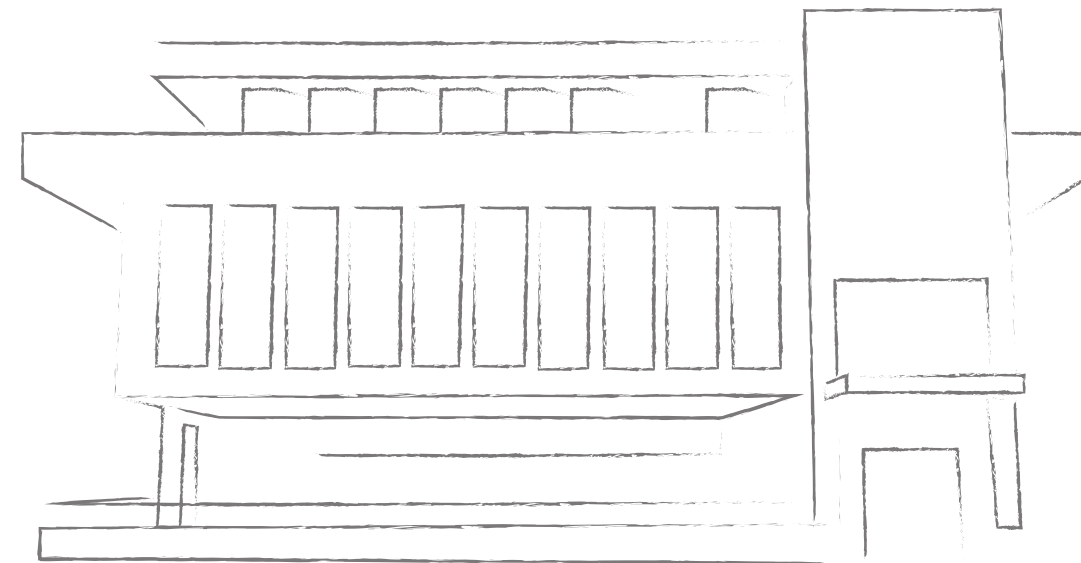


Premier Academy

Nairobi, Kenya

Premier Academy is a co-educational day school for students aged 2½ – 19 years offering an adapted British National Curriculum. As a school, the goal is to empower students to become individuals that make a difference in the World. To this end, Premier Academy endeavours to develop the intellectual, physical, social and moral growth of the students who pass through the institution.

The ultra-modern learning facilities and an experienced teaching staff make this a reality. The school is located along the Thika Highway, off Prof Wangari Maathai road, about 5km from Nairobi City Centre.

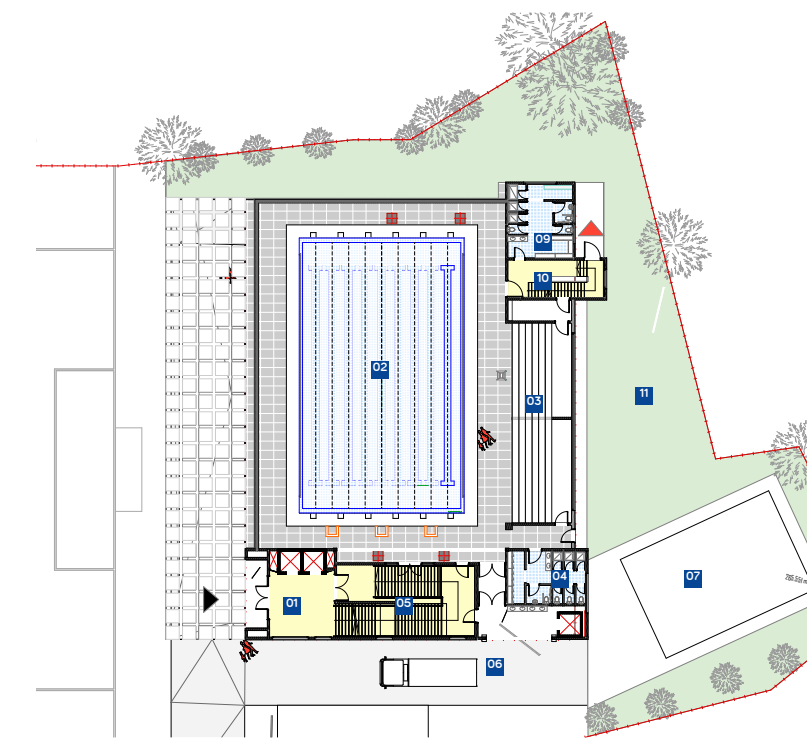


Client
Premier Academy Charitable Trust

Size
12,000 square metres

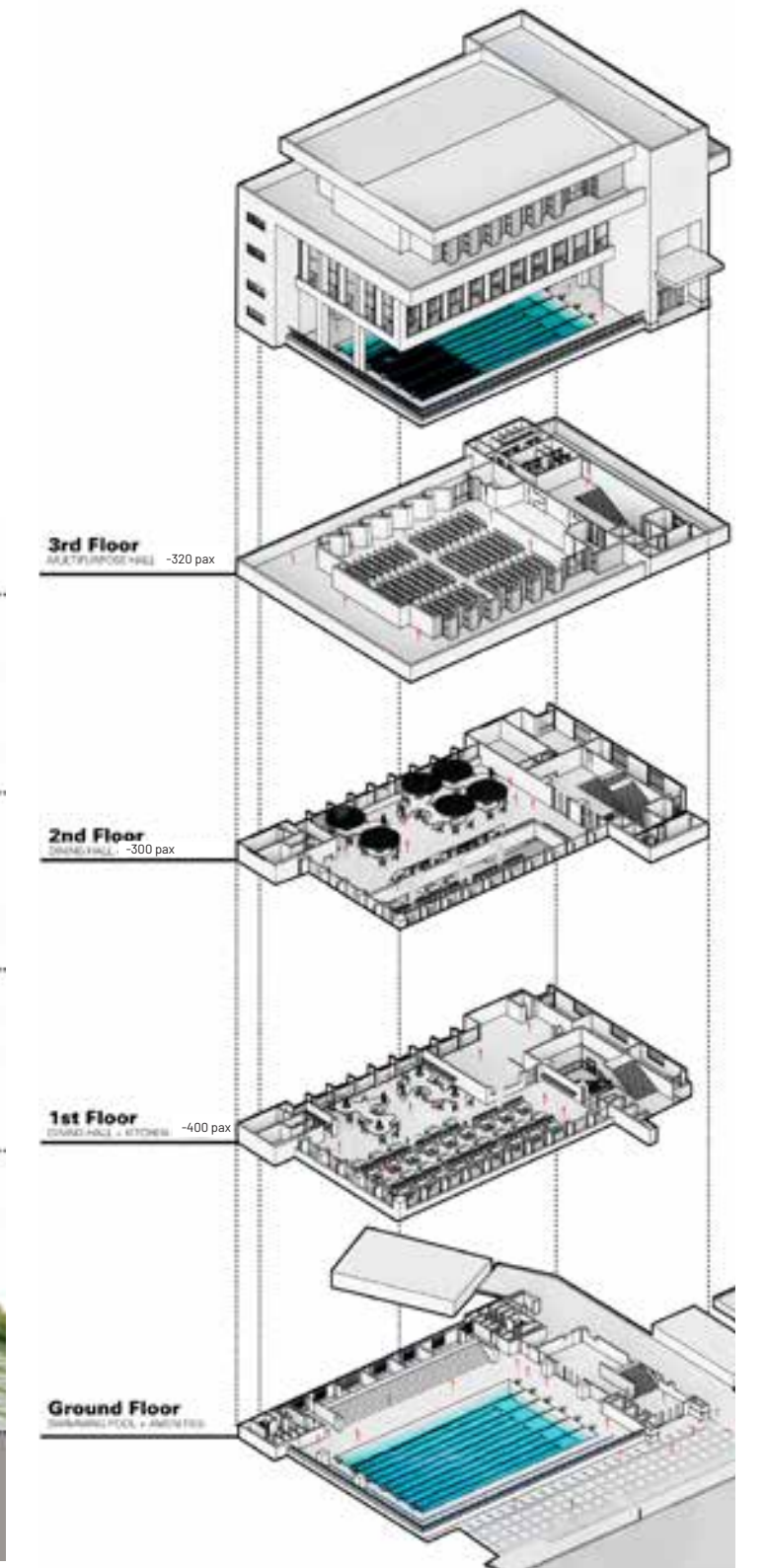
Scope
Design, construction supervision and management services

Year
2023



Expanding Possibility

Blink Studio developed this proposal for Premier Academy Charitable Trust who were looking to engage a Consultant Architect and/or their team to design A Swimming Pool, Kitchen, Dining Halls, Multipurpose Hall and associated Services.



Future-Ready Sustainability

Our design drivers included creating space that elevates the environment it's in without interrupting it through the following inclusions in the sectors of energy and water;

Use of Renewable Energy Sources: solar photovoltaic (PV) panels will be installed on the roof to generate electricity on-site.

Energy-Efficient Lighting: Use high-efficiency lighting, such as LED or CFL bulbs, to reduce energy consumption.

High-Efficiency Building Envelope: The use of solar glass on all the windows of the building will reduce heat gain into the building.

Energy-Efficient HVAC Systems: Install energy-efficient heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems, at the Multipurpose hall to reduce energy use.

Rainwater Harvesting: Install a rainwater harvesting system that captures and stores rainwater for non-potable uses, such as irrigation and toilet flushing.

Graywater Recycling: Utilise the Waste water treatment plant existing to capture and treat wastewater from sinks, showers, and washing machines for reuse in irrigation and toilet flushing.

Water-Efficient Fixtures: Install water-efficient fixtures, such as low-flow toilets, faucets, and showerheads, to reduce water consumption.

Water-Efficient Landscaping: Choose landscaping plants that are adapted to local climate conditions and require less water.

Water Monitoring Systems: Use water monitoring systems to track and control water usage in the building.



The building also features a **passive design** to maximize natural light and ventilation, **solar glass** to reduce heat gain within the building, **vertical sun shading** and roof overhangs to block direct sunlight and **natural ventilation** to allow for natural aeration and cooling.



Design Principles

The new development should **harmoniously blend** in with the existing buildings and layout, create an environment that promotes **pupil safety and a sense of belonging**, include measures to ensure that it is **accessible to everyone**, make use of **natural light and ventilation** to enhance the dining experience and overall well-being, incorporate **decorative acoustic ceiling** and wall panels to manage noise levels.

Interior layouts should be **well-planned to minimize congestion, long queues**, and **encourage social interaction and a sense of belonging**. The multipurpose hall should be **versatile**, with proper acoustics, thermal comfort, and state-of-the-art audio-visual equipment. The design should **maximize the views of the neighbouring forested city park and adjacent playing field**. The design should ensure **proper servicing of the building spaces and adjacent plant rooms**.



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Public & Civic

**Serving
& Empowering
the Citizenry**





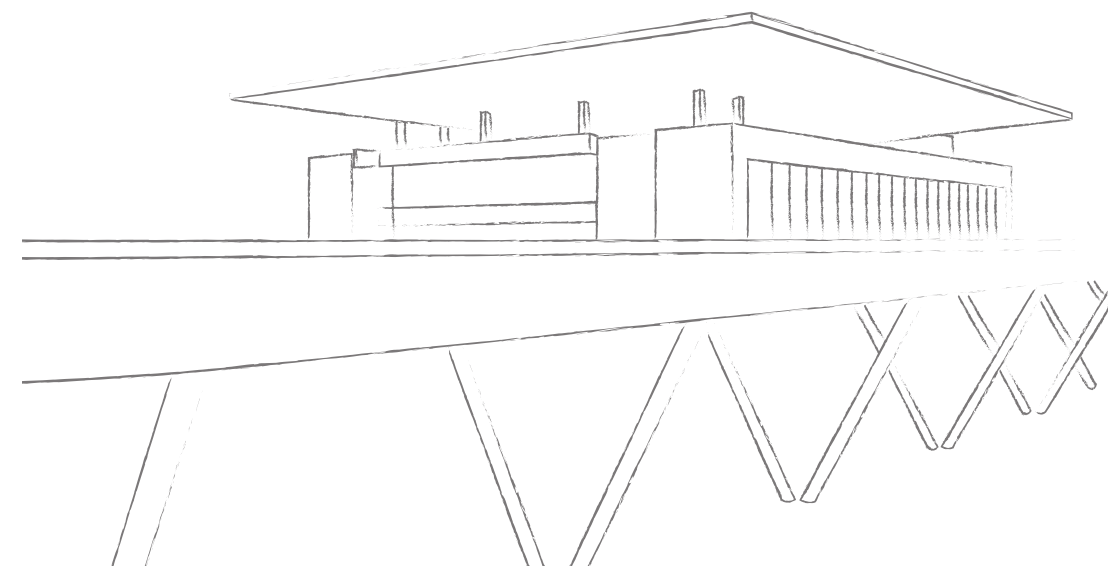
Champions Market & Bus Terminus

Eldoret, Uasin Gishu, Kenya

Uasin Gishu County is one of the counties established by the Constitution of Kenya 2010. It is situated in the Rift Valley region of Kenya and covers a total area of 3,345.2 Km². The County headquarters; Eldoret town is approximately 350 Km from Nairobi.

Limited space in the existing market caused frequent conflicts and confrontations. There were over 4,000 traders against the 500 stalls at the market. The market was closed indefinitely following confrontations between county enforcement askaris and hawkers.

The new market is expected to accommodate the increasing number of traders that had piled pressure on the existing market facilities. The proposed market will have split level parking and six storeys that will host different businesses. The market will have an installation cooling and packaging facility for packaging and value addition of fresh agricultural produce. Beautification will also be done around the market.



Client

Uasin Gishu County Government & Municipality of Eldoret

Size

50,000 square metres

Scope

Design, feasibility studies, construction supervision and management services

Year

2023



Combining Nature & Architecture to Uplift a Community

This as a new installment would provide major relief to traders in Uasin Gishu County as the town angles for city status. The project is expected to provide a conducive environment for traders in Eldoret town, as well as streamline the movement within the bus terminus.

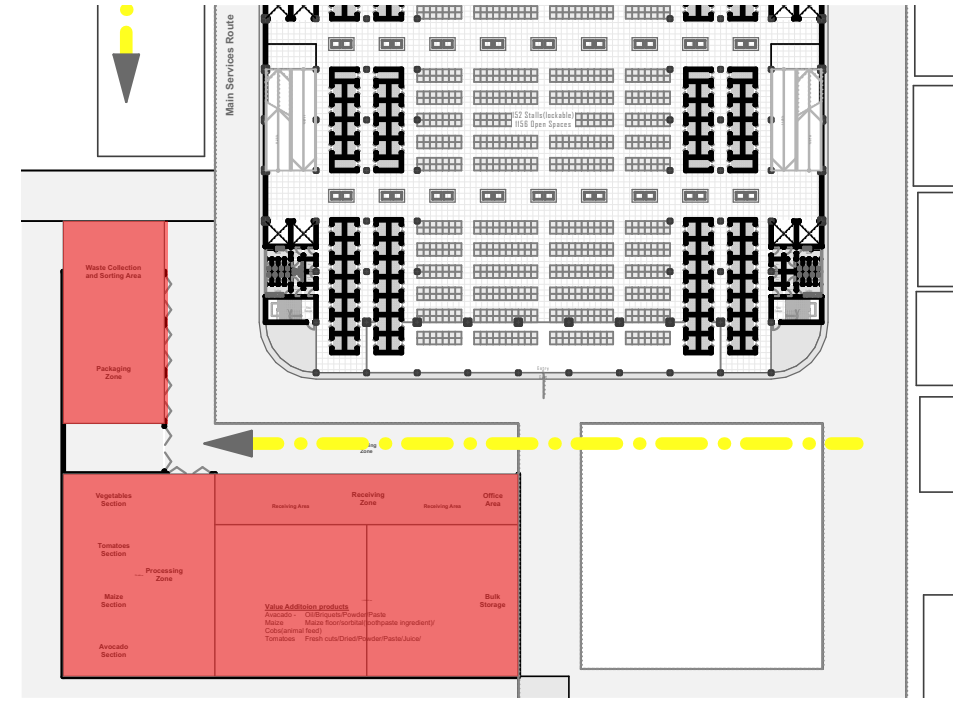
As the population of Eldoret has been growing at a steady rate, public infrastructure and facilities need to be upgraded to accommodate the higher demands.



Creating and Availing Value

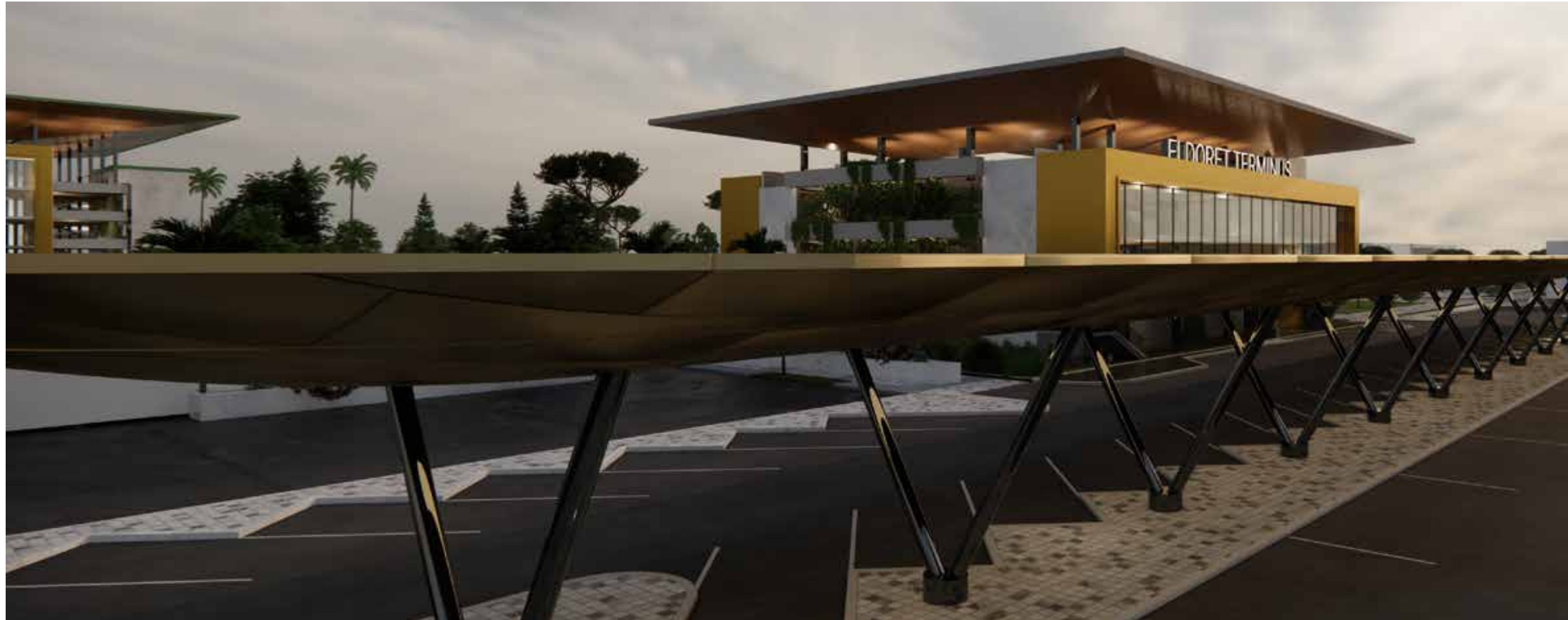
Part of our proposal was a value addition zone that would be located next to the main market. It would improve efficiency of the market, while increasing the economic value of products for sale. This would in turn add value to the market and bus terminus.

In addition, the value addition zone will contribute to Eldoret's environmental sustainability and protect the river from pollution by safe disposal of waste products. The waste management systems include sorting for reuse, recycling, recovery and residual management.



The zone would comprise of the following;

- Receiving bay
- Administration offices
- Storage
- Processing zones
- Packaging zones
- Dispatch
- Waste management
 - Sorting
 - Packing
 - Conversion of waste to energy





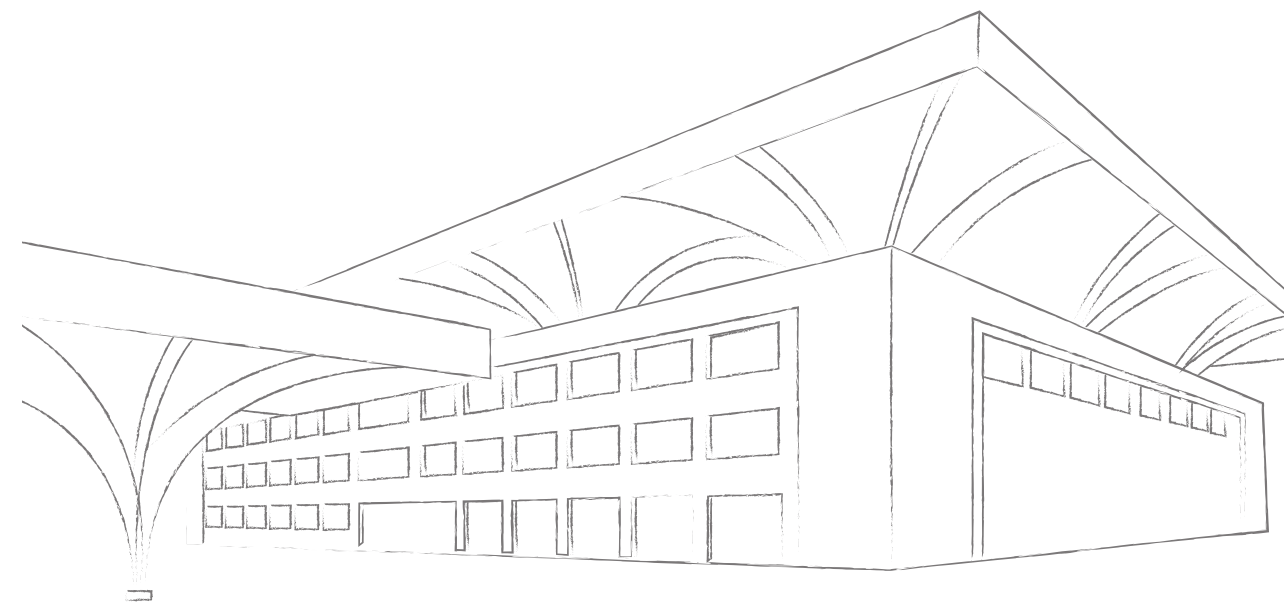
Kitale Market & Bus Terminus

Kitale, Trans Nzoia, Kenya

Trans-Nzoia County is a county in the former Rift Valley Province, Kenya, located between the Nzoia River and Mount Elgon, 380 km northwest of Nairobi. At its centre is the town of Kitale which is the capital and largest town.

Kitale town being a regional hub with a burgeoning population faced the twin issues of disorganized public service vehicles, both local and long distance, and proliferation of hawkers as a result of inadequacy of the main market.

A solution was to integrate the two, in one development organizing the buses, matatus & bodabodas and housing the large numbers of street vendors & other retailers. This maintained both their pools of customers while simultaneously cleaning up the streets of the town.



Client

Trans Nzoia County Government & Municipality of Kitale

Size

30,000 square metres

Scope

Design, construction supervision and management services

Year

2015

Access to All

Positioned as a pivotal urban solution, Kitale Market and Bus Terminus would house over 2000 retail vendors, avail parking and circulation space for about 500 vehicles and a myriad of ancillary facility units as broken down below;

Ancillary Facilities

- 1 Guard office
- 1 Genset
- 3 Garbage collection units
- 5 Bus Offices
- 42 Matatu Offices
- 8 Offices
- 3 Facility Management Offices
- 1 County Enforcement Office
- 1 Security Office
- 1 Police Post

Parking

- 200 bodabodas
- 250 matatus
- 10 buses
- 20 private vehicles/taxis
- Packaging zones

Retail Outlets

- 1,658 temporary vendors
- 128 semi-permanent vendors
- 214 permanent vendors



Visualization render of the market & bus park design



Aerial shot of actual site under construction



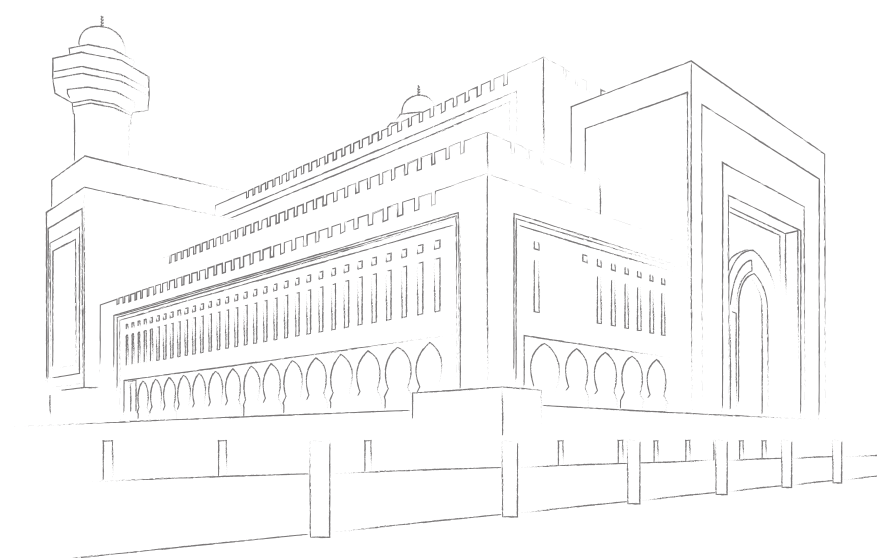


Jamia Mosque Extension

Nairobi, Kenya

Nairobi Jamia Mosque is considered to be the most important mosque in Kenya as well as being the busiest - an important & major center of Islamic practice in East & Central African region. Located in between Banda Street and Kigali Street in Nairobi's Central Business District, it is considered as an iconic & architectural masterpiece constructed between 1925 & 1933.

The mosque administration wished to expand the mosque to allow accomodation for more worshippers by tripling and doubling the capacity of the men and men worship space respectively. Jamia Institutes also hoped to expand and offer more tertiary courses, double student capacity to 250 and have more offices for its administration.



Client
Jamia Mosque

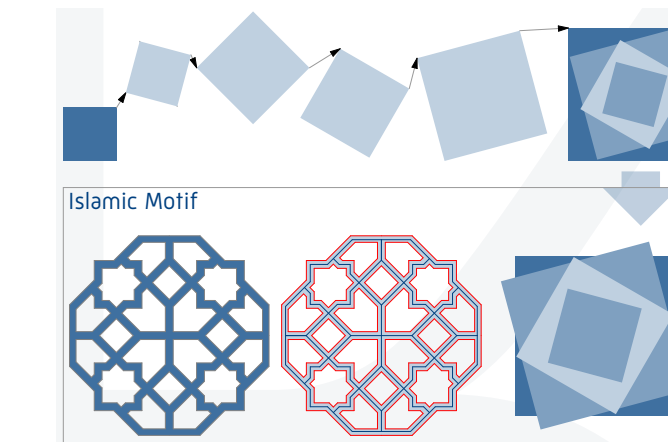
Size
10,395 square metres

Scope
Design, construction supervision and management services

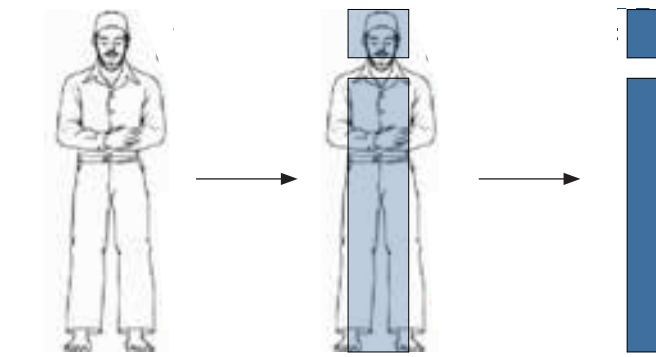
Year
2016

Facade Concept Development

The Mosque, is the Muslim gathering place for prayer. Salah (Muslim prayer), is one of the Five Pillars in the faith of Islam and an obligatory religious duty for every Muslim. It is a physical, mental, and spiritual act of worship that is observed five times every day at prescribed times. The facade concept is influenced by the various postures done by congregational worshippers while performing Salah as illustrated below;



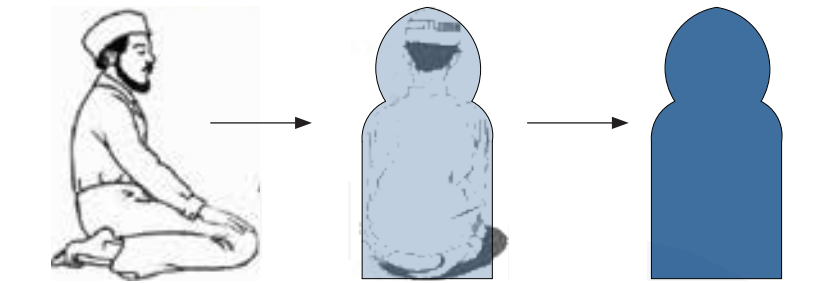
The motif is typically repeated, overlapped and interlaced to form intricate and complex geometric pattern. The motif is the 8-pointed star, often seen in Islamic tilework; it is made of two squares, one rotated 45 degrees with respect to the other.



Worshippers stand during Al-Qayyam

Abstracted human form from the posture

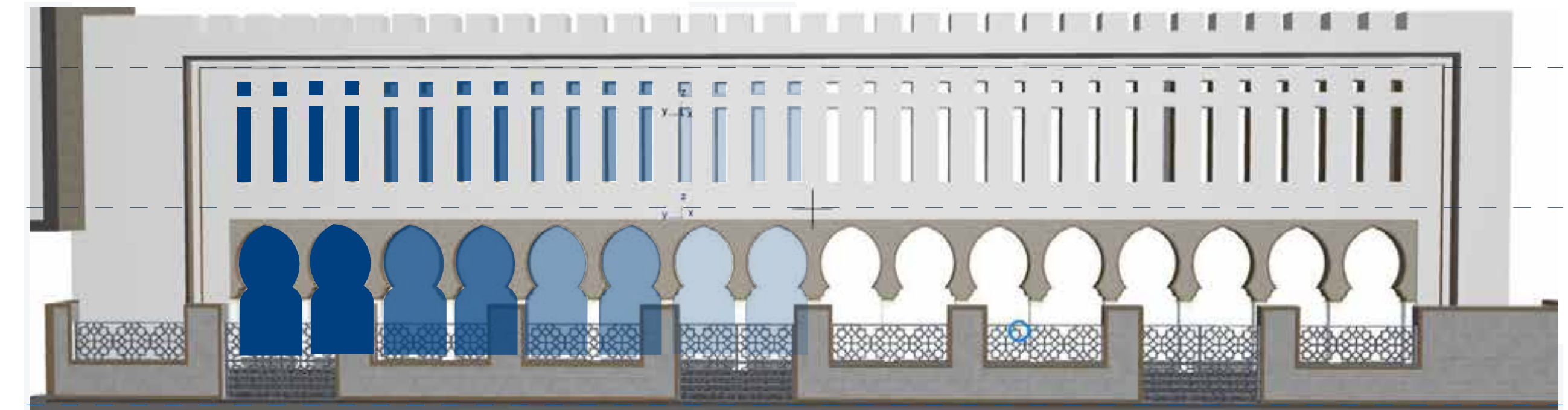
Final form used in the mid level of the facade



Worshippers sit during Quood

Abstracted human form from the posture

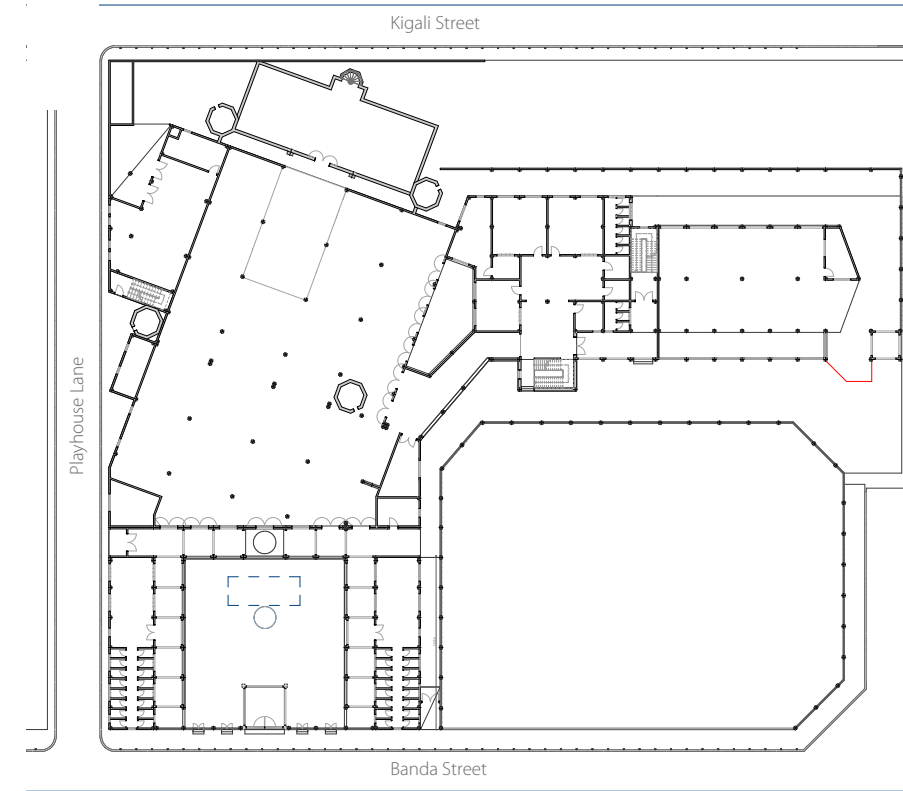
Final form used in the top level of the facade



A People-focused Solution

Challenges that the mosque extension concept tackles include;

- Need to increase space to accommodate for more support & service areas
- Introduction of a proper Archive room, Technical/ICT room
- Increase space to accommodate for more administration offices, receptions & conference rooms
- Provision of adequate vertical circulation
- Provision of adequate Restrooms & Cloakroom/Ablution (common & disabled)
- Shoe storage provision
- Need to expand the library & offer more research rooms
- Provision of more parking space
- Enhancing safety & security of worshippers
- Revitalizing the surrounding context
- Potraying Islam as peaceful, inclusive & open religion
- Environmental & social sustainability



The mosque extension interiors are a well-lit space that invites worshippers and delights the senses.





Trans Nzoia County Executive Offices

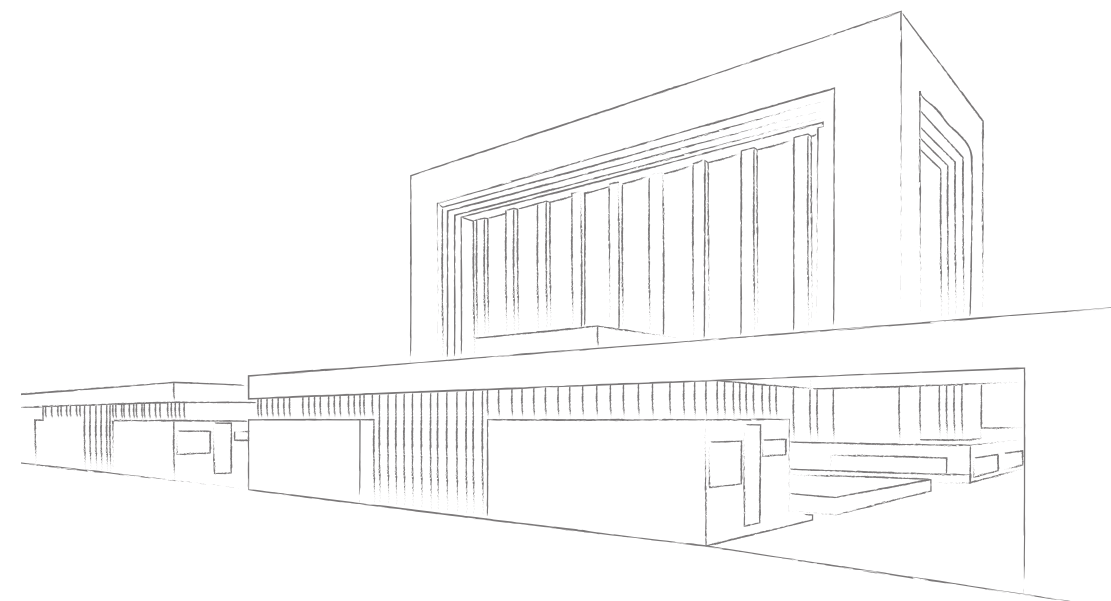
Kitale, Trans Nzoia, Kenya

Purposeful Progress

Trans-Nzoia County is a county in the former Rift Valley Province, Kenya, located between the Nzoia River and Mount Elgon, 380 km northwest of Nairobi. At its centre is the town of Kitale which is the capital and largest town.

Relevantly dubbed 'Elgon House', the Trans Nzoia County Executive Offices are contained in a public building designed to be an icon for the people of Trans Nzoia County in western Kenya and set a benchmark for similar projects across the 47 newly-constituted counties. It would house the Governor and his executive among other functions of devolved government.

It's perfectly symmetrical in form and gradation of its building elements in relation to the human scale signify equality, transparency and the hierarchy of power.



Client

Trans Nzoia County Government

Size

71,000 square metres

Scope

Design, feasibility studies, construction supervision and management services

Year

2013

Iconic Reference

The design of the project aims to achieve an important role as an icon which sets a new benchmark for other upcoming projects.

Material language and utilization of scale was used to broadly speak of transparency and visibility in both physical and metaphorical terms as a response to the citizen's hope for accessible county government officials. Large glass windows connect people to nature, encourage use of the plaza, while filling the halls with natural light.



A Functional Public Installation

Boasting a contemporary design that reflects what the community wants while aiming to uniquely serve the county's ambitions, Elgon House stands as a civic gem that endeavours to address the following intrinsic and extrinsic aspects;

Security - The design has considered security as an integral part of the building, with recommended modern state-of-the-art security system which allows free but secure circulation of the public within and around the building

Privacy - There is a well-defined level of privacy. Hierarchy is key to create segregated yet harmonious circulation

Exterior/ landscaping - A public plaza near the main entrance to the offices is well landscaped to include public seating and court. There is use of materials with low embodied energy on the hard landscape e.g porous pavers on driveways and at the public court

Ventilation - High level louvered vents are used to supply natural ventilation to the basement level



Alucobond cladded walls

Double glazed windows

Green Design Considerations

Alucobond perfectly adapts to the building's contours and flowing elements as well. The combination of its formability, flatness, stability and weather resistance makes it a material of choice for wall cladding. Due to its composite structure, Alucobond can take on different shapes without any loss to its rigidity and longevity.

Double glazed windows consist of two layers of glass with a layer of inert gas sealed between them. This creates nearly twice the insulation as single glazed units. Once sealed, the unit becomes airtight, a feature that creates thermal insulation, reducing the flow of incoming and outgoing heat. Less energy is thus used to heat up or cool down the space, resulting in better efficiency.

Solar farm - solar power shall be harnessed from integrated photovoltaic panels and solar collectors. A total of 600 square metres is available for the solar farm on both the conference roof and roof terraces for services cores. This green energy shall emit less GH gasses to the atmosphere than typical/adjacent buildings.

Rain water harvesting - with approximately 1,000 square metres surface area available, rain water harvesting will avail enough water. This shall be fed into a storage tank located at the rooftop/ basement level and used for landscaping, general cleaning and flushing in washrooms.

Gray water re-use - gray water will be collected into a dedicated collection tank for basic treatment and reuse in flushing of WCs (accounting for more than 50% of total water use in offices). Gray water re-use will potentially reduce overall water consumption by approximately 30%.



