



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 humancentred design and long-term value creation in the built environment.

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EBI Tower: A landmark of sustainable African modernism

Conceived as a new landmark for Lagos, the Tower reimagines the corporate high-rise as an open, breathing vertical campus, an architecture of quiet strength and refined simplicity.

The 20-storey building rises above a publicly accessible podium hosting spaces for exhibition, dialogue, and exchange, with a lush elevated garden terrace forming a green threshold to the office levels above. Its slender vertical timber rhythm shades deeply recessed, fully operable glazing, merging climate intelligence with civic dignity to create a new classic for Lagos's skyline.

Drawing inspiration from the Bamileke community of Cameroon, the façade's curtain of timber columns recalls cultural craft while supporting West Africa's growing forestry industry, where teak is being more widely cultivated.

The penthouse levels are fully constructed in timber, demonstrating the potential of mass-timber construction within the region. Here, timber becomes both structure and symbol, a bridge between Africa's vernacular traditions and its sustainable architectural future.

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