



Studio Contra is an architectural, urban and interior design practice based in Lagos, Nigeria.

Committed to the delivery of innovative and thoughtful architecture, we work within West Africa, as well as in collaboration with practices in other parts of the world, bringing a contemporary African interpretation to challenging briefs and new contexts.

We believe that for a project to have a lasting impact, three elements must be respected: concept, culture and craft. All three link to human-centred design and long-term value creation in the built environment.

Rose Villa: Architecture in Conversation with Nature

Nestled within the hills of Asokoro, Abuja, Sunrise Hills Estate stands as one of Nigeria's most successful residential developments, fostering safety, sustainability, and a strong sense of community. With its commitment to low-rise, low-to-medium density living and the preservation of 75 percent of its land as green, the estate strikes a rare balance between built form and landscape.

Studio Contra was invited to reinterpret a prototype home within this context, showing how thoughtful remodelling can unlock new potential in relation to site, climate, and client needs.

The result is Rose Villa, a home reborn. What began as a conventional five-bedroom house has been distilled into three expansive suites. This is not subtraction but refinement: a deliberate act of clarity. The architecture opens the home to light, air, and the garden beyond, transforming its interiors into spaces of generosity, calm, and connection.

The villa is wrapped in more than 200 plant species, softening its lines into something almost organic. Five varieties of roses bloom across the seasons, while an orchard provides both nourishment and presence. At the centre, a conservatory dissolves the boundary between indoors and outdoors, a space where nature inscribes itself into daily life.

Inside, stone, timber, and fabric were chosen for their tactility and permanence. Combined with curated greenery, these materials root the villa in a timeless identity: deeply personal, yet enduring.

Rose Villa is not simply a renovation; it is a reawakening. Here, architecture does not impose, it listens. And in listening, it finds harmony.

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Completed