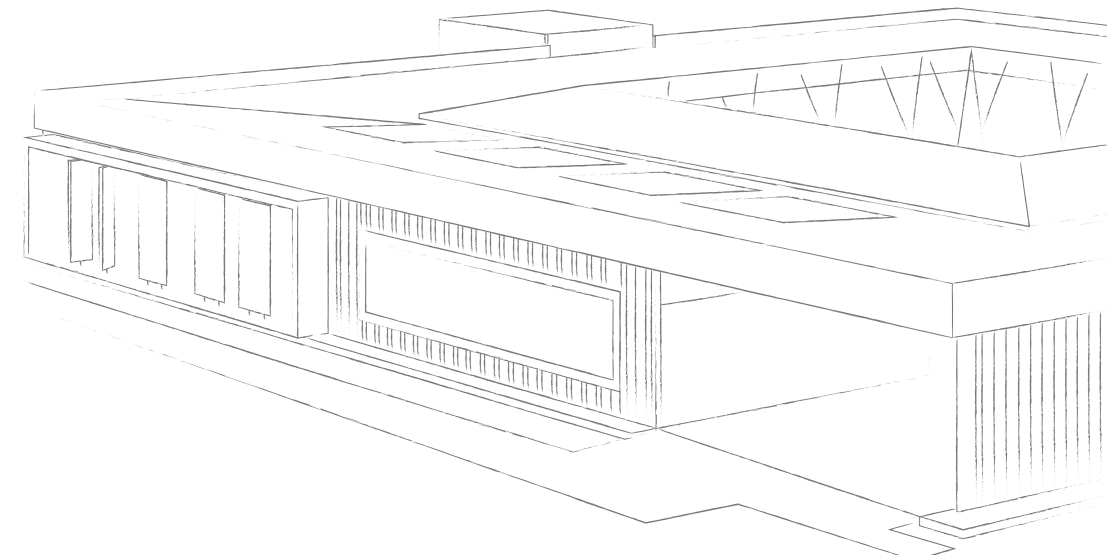
Ngong Community Library

Nairobi, Kenya

Engaging and Uplifting the Populace

The Kenya National Library Services, in collaboration with the Nation Media Foundation, aims to establish libraries in 14 counties across the country. The proposed initiative involves utilizing Industrial Trough 5 (IT5) as a material for the library structure to ensure cost-effectiveness and rapid implementation.

The first library will be established in Ngong, within Kajjado Sub-County, with the generous donation of a 1-acre plot of land by the Diocese of Ngong in Ngong Township. The Ngong Community Library project is designed to create an inclusive and accessible space for promoting literacy and community development. By providing such a space, we aim to eliminate barriers that may hinder individuals from accessing books and other educational resources. The library will foster a welcoming atmosphere, catering to people of all socioeconomic backgrounds.



Client

Nation Media Foundation & Kenya National Library Service

Size

852 square metres

Scope

Design, construction supervision and management services

Year

2023

A Beacon for the Community

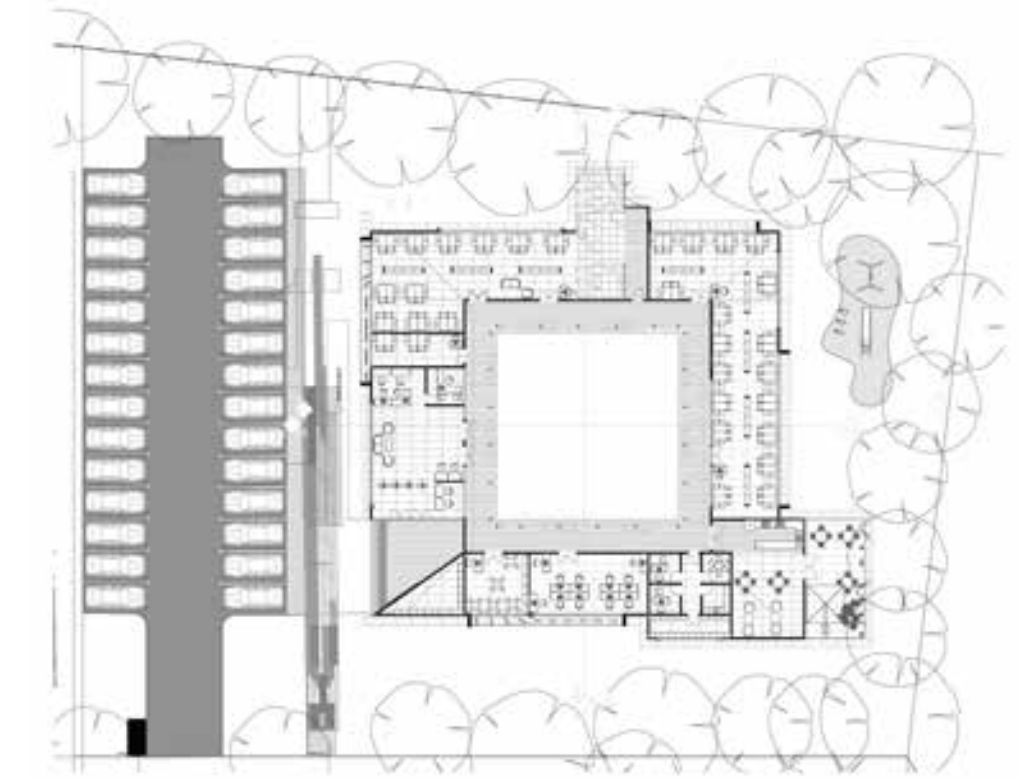
The library's design strives to provide a sense of arrival, offer a sustainable site, maximize connection to the outdoors, and allow ample natural light while remaining memorable and approachable. Below are some of the project's key objectives;

Inclusive Atmosphere: The library will be designed to accommodate individuals from all walks of life, fostering an inclusive environment that encourages learning and participation. We will ensure that the library is accessible to people with disabilities, incorporating ramps, wide entrances, and ergonomic facilities.

Book and Material Provision: The primary function of the community library will be to provide a wide range of books and materials for all age groups and interests. The collection will encompass various subjects, including fiction, non-fiction, reference materials, children's literature, and academic resources.

Community Engagement: The library will serve as a gathering place for local residents, hosting events such as lectures, book clubs, storytelling sessions for children, and workshops. These activities will encourage community engagement, promote cultural exchange, and facilitate knowledge sharing among library users.

Computer and Internet Access: Recognizing the importance of digital literacy, the community library will offer computer stations with internet access. This will enable individuals to conduct research, access online educational resources, and enhance their digital skills.



A Public Amenity Redefined

Ngong community library is meant to serve the diverse needs of a community by offering people of all ages the opportunity to connect, explore and learn. Below are the provisions that will be included in this standard-setting installation;

- Children's playground
- Shaded terrace for cafe
- Courtyard
- Lobby/ gallery/ issuing
- Lower primary section
- Upper primary section
- Secondary school section
- Special needs section
- Senior citizens seating
- Adults section
- E-resource section



Sustainability and Resource Efficiency

Green Initiatives: The library will incorporate sustainable practices, such as rainwater harvesting systems and renewable energy sources like solar panels. These initiatives will minimize the library's environmental impact and ensure efficient resource management.

Efficient Space Utilization: The Design will provide a compact and versatile building structure, allowing for efficient space utilization. The design will include shelving systems, reading nooks, study areas, and multipurpose spaces to optimize the use of available square footage.

Computer and Internet Access: Recognizing the importance of digital literacy, the community library will offer computer stations with internet access. This will enable individuals to conduct research, access online educational resources, and enhance their digital skills.





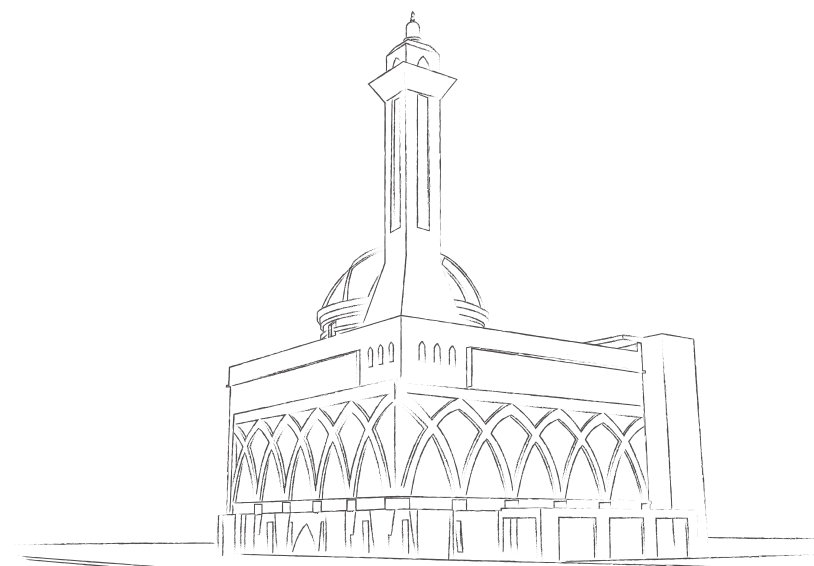
Adams Mosque Extension

Nairobi, Kenya

A Beacon of Renewal

Established nearly 70 years ago, Adams Masjid & Islamic Center, publicly known as Adams Mosque is a community Mosque that offers a place of worship and Islamic facilities. It is located at Adams Arcade, Ngong Road, Nairobi.

The client engaged us with the objective to fully, more efficiently utilize the existing plot of Adam's Masjid by developing a purpose-built, state-of-the-art masjid and Islamic center which shall comprise; enough prayer space to accommodate up to 3,200 worshippers (men and women), classrooms, seminar rooms, library, offices, Imam's dwelling units, a revert center, a ghusl center, multipurpose hall, a youth recreation center and 3-level basement parking.



Client

Adams Masjid Charitable Trust

Size

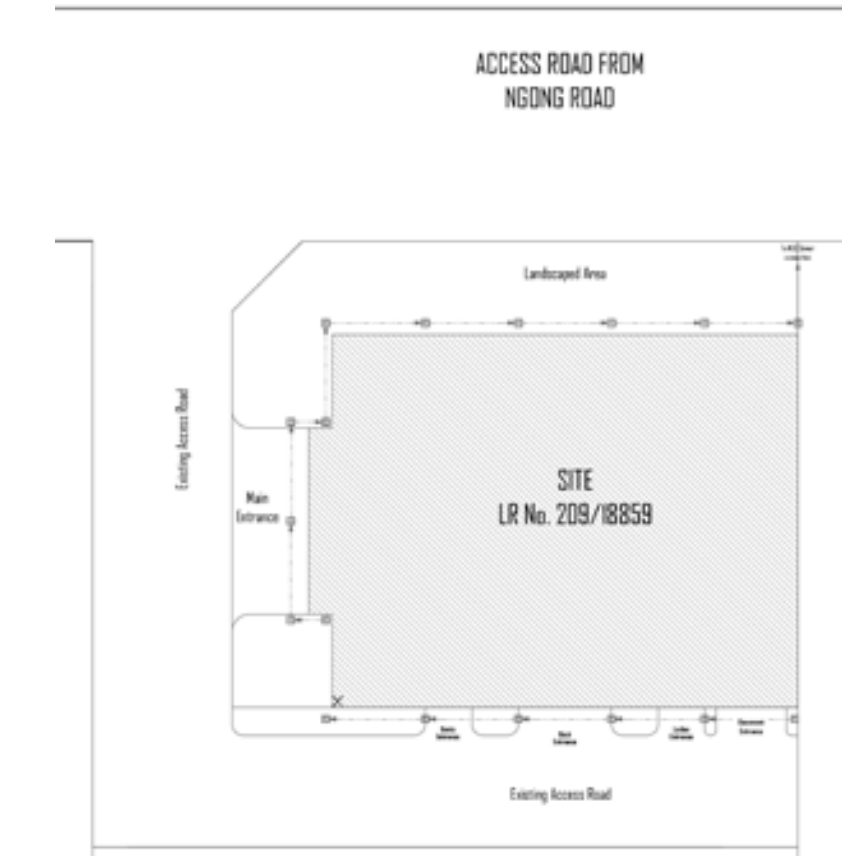
12,000 square metres

Scope

Design, construction supervision and management services

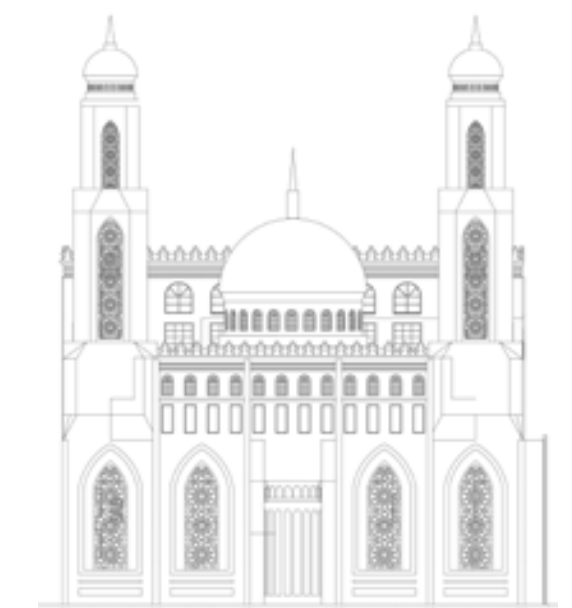
Year

2015



Community and Spirituality

With the objective to create a space that encourages congregation, learning and reflection, our collaboration with the client was anchored on achieving an Islamic place of worship that would bring a community together while serving as a physical artifact in an urban context that provides spiritual ambience.





Jamia Mosque, Kabarnet

Baringo County, Kenya

Between the years 1899 and 1918, small groups of Arabs, Nubians and Swahilis, largely in search of safety and sources of livelihood, left territories they had called their 'homes' for centuries, and settled in what was later to be called Kabarnet - named after a missionary from Australia, Albert Edmund Barnett. **Ka** is homestead in the Kalenjin language; the name thus means **Barnett's home**.

The Muslims of Kabarnet constructed two mosques; one on the site that is the present day Ministry of Water premises, the other was put up in the centre of Boma, Kabarnet Town led by Sebi Amedi, its first Imam. Both houses of worship were unfortunately demolished. Severe hardship experienced by Muslims in Kabarnet forced many to flee the town they had founded. A few, however, remained. They braved these hardships, and Kabarnet's Muslim community is today a population of about 1,200.



Client
Kabarnet Muslim Association

Size
1,500 square metres

Scope
Design, construction supervision and management services

Year
2018

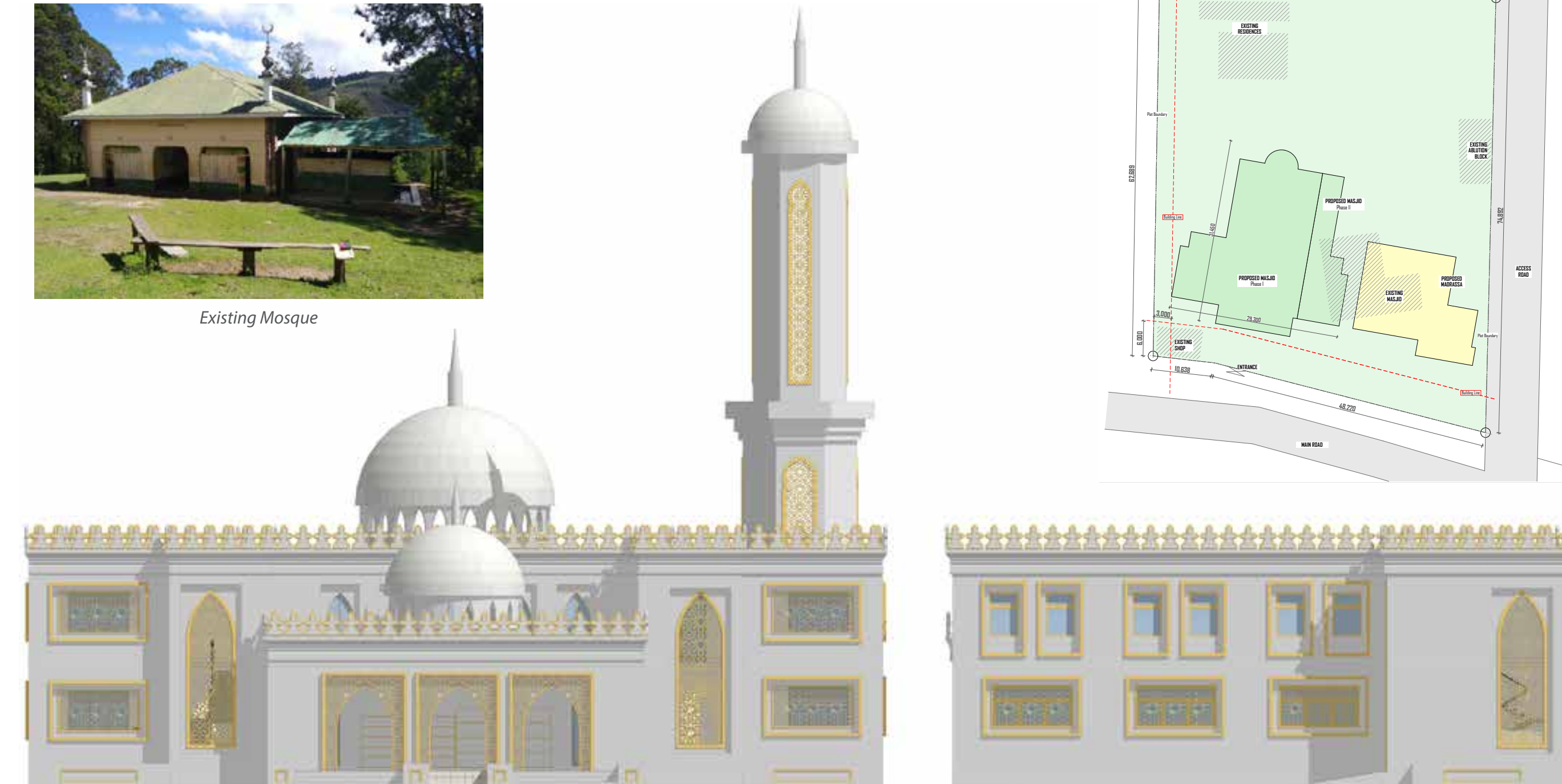
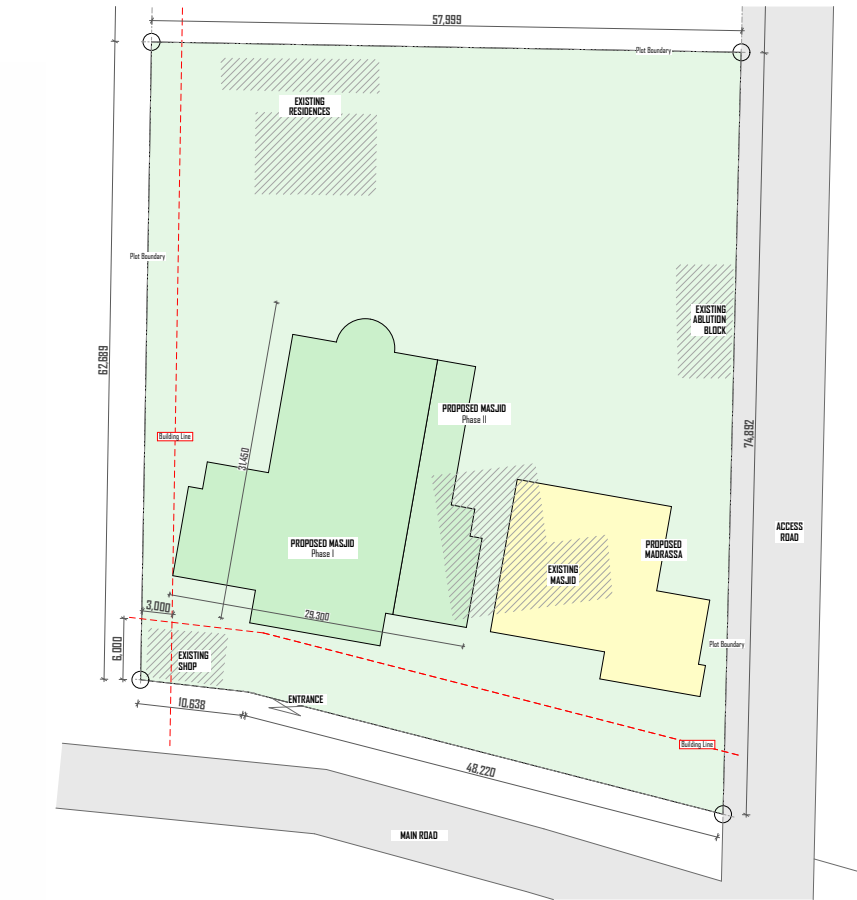
A Rebirth of Historical Heritage

Early in the 20th century, a few Muslims arrived in the area now known as Kabarnet, travelling mainly as inland road and railway workers and porters. The first name to be given to the new place the Arabs, Swahili and Nubians had settled in was '**Boma**' - 'a dwelling place'. Ali Suleiman, Khalfan Sururu, Sebi Amedi and Maamadi were the first to arrive and formed the Boma.

The new mosque echoes this spirit in its aim to be a spiritual dwelling place for worshippers in the community while standing as a visually stunning symbol of hope, unity, renewal and rebirth.



Existing Mosque



03

Healthcare



**Shaping
Patient-centric
Healing
Centres**



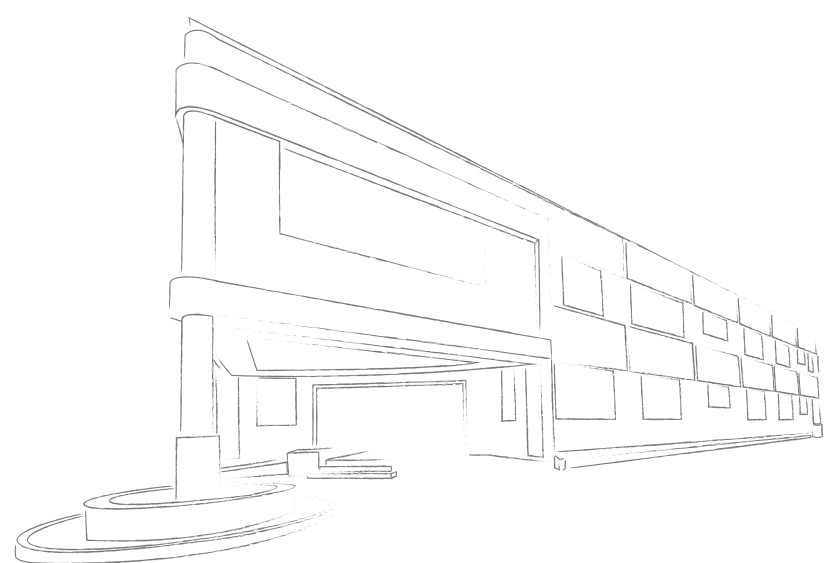
The Nairobi Hospital Covid-19 Centre

Nairobi, Kenya

Responding to the Unforeseen

The Nairobi Hospital is a private hospital located in upperhill area, Nairobi, Kenya. The hospital was founded in 1954 as a European hospital. It is located along Argwings Kodhek Road, Upper Hill, Nairobi, approximately 4.5 km west of Kenyatta International Conference Centre.

The Covid-19 Centre, a partnership between the United Nations Office in Nairobi and The Nairobi Hospital, will cater for UN workers and their family members in Africa. The UN's Africa headquarters is situated in Nairobi. The facility will also accept non-UN patients. The facilities include; an operating theater, a laboratory, a radiology section and a physiology center. The hospital capacity is 150 beds, including 15 intensive-care and 45 high-dependency units & 40 general beds.



Client

The Nairobi Hospital, Kenya Hospital Association & United Nations Office Nairobi

Size

4,528 square metres

Scope

Hospital planning, feasibility studies and project management

Year

2020



A Convergence of Design and Technology

Our planning approach called for a functional convergence of cutting-edge technology and architectural excellence into a seamless experience for patients seeking care and recovery.

The new facility features the following healthcare provisions;

- Radiology wing with ultrasound and x-ray systems
- Intensive care wing with a vital signs monitor, patient monitor and central monitoring
- A laboratory with satellite laboratory systems
- A renal unit with hemodialysis machines and CRRT
- An operating theater





The new Nairobi Hospital Covid-19 Center is a world-class healing facility that nurtures patients through clarity, resilience, and architectural poetry. The main entrance features a floating volume that creates an iconic, uplifting and inviting presence. Functionally, the facility's design form and shape shortens distances between patients and nurses which reduces staff stress and provides extra peace of mind to patients.





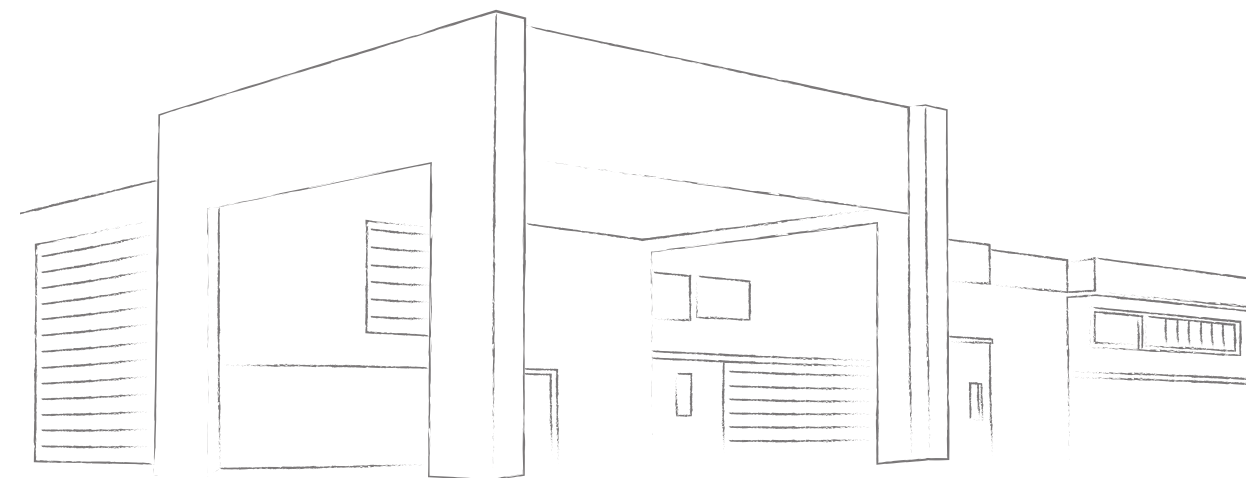
Trans Nzoia Teaching & Referral Hospital

Kitale, Trans Nzoia, Kenya

Trans-Nzoia County is a county in the former Rift Valley Province, Kenya, located between the Nzoia River and Mount Elgon, 380 km northwest of Nairobi. At its centre is the town of Kitale which is the capital and largest town.

A fully equipped 350 bed level 5 hospital designed to be the premier referral hospital for the Western Kenya region and further afield to neighboring parts of Uganda. The design combines a previously existing block with a new building and several out-houses for servicing, warehousing and mortuary. These various components are carefully connected based on their adjacencies and adequate way-finding.

The hospital employs smart medicine features to enhance the efficiency of in-patient and out-patient facilities provided for. The infrastructure for this is embedded in the building fabric for seamless connectivity.



Client
Trans Nzoia County Government

Size
20,000 square metres

Scope
Design, hospital planning, construction supervision and management services

Year
2015

Poised for the Future

The Hospital will be significantly large and have ample space for expansion (Approximately 12,000 sq feet). Construction, maintenance and facilitation will be done under the advantage of partnerships with renowned firms, corporate entities and consultants.

The institution will ultimately reduce the cost of health through reduction of long distance referrals and enhancement of access to healthcare because of the established pool of highly skilled health personnel and a robust infrastructure. It will also standardize the cost of health by being the link between the client and the specialist and thus ensure that specialists do not charge for services depending on their perception about the financial status of the clients they serve.





One with the Environment

The institution will be keen on environmental care, preservation and improvement through an array of green solutions as intended and planned. Some of these include;

- Sewer treatment within hospital grounds
- Central incinerator within the premise for biomedical waste
- Naturally lit interiors to minimize on electricity consumption during daytime
- LPG Tank water collection and storage for conservation
- Minimal tree clearance during construction and expansion of the hospital
- Application of environmental friendly materials, textures and finishes



Visualization render of the hospital design



Aerial shot of actual site under construction



Uniquely Positioned

With the target market being residents of Trans Nzoia, West Pokot, Turkana and Bungoma counties, a population mainly composed of farmers (majority peasant) who are required to incur huge travel and accommodation expenses to access specialized services, the location of the hospital is therefore overtly strategic because it is close to these people. The urban centers in these counties have populations that are mainly involved in formal employment which include the civil service, banking institutions, universities, factories and various private businesses that deal with household goods and construction materials.



Establishment Goals

- Reduce congestion at Kitale District Hospital
- Increase access to specialized diagnostic services
- Increase access to specialized emergency services
- Improve access and management of non-communicable diseases (Cancer, cardiovascular diseases, diabetes and mental health)
- Attract and retain health specialists
- Create a pool of highly skilled health personnel to serve the county health system.



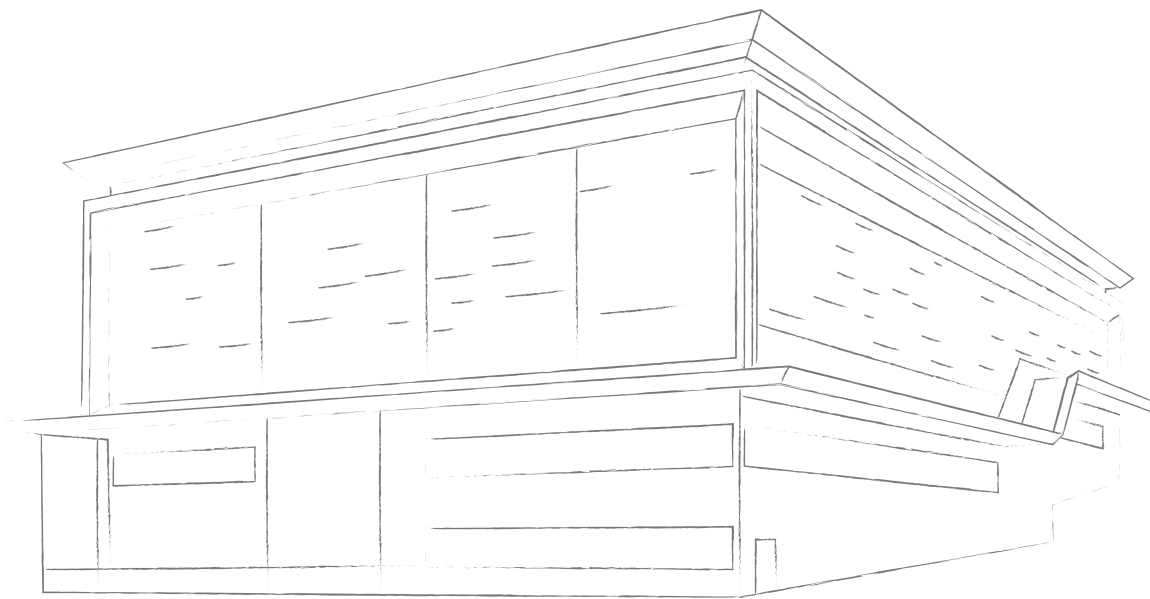
AIC Kijabe Hospital

Kijabe, Kiambu, Kenya

A Healing Sanctuary

Kijabe hospital is a Faith Based Organisation located in Kijabe Town, Lari Constituency in Kiambu County about 65 Kilometres from Nairobi town. The hospital is 102 years old and has a 363-bed capacity. The hospital is in the process of improving infrastructure and building new facilities to better serve her mission and vision.

The proposed complex houses various departments including Laboratories, X-Ray rooms, Accident and Emergency, Consultation rooms for general and specialty clinicians, Conference rooms and administration offices. Also included is Oncology, physiotherapy and future Palliative care spaces. The complex shall be designed to cater for people with disability and those who are not ambulant. The proposal therefore factors in ramps and elevators.



Client
AIC Kijabe Hospital

Size
8,270 square metres

Scope
Design, construction supervision and management services

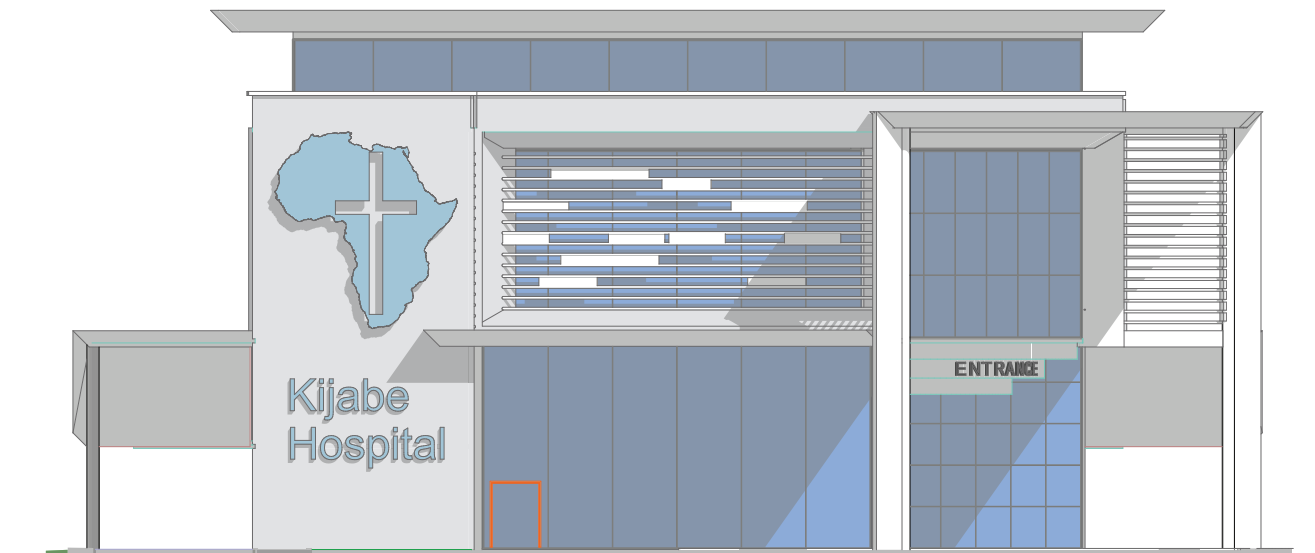
Year
2020

Challenging the Norm

The design philosophy for AIC Kijabe OPD was guided by the principles of salutogenesis which emphasize on putting in factors which cause global well-being and focuses on creation and maintenance of good health rather than looking for the cause of specific diseases. The proposed concept is also compliant with sustainability as well as requirements of green building design.



The building's physical form is a deliberate and expressive statement of what AIC Kijabe stands for



Setting Healthcare Standards

AIC Kijabe Hospital is an undoubtedly impactful healthcare centre catering annually for **over 150,000 out-patient** individuals, more than **10,000 in-patients**, undertaking over **8,000 surgical procedures** and spending over **100 Million Kenya Shillings on subsidized care**.



Construction Phases

Construction of the AIC Kijabe Hospita OPD complex is to be realised in five phases as below;



The complete outpatient complex will feature the following;

- High-end theatre
- Maternity wing
- Kitchen/ cafeteria
- Maintenance block
- Morgue
- Administration block
- Medical education classrooms
- Student accommodation
- Additional parking space
- X-Ray, Ultrasound, MRI, Laboratory and treatment rooms



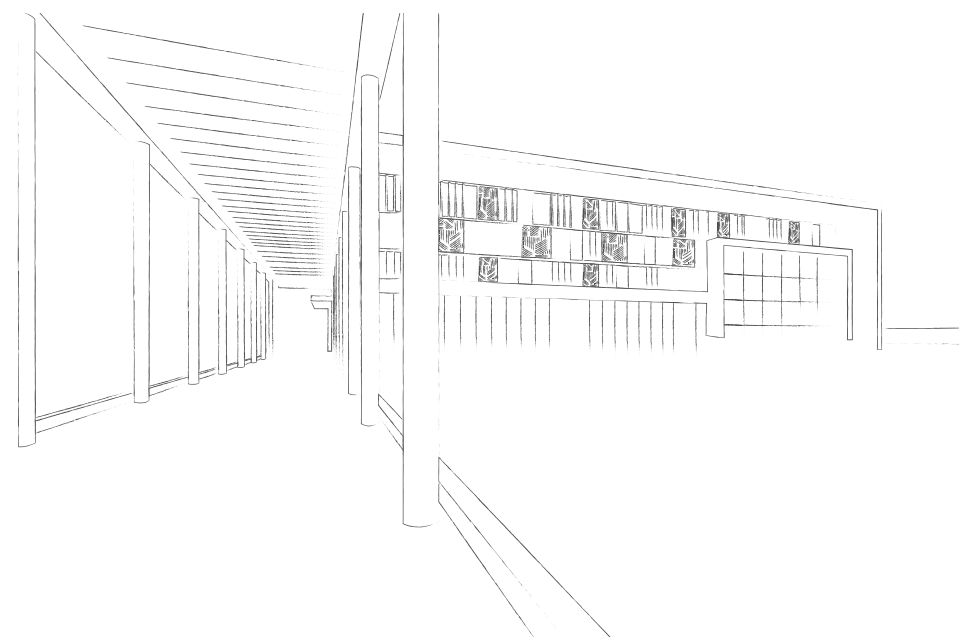


Kakamega Sub-county Hospitals

Likuyani | Matunda | Navakholo | Matungu, Kakamega, Kenya

Jacaranda Health is a not for profit entity working with public hospitals where a majority of women deliver to reinforce the quality of care provided with a goal of improving maternal and new-born outcomes.

They have partnered with the County government of Kakamega to implement a maternal and newborn health service delivery redesign (SDR) that is deploying a set of interventions towards rooting out systemic gaps in the spectrum of maternal and new-born care for improved maternal and newborn outcomes. Of the many reforms, SDR seeks to expand maternity units in 4 hospitals in Kakamega County hence sourcing for a design and build firm to design and construct the below hospitals.



