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# **A GLOBAL SANCTUARY |** **Designing for Cultural Exchange 2024**

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## **A Global Sanctuary: Designing Hotel for Cultural Exchange**

## Introduction

In an increasingly interconnected world, the celebration of cultural diversity and fusion stands as a cornerstone of modern society. This competition invites architects and designers to conceptualize a hotel that transcends mere accommodation, transforming it into a dynamic sanctuary for cultural exchange and understanding. The vision is to create a space that immerses guests in the rich tapestry of global traditions, encouraging meaningful interactions between travelers and local communities.

Participants are challenged to design a hotel that embodies the spirit of cultural fusion, where architectural styles, materials, and philosophies from diverse cultures seamlessly converge. Innovative spatial solutions that foster engagement, learning, and appreciation of various cultural practices are encouraged, urging participants to rethink traditional hotel design.

This hotel is envisioned as a refuge for guests seeking not just comfort, but a profound connection to the local culture and community. By harmonizing modern amenities with traditional aesthetics, the hotel will cultivate a sense of belonging and inclusivity, allowing guests to genuinely experience the essence of the region they are visiting.

In alignment with this vision, the competition prioritizes designs that reflect a commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship. Participants are urged to ensure that their concepts positively impact the surrounding environment while embracing eco-friendly practices. Ultimately, this hotel will serve as a powerful testament to the role of design in fostering dialogue, collaboration, and mutual respect among cultures, paving the way for a more harmonious global community.

## Objective

The "A Global Sanctuary" competition invites architects and designers to conceive an innovative hotel that embodies the essence of cultural diversity and exchange. Participants are encouraged to develop groundbreaking concepts that go beyond traditional hotel design, serving as a hub for cultural interaction and immersion.

The design should create an inviting environment that facilitates engagement between guests and local communities, allowing visitors to connect with and appreciate the region's rich traditions and cultural heritage. Designers are tasked with fostering inclusivity and education through spaces that celebrate diverse cultures. This includes integrating architectural elements, materials, and styles from various cultural backgrounds, enabling guests to experience a tapestry of influences within a harmonious setting.

Central to this competition is the commitment to cultural authenticity and representation. The hotel should function as a microcosm of the global community, with each space telling a unique story that reflects the multifaceted nature of cultural exchange.

Sustainability is also a pivotal focus. Proposals should incorporate eco-friendly practices and materials, showcasing a dedication to environmental stewardship while enhancing the guest experience. The ultimate aim is to design a hotel that not only welcomes visitors but also strengthens the local community, fostering lasting connections and promoting a deeper understanding of cultural diversity.

## Key Goals

- **Cultural Integration:** Create a design that incorporates architectural styles, materials, and practices from diverse cultures to enhance guest experiences.
- **Community Engagement:** Foster meaningful interactions between hotel guests and local communities through shared spaces and cultural programs.
- **Sustainable Design:** Implement eco-friendly practices and materials that reduce the environmental impact of the hotel while promoting sustainability.
- **Inclusivity:** Ensure that the design is accessible and welcoming to all, reflecting the principles of diversity and inclusiveness.

- **Experiential Learning:** Develop spaces that provide opportunities for guests to learn about and appreciate local traditions and cultures.

## **The Building Program**

The Cultural Fusion Hotel will encompass a diverse range of spaces designed to facilitate cultural exchange, community engagement, and sustainable practices. The program includes the following key elements:

- Guest Accommodations
- Common Spaces
- Dining Facilities
- Wellness Center
- Outdoor Spaces:
- Administrative and Support Areas
- Sustainability Features

This building program aims to create a holistic environment that encourages cultural exchange, community involvement, and sustainability while providing guests with a memorable and immersive experience.

## **Site**

The site for the Cultural Fusion Hotel will be selected by the participants, allowing them to explore and engage with various urban environments that embody cultural richness and diversity. Designers are encouraged to consider locations that are vibrant, accessible, and representative of a multicultural landscape.

## **Sustainability**

The Cultural Fusion Hotel competition emphasizes the importance of sustainability in the design process. Participants are encouraged to adopt innovative and eco-friendly practices that minimize environmental impact while enhancing the guest experience.

## **Project Proposal Requirements**

Participants must submit a project proposal that includes:

- A clear and compelling design narrative explaining the concept.
- Detailed floor plans, elevations, and sections that illustrate the spatial organization and functional layout.
- Renderings or visualizations that convey the aesthetic quality and experience.
- A site plan.

## **Timeline**

- Registration Deadline: 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026
- Submission Deadline: 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026
- Winners Announcement: 25<sup>th</sup> April 2026

## Submission Requirements

### File Format:

- All entries must be submitted as a single PDF document.

### Sheets:

- Minimum of 3 sheets, maximum of 6 sheets.
- Each sheet should include designs, drawings, and views that effectively communicate the project concept.

### Text Explanation:

- Each sheet must contain explanatory text that describes and supports your design decisions.
- Text should be clear and concise, highlighting the main ideas and features of the project.

### Content to Include (per sheet):

- Design Concepts: Conceptual drawings, diagrams, and sketches.
- Plans, Elevations, and Sections: Architectural plans, cross-sections, and elevations.
- Views and Renderings: 3D views, perspectives, or rendered images of the project.
- Diagrams: Illustrations explaining circulation, spatial relationships, environmental or structural concepts.

### Resolution and Quality:

- All sheets should be high-quality, legible, and visually clear.

### File Size:

- The total file size should not exceed 20 MB.

### Naming Convention:

- The file should be named as: CompetitionName\_ParticipationCode.pdf

### Anonymity:

- No names, logos, or identifying marks should appear on any of the submitted sheets to ensure anonymity during judging.

## Submission Guidelines

### Sign in to Your Account:

- Visit the Archiol website and sign in to your account.

### Access Your Competition Submissions:

- In the header, click on the arrow beside your profile picture. Select the option labeled "My Competition Submissions."

### Submit Your Entry:

- Click on the "Submit My Entry" button.

### Select Competition:

- Choose the competition name for which you wish to submit your entry.

### Enter Participation Code:

- Input the participation code that was generated during your registration.

### Title Your Submission:

- Provide a title for your submission.

### Upload Title Image:

- Upload the image that will represent your project.

### Upload Design PDF:

- Submit your project in PDF format (ensure it meets the competition's requirements).

### Consent:

- Check the box to agree to the competition terms and conditions.

### Submit:

- After filling in all required fields, click "Submit."

### Confirmation:

- Your submission will appear in "My Competition Submissions" within 24 hours.

## Eligibility

The competition is open to all architects, designers, students, and creative individuals globally. There are no restrictions on age or nationality.

## Contact Details

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