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TEMPORARY URBAN PAVILION: TESTING IDEAS AT URBAN SCALE

First Edition

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Introduction

Cities are dynamic environments where ideas must be tested, adapted, and experienced in real time. Temporary urban pavilions offer a powerful platform to explore experimental architecture—structures that are light, adaptable, and responsive to public life. This competition invites architects, designers, and thinkers to propose a temporary pavilion that engages the urban context while testing spatial, material, and social ideas at an urban scale.

Objective

The objective of this competition is to encourage innovative thinking through temporary architecture that can activate public space, foster interaction, and provoke dialogue. Participants are challenged to design a pavilion that is experimental yet feasible, temporary yet impactful—demonstrating how small-scale interventions can influence urban experience and future city-making.

The Building Program

The pavilion may serve one or multiple of the following purposes:

- Public gathering and interaction space
- Exhibition or display pavilion
- Cultural, educational, or performance space
- Rest, pause, or observation structure
- Urban laboratory for testing materials, forms, or construction techniques

The program is intentionally flexible, allowing participants to define the pavilion's function based on their concept and site response.

Site

Participants may select any urban site of their choice, such as a public plaza, park, waterfront, street intersection, vacant lot, or transit-adjacent space. The chosen site should be clearly justified and play an integral role in shaping the pavilion's design, interaction, and relevance.

Timeline

Launch Date: 1st January 2026

Registration deadline: 6th May 2026

Submission deadline: 16th May 2026

Result Announcement: 22nd July 2026

Submission Requirements

Participants must submit:

- Design Panels – minimum 2 panels and maximum 6 panels (panel size: A2, Landscape, format jpeg./jpg.)
- A brief **concept description** (format docs. File)

Drawings may include:

- Concept diagrams
- Plans, sections, elevations
- 3D views / visualizations
- Exploded diagrams or process sketches

Important:

- No participant names, university names, or identifying marks are allowed on the submission sheets
- Design title and slogans are permitted
- Submissions must follow anonymity rules strictly

Jury

The jury panel will consist of experienced architects, designers, educators, and industry professionals from diverse backgrounds. Entries will be evaluated based on:

- Concept & Innovation
- Urban Context & Site Response
- Spatial Quality & User Experience
- Materiality & Constructability
- Clarity of Representation & Communication

The jury's decision will be final and binding.

Eligibility

- Open to all.
- Individual and team entries are allowed
- Team size: minimum 1 – maximum 4 members
- No restrictions on age, nationality, or academic background

Contact Details

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