Client

Jacaranda Health & County Government of Kakamega

Size

8,270 square metres

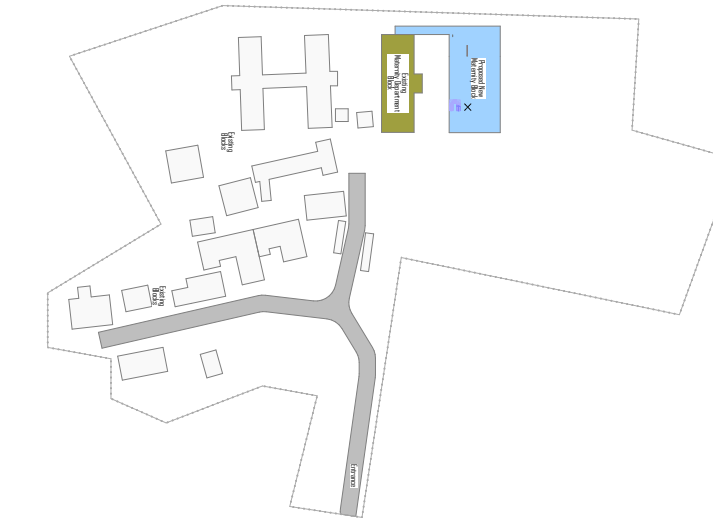
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Design and Construction Works

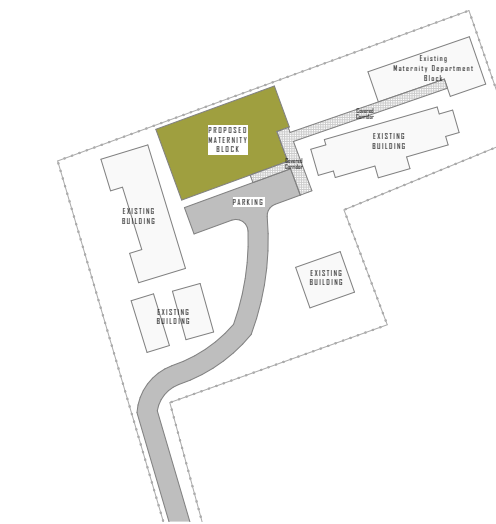
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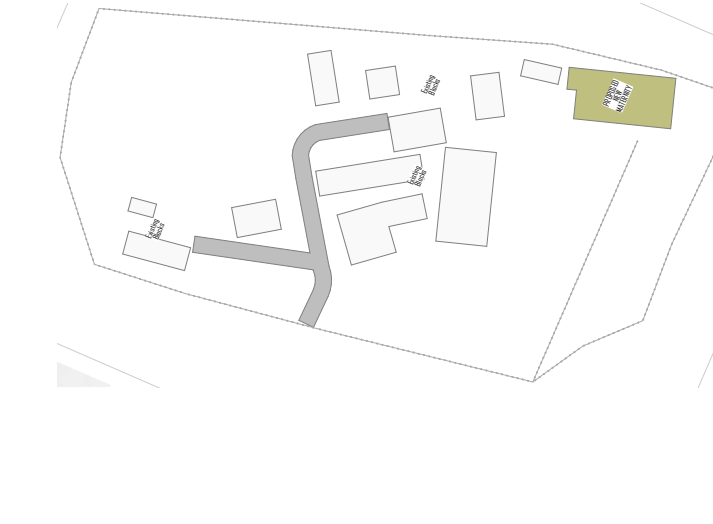
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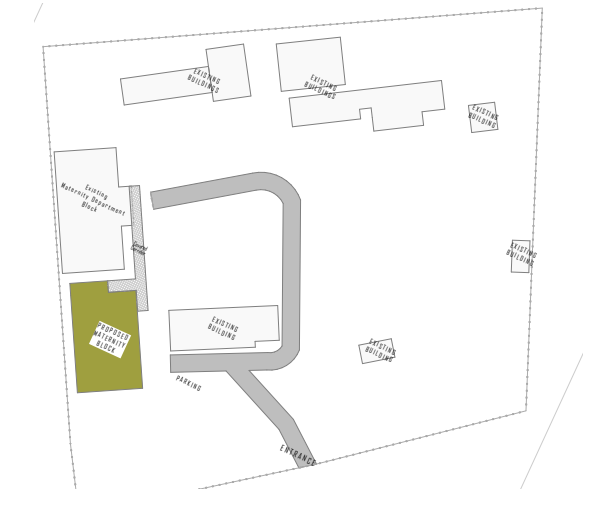
Matunda



Navakholo



Matungu





The buildings were purposely designed in a way that gives patients, visitors and caregivers a sense of normalcy, home, and routine



Eliminating Obstacles

In rural regions where healthcare isn't yet accorded much place, the goal was to create an accessible humane and dignified experience for those needing care and under stress. The art created for the building and the building's design were central to elevating the experience of coming to the hospitals. Visitors and patients may not be able to quantify this directly but they will feel the building's uniqueness and comfort.





Isiolo Hospital

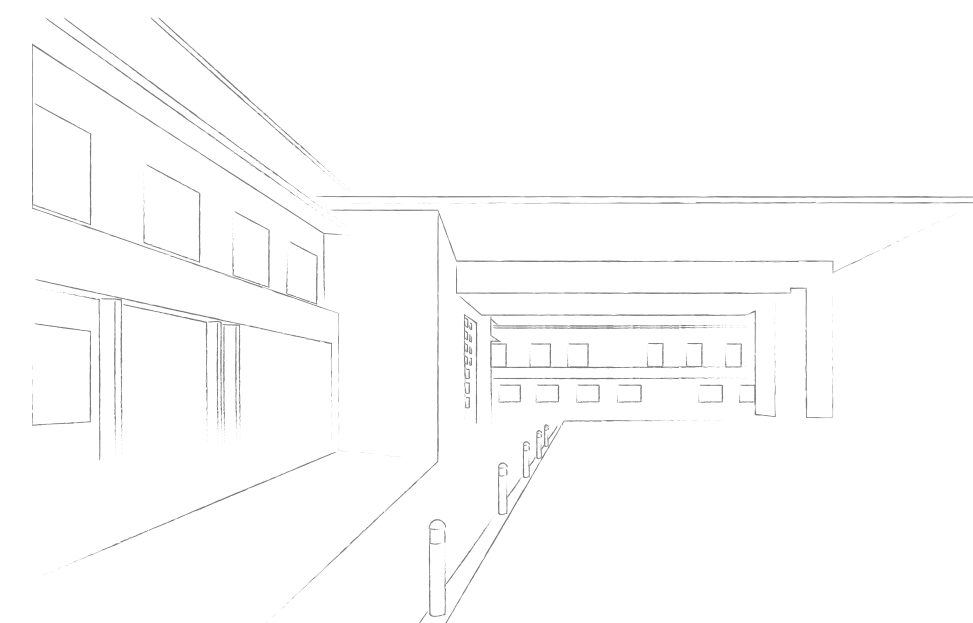
Isiolo, Kenya

A Local Healing Oasis

Isiolo County is a county in the former Eastern Province of Kenya. Its population is 268,002 and its capital and largest city is Isiolo. Isiolo County is to be the first county to be developed as part of the Kenya Vision 2030 program.

For a long time, Isiolo District hospital had been the only district hospital in this county, with 24 small health centers found in different wards of the county. Al Falah medical Centre, a private hospital located in Isiolo town was another that catered for the health needs of the people of Isiolo.

Research played a substantial role in the project and we reimagined the physical areas where patients would interact the most with, special attention being paid to preserving patient control and dignity. This was achieved through a variety of touchpoint experiences that created moments of discovery, in order to reduce anxiety and stress.



Client
Isiolo County Government

Size
14,300 square metres

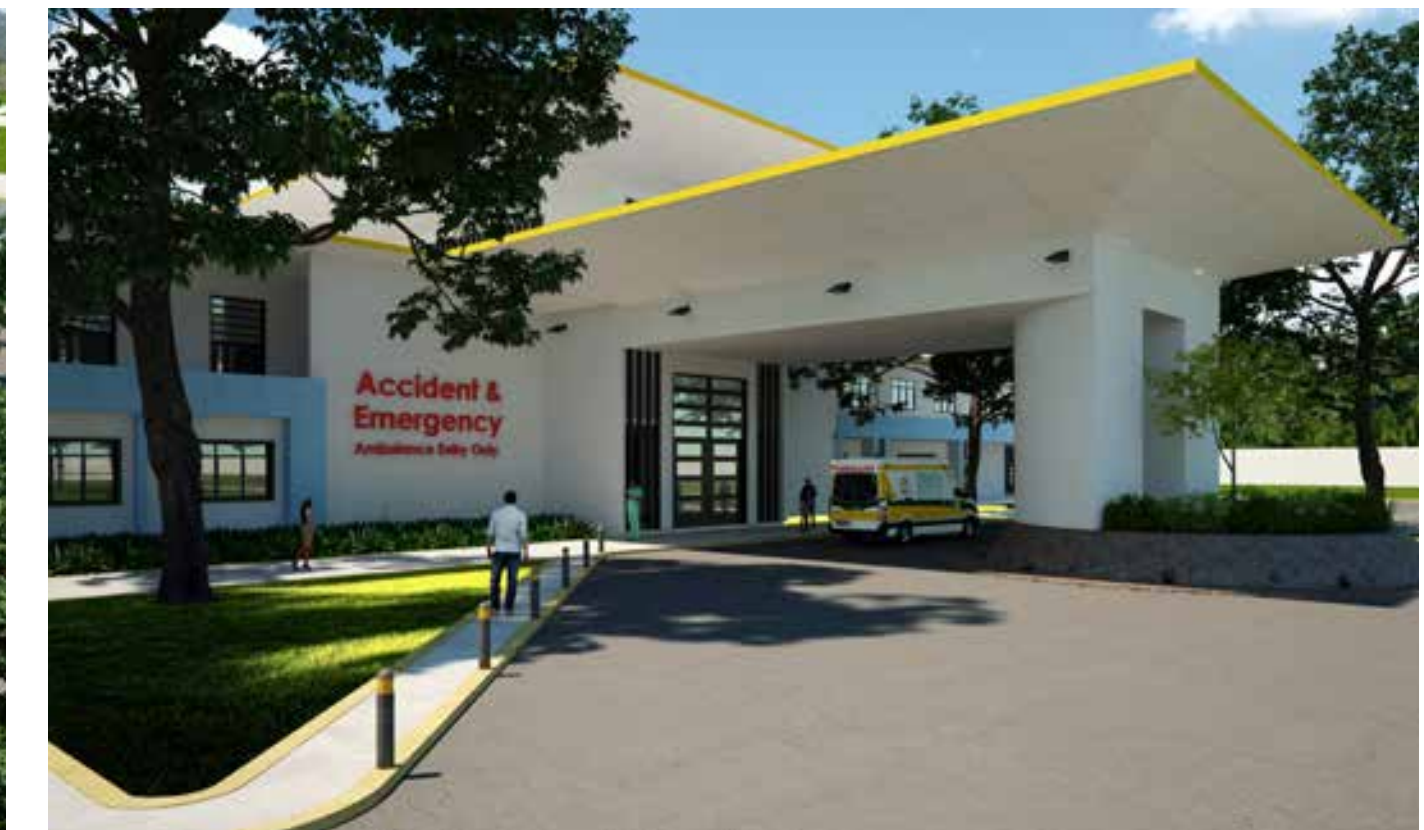
Scope
Design, construction supervision and management services

Year
2020

Patient Centered Focus

The completed hospital was envisioned as a healing oasis, one that would bring a holistic view of healthy living to patients, caregivers and visitors by forming a series of interior and exterior gardens and recreational spaces. The final facility would feature the following;

- An Accident & Emergency wing
- Laboratory department
- Diagnostic imaging cardiology department
- Maternity/ neonatal/ paediatric departments
- A pharmacy
- A critical care wing (ICU)
- Chaplaincy - a chapel and prayer room
- A mortuary
- General surgery
- Central sterilization unit
- An ICT department
- Catering and food services
- An ENT wing
- An admissions wing
- An outpatient department
- General and private wards
- Housekeeping services





We employed an array of strategies to design this hospital sustainably. It provides passive cooling, natural ventilation, rainwater harvesting, solar water heating, daylight harvesting, shading, and locally sourced, light-colored exterior materials to reduce solar gain.



Uplifting an Underserved Community

We had to think very differently when it came to designing this hospital because of the region's unique challenges - inconsistent access to fresh water and regular power outages, to name a few - we needed to find a way to attain high-performance with low technology and calculated, creative simplicity in the form of a flexible, modern health facility poised for growth and expansion.

One of the key game-changing inclusions was a helipad to provide various kinds of medical care, especially prehospital, emergency and critical care to patients during aeromedical evacuation and rescue operations.





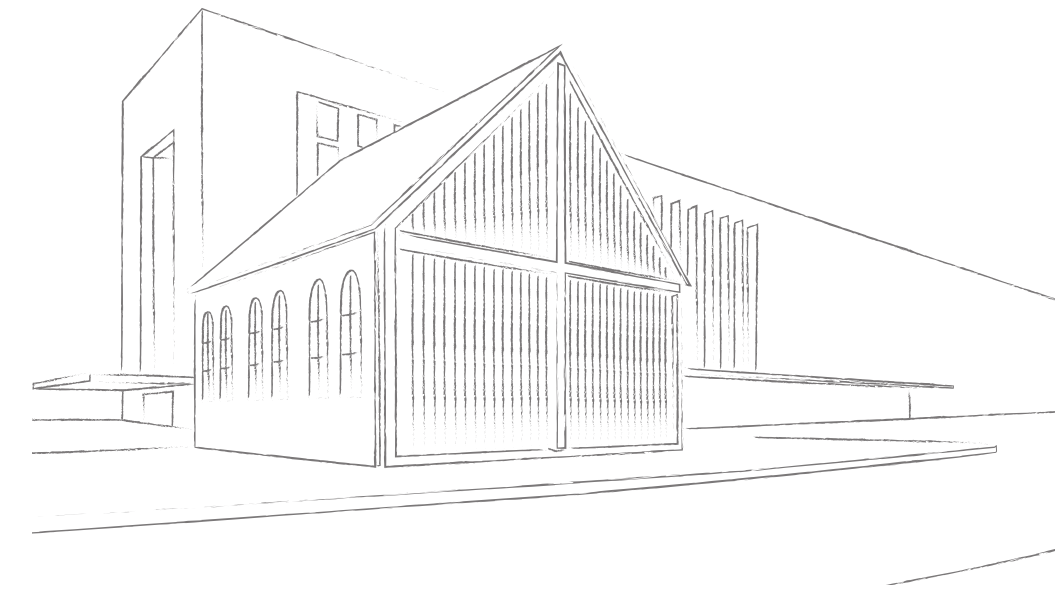
Kabete Referral Hospital

Nairobi, Kenya

With an increase in Kenya's security forces operations, this led to increased requirements for medical and surgical care and therefore the need for a National Referral and Research facility to complement the Defence Forces Memorial Hospital (DFMH) which is the sole referral hospital for security forces in Kenya.

The new facility would enable Kenya Defense Forces to provide adequate and timely healthcare services to its personnel during operations and in peace time and also cater for the referral medical needs of members of other security agencies and senior government officers.

The completed installment would include an accident & emergency unit, imaging & radiology, cardiac wing, oncology centre a medical school and a helicopter landing pad.



Client
Kenya Ministry of Defense

Size
121,400 square metres

Scope
Design, construction supervision and management services

Year
2020



Wellness and Sustainability

The project employs a variety of design strategies with the goal of championing a more sustainable development and patient experience. Parking areas utilize permeable paving to reduce rainwater runoff and aids in replenishing groundwater resources.

Extensive landscaping provides a stronger connection to nature while promoting a healthier environment. Outdoor roof gardens serve to shield the building from excessive heat gain while providing a more visually pleasant roofscape.

The facades allow natural sunlight into the building which serve to improve the quality of the interior spaces and to reduce energy usage, while sunshading devices help to minimize excessive direct solar gain. The hospital also employed solar water heating systems to take advantage of sustainable energy sources and cut down energy costs.





We envisioned a garden style hospital that has the ability to live and breathe, in a way that regardless of who visits the new healing centre, whether patients or medical staff, they would feel relaxed, peaceful, and full of hope.



Raising the Bar

In addition to the design concept seeking to develop the facility as a sanctuary providing refuge, a sense of rejuvenation and hope, careful consideration was also given to piecing together a research-driven layout featuring optimized circulation, accessibility, patient orientation and navigability.

Below are the project's vision and goals;

- Ensure access to high quality health care supported by latest generation of biomedical technology
- Accurate and short-term diagnostics to facilitate quick therapy and curation processes
- Ensure access to all screening and preventive measures to provide quick treatment at the outset of diseases while achieving cost efficiency
- High levels of qualification of all professions through continuous training and Education programmes
- Modern, high standard planning and design driven by clinical workflows within the Healthcare facility
- Establish a centre of excellence in medical research and training



04

Mixed-Use



**Creating and
Elevating
Solutions for
Enterprise**

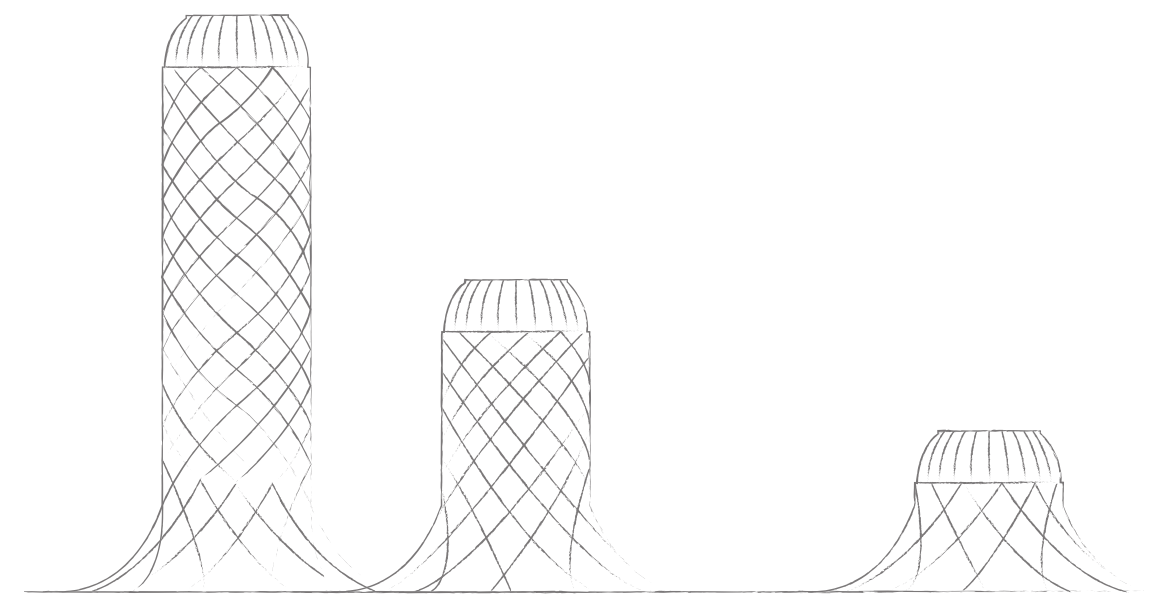


Africa Business Centre

Douala, Cameroon

The proposed development is comprised of two main sections; the marina and the tower complex. A bridge across Route Sandaga links the two. The tower complex has three towers of varying heights which all sit on two story podiums which are linked by short bridges. The marina is located at the port. This section has an observatory tower, restaurant and gardens. Access to the site is located to the south, along the N3 boulevard. The conference center is housed in the shortest tower. Retail and office areas are located in the center tower, while the third tower has a hotel and serviced apartments. The podium levels have shops and restaurants.

The marina links the MUD to the port. The observatory tower is the tallest, standing at 169m high. In addition to amazing views, the observatory tower has a restaurant at the topmost floor. A bridge links the marina to the main tower complex. The observatory tower is directly linked to the MUD via bridge, which will encourage movement into the site from visitors arriving by boat.



Client
Societe Civile Immobiliere (SCI) GITAN

Size
150,000 square metres

Scope
Design, construction supervision and management services

Year
2022

Design Concept

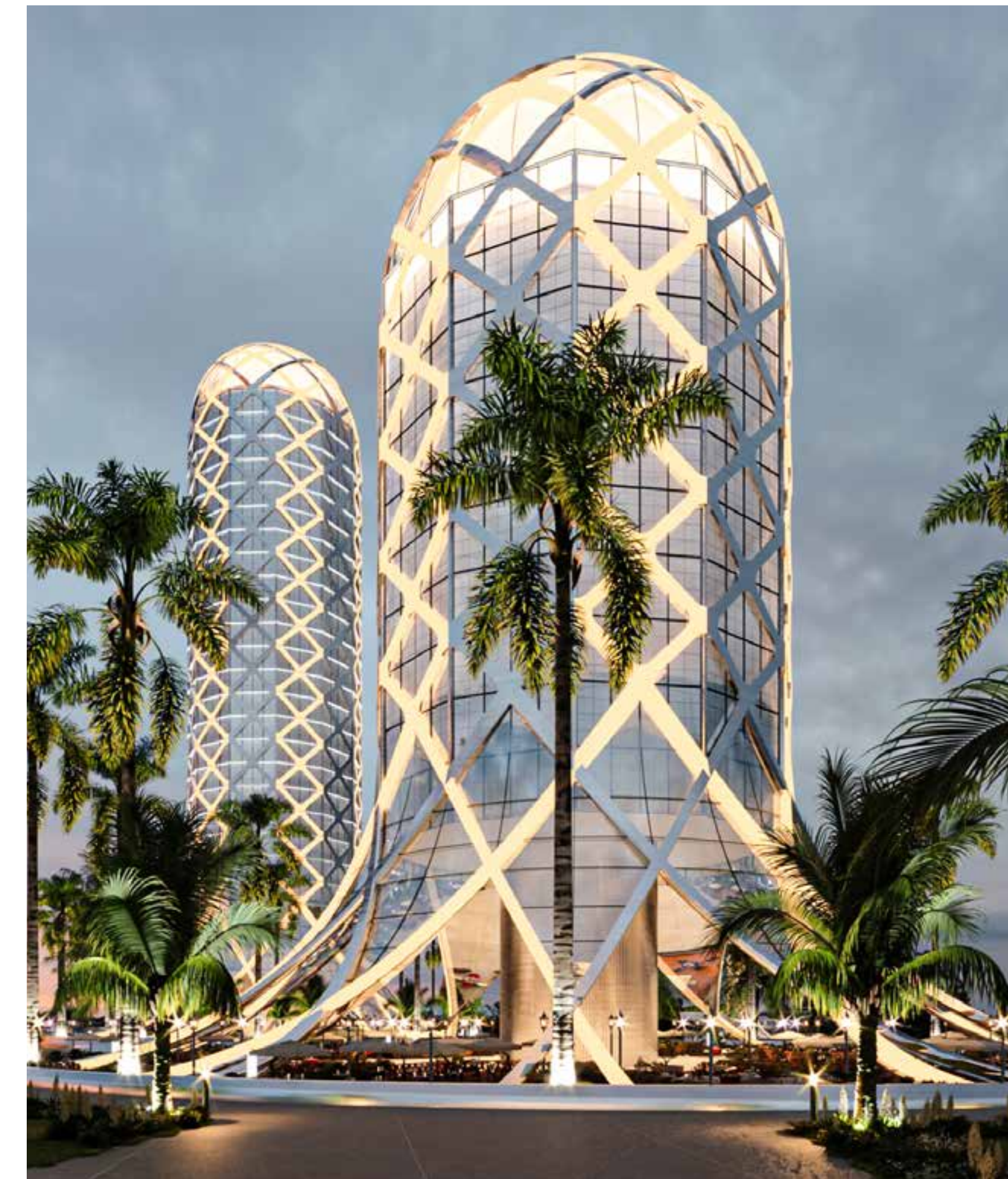
Musgum Houses - The Musgum are a group of people living in North Cameroon and Southern Chad. Over thousands of years they have developed a unique form of earth architecture for their houses. They built their homes from compressed sundried mud.

What strikes at first sight is their almost organic simplicity. A second reading reveals the functions behind the forms. The Musgum house follows the profile of shells. Bows and vaults obtained in this way can be very slim and allow the use of minimum materials for maximum rigidity. The walls of the houses are thicker at the base than at the summit, which increases the stability of the building. Furthermore, this profile also reduces the pressure effect of the impact of water drops on the walls.

Curves and grooves are the language of natural forms. The tall conical dwellings featured geometric raised patterns. These patterns were both functional and aesthetics.



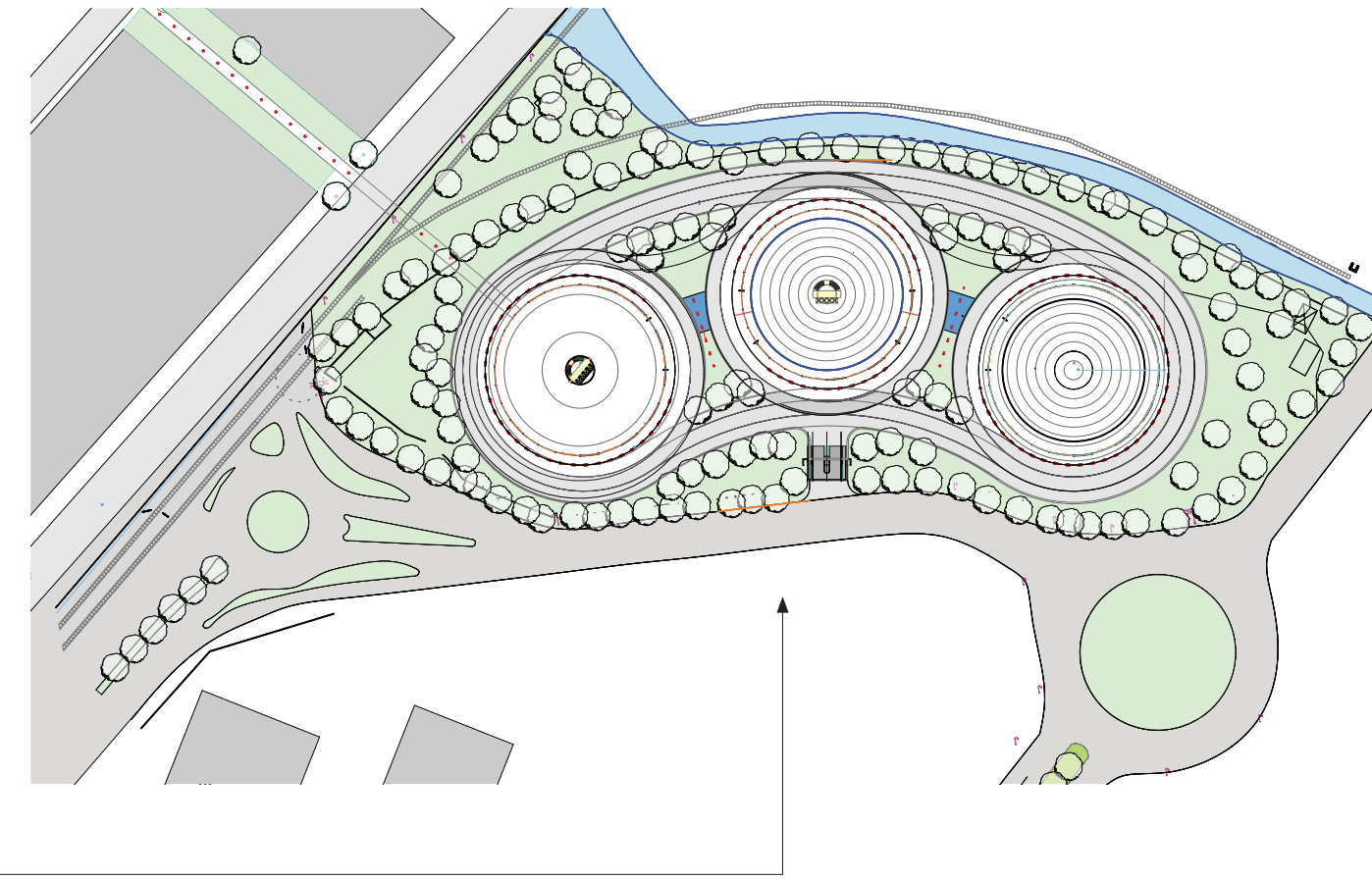
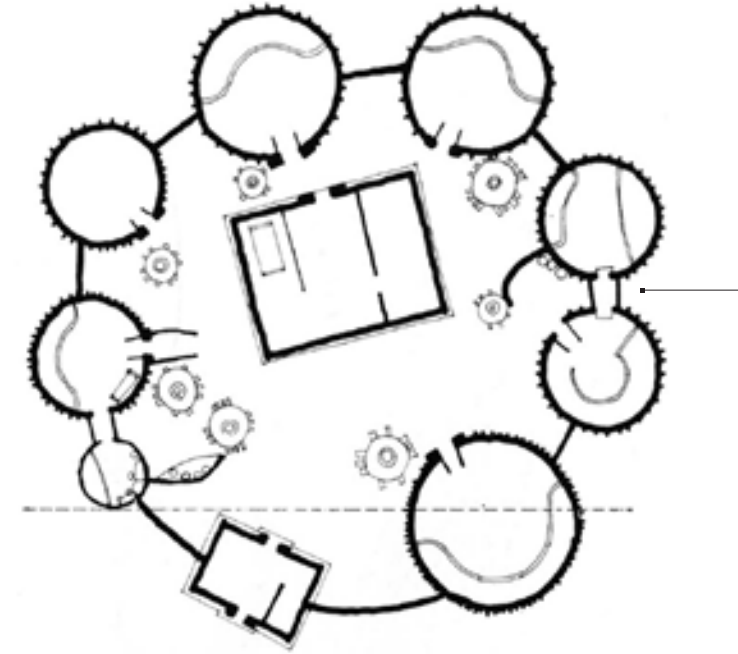
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Masterplan Concept

The masterplan takes its inspiration from the Musgum compound. The Musgum houses had 2 cone shaped buildings of varying heights linked together by a flat roof vertical wall structure, forming architectural balance that brought out the aesthetic appeal. The compound was comprised of a cluster of units linked by walls, forming a shared outdoor space.

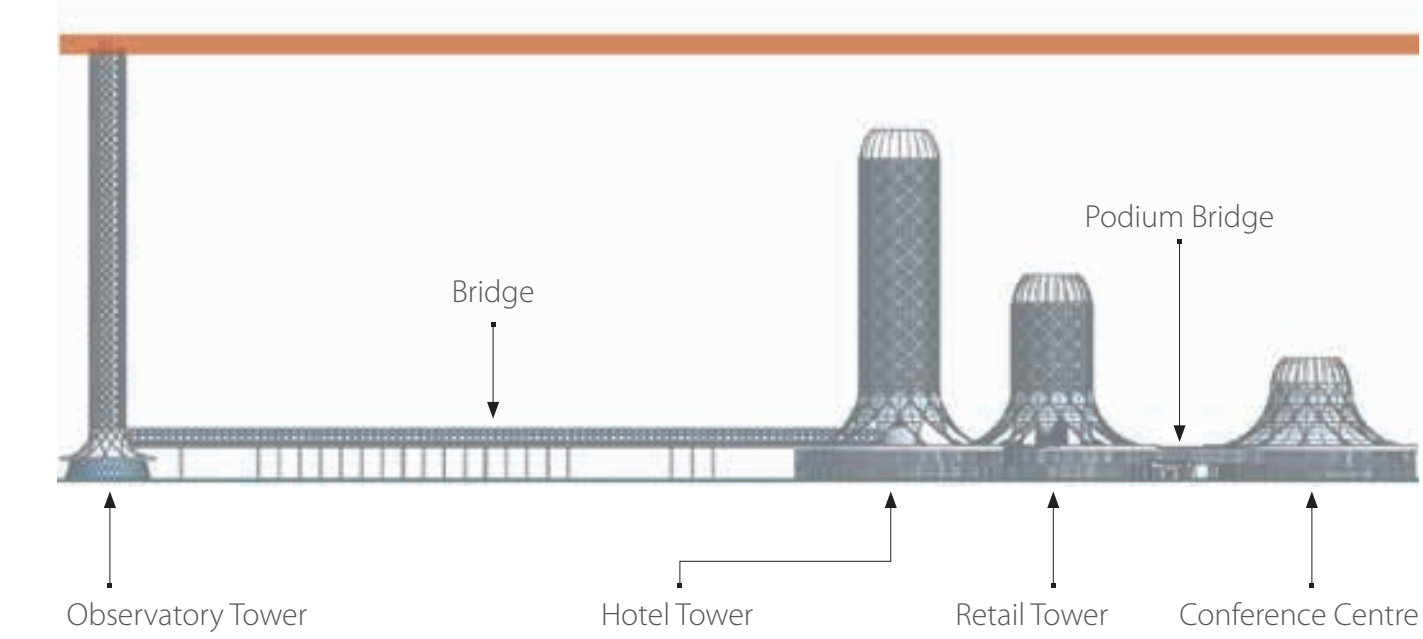
The different buildings are connected by a podium which houses the commercial centre. Considering the high visibility of the site, this design aims to link the project to the urban fabric by creating sculptures on the two roundabouts bordering the site.



Sculpting a Sophisticated Urban Community

Marche Sandaga would avail a myriad of activities, commercial offerings and opportunities through various access points, optimized use of space and an expanded concept of compact architecture.

The entire complex would be made to be aesthetically pleasing while visually and physically enhancing a relationship between people and a longstanding urban marvel.





Avic Square

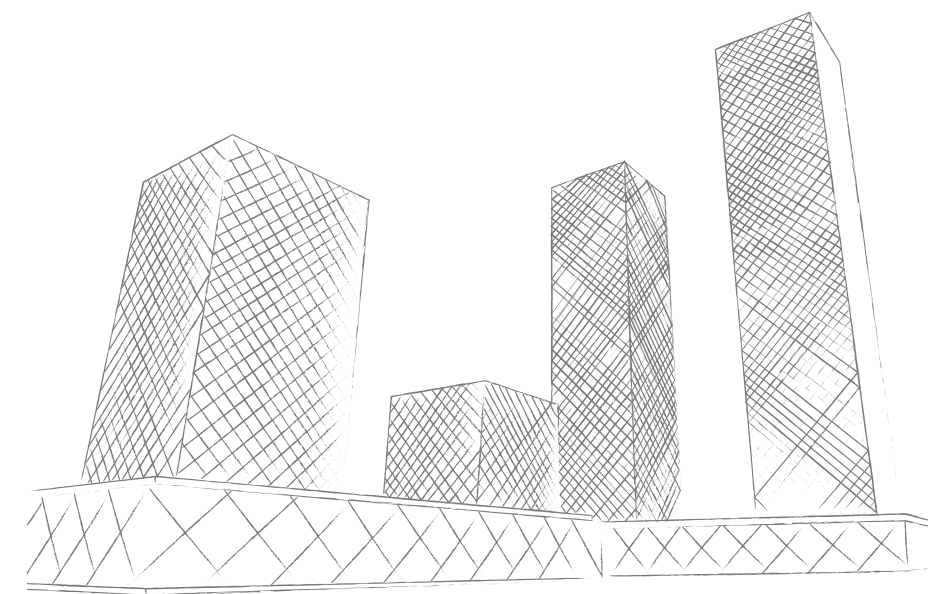
Westlands, Nairobi, Kenya

A Future-Generation Urban Heart

AVIC International Holding Corporation is a global shareholding enterprise affiliated with the Aviation Industry Corporation of China (AVIC). Its main business involves four segments: aviation business, high-end manufacturing, overseas public service, and service & trade.

Avic Square is envisioned as a 250,000 square metre plus multi-use development; the premier destination in Nairobi to 'work, stay and play'. The client's brief was for a modern, mixed urban development that would stand out in Nairobi's ever-soaring skyline. By virtue of the client's Chinese roots we made a conscious decision to subtly represent Chinese values with a contemporary twist in all aspects of the development.

The result was an organic envelope of brilliant white and blue glass consisting of the sharp, clear lines and basic geometric shapes characteristic of modern architecture. The scheme grows out of the ground in two separate blocks that organically morph into four towers of varying heights lending it an iconic presence in the Nairobi skyline.



Client

Avic International

Size

250,000 square metres

Scope

Design, construction supervision and management services

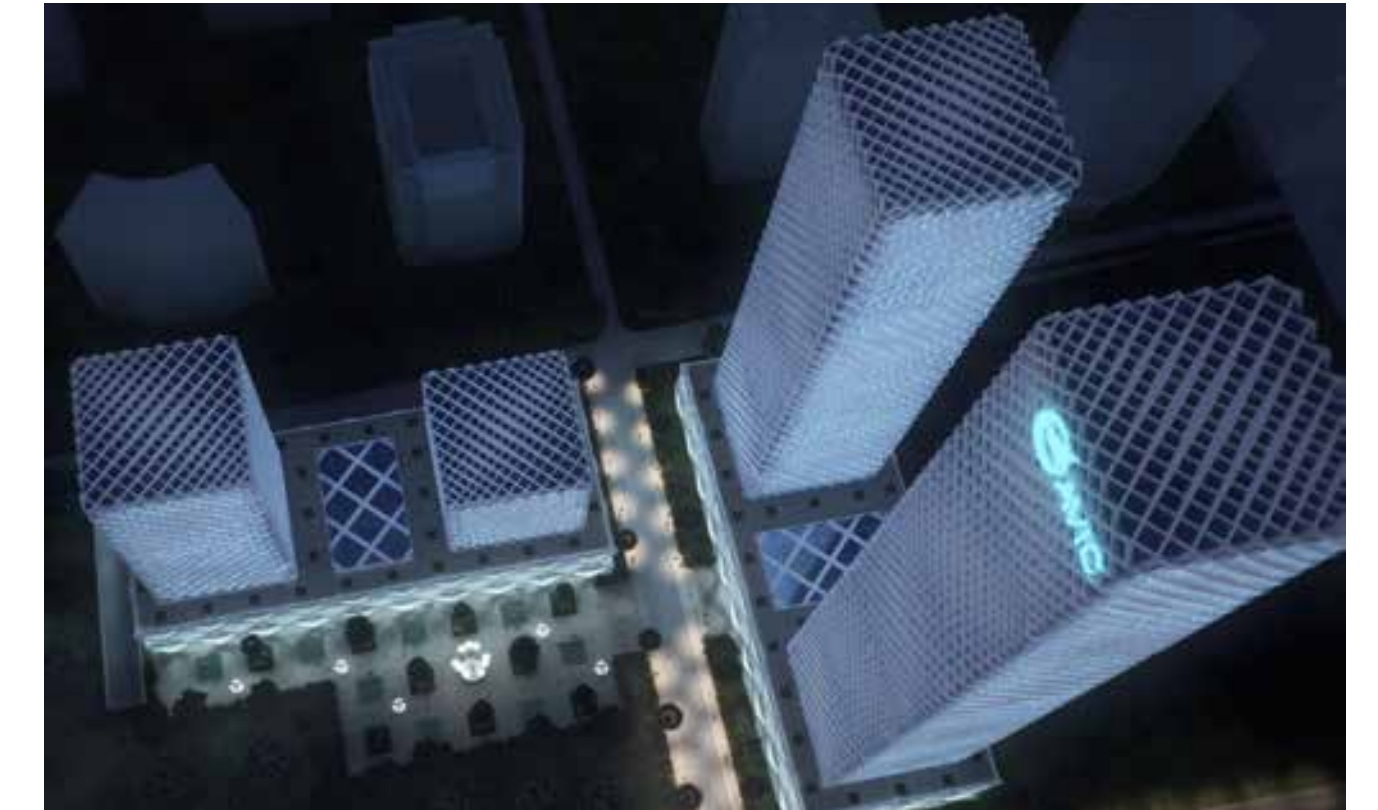
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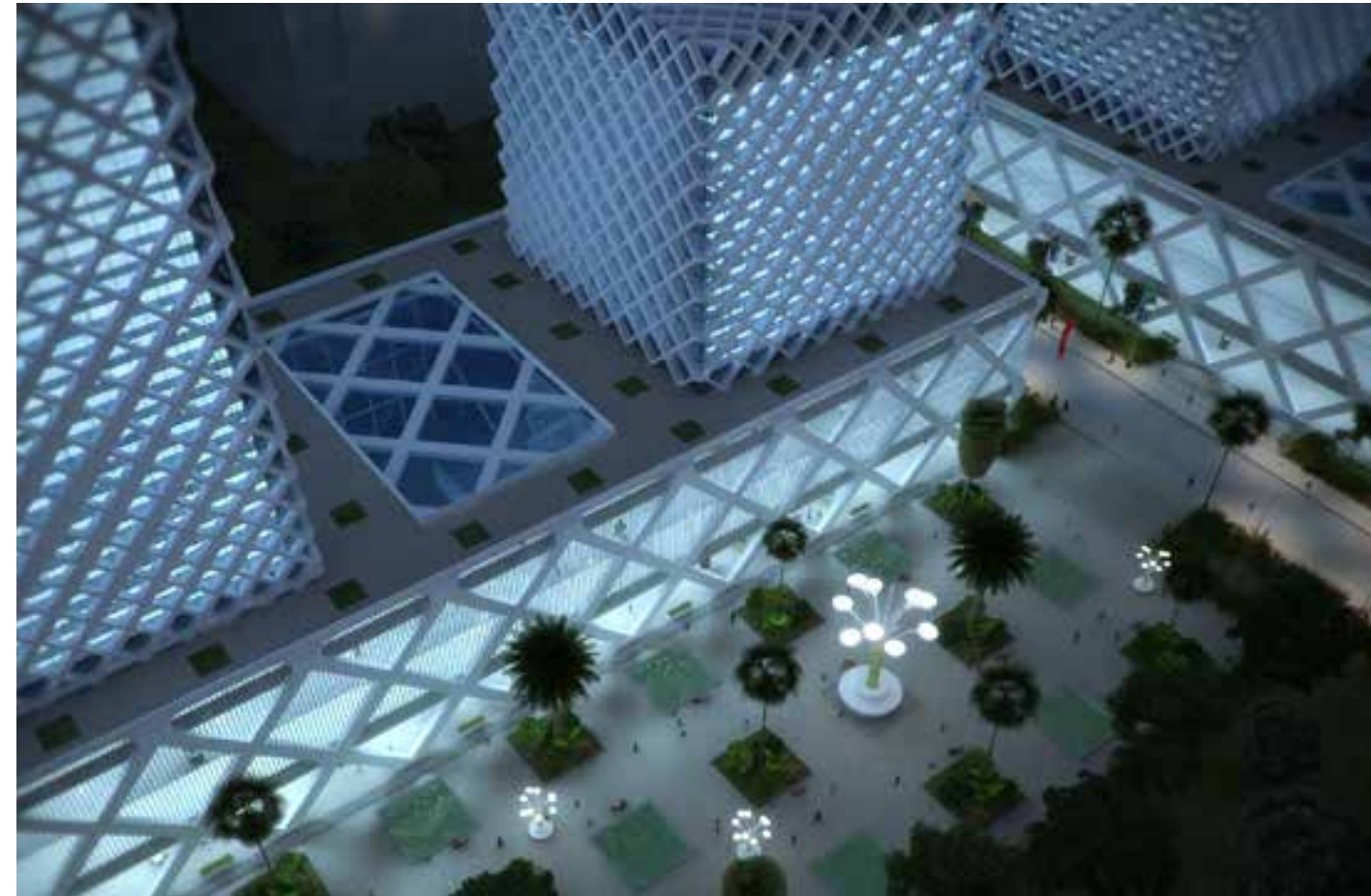
2014

A Bold Vision

The completed development would comprise of a 43-story office tower (AVIC's International headquarter), a 35-story hotel, two 24-story, a 25-story, and 28-story apartment towers, a four-story commercial podium and parking facility for 1,700 cars, high-speed elevators and advanced safety systems.

