



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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## Brookside School: Building a Sustainable Future for Learning in Nigeria

Studio Contra is currently engaged in the design and delivery of Brookside School, a new private boarding campus for primary and secondary pupils located near Asaba in Delta State, Nigeria. Set within a lush landscape intersected by a narrow stream, the campus will comprise 20 buildings, including academic blocks, a library, cafeteria, sports facilities, and boarding houses.

The project is conceived as a model for contextually grounded, sustainable education architecture in Nigeria. It reimagines how young people learn, live, and play within a natural setting that promotes curiosity, community, and well-being.

Construction will rely almost entirely on load-bearing clay bricks made locally from clay sourced near the site. The design celebrates the versatility and structural potential of brick through expressive arches, vaults, and hit-and-miss brickwork, offering the campus a coherent visual identity rooted in its environment.

This material approach allows the client to control construction costs, reduce embodied and operational carbon, and minimize long-term maintenance, while supporting local craftsmanship and economies.

Recognized for its innovative approach to sustainability and contextual design, Brookside School was awarded the Holcim Award for Sustainable Construction in the Middle East and Africa region.

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