The towers, located in a core area of Nairobi would become a landmark buildings in Kenya, making the city more attractive and promoting consumption upgrading





The stunning geometry formed out of interconnected rhombi becomes the core element for the entire facade, creating the very sculptural architectural response that frames the massive windows that flood in natural light into the interiors.





One Stop Arcade

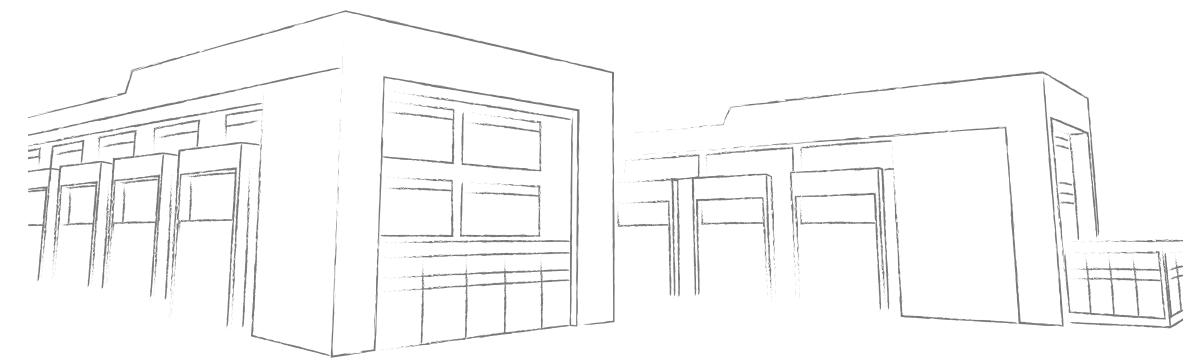
Karen, Nairobi, Kenya

A Neighbourhood's Convenience Centerpiece

One Stop Arcade is a shopping centre that features a deluxe collection of shops that have everything you need on your way in one convenient stop, a chic convenient outlet for shopping and dining.

The project entails construction of a convenient mini shopping center that caters for the residents inclusive of eateries, office spaces, pharmacies and cosmetic spaces.

As a multi-use complex, One Stop Arcade visitors can shop, work, and play all in the same place. The project aims to attract more people to the region with a combination of hospitality, corporate, and commercial units.



Client
Cresskill Properties

Size
5,250 square metres

Scope
Design, construction supervision
and management services

Year
2020

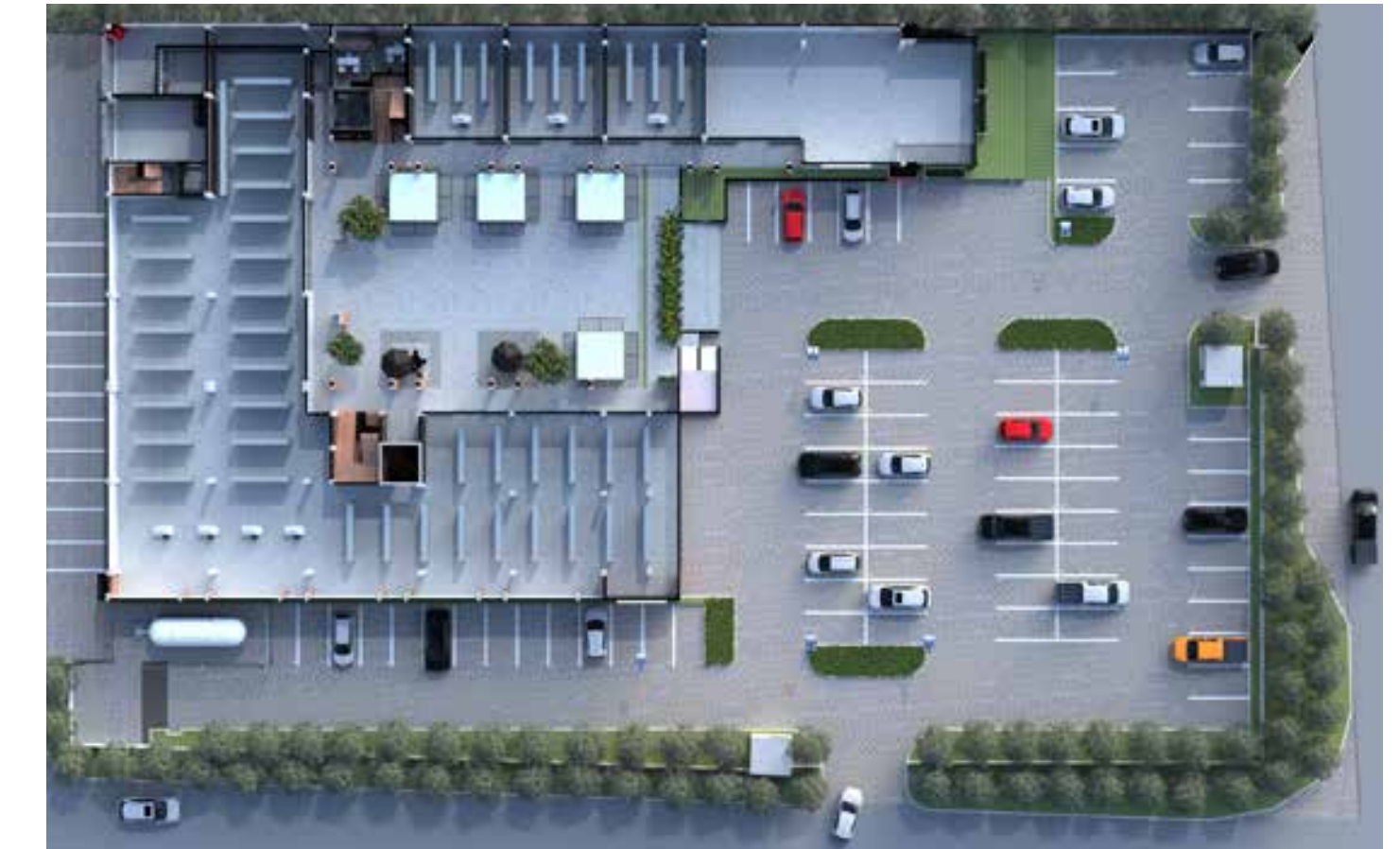
Sustainability

Solar Power - Solar Photo Voltaic (PV) Cells and Battery System shall be used as a way of enhancing energy efficiency. Unlike any other known forms of electricity production, photovoltaics, or PV has no moving parts, is noiseless, produces no emissions during use and is completely scalable.

Energy Saving Light Fittings - To provide effective power and lighting systems at affordable cost, energy saving luminaires will be used e.g. LED type for internal lighting. We have a centralized automated zoned switching on motion sensors with manual bypass for lighting. External lights will be activated when it becomes dark and switched off automatically when it is bright, through the use of photo-cells or timer switches.

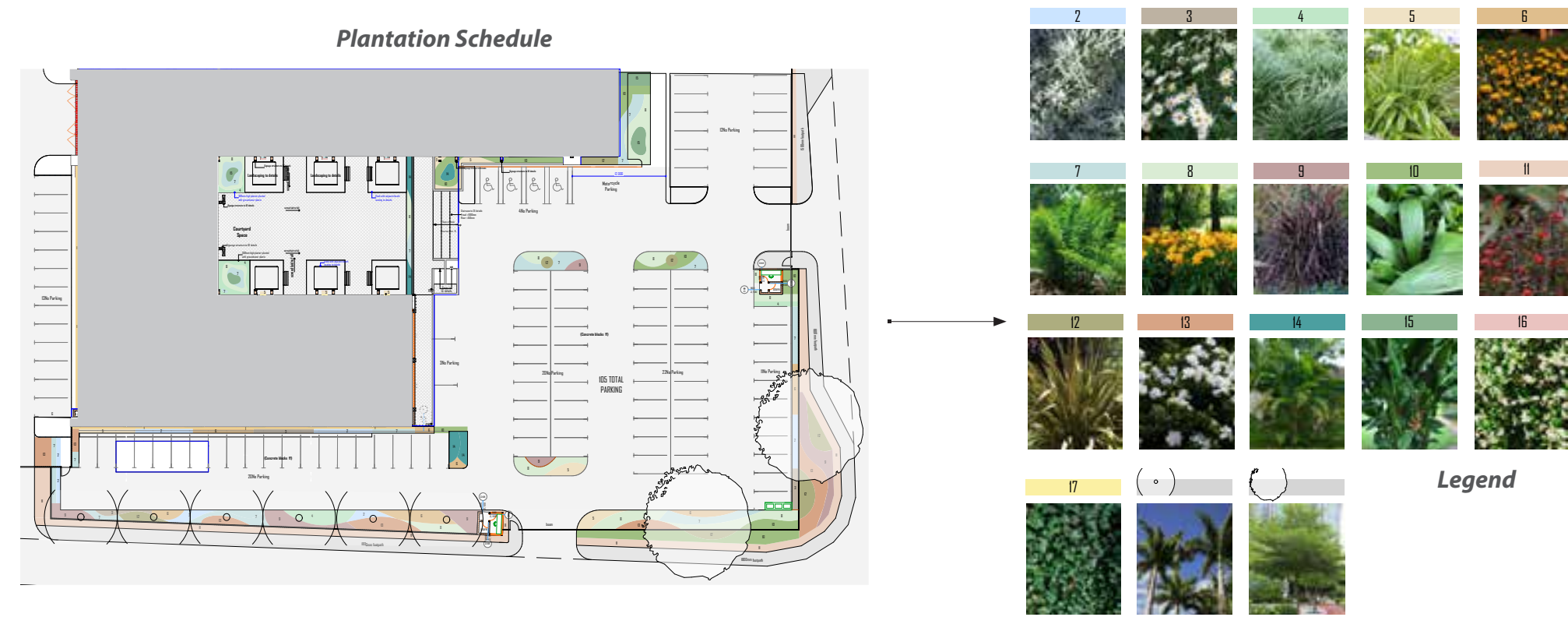
Super Silent Generator - KOHLER SDMO generator with optimized and certified sound levels will be used. It has acoustic pressure level of 77 dB(A) @1m and 67 dB(A) @m in 50Hz. It also has optimized fuel consumption and robust base frames and high-quality enclosures.

Waste Water Treatment Plant - The development will feature a waste water treatment plant The Wastewater Treatment Plant produces clear, odourless and environmentally safe water ideal for the following uses.



Integrating Life into an Urban Installment

The development would feature a rich array of flora variations meticulously included within and without the main structure as a nod to a deliberate biophilic spirit. This would also minimize negative impacts to the environment through the integration of trees and plantings which remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere while reducing runoff and water use.



The overall objective for One Stop Arcade as an installment into urban fabric is predicated on removing barriers and creating an all-inclusive hotspot. The site is rationalized to provide its visitors an intuitive experience of ease, accessibility and convenience.



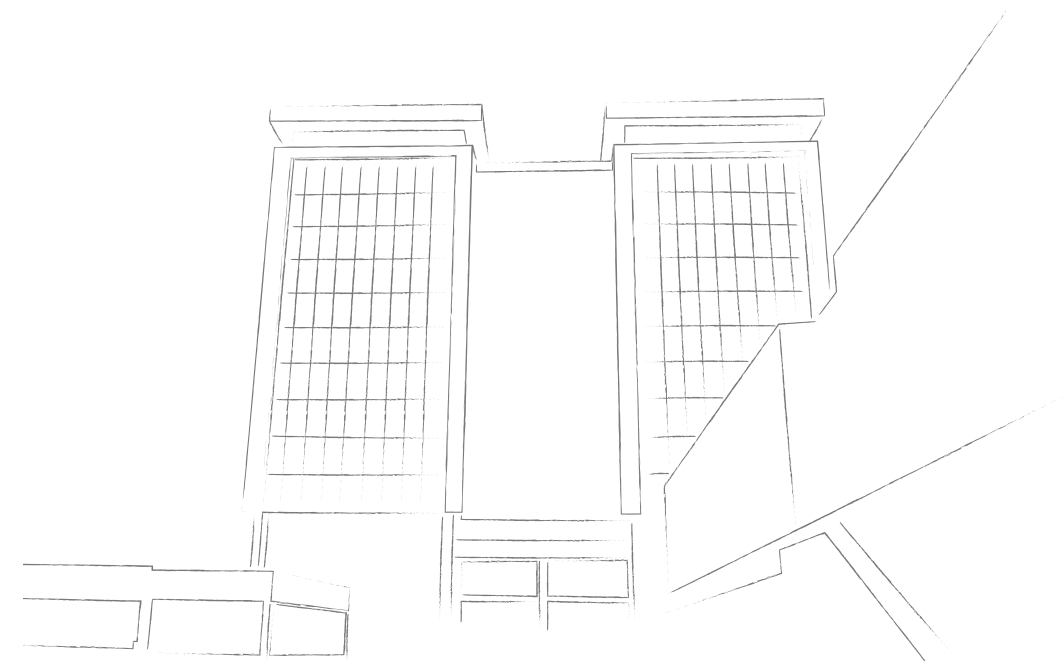
ABC Place

Nairobi, Kenya

Unlocking Commercial Potential

ABC Place is a multi-use building complex along Waiyaki Way, Westlands housing space for new brands, experiences and ideas. With a stylish mix of ingredients ranging from furniture to fashion, beauty and food, ABC Place is a definitive retail destination, demonstrating that shopping is about inspiration, fun and peace of mind.

A bold yet simple box playing on the elements of solid and void, plane and line. The prevalence of reflected glass on its main facades aids the rectilinear shape to blend in with the non-linear language of its surrounding natural features and neighborhood in general.



Client

Adam Brown & Company

Size

28,000 square metres

Scope

Design, construction supervision and management services

Year

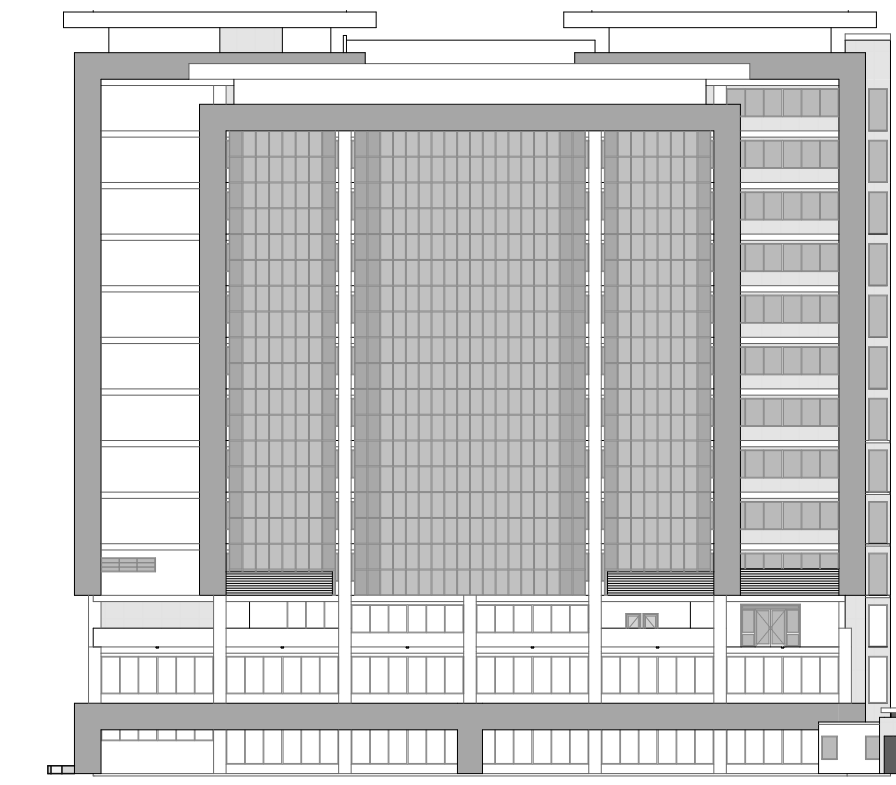
2010

Crafting a Landmark

In addition to creating much needed space for commercial and social connection, ABC Place also stands as a landmark sculptural building that anchors regeneration of the growing urban stretch in its periphery.

The development includes a generous array of community amenities and convenience features which include;

- Two-level parking in addition to existing parking (over 700 spots)
- High speed lifts
- Cargo lifts
- Digital fixed lines
- GSM Mats on the site
- Waste water recycling
- CCTV and access control monitoring the building 24 hours
- Concierge service (for courier, travel, car etc)
- Security control desk at ground floor
- Retail outlets including a supermarket
- Restaurants



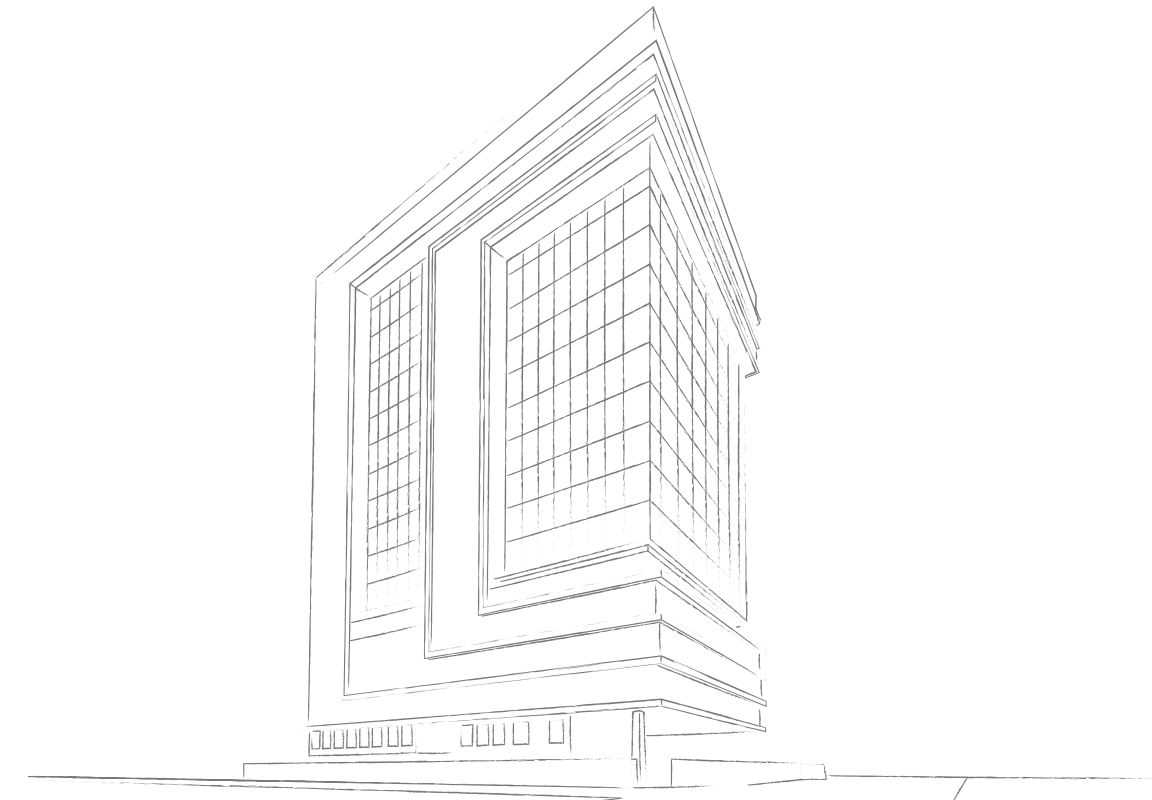


ABC Place Phase II

Nairobi, Kenya

In a historic and progressive spirit, the second phase of ABC Place project preserves and enhances the character-defining elements of its predecessor through scale, function and expressive style. The architectural design of the new complex borrows rational aesthetic from the previous one by incorporating brutalist modular elements and minimalist geometry into a familiar but modern design language.

Also carefully positioned along the busy Waiyaki Way and just a block away from ABC Place Phase I, the project seeks to exist as a continuation of the original's landmark state, standing as a choice commercial and lifestyle destination for this bustling and growing urban stretch.



Client

Adam Brown & Company

Size

31,800 square metres

Scope

Design, construction supervision and management services

Year

2015

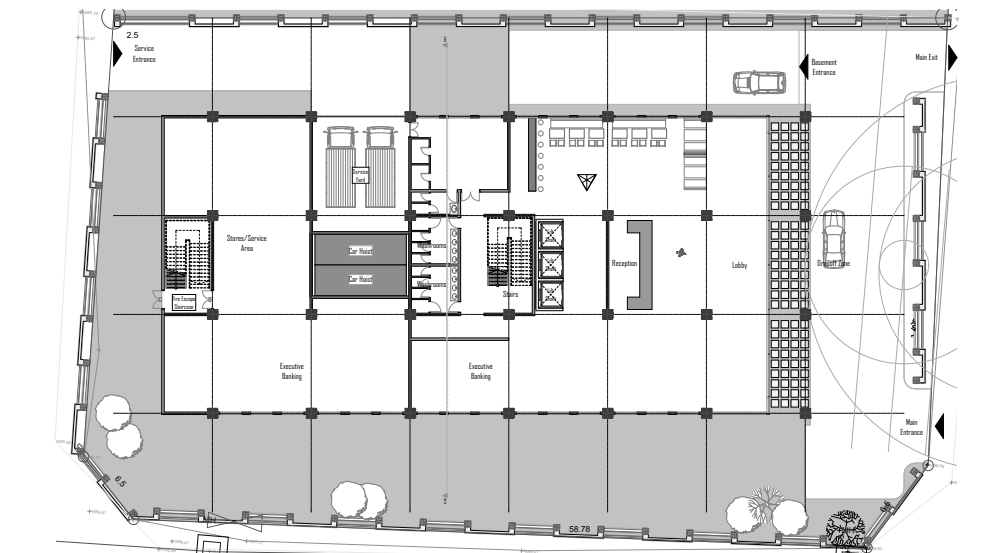
Green Design Considerations

The tower incorporates initiatives that are environmentally responsive and resource-efficient throughout the building's life-cycle;

- Natural ventilation strategies have been applied throughout the building
- Use of occupation sensors to control lighting and air conditioning
- Rain water harvesting for cleaning, flushing toilets and landscaping
- Waste water management & conservation e.g. use of treatment plant and sanitary fittings with infra-red flushing mechanisms
- Use of materials that require less embodied energy and minimal maintenance
- Saving up to 60% of the existing mature trees



The modern exterior of architectural concrete elements and extensive glass walls with steel accents represents the dichotomy of the project - a high tech commercial tower that is iconic and functional while also inviting and inspirational to its inhabitants





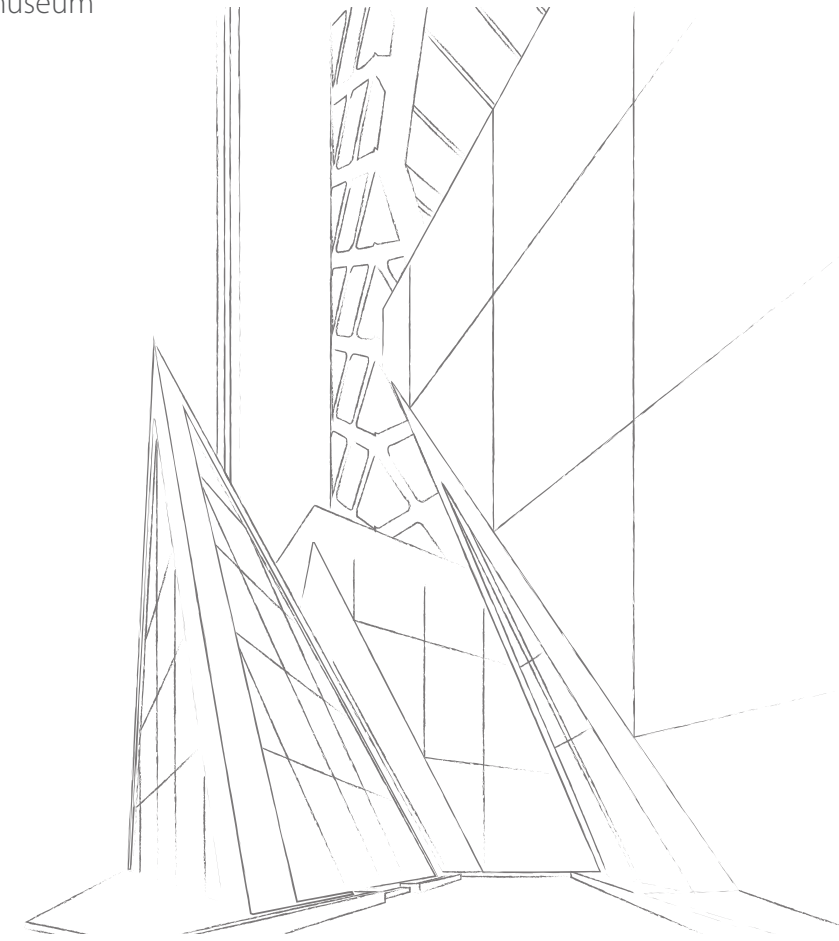
G47 Tower

Nairobi, Kenya

The G47 Tower aims to be an icon in the Hurlingham area. Tall, proud and legible from all sides of the city, announcing the presence of the devolved units in the capital.

Most fundamentally, contributing to the long term success of the counties by availing efficient, sustainable and accessible facilities which will include the following;

- Offices
- Conferencing
- Devolution museum
- Hospitality
- Retail



Client

CPF Group & Council of Governors

Size

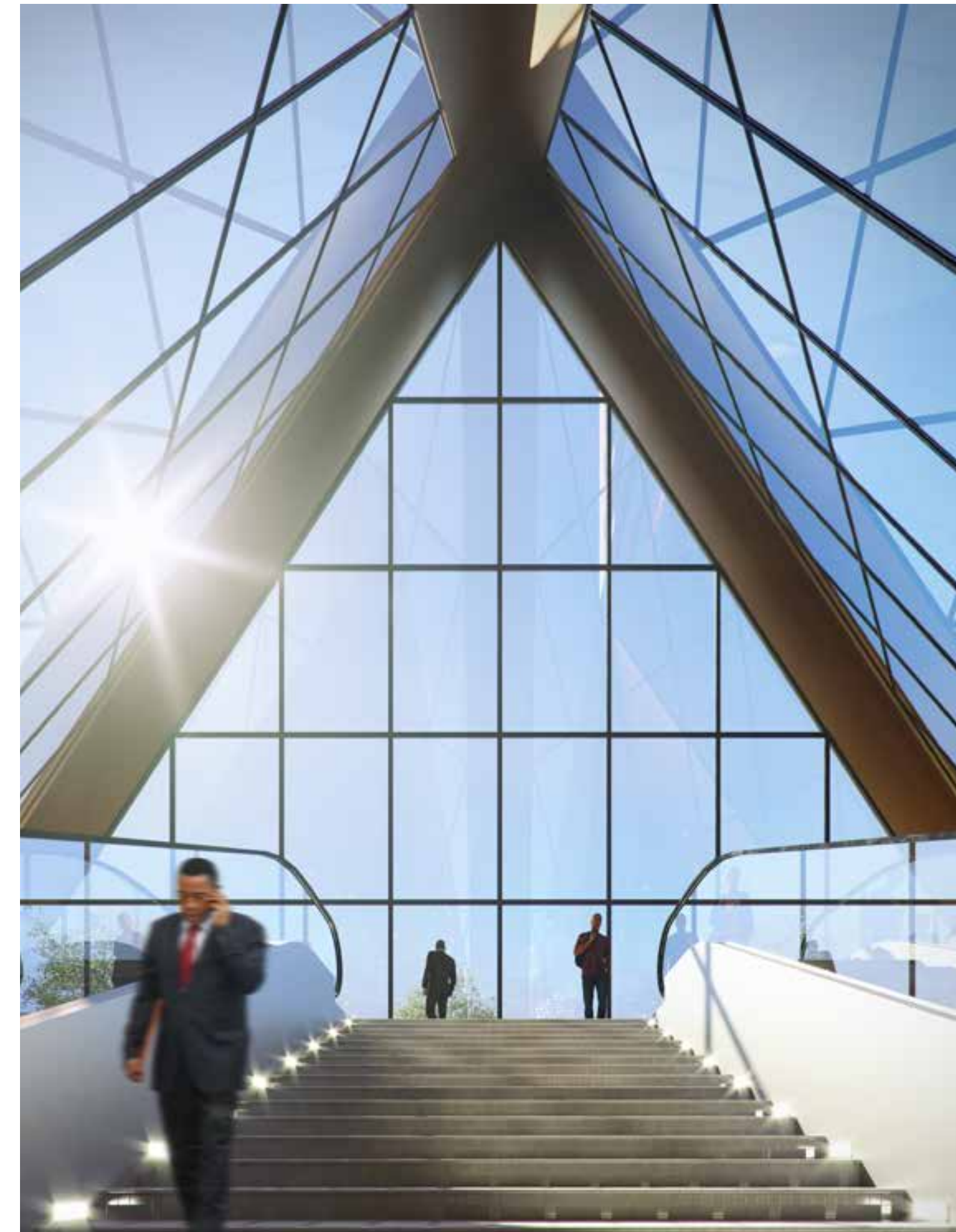
60,100 square metres

Scope

Design, construction supervision and management services

Year

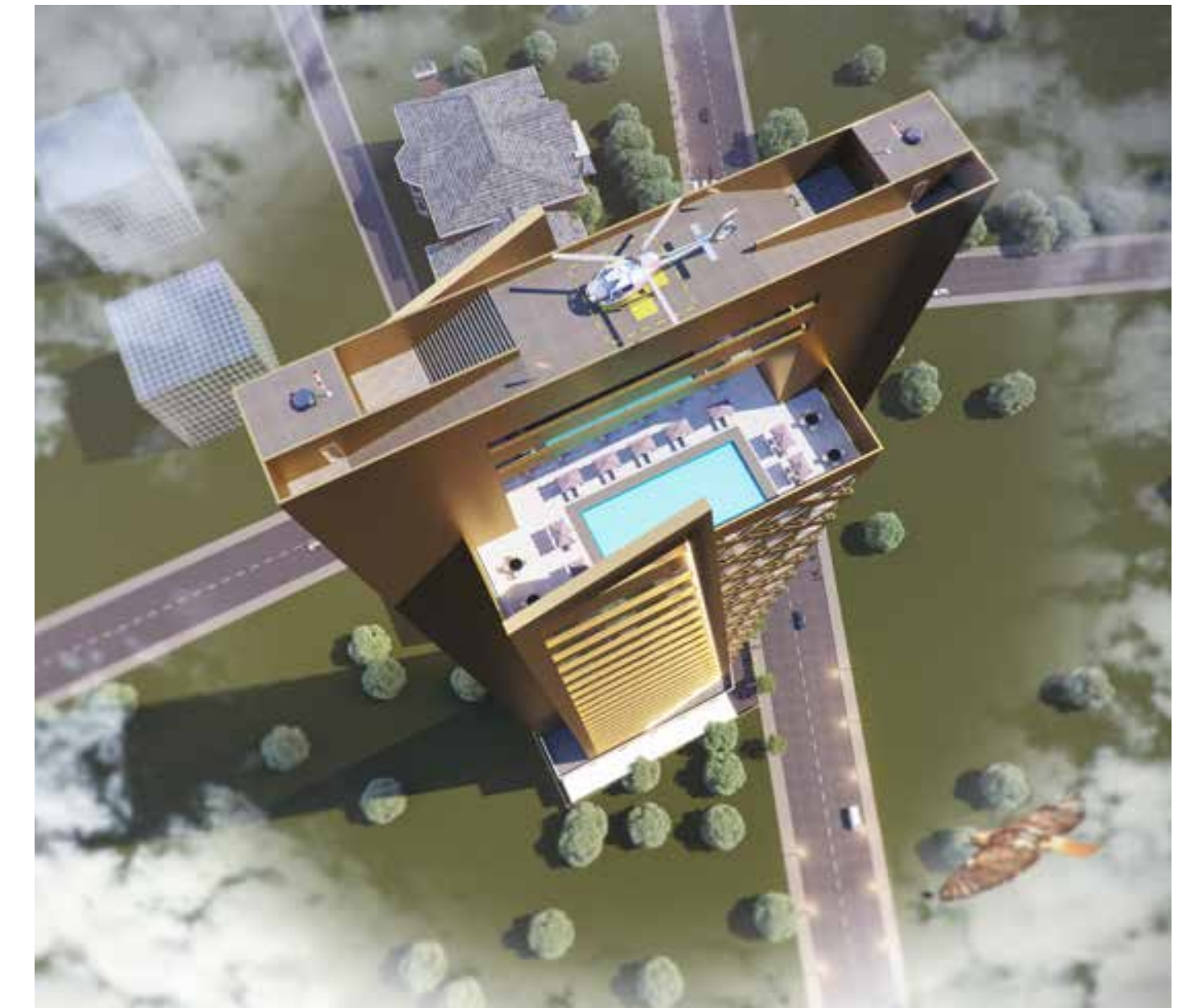
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One of a Kind

G47 is a place designed to enable county workforces to connect and collaborate, drive innovation, and lead with quality. The following inclusions set it aside as a remarkable multi-use development;

Offices

Each office is to be approximately 6800 sq. feet and will have the following facilities; waiting lobby, meeting room and workstations. LAPTRUST and all its subsidiaries will also move its corporate headquarters to this facility. The remaining office space to be sold/ let to interested private sector players.

Conferencing Facilities

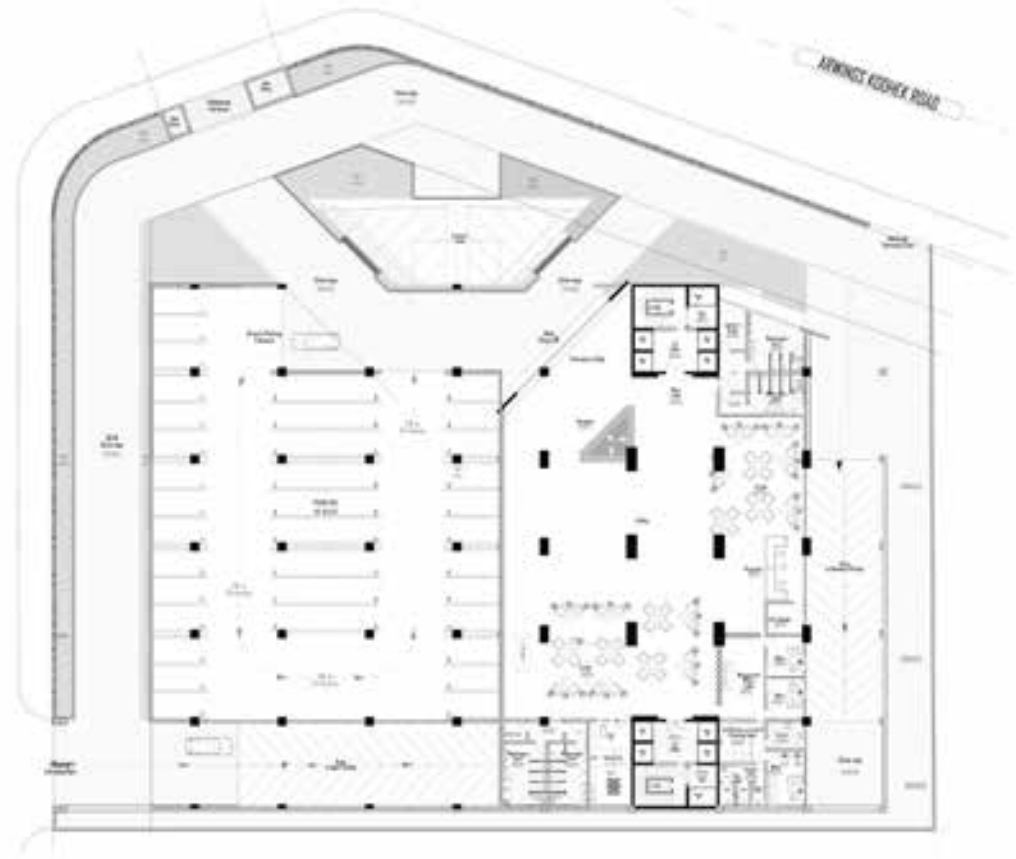
A modern conferencing facility that can accommodate 460 pax in the main hall, 4 mini halls with 155 pax and 2 meeting rooms. The facility is to host teleconferencing capability and virtual offices for hot desking.

Devolution Museum

The Devolution Museum of Kenya is envisioned to be the focal depository of Kenya's ongoing journey to the realization of a more perfect union guided by the 2010 constitution. The facility is to showcase the rich history of the counties. It will feature key documents objects, artefact's, images and memorabilia of heritage value from all the 47 counties. The museum will make the story of the counties accessible to the public for touristic and educational purposes.

Hospitality

This will comprise serviced executive residences managed by a branded operator. The residences to comprise one and two bedroom units at 5 star level with approximately 160 keys. Included are restaurant, bar, fitness center, swimming pool and members lounge.



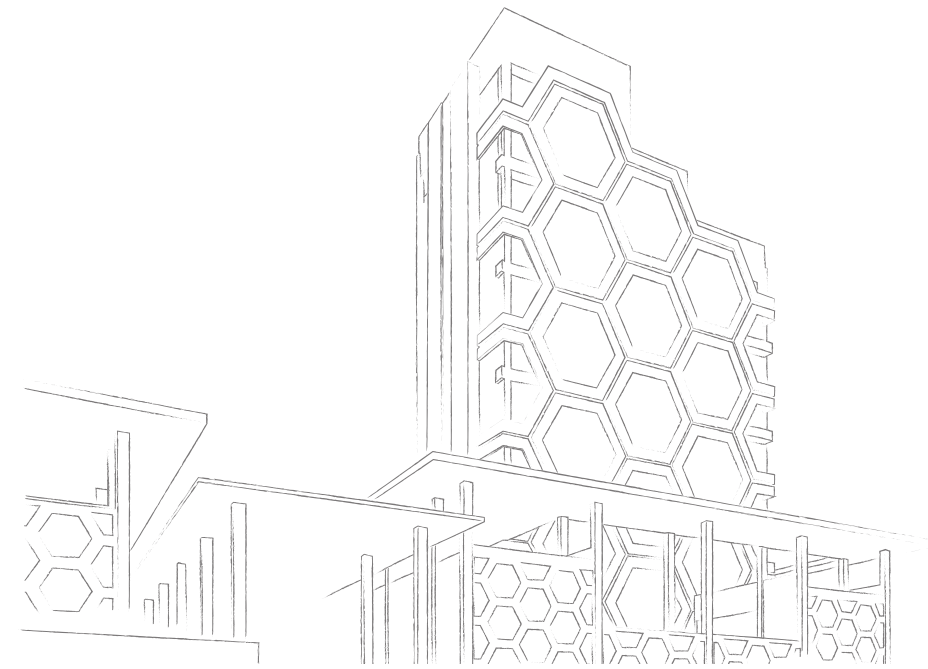


Tafari Towers

Mombasa, Kenya

The site is located in Makande, a mix of residential and commercial areas at the entry to Mombasa island from the Nairobi -Mombasa highway. Intensive analysis was carried out to establish the best use of land. The development is comprised of a hotel, offices and lettable shop space while also availing space for a restaurant and food courts, conference facilities, outdoor terrace, gym and pool and ample parking.

The building's facade detailing features a strong hexagonal presence which also informs the development's organizational principles. The hexagon is prevalent throughout nature and widely accepted as a symbol of harmony and balance. Perfectly symmetrical from all sides, structurally enabling the equal distribution of loads and stresses resulting in one of the world's strongest structures.



Client

KPA Pension Scheme

Size

25,300 square metres

Scope

Design, construction supervision and management services

Year

2019

Green Design Considerations

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Nairobi Ark

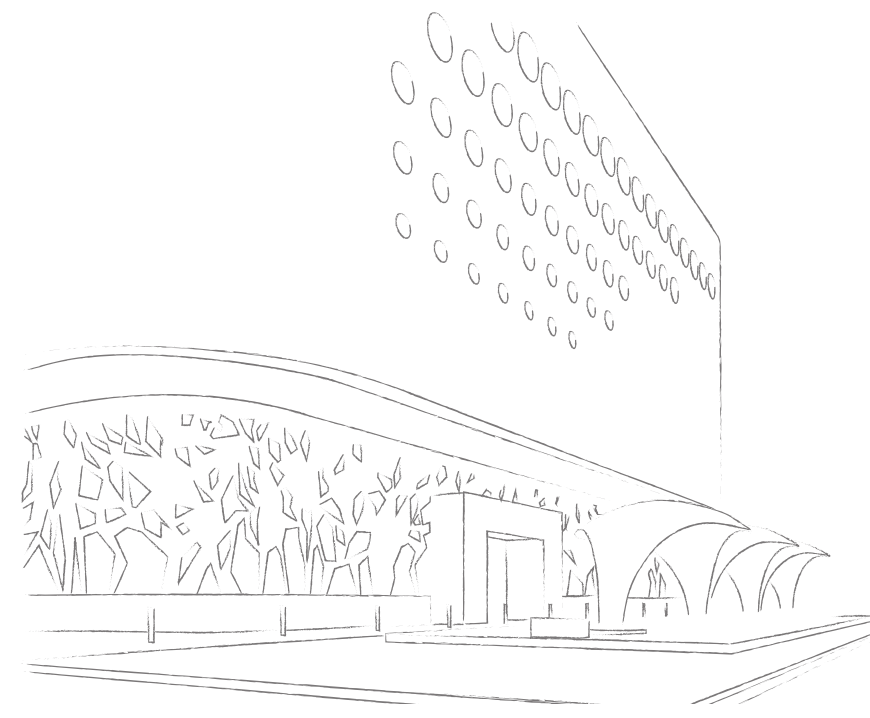
CBD, Nairobi, Kenya

Design-forward Solution for a Forward-thinking City

Nairobi City County is one of the 47 counties of Kenya. With a population of 4,397,073 in the 2019 census, it is the third smallest yet the most populous of the counties, also serving as the capital of Kenya. In 2013, the county entity was effected, replacing Nairobi City Council, the long-standing unit of administration since pre-independence.

The Ark is a mixed use development located along one of the busiest pedestrian streets in the Nairobi Central Business District. The development comprises of shops, offices, restaurants and conference facilities.

The Ark also has a parking facility with a capacity of more that 450 vehicles, which is a valuable addition to the Central Business District, where parking facilities are inadequate.



Client

Nairobi County Government

Size

143,828 square metres

Scope

Design, construction supervision and management services

Year

2020

A Holistic Installation

Vital to the success of the development was the creation of a socio-economic solution that would serve the citizenry and enhance its immediate and surrounding urban district environment. We performed a keen study on the existing site conditions and picked up on the following areas of interest;

Parking - The Main use of the Site is Parking on weekdays. The car park has 248 parking lots but only 244 are used as 4 are garbage collection points

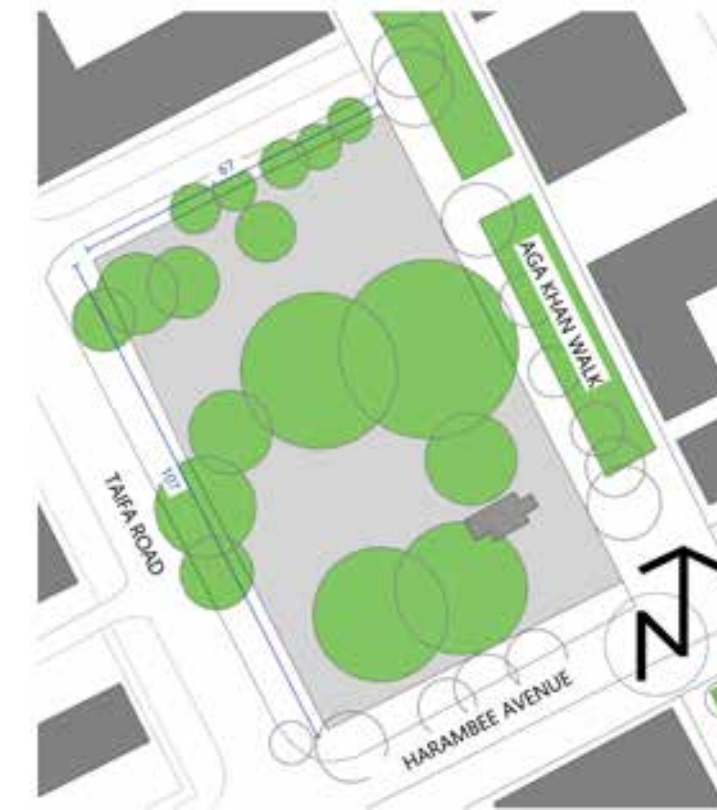
Vending - Over the weekends (Saturday afternoon) the space is used as a market for various products which include clothing, footwear and household items.

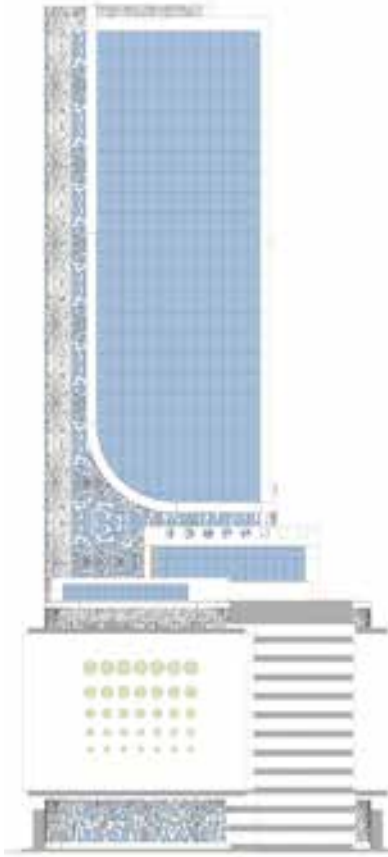
Garbage Collection - There is a garbage collection point on the North east corner of the site. Garbage collection trucks use the service lane next to Reinsurance Plaza to collect the garbage

Active Recreation - Over weekends especially Sunday afternoon the space is used for bike-riding & skating by young people. The space is designated as a public recreational area for the weekends by the NCC and parking is not allowed during this time

Passive Recreation - The ledge surrounding & defining the space is used as a wall-seat by pedestrians some of whom go there for relaxation, informal meetings or even people watching and idling

Group Activities - Group meetings and discussions, informal debates and choir practice are held within the space on weekday evenings when there are fewer vehicles and on weekends.





A Trigger for Evolution

With Nairobi's collective culture in its well-known state of constant change and undying resilience, The Ark comes in as an elevating platform fostering modernized urban evolution as well as creating space for upward trajectories for businesses and people. This is all to be achieved through comprehensive redevelopment and deliberate creation of accessibility that allows better utilization of the site in a future adequately informed by the past.



The Nairobi ark is a unique opportunity to permanently boost the prospect for city culture, life, and business in a section of Nairobi's bustling, growing central business district.

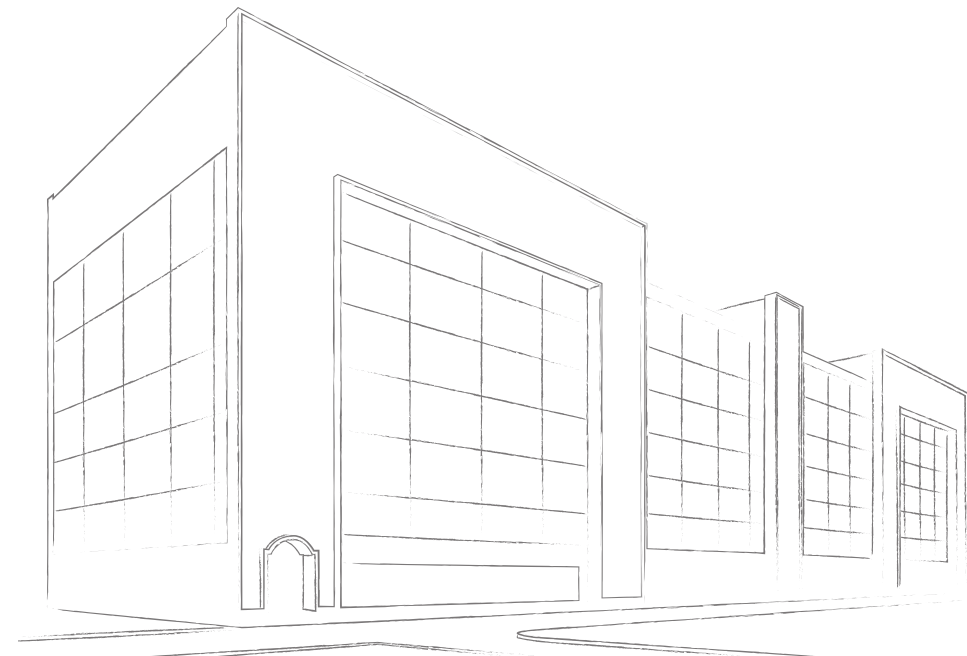


Jamia Mall Extension

Nairobi CBD, Kenya

The Jamia Mall is a mainstay of Nairobi's CBD; an increasingly popular shopping destination for Nairobi dwellers as it houses a variety of retail and wholesale outlets ranging from electronic shops, boutiques, mobile money outlets and eateries amongst others. The first phase of the project comprised three floors and a basement level for services, parking and bulk storage, totaling just under 11,000 square metres.

The proposal includes an extension to the mall of an additional four floors and a facelift via an enchanting façade design feature. The additional floors bring Jamia Malls built up area to approximately 23,300 m² with the 3rd to 6th floors set aside for commercial spaces and the 7th floor for residential units and building services. Other additions include installation of a total of six passenger and goods lifts in the existing lift shafts and a solar lighting solution for common facilities.

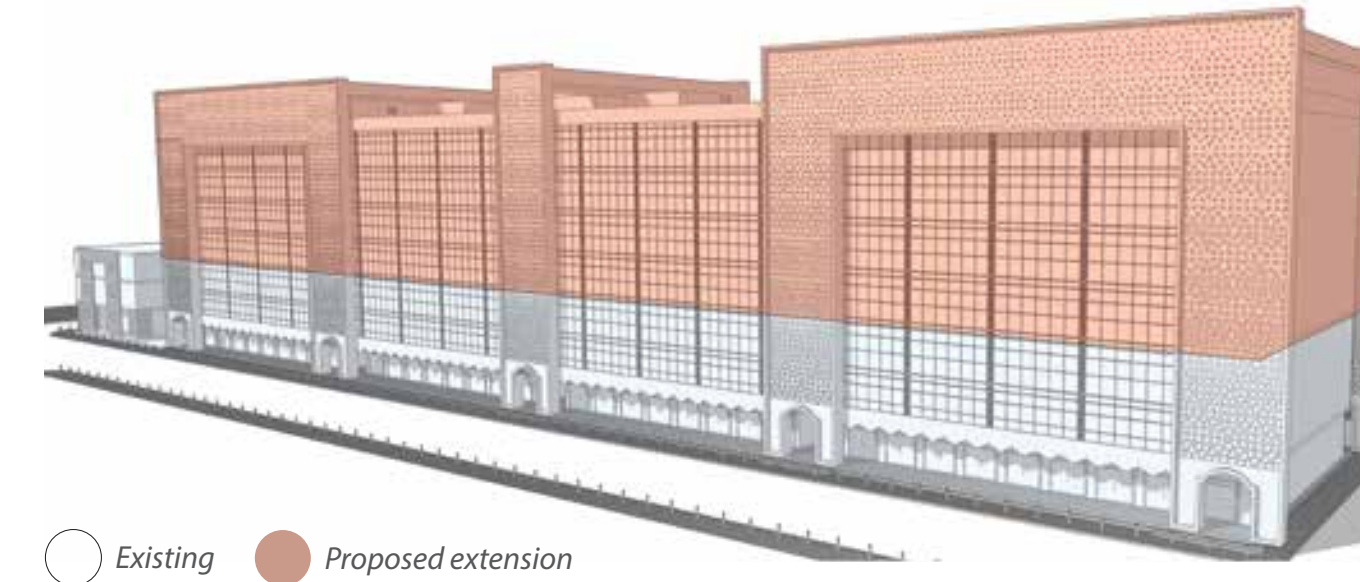


Client
Jamia Mosque

Size
15,217 square metres

Scope
Design, construction supervision and management services

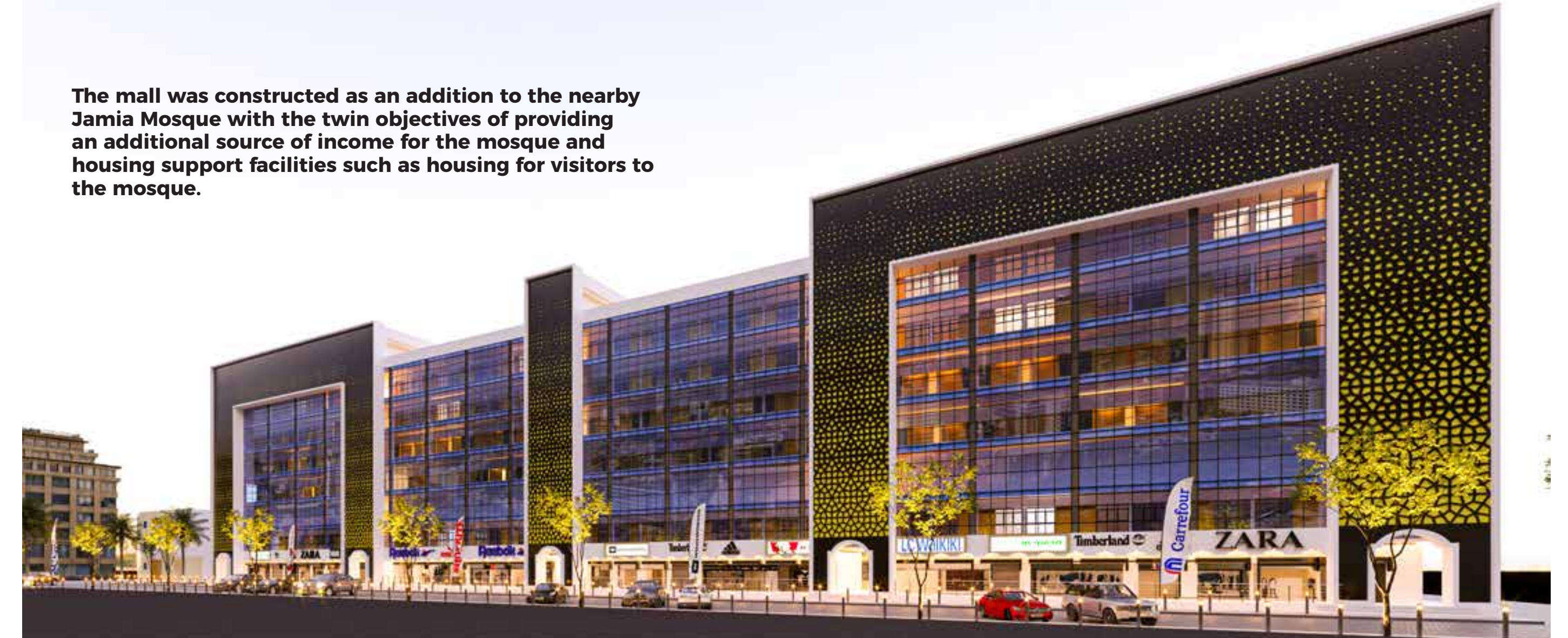
Year
2014



Honoring History

The blue glazing that currently envelops the building is maintained, an ode to the buildings past with the additional composite aluminium decorative mashrabiya screen along each of its 120 metre long main facades that flank Kigali and Tubman Roads simultaneously embracing its Islamic roots while alluding to a prosperous future.

The mall was constructed as an addition to the nearby Jamia Mosque with the twin objectives of providing an additional source of income for the mosque and housing support facilities such as housing for visitors to the mosque.





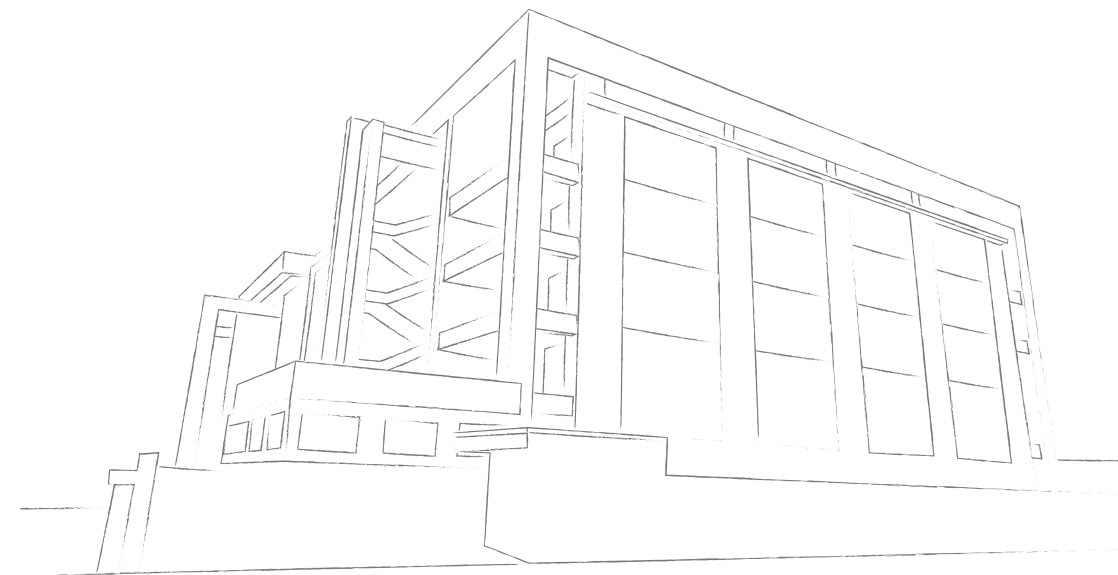
Freedom Heights

Nairobi, Kenya

A Commercial and Lifestyle Hub

The Freedom Heights is a multi-use complex located along Langata Road and opposite the historic Uhuru Gardens. The mall was completed in 2018 and serves the affluent Langata area. The property was designed as a neighborhood mall to first deliver a convenient shopping experience to the residents of Langata.

The development promises and delivers freedom in every sense. The project integrates residential, retail and office space to ensure that home, leisure and work interact seamlessly. Featuring a commercial block that will host a supermarket, restaurants, banks, a clinic, among other outlets and over 250 unique apartment units.



Client

LapTrust

Size

77,000 square metres

Scope

Design, construction supervision and management services

Year

2014

All in One

We worked closely with the developer and other affiliates to realize the transformational potential of the site on the surrounding neighbourhood. Today, through a carefully considered mix of uses, a high-quality public realm, and a deep integration with its immediate environment, Freedom Heights is not only the heart of a community but also a vibrant hub of activity and opportunity.

The development offers the following showcase of features and amenities;

- Car parking facilities
- A stand-by backup generator
- Solar panels
- Water storage tank
- Escalator access to the first floor
- Passenger and service lifts
- Firefighting equipment and installations
- Security services



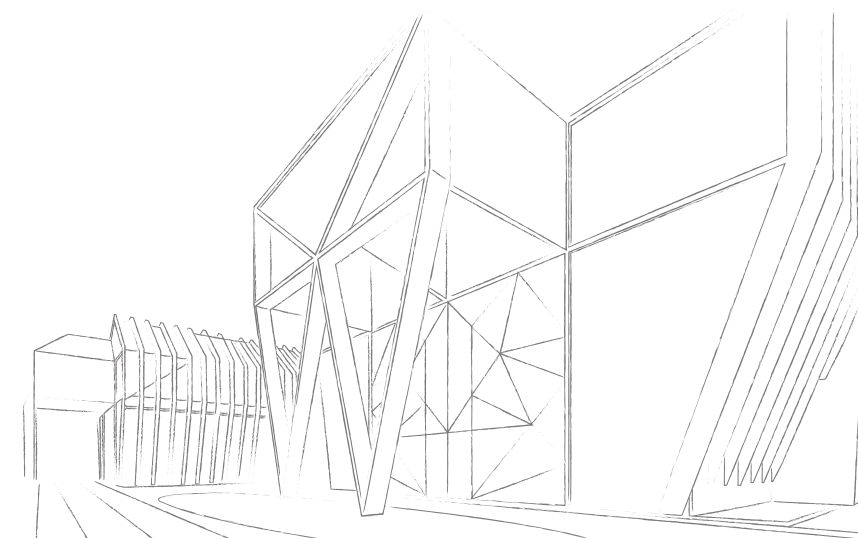


The Pod

Eldoret, Kenya

The site is located in the Elgon View suburb about 2.5 km from Eldoret CBD. It is located along Nandi Road. Its immediate neighbours include The Eldoret Club, Mediheal Fertility Hospital, State Lodge and Little Lambs Primary School and Naiberi police Station is directly opposite. Eldoret town has a steadily growing middle to upper income population particularly in the residential area to south of the city.

The proposed development site falls within this area, along the C39 road, a main road through the town, positioned within an upmarket area and in close proximity to the Eldoret Club which is a complementary use to the serviced apartments which would enhance the appeal of the project.



Client

CPF Group

Size

77,000 square metres

Scope

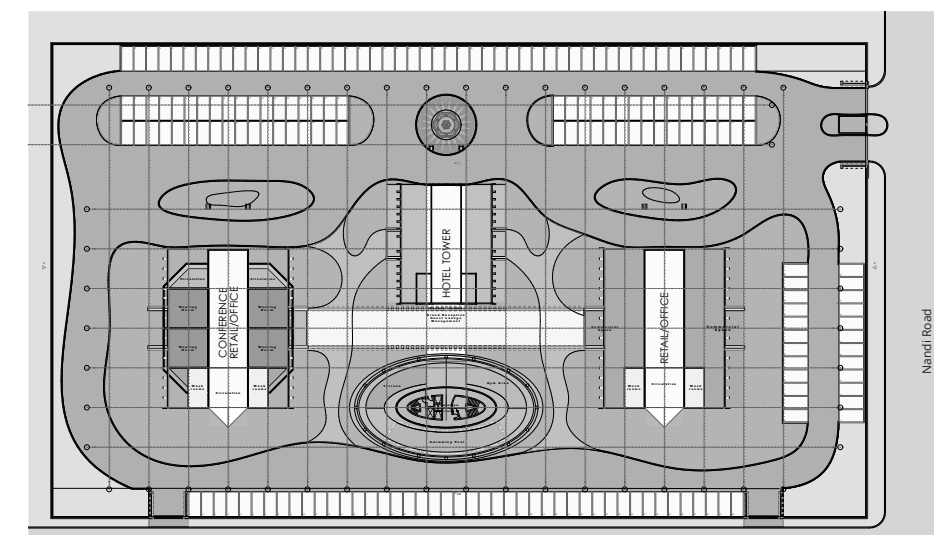
Design, construction supervision and management services

Year

2019

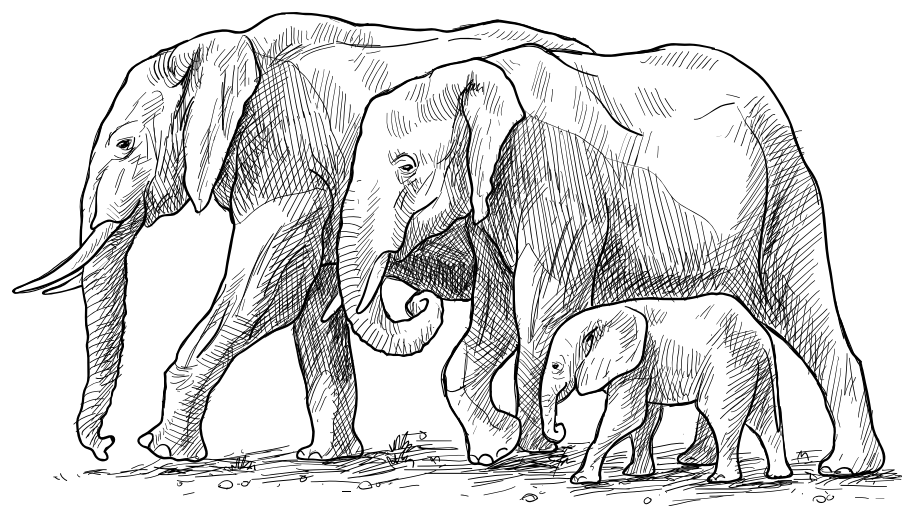
Celebrating the African Wealth of Nature

The completed development becomes a captivating and memorable experience of architectural poetry, symbolic expression, color and texture. The interpretive nodes and thematic lenses correlate with nature's way of enriching the human experience while anchoring the complex with unique experiences that celebrate a continent's unquestionable heritage.



Concept

The design for The Pod was driven by a unifying theme of elemental aspects driven by and borrowed from the African Elephant. This ensured that it remains a development that is context relevant to its environment and profoundly resonant through its architectural, landscaping, facade and interpretive components.



Symbolism

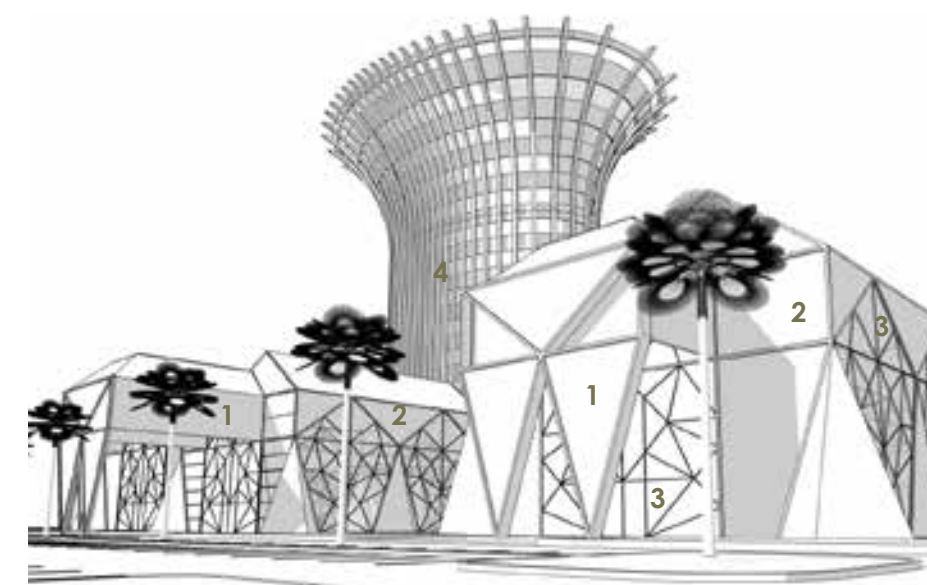
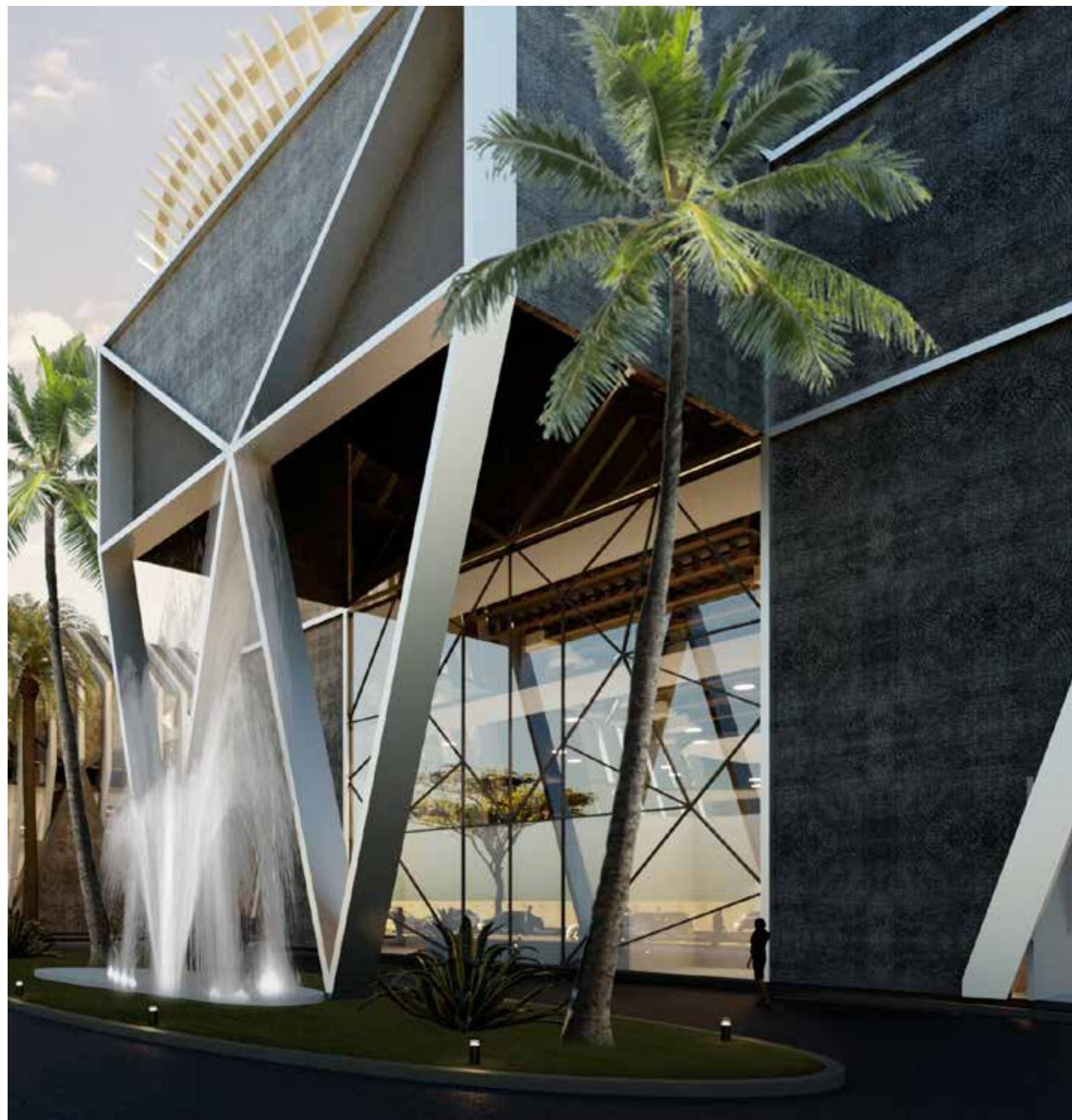
The inspiration behind The Pod comes from the African Elephant in its natural habitat. Its size, skin texture and shape have been abstracted to derive form and facade.

Form

Three elements abstracted from the shape formed by ears and head. Raised ears is a show of strength/aggression in elephant language.

Facade

The elephant skin forms criss cross pattern, which has been used on the building facades. The greyish colour of the elephant's skin further enhances the symbolism.



Building Elements

The concept of the 3 elephants has been abstracted into various elements of the building:

1. The **shape of the entrance** is derivative of **ears and head** of the elephant. The grey finish on the facade is reminiscent of the elephant's skin
2. The **three podiums** represent the **elephant's body**
3. The **criss-crossing pattern** on the windows is drawn from the **elephant's skin**
4. The **tower** symbolises a **tree**, under which elephants rest, and thus completing the **savannah** scene

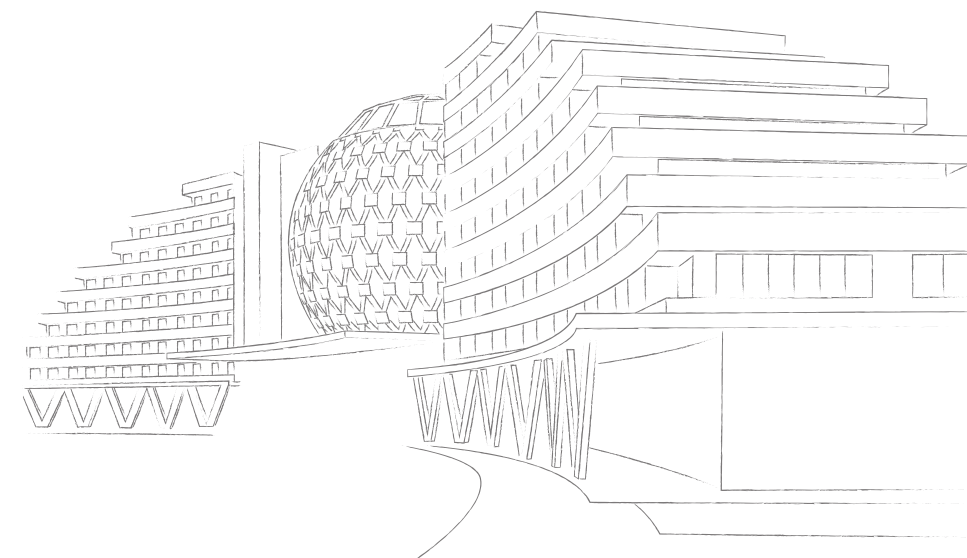


Ford Entertainment Park

Beaumont, Texas, USA

The existing Ford Park is a 221-acre multi-purpose entertainment complex consisting of an arena, exhibit hall, amphitheater, midway, and 12 youth baseball fields located on I-10 South in Beaumont, Texas. Ford Sports village envisions a recreation center integrating diverse sporting activities, exhibition and fun fare activities, a concept that becomes the benchmark for the sporting place to be in South East Texas.

The centers existing success through its sporting and fun fare activity mix, will be revamped and further enhanced with the incorporation of a Convention Center, Hotel, low density Residential housing and Additional Soccer training facilities targeting the 2026 world cup teams to attract all social economic classes, the youth and the elderly into the center.



Client

PDG Consortium LLC

Size

221 Acres

Scope

Architecture, design, feasibility studies

Year

2023

A Connecting Beacon of Sweeping Proportions

Covering an area of nearly 900,000 square metres, Ford Entertainment Park is a place meant to reinforce connections between people, functional architecture and the environment. We had to reimagine the entire masterplan in a way that allows visitors to experience immersive, palpable transitions as they moved through the site. The design balances maximum flexibility with a unique sense of place with the objective of human enrichment.



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| 1. Soccer field | 7. Single dwelling units |
| 2. Gulf coast RV resort | 8. Apartments |
| 3. Convention centre | 9. Mixed-use buildings |
| 4. Ford arena softball & baseball fields | 10. Rush truck centers Beaumont |
| 5. Parking | 11. Ford pavilion |
| 6. Ford park entertainment complex | |





An Inclusive Multisensory Experience



Public Space

- Open spaces
- Public facilities
- Streets

Activities

Quality of Public Spaces

Public Space and Public Life

What creates a great public space?

- Place
- Creating a sense of place
- Public life evaluation

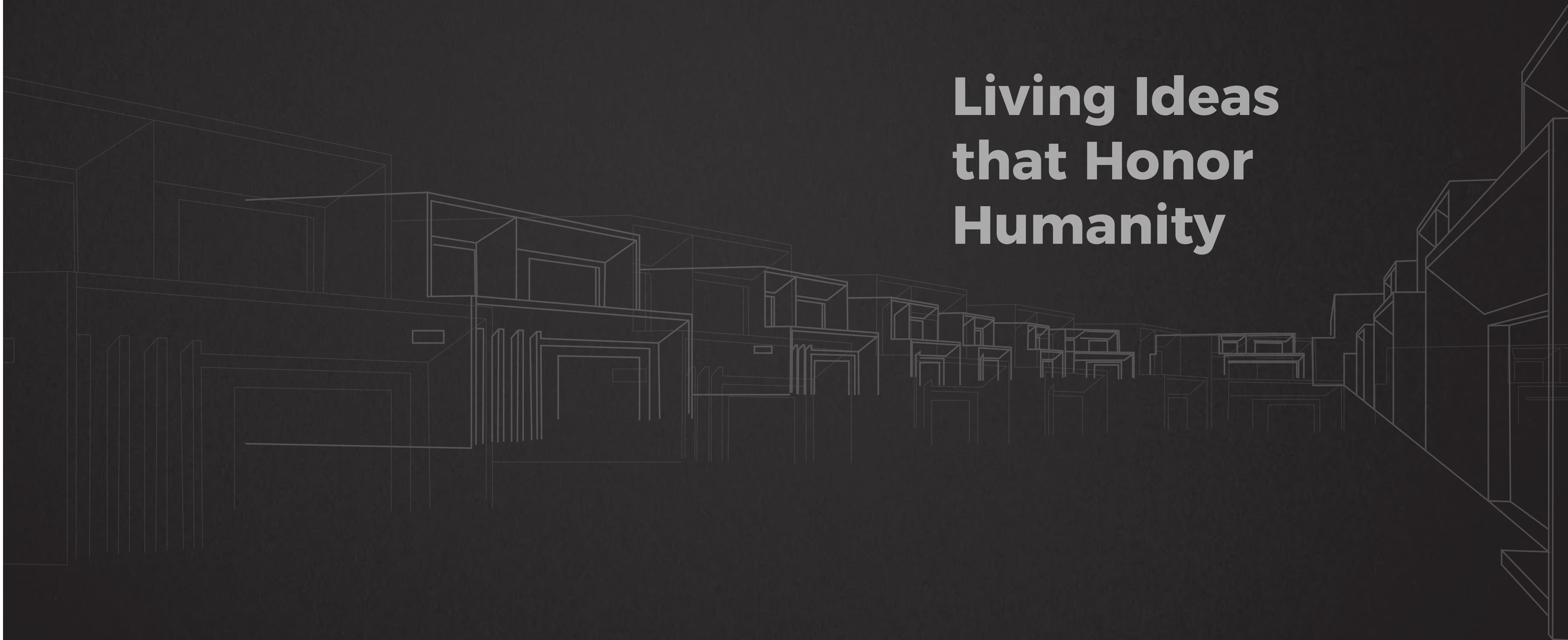


The architecture is at once powerful and quiet, creating space for activity to take center stage. Anchored on carefully thought-out circulation, spaces flow seamlessly from one to the next, reinforcing immersion and memorability.

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Residential

**Living Ideas
that Honor
Humanity**





Anderson Park

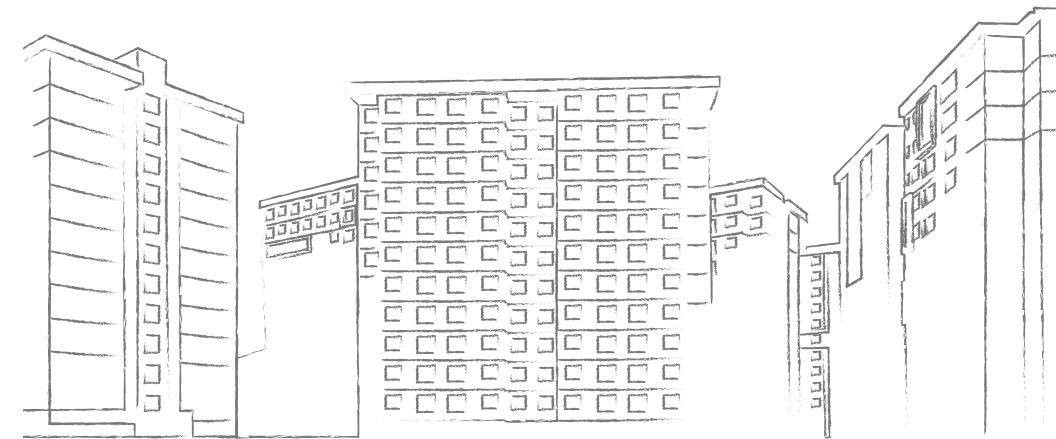
Kisumu, Kenya

Inclusive Revitalization of a Community

Local Authorities Pensions Trust (LAPTRUST) has a history of more than 90 years, when it was established as a pension scheme for employees of the then Local Government Authorities. The basic objectives for Laptrust DB Scheme are to enhance returns while maintaining membership and ensuring a healthy funding level to ensure sustainability.

The 63-year-old Anderson Ofafa Estate in Kisumu was to undergo a facelift thanks to the County Pension Fund and Laptrust Fund. The county authorities intended to embark on a two-year low-cost housing project which came at a time when the city's bulging population continued to pile pressure on housing demand amid an acute shortage of low-cost houses.

The project sat on 6 acre and would comprise of a total of 14,000 1, 2 and 3 bedroom apartments units. Other amenities included shops, landscaped gardens, parking silo and a kindergarden.

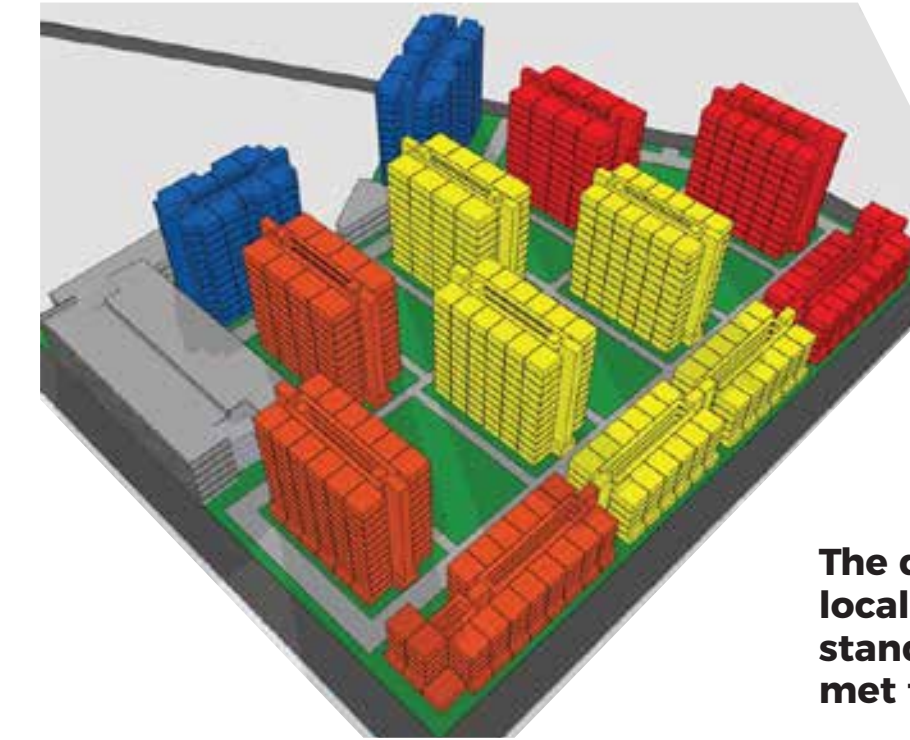


Client
LapTrust

Size
100,000 square metres

Scope
Design, feasibility studies, construction supervision and management services

Year
2020

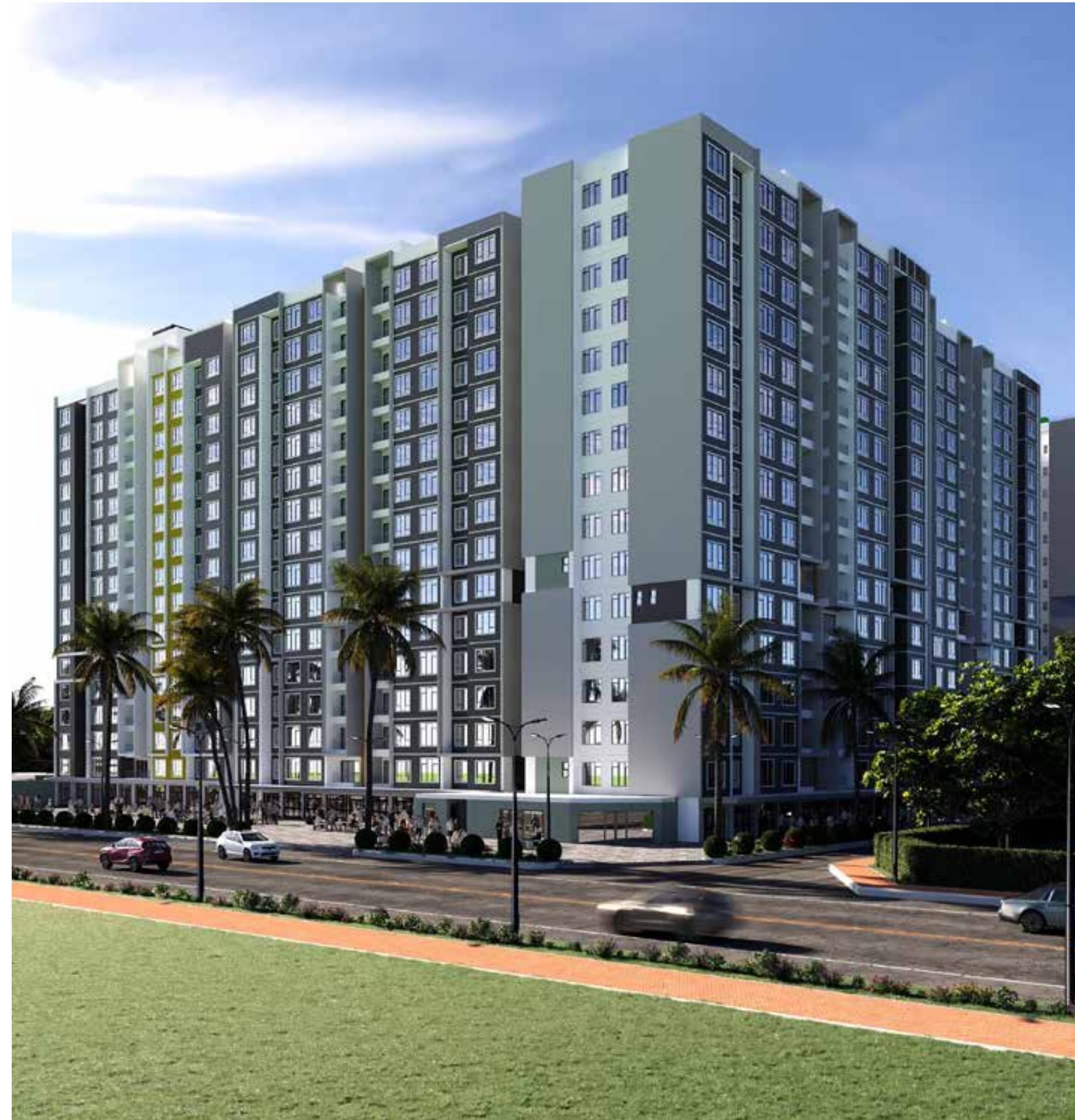


The design needed to cater for local customs and community standards and ensure that it met the needs of its occupants.



Building Expression

The proposed dwelling design unit was evolved from the basic human needs. The unit was complete within itself in a way that provided space for different activities, areas of privacy and possibility for expansion and growth as a continuing design expression.



Landscape Concept

- Affordable & high-performance landscape**
Low cost high value landscape that is able to withstand intense use
- Sustainable + low maintenance**
Ecological and financial sustainability for long term use with minimal maintenance
- Climate friendly landscape**
Planting design that works for the climate of Kisumu
- Flexibility for diverse groups**
Open spaces to be adapted to diverse groups, ages and genders
- Incremental growth**
Ensure continuity in phased implementation of project features





Metro Park Garden

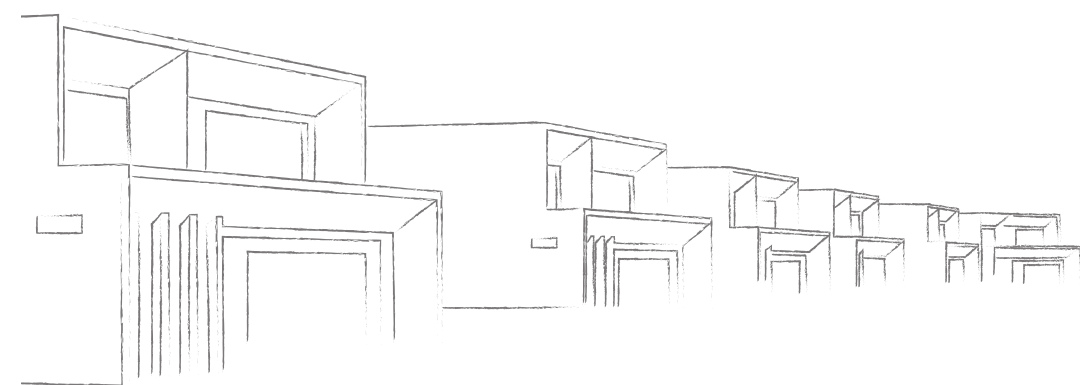
Beaumont, Texas, USA

An Affordable Housing Solution

PDG Consortium, a housing, construction and real estate company based in Texas, had a strategy to enter into Public Private Partnership with the the State of Texas and implement a private sector solution with public sector support that targets a segment of the population currently being under-served. This was to address a shortage of affordable housing across the US, more specifically in the Southeast Texas area, and a high demand for new affordable and replacement homes.

Metropolitan Park will inspire the senses. It will make living less stressful, more enjoyable and enriching. Here, attention to aesthetics and ambiance will abound to create a place without peer. Ample green space and pedestrian-friendly design blend with inspired streetscapes and public spaces to draw attention and create community. State of the art telecommunications and connections for data will connect people and the world.

Offering two, three and four bedroom floor plans ranging from 1,250 to 2,200 square feet, the spacious and well-designed condominiums put a premium on both convenience and comfort.



Client

PDG Consortium LLC

Size

42,000 square metres

Scope

Design, construction supervision and management services

Year

2020

Context-relevant Modernism

The aesthetic for Metro Park Garden was guided by reinterpretations of elements recognized as hallmarks of American modernism, such as roofs supported only by columns, geometric shapes, and minimal angular form carefully crafted on the facade.





The Garden's Givings

Metro Park would feature the following inclusions;

- A residential apartment complex
- Single dwelling residential units
- A hospital
- A shopping centre
- Ample parking

The residential units would boast the following amenities;

- Lush gardens
- Foyers
- Laundry rooms
- Garages
- Home offices
- Walk-in closets
- Swimming pools and pool houses



Unparalleled Value Trajectory

Whether it is a quick stop at the market, dinner on a special occasion, or holiday shopping, Metro Park will feature daily conveniences from banking to bakeries, as well as some of the nation's most in-demand restaurants and retail outlets.

Visitors and residents alike will be drawn to Metropolitan Park's Village Green for its trendy retail offerings or the most convenient office locations in Beaumont's fashionable west end. Others will enjoy the Village Green because it is a family-friendly place, whose leafy canopy invites you to enjoy the outdoors in the midst of town.

On a beautiful afternoon, it may be home to musicians making melody or inspire the senses with artists' colorful creations. Offering close to 30,000 square feet prime retail space surrounding the Village Green, Metro Park will be home to the best shopping experience in Southeast Texas.





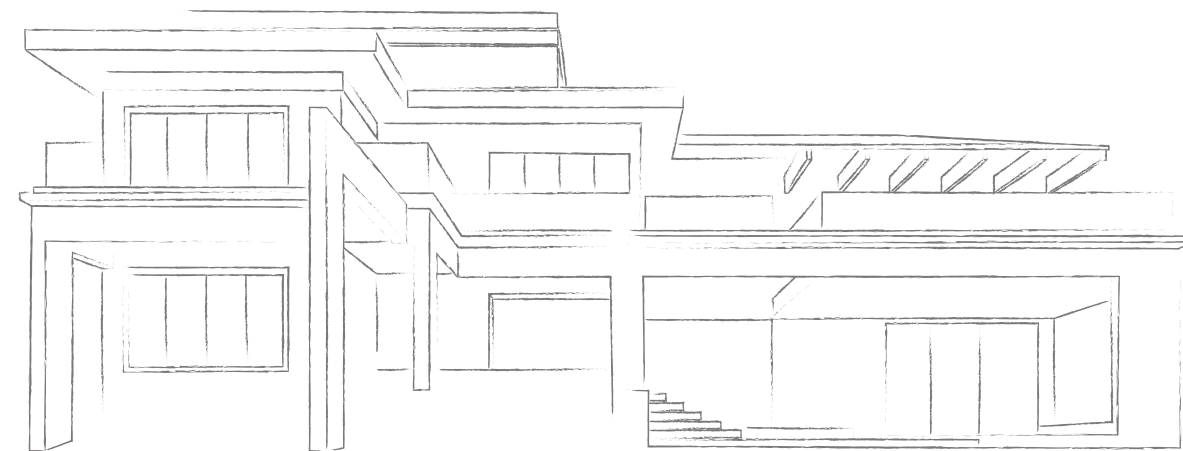
Naserian

Nairobi, Kenya

A Private Sanctuary Away from it All

Local Authorities Pensions Trust (LAPTRUST) has a history of more than 90 years, when it was established as a pension scheme for employees of the then Local Government Authorities. The basic objectives for Laptrust DB Scheme are to enhance returns while maintaining membership and ensuring a healthy funding level to ensure sustainability.

Set against the majestic backdrop of The Ololua Forest in Karen, awaits Naserian accessed from Forest Line Road - a private enclave of 30 luxury residences on 20 acres surrounded by lush scenery and unmatched views. Redefining luxury living, Naserian features expansive homes 6488 sq.ft of open and airy living spaces, natural finishes and large windows designed to showcase breathtaking vistas. The quaint and charming shops and restaurants of Karen are just a few minutes' drive away.

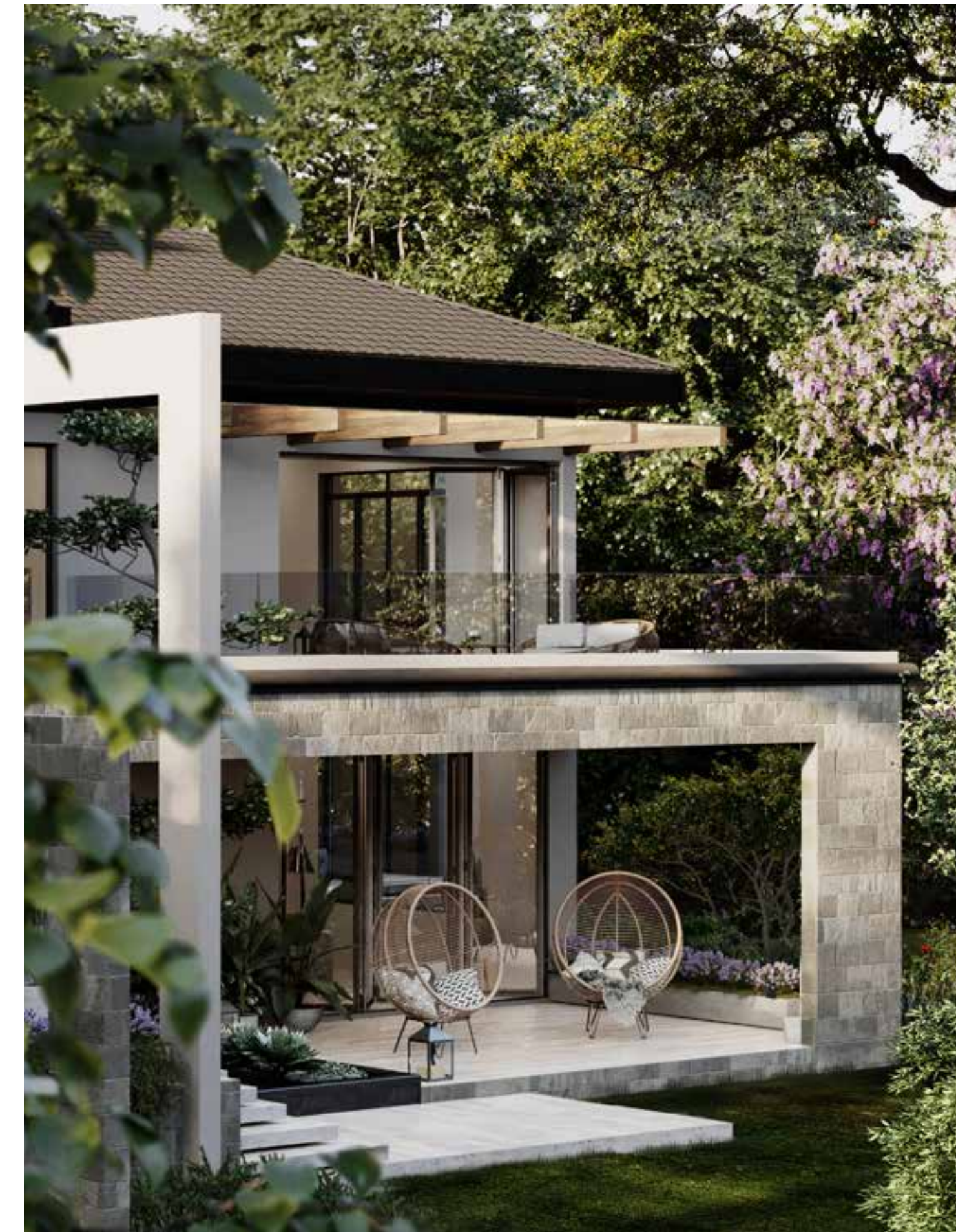


Client
LapTrust

Size
20,000 square metres

Scope
Design, construction supervision and management services

Year
2016



An Unmitigated Sense of Freedom

Naserian is a carefully planned space that incorporates the surrounding landscape which excites the senses while evoking permanence. The development features the following leisure, convenience and security features;

Leisure & Fitness

- Resident's club house
- Visitor's reception & lobby
- Lounge
- Gazebo & fire pit
- Children's play area
- Indoor games room
- Screening room for cinema & even

Security & Convenience

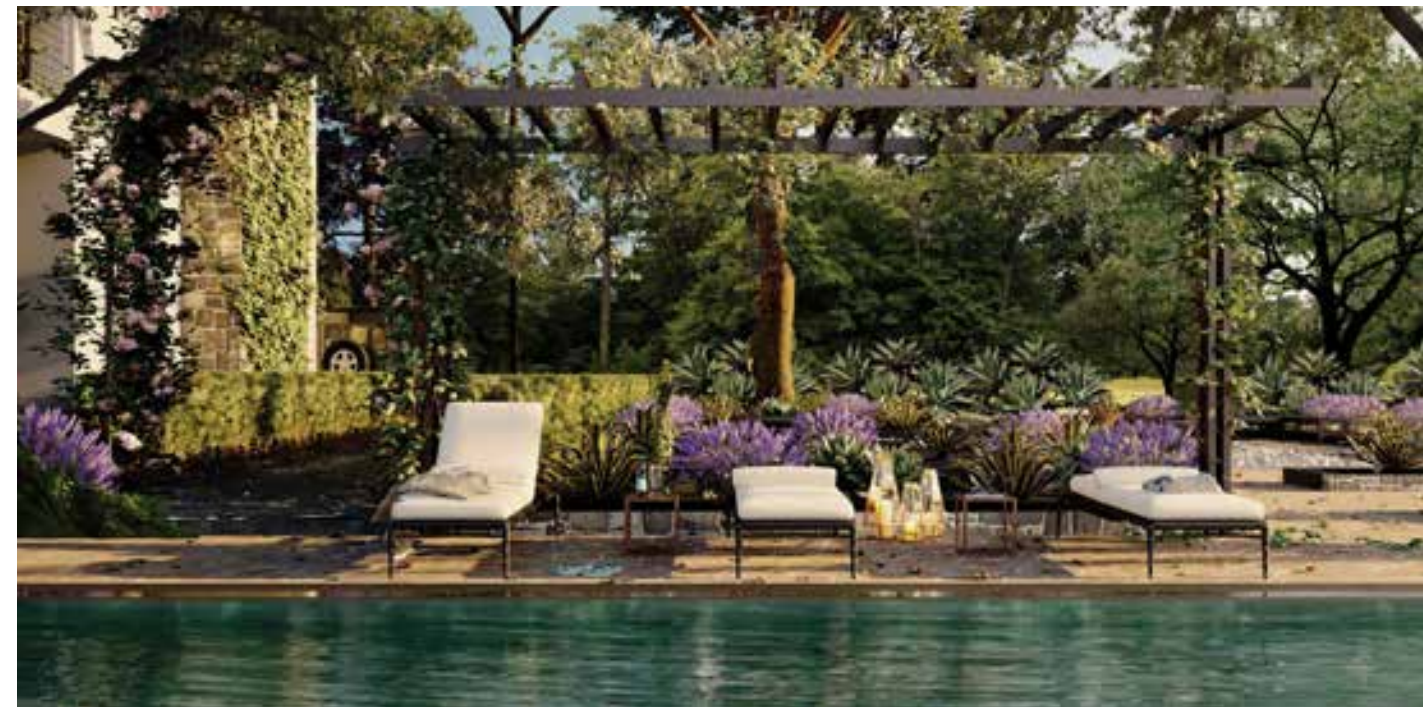
- On-site management office
- Satellite tv & fiber optic
- Cctv surveillance
- Access control facility
- Electric fencing
- Intercom
- Power backup
- Borehole
- Water storage facilities
- Rain water harvesting
- Solar hot water system





A Unified Indoor and Outdoor Experience

Naserian creates a refined and rich experience that is both unexpected and unique by integrating indoor and outdoor amenity spaces. Generous planted greenery invokes biophilia, restores habitat and adds biodiversity.



Challenging the traditional notions of home, the entirety of this bespoke development was designed to maximize health and well-being, provide superior air quality and celebration of views.





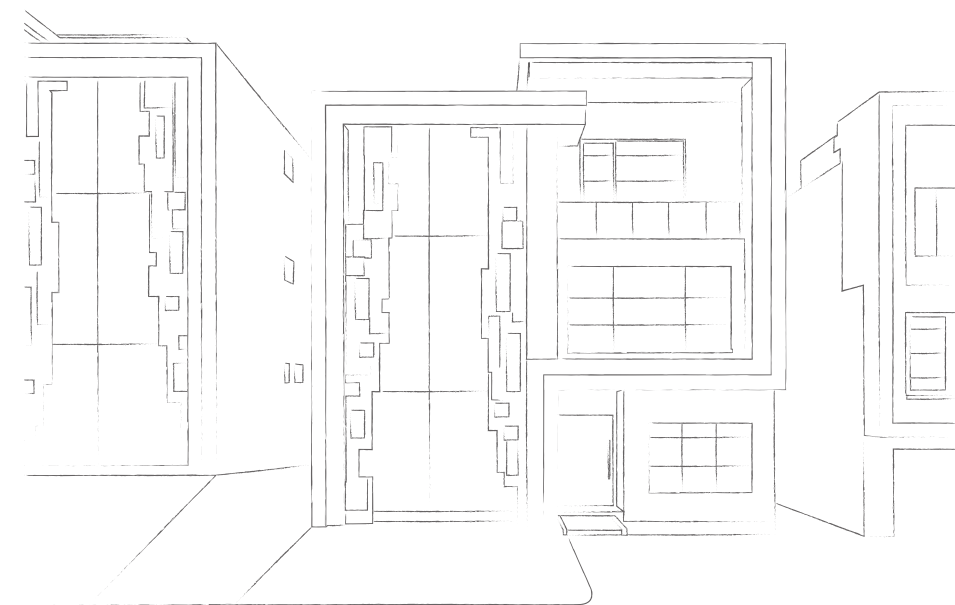
Mzizi Homes

Nairobi, Kenya

A New Standard in Townhouse Design

Securely located in the suburb of Lavington, is Mzizi, a gated community of 10 homes impeccably built over a 1 acre lot privately tucked in the serene environment in one of the most desirable areas within Nairobi. Each 5-bedroom townhouse plus a staff quarter spans over 3,640 square feet and enriches an aura of simplicity with a homely feel allowing one to enjoy the niceties of life within a tranquil location.

With direct access to the diverse social amenities, this exceptional retreat is where timeless design and world-class lifestyle amenities combine to meet the expectations of those who appreciate contemporary luxury living.



Client
Mzizi Homes

Size
4,000 square metres

Scope
Design, construction supervision
and management services

Year
2020

Positioned to be Outstanding

We designed Mzizi Homes as a gated community with tranquility at its heart. Featuring a host of amenities such as Nairobi Jaffery Sports Club and Lavington Mall located nearby, walking and running tracks, shopping centers and schools, the residents get everything they need readily available and within reach.

The development was tailored to offer the highest standards of luxury and comfort, emphasizing stunning green spaces as both an extension of the living spaces and the natural lush surroundings. Each villa would avail amazing views of the surrounding greenery, the finest lifestyle amenities and strikingly exclusive interiors.





Mzizi Homes is a flaunt of meticulous detail incorporated in every square foot. Clean modern finishes contrasted with sweeping openness and complimented by contemporary, elegant finishes to provide exemplary space for living.



A Re-imagining of Home

Inspiring living sense with sheer beauty in design endowed with breathtaking views, Mzizi is a securely located gated community privately tucked in a serene environment.

Each of the townhouses was enriched with an aura of simplicity with a homely feel allowing residents to enjoy the niceties of life within a tranquil location.





Konza City Staff Housing

Machakos, Kenya

Konza Technopolis is a key flagship project of Kenya's Vision 2030 economic development portfolio. Konza will be a world-class city, powered by a thriving information, communications and technology sector, superior reliable infrastructure and business friendly governance systems.

CPF and Laptrust approached us to design and plan out contemporary staff residences that would include different unit types and typologies which ranged from studio units, 1&2 bedroom apartments, 3 bedroom bungalows and 3&4 bedroom maisonettes.

Healthy and sustainable living being fundamental to this housing scheme and thus the project incorporates a menu of outdoor amenity areas, at multiple scales, located at various levels, and range from intimate and private to significant and semi-public.



Client

Konza Technopolis Authority Housing Scheme

Size

42,000 square metres

Scope

Design, construction supervision and management services

Year

2020

Affordable and Inclusive

The Konza staff housing project was largely oriented towards the desire to build spaces that are supportive, inclusive, and give dignity to all. Hence, all of units within the scheme are offered below market rent while staying undifferentiated from market housing.



A Merge of Sustainability and Aesthetic

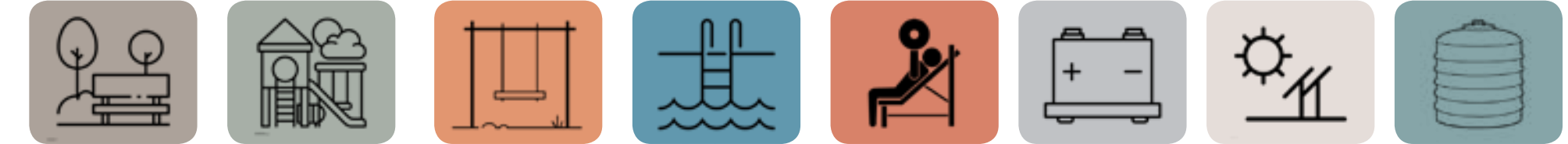
Elevating sustainable design, the Konza Staff Housing project embodies an authentic use of materials, expression of functions, and fabrication capabilities. The simple form is a reimagination of volume utilization, creating a refined and rich experience that is both unexpected and unique.

Every aspect of the residences was considered to provide a comfortable and livable environment, promoting health and well-being to its highest potential. We took full advantage of the site's location orienting the layout to maximize cross-ventilation, natural light, solar gains, and views.



A Wealth of Amenities and Facilities

Some of the services, amenities and facilities accessible to residents include; gym, swimming pool, clubhouse with lounge and restaurant, garden and play area, dhobi/utility area including provisional location for washing machine, covered entry porch, garden level terrace and balconies, provision for inverters, solar water heating for the bathrooms, provisional location for underground water tank and reserve water tank.



Each unit in this housing scheme sensitively responds to the small, compact nature of the site, balancing privacy and the kind of need for social connection that creates a community.



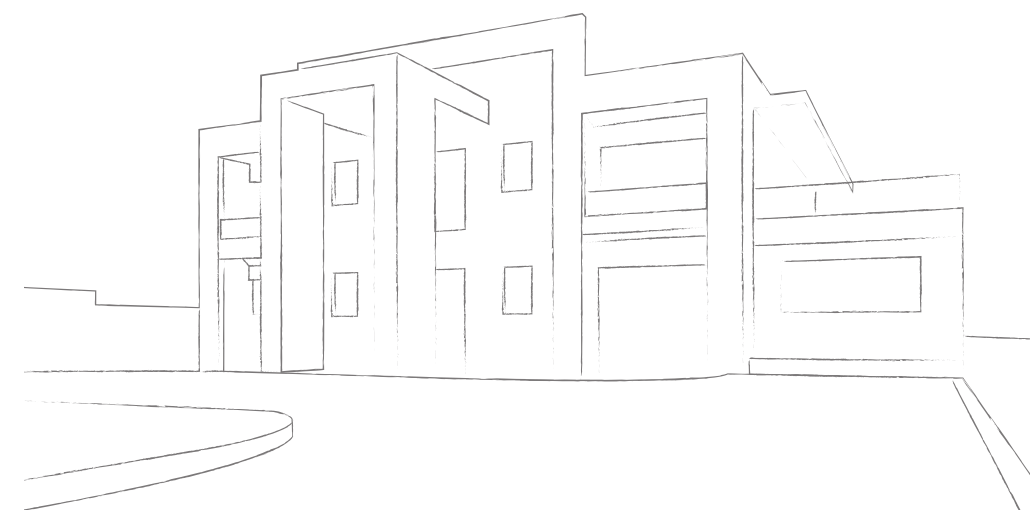
GN Residence

Kiambu, Kenya

Rethinking Home

The GN residence is a private residential dwelling that employs modern architectural expression while not forgetting classic tones through extravagant scale and a bold use of minimal material language. The building's overall form is modular, assembled using simplistic rectilinear geometry that both decorates and contrasts with its lush immediate peri-urban environment.

The interiors feature large-format windows that allow the space to adapt to external light cycles while providing sweeping views of the surrounding greenery. Materials and finishes were carefully selected to feed a timeless look and feel to the residence while keeping it minimal, sustainable and easy on the environment.

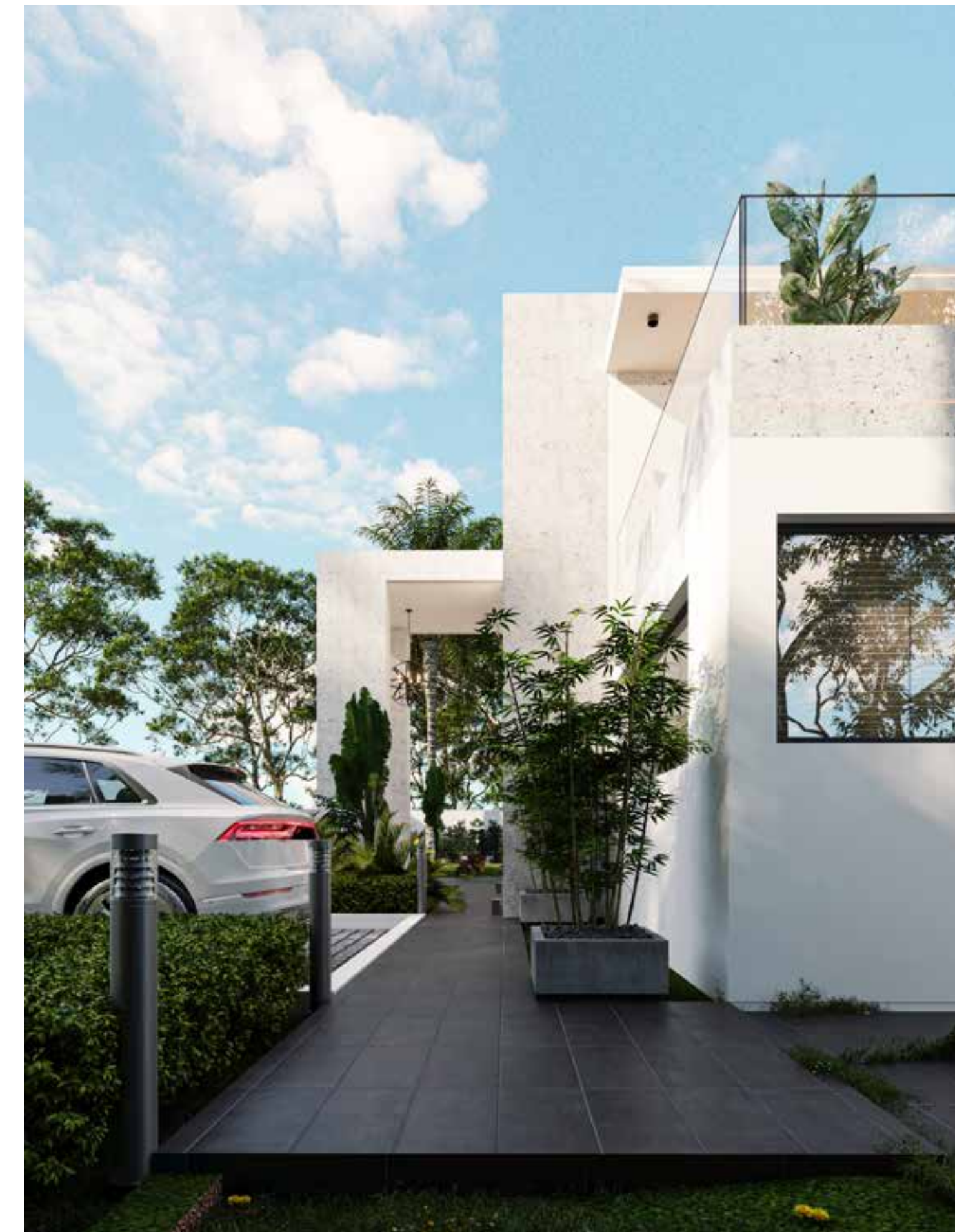


Client
Private Residence

Size
800 square metres

Scope
Design, construction supervision and management services

Year
2022



The GN residence features a rooftop balcony dining and lounging area, outdoor terrace, home office space, a family room, walk-in closets, prayer room, smart chimneys, panic rooms, gym space and a cinema/ gaming room.





With the goal to provide a rich homely experience of safety, comfort and ease, all spaces are focused on the level of seamless transition that fills occupants with a sense of freedom, reception and warm familiarity.



Sitting on a sloping site, the GN residence is a boast of minimal modular geometry clad in a modest but bold material language - the entirety of which sits on a verdant lawn surrounded by lush greenery and sweeping views.

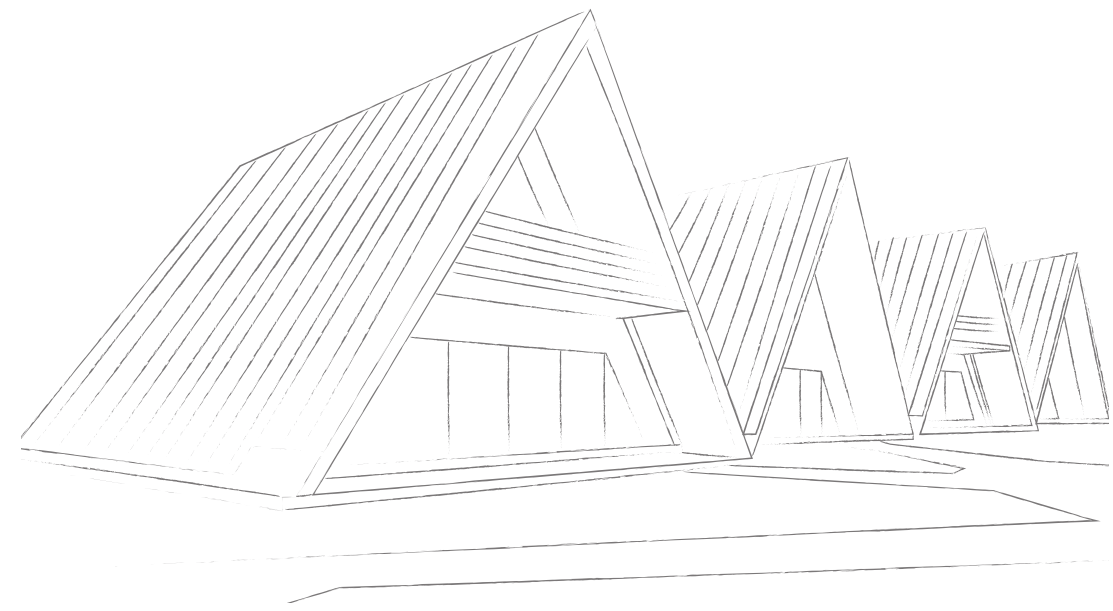


Minka

Nairobi, Kenya

An A-frame house is a style of house characterized by a roof line with steep angles that resembles a triangle, or the letter 'A'. The roof line usually begins at or near the foundation line, with the two sides meeting centrally at the top. A-frame houses are frequently constructed using natural building materials such as stone and timber. They are often built according to architectural styles such as Arts and Crafts, or in keeping with log cabin design.

They tend to be compact, and have a smaller footprint on the first floor. As a result, they are often used as holiday homes or as second homes. Many A-frame houses include a balcony at the upper level, and extensive windows are common, taking advantage of views to the front or rear.



Client
23 Twiga Hills Limited

Size
7,725 square metres

Scope
Architecture, design and management services

Year
2019



The prevalence of A-frame houses surged around the mid-1950s to the end of the 1970s. This was due, in part to the inexpensive materials required for building, but also the adaptability and simplicity of the structure





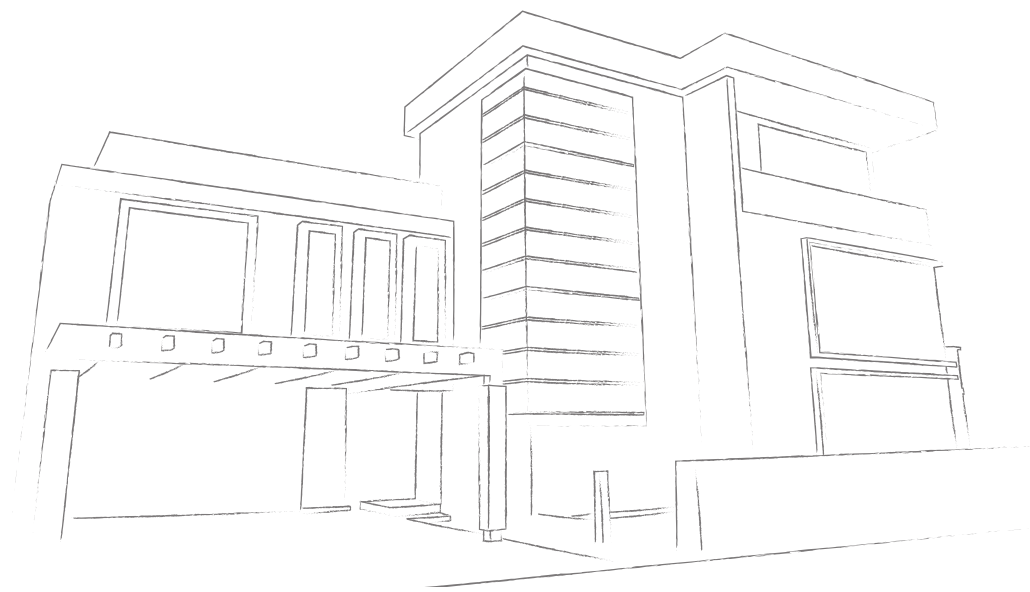
Hempstead Villas

Nairobi, Kenya

Modernism Comes Home

This exquisite upscale development comprises of six en-suite 5-bedroom luxury villas, each across three levels, spread across close to an acre and surrounded by landscaping.

Their modern rectilinear design with large panes of glass and numerous terraces and balconies is clad with local Yellowstone as accentuation against its painted form. The internal arrangement is such that it maximizes each of the units ample 480 square metre footprint.



Client
Hempstead Villas Limited

Size
3,200 square metres

Scope
Architecture, design and management services

Year
2012



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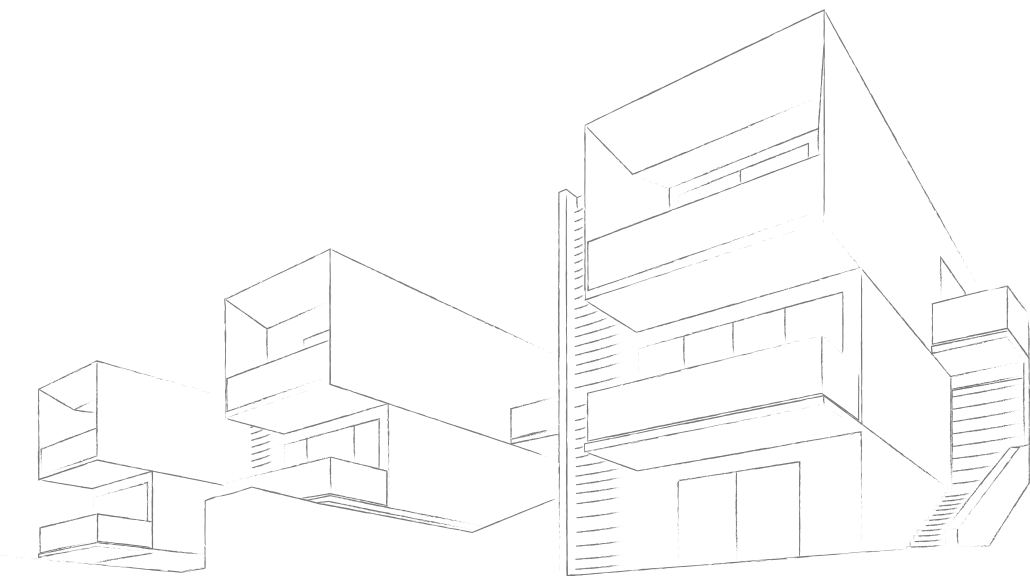
AMH Housing

Kiambu, Kenya

Founded in 2010, African Mission Healthcare (AMH) is a non-profit organization that strategically partners with mission hospitals to support and advance their enduring commitment to provide quality, compassionate care for the hurting and forgotten and to contribute to an improving health system in Sub-Saharan Africa.

AMH was looking to engage a consultant architect for Architectural and Engineering Consultancy Services for the design, supervision, and completion of a three housing units scheme at Maingi-Kijabe, Kiambu County - a region characterized by an established town center, several established trading centers and residential settlement areas. The area also features a mixture of mid-density developments and low-density developments in areas away from the town and trading centers.

The project comprises family homes for staff at AMH and will be for tenant hire. The units are to be contemporary 4-bedroom + DSQ stand-alone maisonettes with ample compound area.



Client

African Mission Healthcare

Size

2,000 square metres

Scope

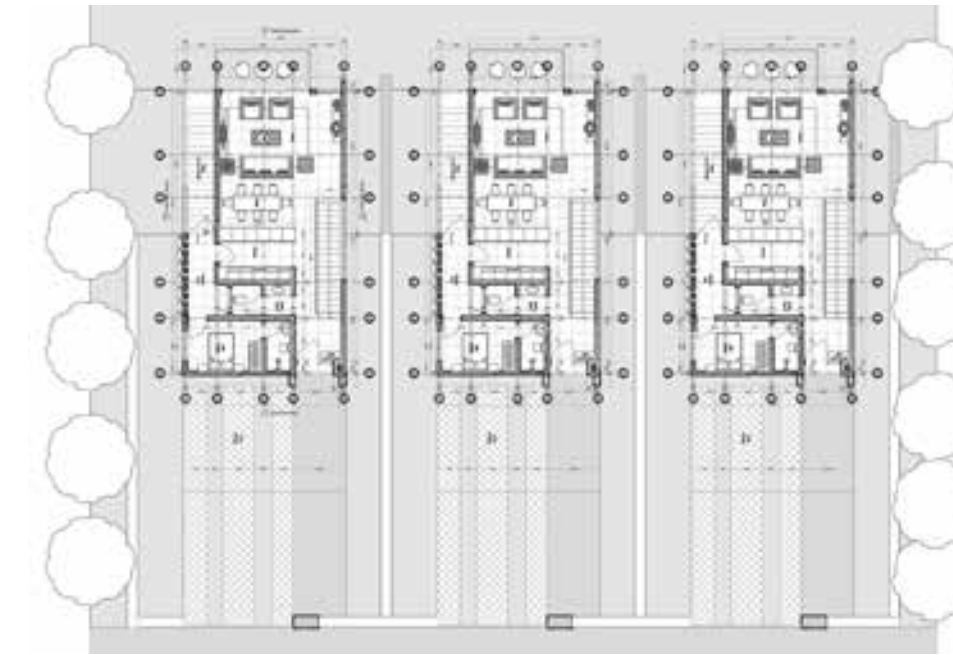
Architecture, design and management services

Year

2023

Simple but Significant

The AMH housing project is largely anchored on a desire to build spaces that are supportive, inclusive, and give dignity to all. Hence, all of units within the scheme are offered below market rent while staying undifferentiated from market housing.





Design Principles

- **Orientation:** Orientation of the units has been done to take advantage of the views to the Rift Valley
- **Open Floor Plans:** The units have open floor plans that take advantage of the views. Large windows and glass walls facing the Rift Valley will allow residents to enjoy the scenery
- **Modular Design:** Use of modular construction techniques to streamline the building process and minimize disruption to the site during construction
- **Safety Measures:** Implementation of safety measures such as retaining walls, erosion control, and fire safety considerations to mitigate risks associated with the steep slope



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06

Hospitality



**Lifestyle
-inspired
Places of
Memory**



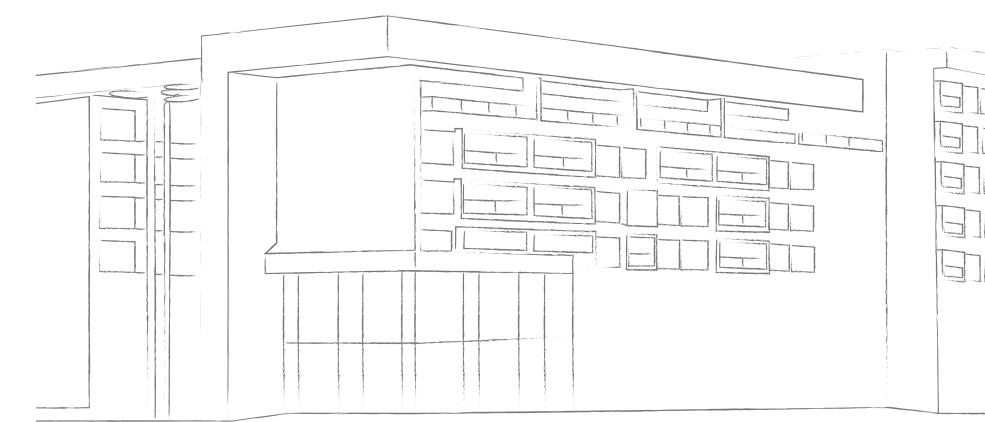
Zambarau

Nairobi, Kenya

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Zambarau is the Kiswahili word for the colour purple. It is derived from the violet leaves of the numerous jacaranda trees that inhabited the site and is most evident as a bold violet streak running across the entire building. The tree analogy is further enhanced in the column design and interior design elements.

This comprehensive hotel apartment development is made up of 48 one-bedroom, 80 two-bedroom, 4 three bedroom and 4 duplex units with the purple lounge at the rooftop and other amenities on the lower three levels.



Client

Britam Holding PLC

Size

24,600 square metres

Scope

Design, construction supervision and management services

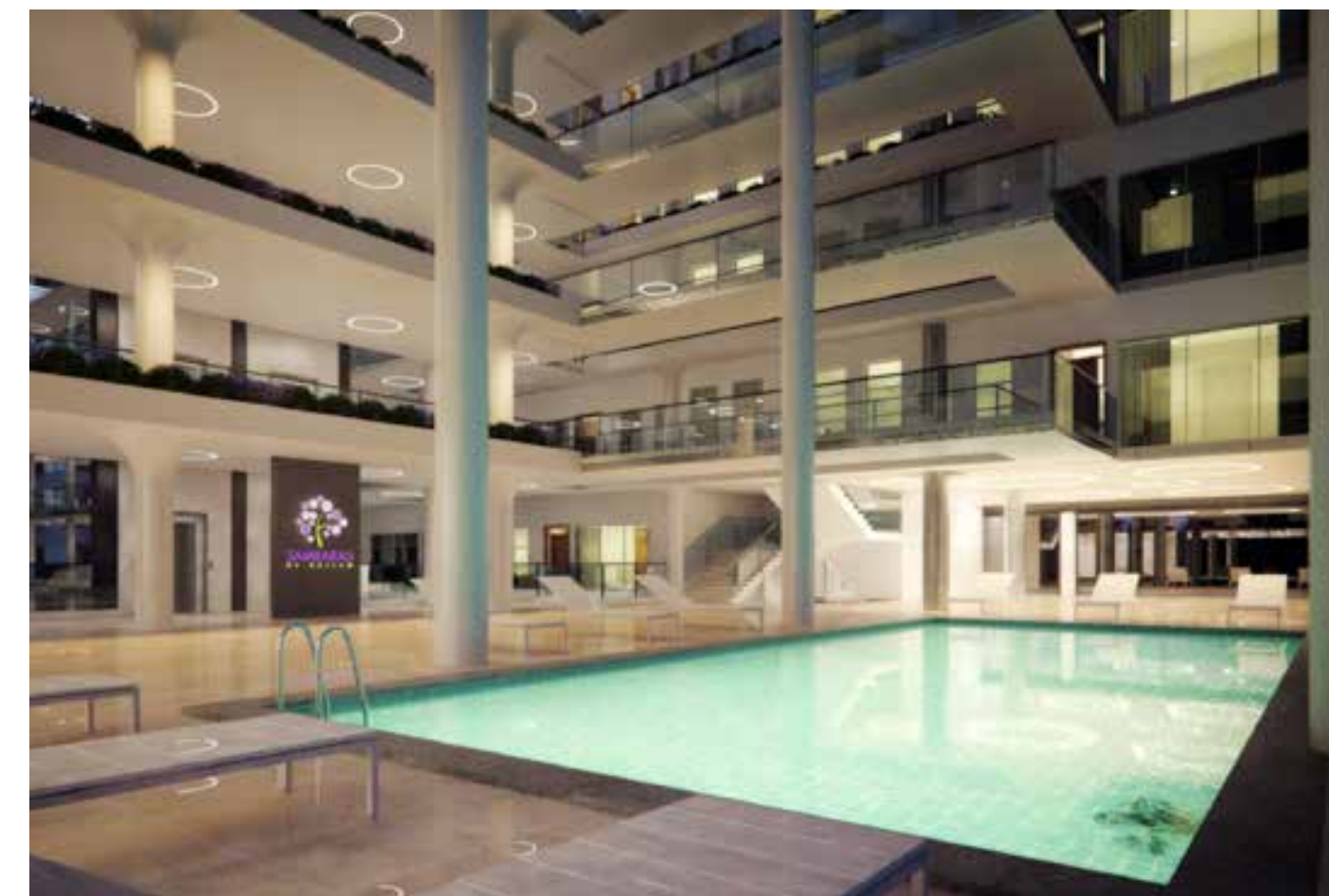
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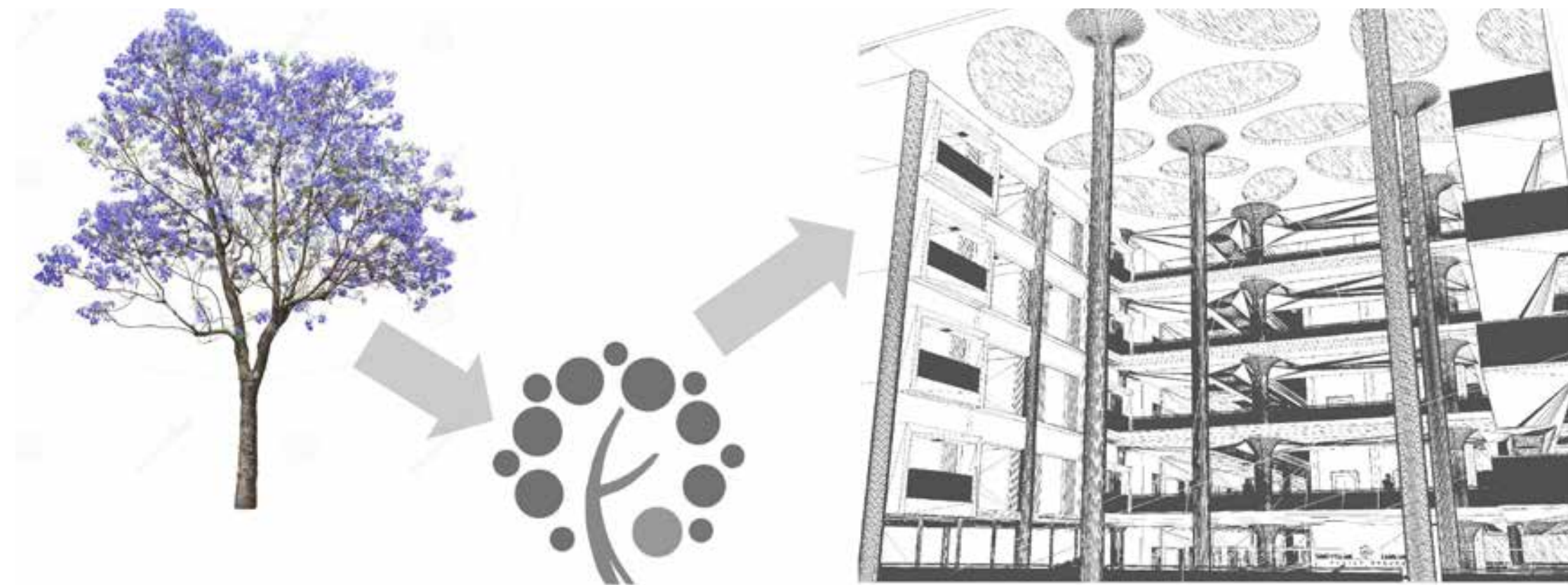
2014

An Vibrant Biophilic Spirit

Inspired by nature, the building's form internally and externally replicated a flower and strengthened the connection through seamless interior design and thoughtful application of materials.

The use of natural light, natural materials and design techniques that referenced movements that occur in nature, make the space feel like a living, breathing organism, bringing occupants closer to the natural environment.





Interior detailing subtly employ unique architectural flow celebrating organic forms of floral geometry



Prominent Display

Zambarau by Britam is conceived as a bold rectilinear solid and glass form; unapologetic yet complementary in it's immediate environment. This stark structure is softened by the introduction of a variety of circular elements infused harmoniously in the design from column details to lighting fixtures.

The circle, a symbol of unity in many African societies, therefore serves to unify the varied design elements creating a welcoming home away from home for the weary traveller.





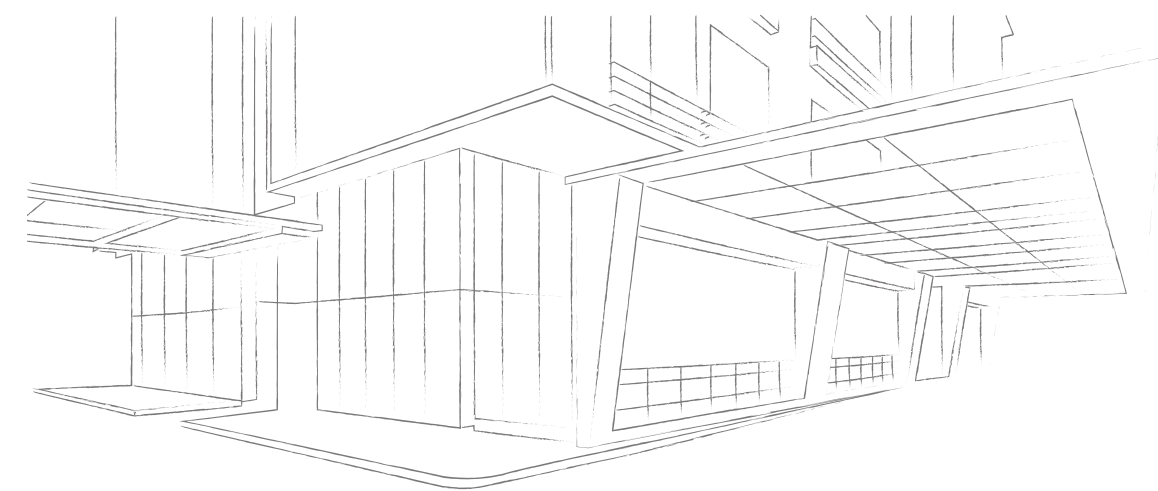
Leinmach Hotel

Nairobi, Kenya

An Intrepid Endeavour

The site's location barely fifteen minutes away from both the Jomo Kenyatta International and Wilson Airports rendered it suitable for development of a boutique hotel targeting the business traveler.

Its deliberate all-white finish, devoid of ornamentation and accentuated only by portions of clear glass, accentuates its eye-catching form. Four typical floors of eight standard and eight deluxe rooms each sit below a rooftop pool and terrace bar with additional ancillary facilities housed on the double height ground floor below.



Client
Leinmach Limited

Size
5,600 square metres

Scope
Design, construction supervision
and management services

Year
2015

Design

The Leinmach is envisioned as a bold solid and glass form, standing out in its immediate environment. This modern, rectilinear feel is enhanced by its all-white finish, devoid of ornamentation. This eye-catching form houses a number of spacious, tastefully furnished and fully serviced standard and deluxe rooms.





Facilities and amenities available include an exquisite customer lounge and expansive bar and restaurant on the ground floor, a full service floor, rooftop pool, restaurant, a terrace and a gym.



A Welcoming Neighbourhood Gem



Positioned between a bustling central business district and a classic residential Nairobi neighbourhood, Leinmach is set to be one of the city's most celebrated restaurants, with a keen intention to offer its visitors a soul-nourishing sense of place.





Spring Green

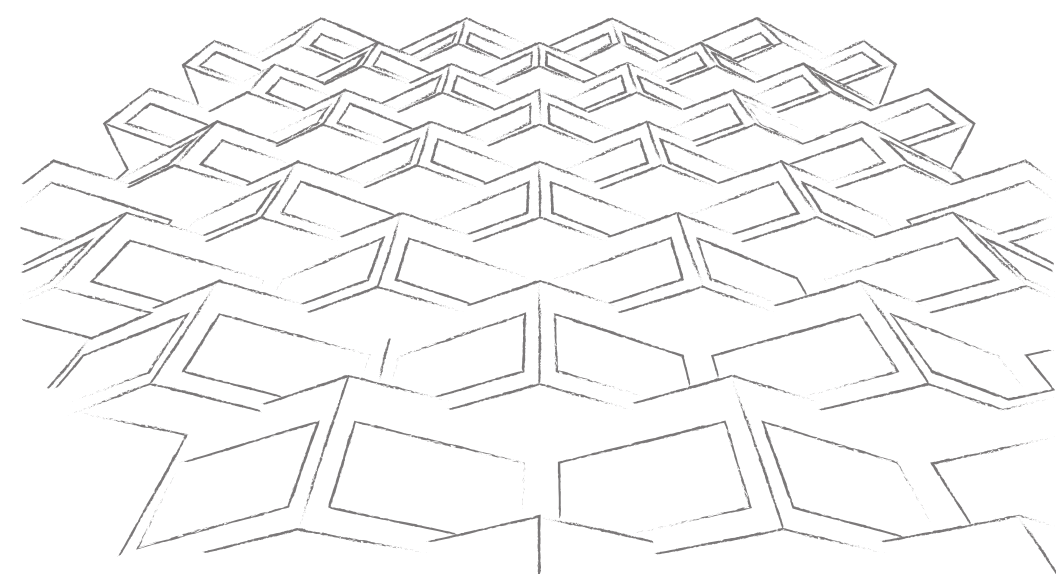
Nairobi, Kenya

A New Height of Ecological Design

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Spring Green derives its saw tooth feel on the main facades as a response to environmental conditions on site, particularly sun path. These offset diagonal panes also provide the opportunity for greenery via planters at every subsequent level. Both measures contribute enormously to the internal comfort of guests in the 24 one-bedroom and 48 two-bedroom units.

Ancillary facilities are housed on the ground and mezzanine floors and include meeting rooms, gym, steam and sauna, management and service areas.



Client

Britam Holding PLC

Size

8,400 square metres

Scope

Design, construction supervision and management services

Year

2016



Concept

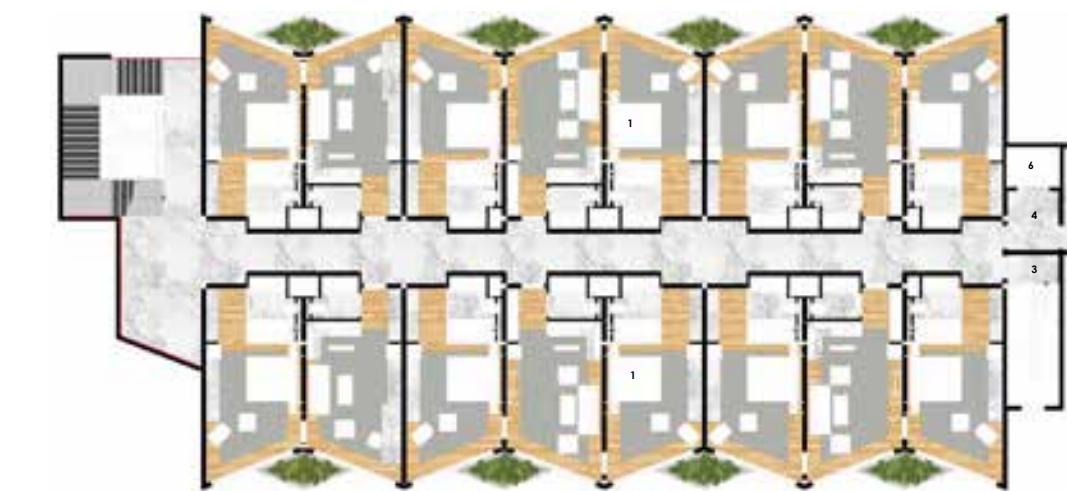
Our concept for Spring Green serviced apartments is a sum of relevant sustainable design initiatives in line with the Client's desire and modern global practice towards environmentally responsive and resource efficient design.

In this respect a number of elements are prevalent throughout the design aimed at;

- **Minimizing the building's life-cycle costs.**
- **Efficient use of energy, water, and other resources**
- **Protection of occupants health**
- **Reduction of pollution and environmental degradation**

These interventions are highlighted in the branding scheme, facade and structural design, spatial organisation and flow and in the ultimate architectural expression that is form. Spring Green's form is a bold play of geometric solid and glass elements, unapologetic yet complementary in equal measure.

This stark structure is softened by the introduction of horizontal accents of brilliant white strips enhancing its overall detail.



Transformative Intent

Our design aimed at providing hotel apartments of the highest standard both functionally and aesthetically. The building's overall efficiency was optimized by maximising usable area and employing various sustainable design initiatives. All this encompassed in a strikingly modern form that seamlessly meshed with its immediate and greater surroundings.

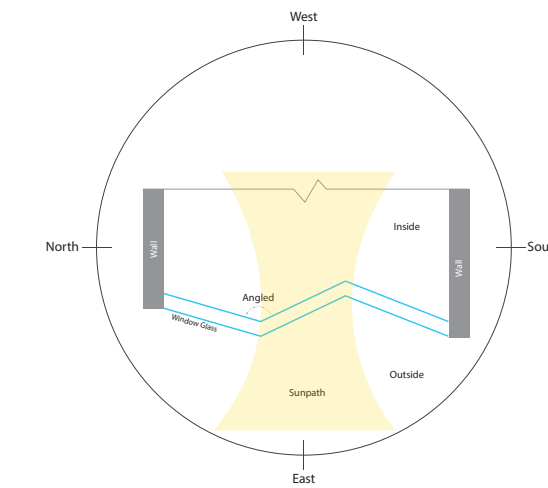


Design-Driven Sustainability

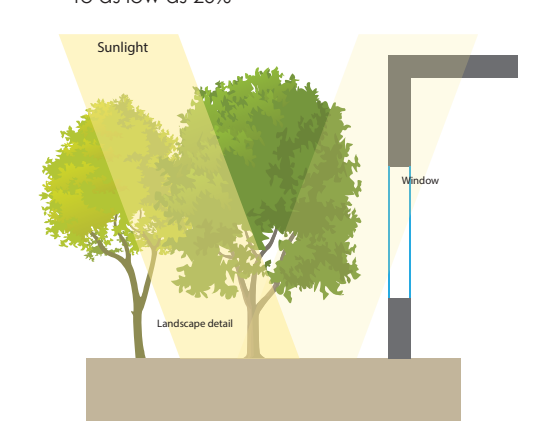
Spring Green incorporated initiatives that are environmentally responsive and resource efficient throughout the building's life-cycles.



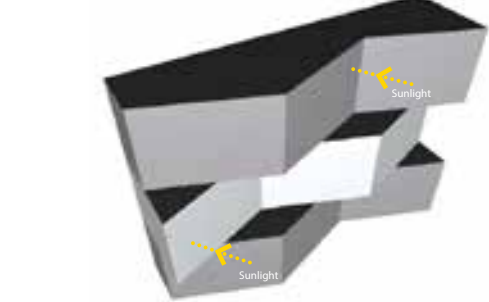
Windows angled to cut down direct entry of sunlight into the interiors.



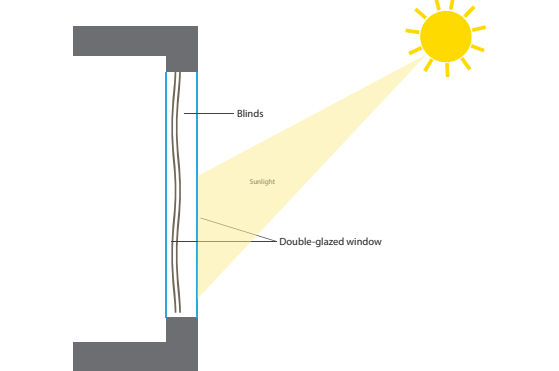
Landscaped garden to cut down reflected radiation hence reducing heat transmission to as low as 20%



Stacked projection to reduce direct afternoon/evening glare while still allowing ambient light into the rooms throughout the day



Double-glazed windows to avoid heat build-up inside the rooms.



Planter positioning on plan



Planter detail



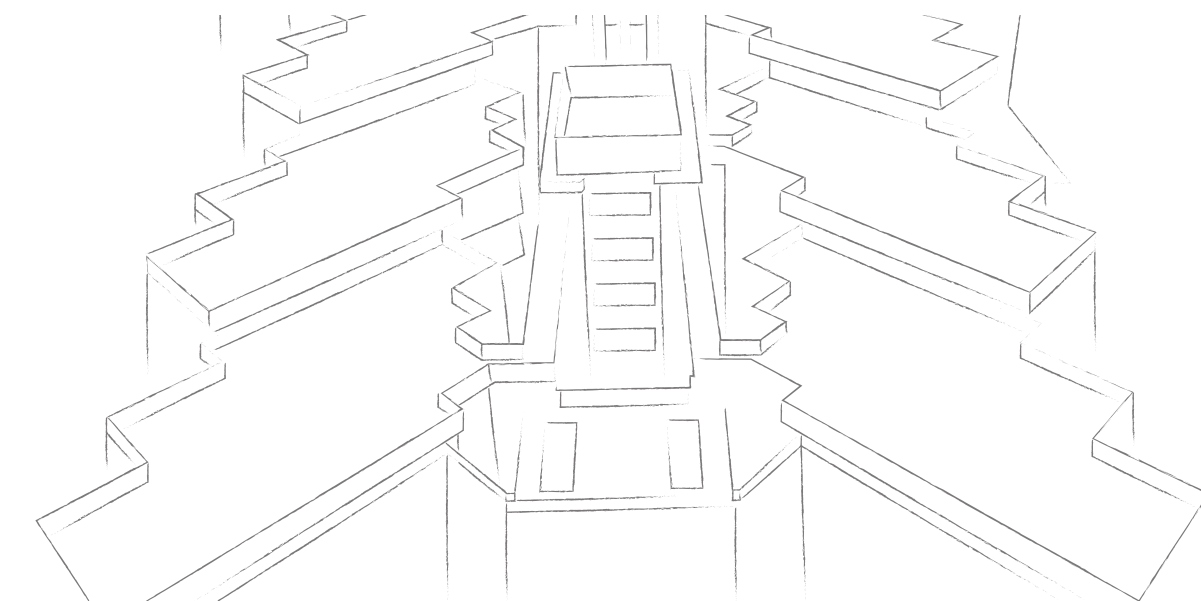


Diamond Ocean Resort

Mombasa, Kenya

This one-of-a-kind development combines ocean front apartment and penthouse suites with a luxurious lifestyle resort centre. Facilities catered for at the resort centre include various fine dining options including a bakery and brewery, a variety of swimming pools, conferencing and convention facilities, state of the art business centre, a comprehensive wellness centre, various other entertainment facilities and a charming clear-water marina.

Our design team, together with the operator and the developer, crafted a unique guest experience where the natural environment is both protected and augmented and where the buildings and the interiors ensure total immersion in this pristine environment.



Client
Diamond Ocean Group

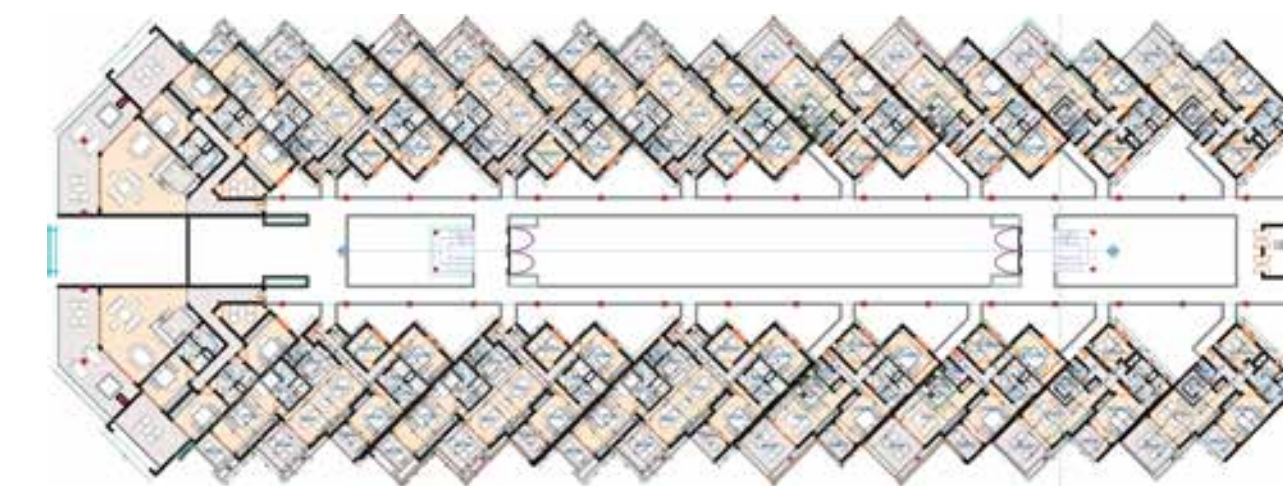
Size
71,000 square metres

Scope
Design, construction supervision and management services

Year
2011

An Unforgettable Experience for Guests

Right on the edge as a stunning beach resort, Diamond Ocean drew inspiration from coastal cultural heritage, aimed to respect the vernacular and deferred to the stunning natural landscapes of the surrounding context.



The building's form created the perfect canvas for luxurious interiors that evoke a sense of calm and wellness through a simple and elegant material palette that enhance the architectural expression through framed views and indirect lighting.



Our design team was able to put together a design that positioned the resort as a progressive and competitive installment in a region flooded with a vast number of similar developments.





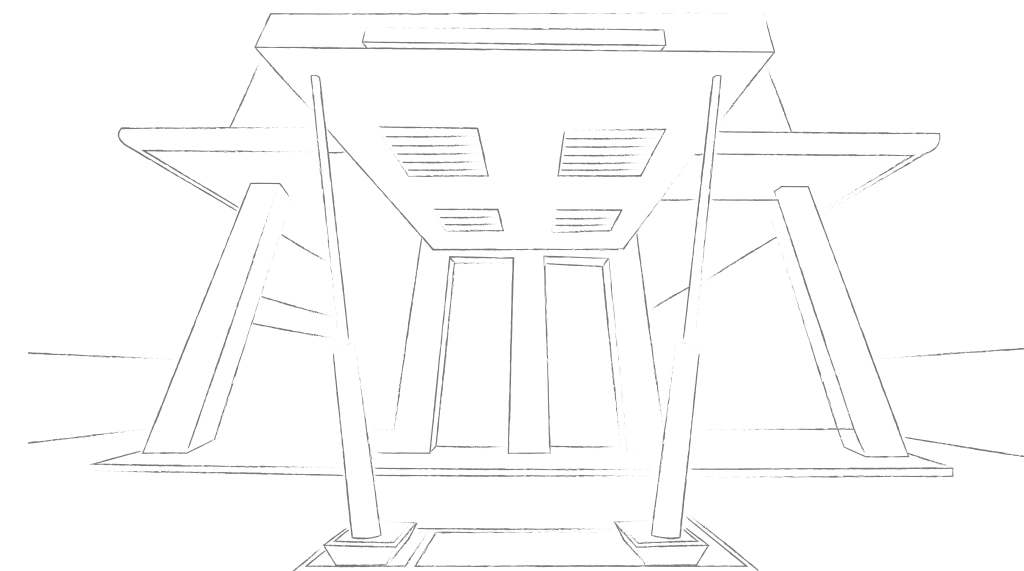
Golden Tulip

Nairobi, Kenya

Groupe du Louvre is a French company, headquartered in Village 5, La Défense in Nanterre, France that owns the European hotel brands Première Classe, Campanile, Kyriad, Kyriad Prestige, Tulip Inn, Golden Tulip, and Royal Tulip. Since 2009, the Golden Tulip hotels were integrated into the group following their purchase of Golden Tulip Hospitality Group.

Golden Tulip Westlands Nairobi, is a premium hospitality destination located on Muthithi Road, Westlands in close vicinity to the Nairobi Central Business District. The tastefully designed 96-room four-star hotel at the heart of Nairobi's vibrant commercial and entertainment epicenter boasts a rooftop pool, sky bar, a full-fledged business centre and 3 restaurants among other common facilities accessible by guests.

The development continues a time-withstanding legacy of availing a world-class showcase of entertainment, lifestyle, and unmatched amenities while boasting an immersive experience, identity and personality boldly communicated through a carefully curated material language in both its exterior and interiors.



Client
Groupe du Louvre

Size
5,600 square metres

Scope
Design, construction supervision
and management services

Year
2012

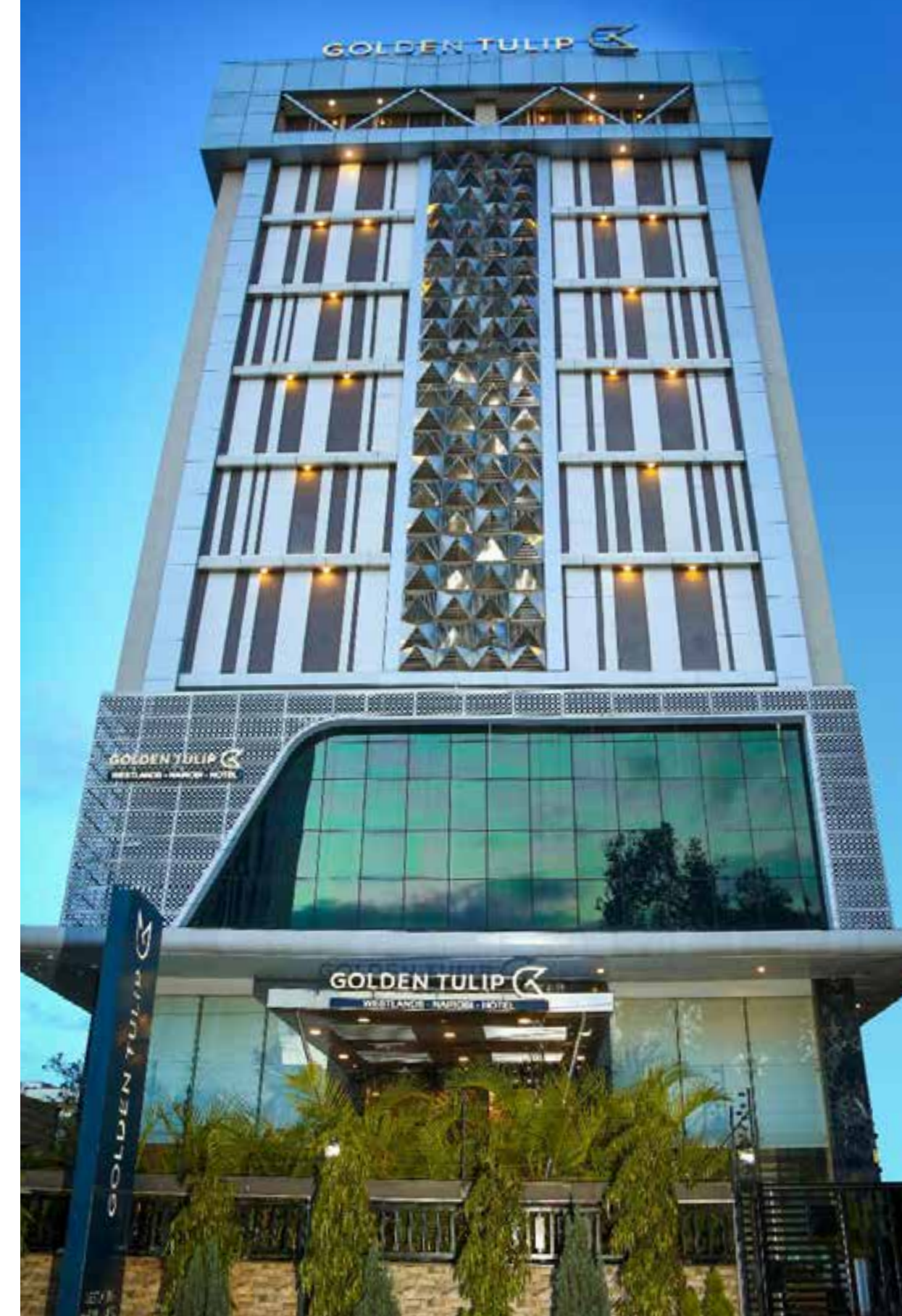


Acting as a social anchor and catalyst for social connections fused with a rich hospitality experience, Golden Tulip is purposefully designed to invite, inspire and transform its guests.



Exemplary Host, Ideal Space

Golden Tulip considers every aspect of an experience for their guest; body, mind and spirit. Being a thoughtful upscale hospitality destination, they also provide a soul-nourishing sense of place coupled with interesting intricate detail that elevates the spirit - seamless daybreak-to-sunset experience in comfort, connection and commune.



We worked closely with the client to create a space that is comfortable and inviting for their guests through an immersive architectural language that responds with sensitivity and elegance.



07

Master-Planning

**Revitalizing
Communities,
Infrastructure and
the Environment**

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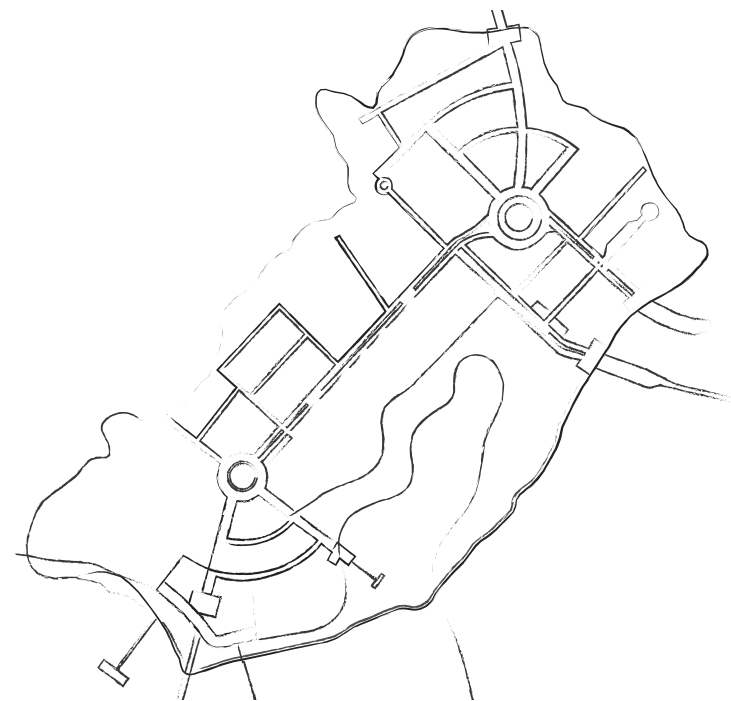


Riwa Special Economic Zone

Homa Bay County, Kenya

Homa Bay County is located in Southwestern Kenya, along Lake Victoria, and is strategically positioned with a population of over 1 million people. It's surrounded by Migori County to the south, Kisii County to the southeast, Nyamira County to the east, Siaya County to the north and Kisumu County to the northeast. The region boasts of vast natural resources, including fertile agricultural land, abundant fishery resources, and a highly skilled workforce, providing a solid foundation for industrial development.

An effort of the Homa Bay County Government, the overall objective of the special economic zone is "To encourage expansion of investment by private sectors with increased foreign direct investment (FDI) to Homa Bay County, and give favorable impact on the economy and industry toward enhancement of industrial competitiveness and structural adjustment to investment-driven economic growth." The SEZ's goals include; attracting local and foreign investment into the county, increasing export earnings, facilitating technology transfer, enabling growth and development of SMEs and promotion of regional integration.



Client

Homa Bay County Government

Size

536 acres

Scope

Architecture, planning, management, advisory, landscape

Year

2023

Site Positioning & Suitability

The proposed site is approximately **13km from Homa Bay CBD**, and it covers an area of **536 acres**, with a width of approximately 1.4km and a length of 4km to the lake. **It is easily accessible via road and air**, being only 4km off the tarmac road. The slope is relatively flat with black cotton soil, with river on site - **River Riwa**.

The county government has identified this land as suitable for SEZ development and is committed to make this a reality.



Size and Configuration

536 acres, ample space for industrial, commercial, educational, hospitality and residential developments, provides flexibility in layout and zoning, accommodating various types of industries and supporting infrastructure.



Topography and Soil

Site is of relatively flat topography, advantageous for construction and development, simplifies creation of infrastructure and utilities. Black cotton soil also advantageous due its stability and load-bearing capacity.



Accessibility

Accessible via a class C road, 4 kilometers away from a tarmac road ensuring easy transportation of goods and services to and from the SEZ by reducing logistical challenges for businesses operating within the zone.



Natural Features

Site's proximity to River Riwa provides a natural boundary and scenic features, neighboring Kokdhimu hot spring can be leveraged as a tourist attraction or potential geothermal energy resource.



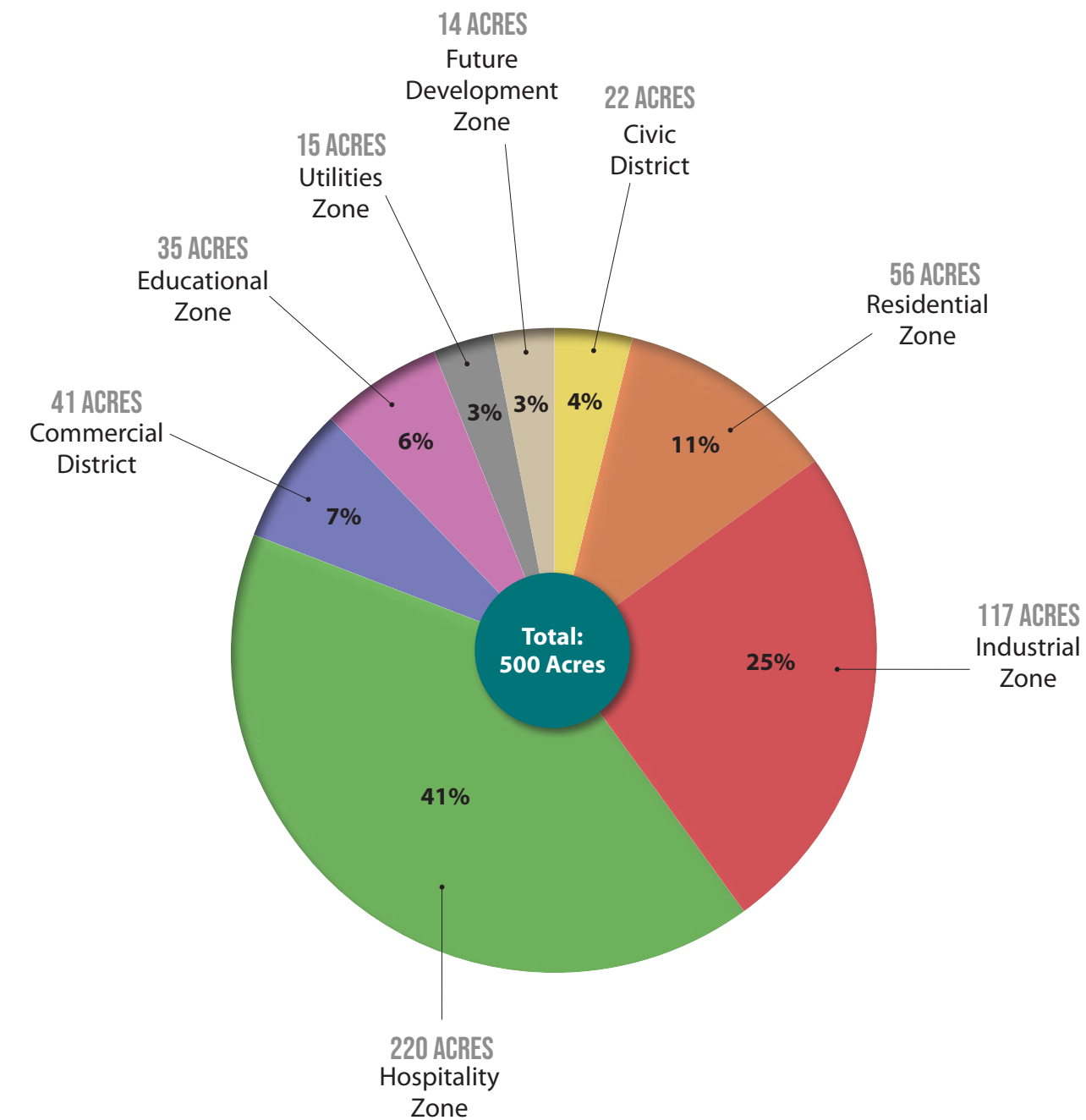
Zoning

The SEZ will be divided into various zones, each with a specific focus on a particular industry or sector. The zones will be as follows; light industrial zone, eco- tourism, commercial & retail district, educational, medical centre, residential, transport, civic district zone, and utilities.

The infrastructure required for the SEZ will include roads, water supply, power supply, communication networks, and waste management systems. These infrastructure components will be designed and developed in a manner that ensures sustainability and environmental responsibility.



The master plan will be developed through a consultative process involving key stakeholders, including the county government, private investors, and the local community.



Significance of the SEZ



Economic Development

The proposed Special Economic Zone is meant to drive economic growth and development in Homa Bay County. By designating Homa Bay as an SEZ, the aim is to stimulate economic activities and attract investments to the region.



Industrial Diversification

The Homa Bay SEZ will serve as a catalyst for diversifying the local economy. By attracting a range of industries and businesses, the SEZ will help reduce dependence on specific sectors or traditional industries, such as agriculture.



Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)

The SEZ will act as a magnet for foreign direct investment. The establishment of the Homa Bay SEZ will attract both domestic and international investors looking for favorable business environments.



Job Creation and Poverty Alleviation

One of the primary goals of the Homa Bay SEZ is to generate employment opportunities. By attracting investments and establishing businesses within the SEZ, there is potential for significant job creation.



Export Promotion

The Homa Bay SEZ will serve as a hub for export-oriented manufacturing, processing, or service industries, leveraging the region's competitive advantages. By promoting exports, the SEZ will contribute to foreign exchange earnings, trade balance improvement, and integration into the global economy.



Infrastructure Development

The Homa Bay SEZ will provide an impetus for infrastructure development in the region, benefiting not only the SEZ but also the surrounding areas. Improved infrastructure will enhance connectivity, logistics efficiency, and the overall investment climate.



Technology Transfer and Innovation

Special Economic Zones often attract advanced technology and innovation-driven industries. By promoting technology transfer and innovation within the Homa Bay SEZ, local industries will benefit from knowledge spillovers, skill development, and the adoption of advanced production methods.

Climate and Environmental Considerations

All zones within the Homa Bay SEZ will feature an array of environmental and climate considerations which will include:



Sustainable building design



Implementation of water-saving measures



Incentives for green investments



Regulatory framework for emissions and pollution



Set emission limits and waste disposal standards



Incorporation of green spaces and urban vegetation



Implement smart transportation solutions



Integration of renewable energy sources



Promotion of ecotourism and nature-based activities



Development of climate-resilient infrastructure



Establishment of climate-responsive governance policies



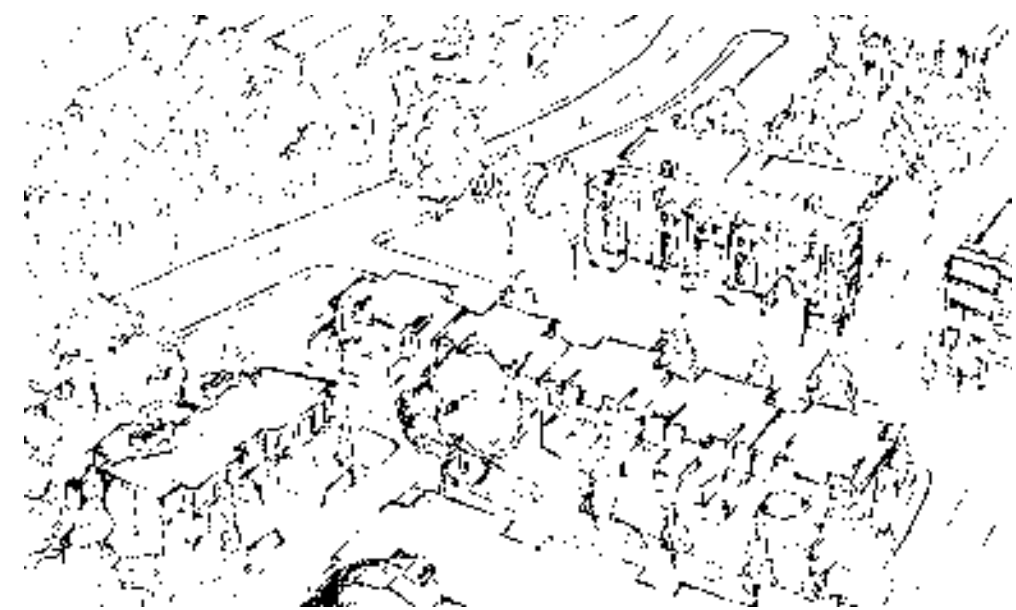
Tilisi

Nairobi, Kenya

Tilisi Developments is a Kenyan based property development and construction company founded in 2015 offering business, lifestyle and leisure in one place.

Our team participated in architectural visualization for the master plan providing for fully-serviced parcels of land of various acreages with world class infrastructure for investor purchase and development. These are distributed into distinct zones such as residential, commercial, recreational and light industrial.

The Tilisi Masterplan was designed to incorporate all the amenities and facilities to ensure buyers got the best of both worlds; an urban experience in a serene location. As a master-planned and managed development with quality infrastructure, Tilisi comprises logistics and light industrial, residential, educational, medical, recreational, hospitality, commercial and retail uses, ultimately offering an all encompassing corporate and community experience.



Client
Tilisi Developments PLC

Size
400 acres

Scope
Architectural visualization

Year
2014



Tilisi is a masterful result of purposeful weaving of urban, social and infrastructural fabric. It also establishes opportunities for creating greater, more meaningful connections between people, convenience, security and comfort.





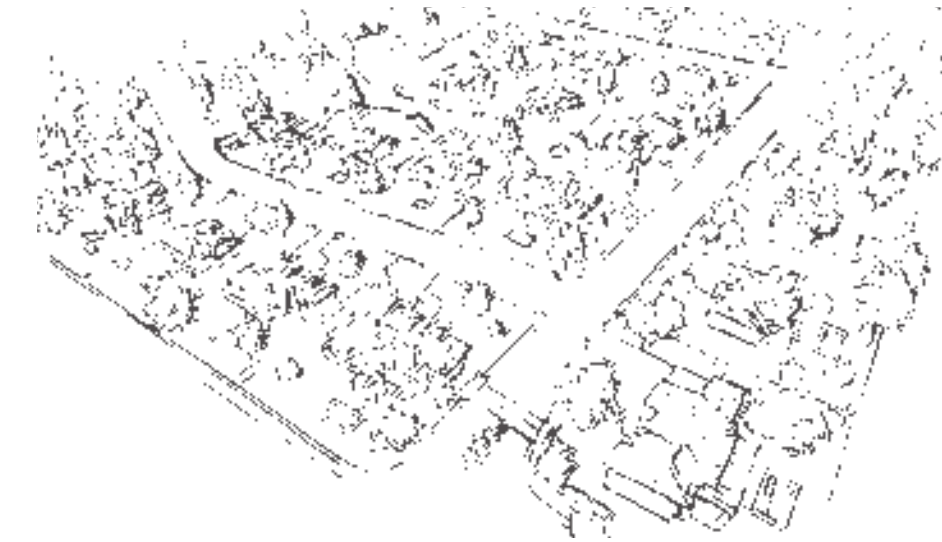
Karen Hills

Nairobi, Kenya

Lordship Africa is a leading international real estate development and investment company based in Nairobi, Kenya. It is a subsidiary of the lordship group which was established more than 25 years ago in Central Europe.

Their development, Karen hills was envisioned as a luxury housing development that meets the highest standards of quality and comfort for the discerning home owner. The scheme's planning is a mesh of strikingly modern forms in both terraced and semi-detached housing configurations connected via the main transport artery that loops through the entire development for ease of both vehicular and pedestrian circulation.

The development consists of differently designed typological villas that each sit on 1 acre of land. A modular design employed for all the units gives the advantage of them being interchangeable as development progresses based on prevailing conditions such as market preference or construction cost. Use of different accent colours for houses in different typological phases and landmark plants in the various green spaces serve as points of orientation in addition to giving individual phases a sense of belonging.



Client
Lordship Africa

Size
60 acres

Scope
Design, construction supervision
and management services

Year
2015

Sustainability

To ensure sustainable housing and living environment, several 'green' solutions have been put in place. The myriad of open green spaces, both small and expansive, littered throughout the development together with other landscape features such as planter screens maintain a large green footprint. Minimizing of hardscapes as opposed to soft landscaping also goes towards managing surface run-off, cutting down on reflected radiation and providing cooling parks for recreation.

Other features such as use of solar energy for heating of water and lighting of common areas, treating of waste water for reuse for gardening, flushing and washing of vehicles and use of locally available materials with low embodied energy also go a long way towards reducing the development's life cycle costs.





Green Grove Homes

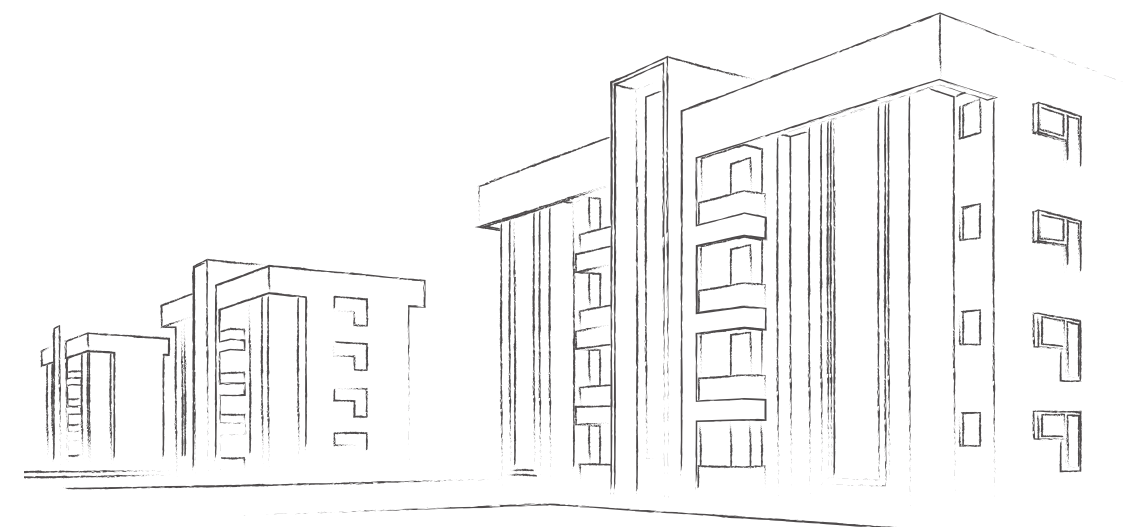
Nairobi, Kenya

Britam Holding PLC is a leading diversified financial services group. The group has presence in seven Africa countries in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, South Sudan, Mozambique and Malawi.

Green Grove Homes offers affordable quality living for the modern family away from the hustle and bustle of city life yet maintaining easy access to necessary amenities. The development is located in the rapidly growing town of Mlolongo providing a safe and secure haven of striking modern houses within lush green landscapes.

Unit offerings are two and three bedroom plus three bedrooms with dsq in six different spacious functional layouts to match the discerning client's needs. Three hundred and sixty homes have been provided, arranged into nine courts of four blocks each sprawling into a shared green courtyard interlinked with the next and ultimately the larger common green spaces. The breakdown is 140 Two Bed, 130 Three Bed and 90 Three bed+DSQ units.

Amenities available are; a back-up generator, electric fence, convenience store, gym, pool, barbecue area, children play area, open green spaces and 24 hour security.



Client

Britam Holding PLC

Size

10 acres

Scope

Design, construction supervision and management services

Year

2017



Green Grove pushes the definition of a mixed use residential complex by harnessing a new typology. The surrounding area needed a plan like this - one that proposes community action, provides a push for economic expansion and stimulates infrastructural growth.



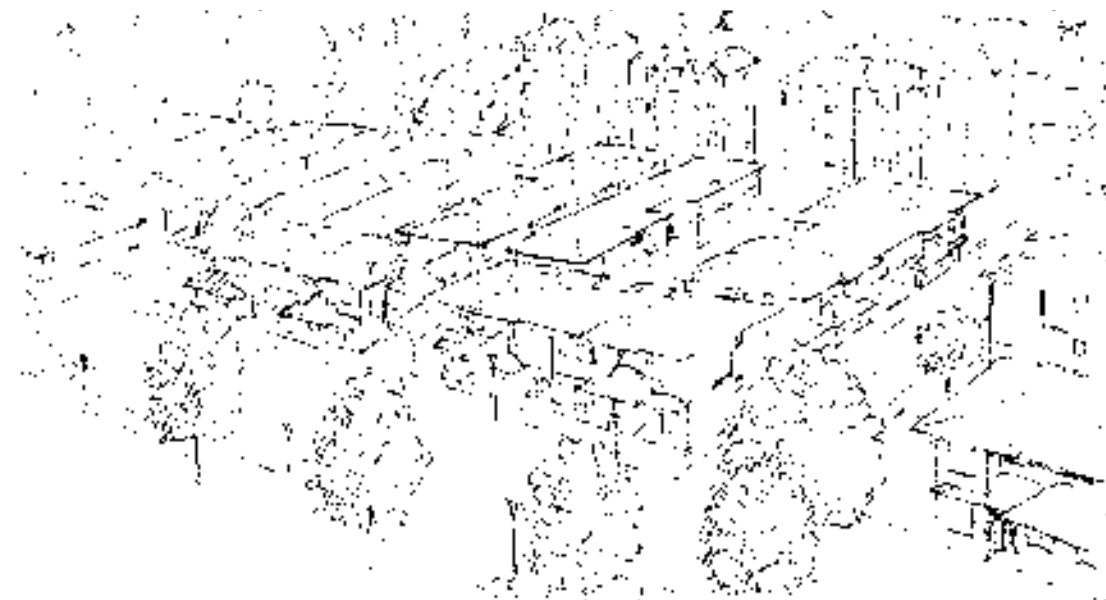


Castellano Waterfront

Nairobi, Kenya

Castellano Waterfront is a one-of-a-kind housing project in the fast-developing suburban locality of River Athi. Directly on the river's waterfront, it is only twenty five kilometres from Nairobi CBD and is right off the main Nairobi-Mombasa highway. Phase one of this project is under development and comprises of 310 units.

This artistic eco-friendly project offers moderately priced residential apartments, duplexes and maisonettes that will include all necessary amenities in a beautiful designed community environments. As well as residential living, this project will also offer conferencing facilities and investment homes that can be used for short-term rentals.



Client
Castellano Waterfront Limited

Size
144 acres

Scope
Design, construction supervision and management services

Year
2015

Castellano will also avail an artificial beach, a large fresh water lake where residents can fish for sport and an arboretum that can be used as a family picnic and camping site.





Naserian

Nairobi, Kenya

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The Naserian masterplan for the proposed residential development is located along Ololua Ridge in Karen which would comprise thirty(30) spacious double storey houses to comprise five-bedrooms all ensuite. Each unit will be provided with a staff quarters. The houses will be developed on the 20 acre parcel in a gated community.

Each house will therefore be on approximately 0.7 of an acre. There will be room for construction of individual swimming pool at the buyers cost.



Client
Local Authorities Pension Trust

Size
20 Acres

Scope
Design, construction supervision and management services

Year
2016



One-of-a-Kind

The Naserian home will feature 5 ensuite bedrooms, a master suite with large bathroom, walk-in closet, study area and terrace, sprawling lounge and dining room dressed in large windows, upper floor family room with a terrace, expansive covered decks fronting rolling landscaped gardens, large kitchens with pantry space, laundry area and kitchen terrace, staff quarters and parking space for 4 vehicles.



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Interiors

**Fashioning
Human-centred
Workspace
Experiences**





Nation Media Newsroom

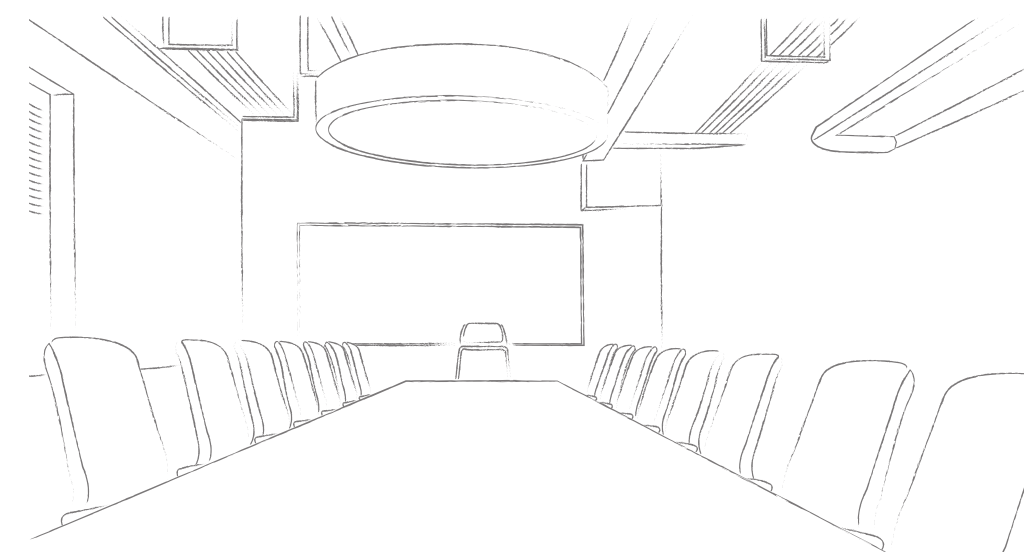
CBD, Nairobi, Kenya

A Desire for Collaboration

Nation Media Group (abbreviated as NMG) is a Kenyan media group founded by Aga Khan IV in 1959 and is the largest private media house in East and Central Africa with offices in Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania.

NMG was undertaking a company-wide corporate transformation programme and, more specifically in the editorial area, a newsroom integration project. This newsroom integration was a comprehensive exercise intended to bring about a more efficient and flexible way of doing journalism within NMG, one which could respond quickly to changing audience habits and expectations.

The client wished to bring its different editorial teams together onto, principally, one floor of Nation Centre and to re-design and equip this newsroom floor as a modern, best-in-class journalistic space and bring about a bright, open and modern working environment for its journalists.



Client

Nation Media Group

Size

5,250 square metres

Scope

Design, branded environments and interior fit-out

Year

2023

Design Considerations

Optimized lighting - You should never underestimate the power of good lighting when it comes to designing office interior designs. Shoddy lighting can have a negative impact on your employee psyche as well as their work delivery. Even the temperature of your lighting can end up being comfortable or irritating depending on the colour. Usually warm lighting has a generally positive impact on the workspace environment while cool lighting ends up seeming a little sterile.

Ergonomic furniture - Comfortable furniture design is one of the most important and relevant building blocks of office interior design. An average employee spends around six to seven hours bound to their workstations. This means that if the furniture is uncomfortable, then it is definitely going to have a negative impact on the employee work delivery

Interactive spaces - Visually interactive spaces are a great way to make your office interior design more flexible. If you close off your employed in closed off departments that have no visual or physical communication, then you're essentially cutting off their working camaraderie with each other. A nice, interactive flow not only enhances the overall communication of the workspace, but it also allows for some great work management.

Use technology - Technology is something that has become quite a necessity for all modern endeavours. In the olden days, architects used to hand-draft each and every measured aspect of their blueprints by hand. These days, it can be done in a short period of time on a sleek computer. Motion animation used to be manually drawn and flipped, but these days CGI has made everything so much easier.





Sustainability

We designed with both water and energy efficiency in mind. We will endeavor to meet the EDGE Certification requirements by saving up to 50% on water, energy and embodied energy.

Dual-Flush Toilets in Areas where we have no “Direct flush Valve” e.g., Common Wash Rooms. Dual-Flush Toilets are fixtures that have two buttons that release different amounts of water for either liquid or solid waste.

Aerated Faucets/ Taps using a simple screen at the faucet to add air to the water stream increasing pressure and lessening water consumption. Aerated faucet heads can potentially slow water from up to fifteen gallons per minute down to less than three gallons per minute.

Self-closing Push Taps with pre-determined water flow has been proposed and installed to limit the water used per hand wash.

Flow-restricted Cisterns - Urinal system proposed has been fitted with cisterns having restricted flow to limit the amount of water use during the flushes.

Kitchen Waste Management - Standards/Policy on kitchen waste management shall be documented and possibilities of recycling wastes explored.

Electrical lighting in buildings - To reduce energy usage, we propose using LED or CFL light bulbs, motion sensors, and daylight sensors that automatically adjust lighting levels based on the amount of natural light available. We have zoned the internal lighting circuits for ease of isolating lighting for areas in use only.

Sustainable materials - Choosing sustainable materials for electrical components, such as wiring and insulation, can help reduce the power losses hence reduced energy consumption.



Design for Productivity and Well-being

- Furniture layout
- Both open plan and pods
- Studio within the working space
- Indoor environment-bright and neutral colors, indoor plants and green walls
- Emphasis will be on maximization of natural light and ventilation.
- Consideration for collaboration, transparency and horizontal hierarchy



The Philosophy of Furniture

A collaborative work environment is to foster more brainstorming, innovation and connectivity among team members. Additionally, and perhaps more importantly, it can improve both company culture and employee experience. Instead of shoehorning employees into an assigned seat, the office instead is broken up by activity.

This way, employees who need to collaborate can head to conference rooms and other collaborative spaces. And those needing quiet work can move to private offices or even cubicles/Soundproofed pods. And finally, those needing to unwind can hit up the ping pong table in the break room. No assigned seats, but instead using the office in close proximity to the people they're most likely to interact with.

This is a workplace model that puts employees in the driver's seat, letting them choose when, where, and how they work.





Interaction with the company starts at the offices' entrance where ICPAK's culture is translated in small but striking details. Glass-walled meeting rooms and below-eye-level partitions help in alluding the absence of hierarchy while integrating the spaces.

ICPAK Offices

Nairobi, Kenya

Inviting a New Era

The Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya (ICPAK) was established in 1978. The Institute is a member of the Pan-African Federation of Accountants (PAFA) and the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC), the global umbrella body for the accountancy profession. Their vision: 'A world class professional accountancy institute'

ICPAK sought us out to design a new fresh and open office space layout. The company's minimal identity called for offices that stood out from the traditional, capable of engaging the company's values of liberty, creativity, teamwork, and respect. Together, we created a workplace that integrates collaboration amongst all members of staff.

The result was an edgy black and soft gold workplace. Functionality was a buzz-word here with the ingenious employment of cabinetry and partitioning helping to meet the twin goals of extra storage and openness of space.



Client

ICPAK

Size

5,250 square metres

Scope

Design, branded environments and interior fit-out

Year

2015





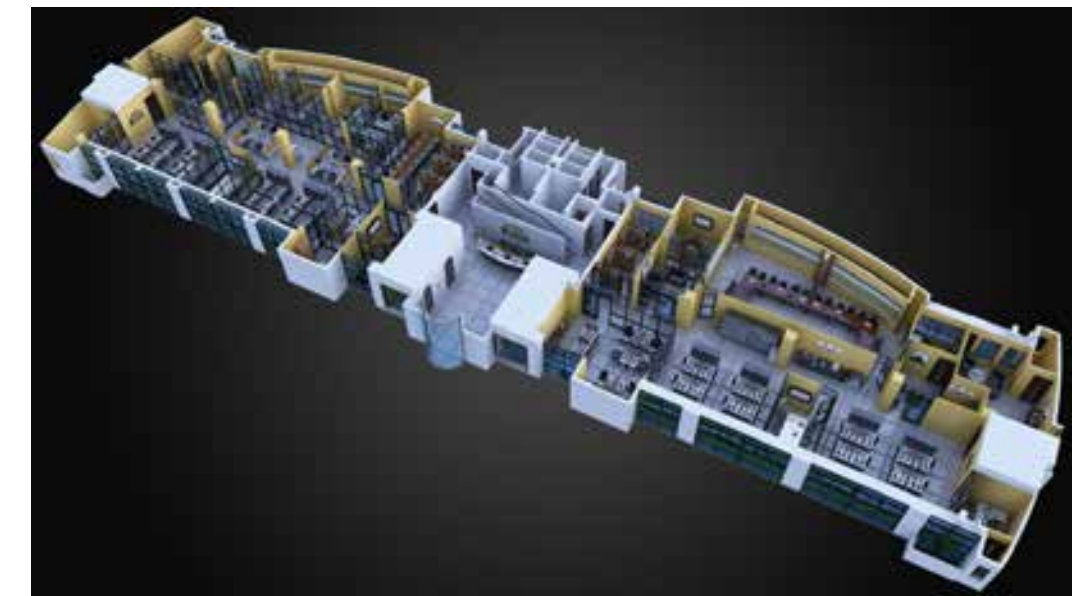
Elevating the Workspace

Conference and meeting rooms as well as office hallways were tailored to have the look and feel of high-end hospitality amenities, with the selected color palette keeping the spaces rich, warm and inviting.



Prioritizing Inclusivity and Belonging

The new office space was intentionally designed to be flexible to the current and future needs of ICPAK. With inclusivity being paramount to the modern workplace, this meant the layout, organization and circulation ensured employees felt welcome and open to collaboration in their new environment.





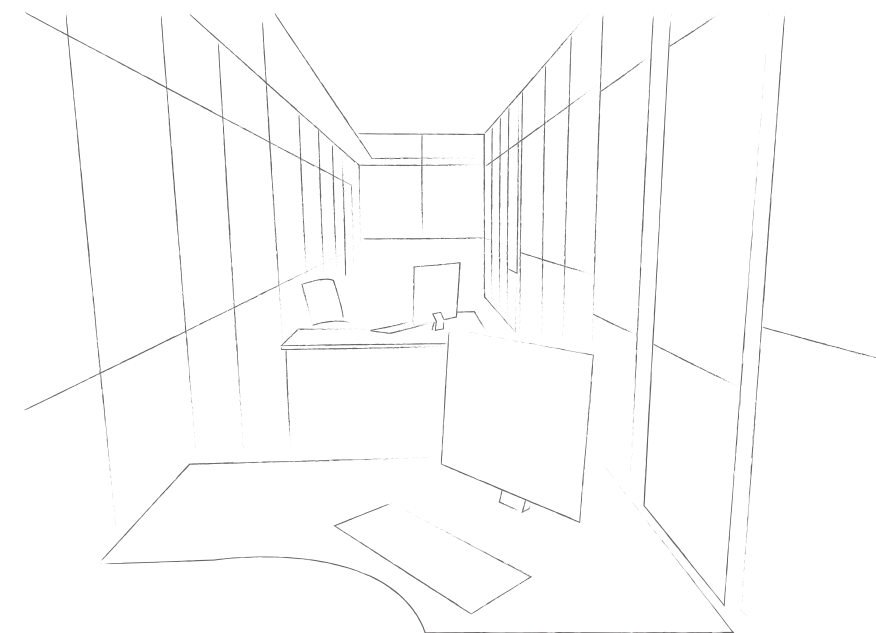
LapTrust Offices

Nairobi, Kenya

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They, partnered with us to design a revamped office layout for their Laptrust House headquarters. A bold modern theme subtly draped in Laptrust's corporate colours over a largely clean white background was employed. This was emphasized by the linear elements evident throughout the design.

A major observable feature in the interior graphic design was a honeycomb pattern on the frosted glass partitions which drew its inspiration from honey bees and the level of collaborative.



Client

LapTrust

Size

5,250 square metres

Scope

Design, branded environments and interior fit-out

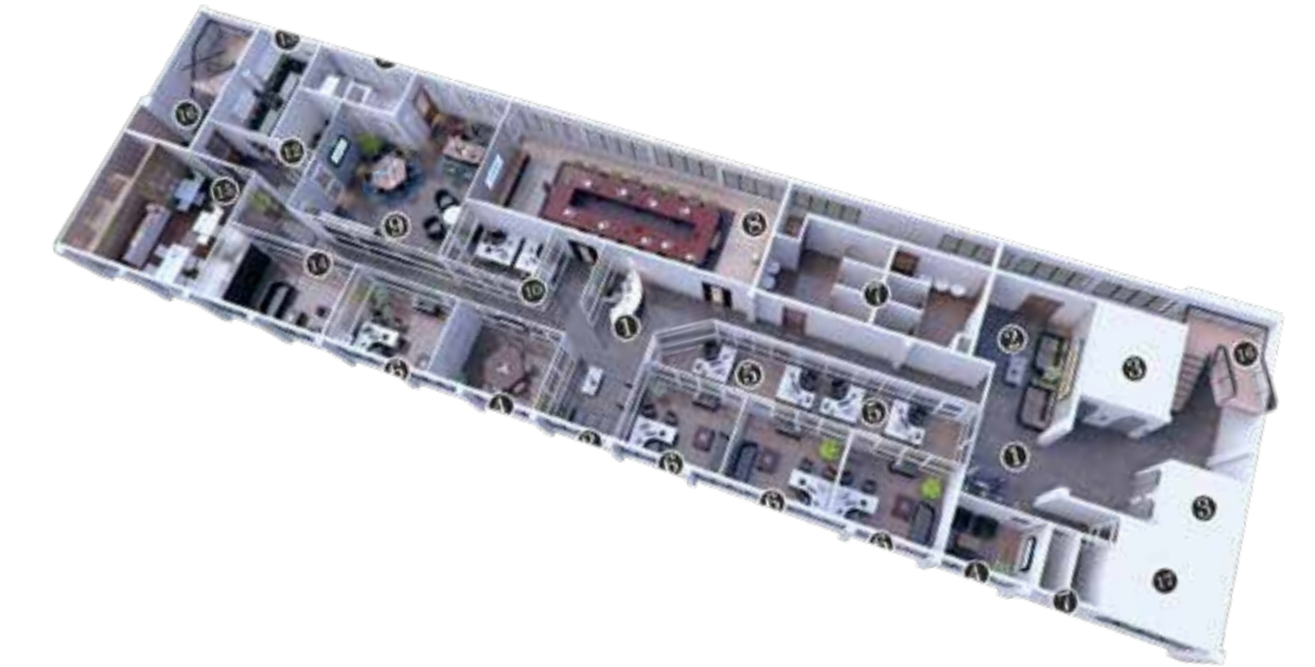
Year

2015



A Branded Experience

With a strong focus on people and relationships, internally and with clients, LapTrust challenged our team to capture the story of their brand and develop a space that would bring their philosophies of operation into the built environment.



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