International Design Challenge

MINIMAL DWELLING |
EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES OF MINIMALISM IN RESIDENTIAL DESIGN

Second Edition

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Minimal Dwelling 2024 competition hosted by Archiol Competitions! In its second edition, this competition invites participants to delve into the core principles of minimalism within the realm of residential architecture. As contemporary society continues to evolve amidst the proliferation of digital technologies and an abundance of materials, this competition serves as a platform to celebrate the profound beauty and efficiency inherent in minimalist design.

Embracing the ethos of simplicity, functionality, and liberation, Minimal Dwelling 2024 encourages architects and designers to strip away excess and focus on the essential elements that define living spaces. This competition provides an opportunity to explore innovative approaches to space utilization, material selection, and spatial organization while honoring the principles of minimalism.

Participants are challenged to create dwellings that embody the essence of minimalism, fostering environments that prioritize tranquility, efficiency, and harmony with the surrounding context. By embracing minimalism, architects have the chance to redefine conventional notions of luxury and opulence, emphasizing instead the profound richness found in simplicity and thoughtful design.

Through Minimal Dwelling 2024, we invite participants to push the boundaries of architectural expression, inspiring a new generation of designers to embrace the elegance and efficiency of minimalist living spaces. Join us as we embark on a journey to explore the transformative power of minimalism in shaping the future of residential architecture.

OBJECTIVE

The primary objective of this competition is to challenge participants to design a minimalistic home for a family of three: Mr. & Mrs. Smith and their five-year-old daughter. The design should embody simplicity, functionality, and peaceful coexistence with nature while meeting the family's basic needs.

THE BUILDING PROGRAMME
The minimal dwelling should accommodate the following spaces:

- Living area
- Kitchen (catering to Mr. Smith's love for cooking)
- Working space for Mrs. Smith (a digital artist working full-time from home)
- space for the couple
- space for the daughter
- Bathroom facilities

The total area should not exceed 37 square meters (BUA) to align with the essence of minimalism.

SITE

Participants are free to choose a countryside location that complements the family's desire for serenity and closeness to nature. The choice of site should be justified based on its suitability for the family's lifestyle and the design's integration with the natural surroundings.

DESIGN FLEXIBILITY

Designers have the creative freedom to interpret minimalism while meeting the family's functional requirements. The design should showcase innovative use of space, materials, and natural lighting while embracing the concept of "Less is more."

SUSTAINABILITY
Emphasis should be placed on sustainability and eco-friendly practices. Designs should prioritize energy efficiency, use of renewable materials, waste reduction, and integration with the natural environment.

PROJECT PROPOSAL REQUIREMENT
Participants are required to submit:

- Conceptual sketches or renders illustrating the design approach
- Floor plans, elevations, and sections detailing the spatial layout
- Material selections and rationale behind their choice
- Sustainability features integrated into the design
- A brief narrative explaining the design philosophy and its alignment with the family's lifestyle

AWARDS
- Top 3: Certificate + Interview + Publication + score card with inputs
- Honourable mention: Certificate + Publication.
- Shortlisted: Certificate.

TIMELINE
- Registration Opens: 16th February 2024
- Registration Deadline: 21st February 2025
- Submission Deadline: 1st March 2025
- Winners Announcement: 15th June 2025

REGISTRATION FEES

REGISTRATION	TIMELINE		INTERNATIONAL FEES (USD)	INDIAN FEES (INR)
ADVANCED REG 01	Feb 16th – Mar 21st	2024	25	500
AR 02	Mar 22nd– April 21st	2024	27	700
AR 03	April 22nd– May 21st	2024	30	900
STANDARD REG 01	May 22nd – Jun 21st	2024	32	1000
SR 02	Jun 22nd – Jul 21st	2024	34	1200
SR 03	Jul 22nd – Aug 21st	2024	36	1400
SR 04	Aug 22nd – Sept 21st	2024	38	1600
SR 05	Sept 22nd – Oct 21st	2024	40	1650
SR 06	Oct 22nd – Nov 21st	2024	42	1700
LATE REG 01	Nov 22nd – Dec 21st	2024	44	1750
LR 02	Dec 22nd – Jan 21st	2025	46	1800
LR 03	Jan 22nd – Feb 21st	2025	50	2000

DISCOUNTS

- Architecture Students group
  - min. 5 participants from the same institution: 10% off on regular & late registration fee.
  - min. 15 participants from the same institution: 20% off on regular & registration fee.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Participants are required to submit the following materials:

- Design sheets (2 -5) jpeg. / jpg. Format. (dimension: 30cm x 30cm, file size: 25mb)
- Design description with a title (Min. 300 words) – docx. / docs. Format

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Presentation Board Numbering:
- Number your presentation boards (JPG/JPEG format) sequentially as 01, 02, 03, ensuring clarity and order in the visual representation of your design concept.

Summary Document Naming:
- Save your design description in a document file (DOCX/DOC format) and name it "Design Description." This document should provide a concise yet comprehensive overview of your architectural concept.

Zip Folder Creation:
- Compile all your "presentation boards" and the "Design Description" document into a single zip folder for ease of submission.

Zip Folder Naming:
- Name your zip folder using your assigned participation code. This ensures accurate identification and association of your submission with your team or individual entry.

Submission Platform:
- Utilize Google Drive as the submission platform. Upload the zip folder containing your presentation boards and "Design Description" document to your Google Drive account.

Accessibility of Google Drive Link:
- Ensure that the shared Google Drive link is accessible. Inaccessibility may result in the non-consideration of your submission. Double-check permissions to guarantee seamless access for the competition organizers.

Email Submission:
- Submit your entry by sending an email to **submit@archiol.com**. Include the shared Google Drive link in the body of the email. It is crucial to comply with this step for your submission to be valid.

  Email Subject Format:
  - In the subject line of your email, clearly state the competition name followed by your participation code. This standardized format streamlines the organization's handling of numerous submissions.

  Email Body Content:
  - The body of the email should contain the shared Google Drive link along with essential information, such as the name of the team leader. Additionally, attach the payment receipt or screenshot to verify the completion of the registration process.

Terms and Conditions:
- By submitting your design, you agree that they are your original work.
- You grant permission for the organizers to publish your design on their website or in promotional materials related to the competition.
- Plagiarism will result in disqualification.

JURY

We collaborate with leading architects, designers, and academicians of international repute to participate as jury members in our competitions.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Entries will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Adherence to minimalism principles
- Functionality and practicality of the design for the family
- Integration with the chosen countryside location
- Innovation in space utilization and design aesthetics
- Sustainability and eco-conscious features
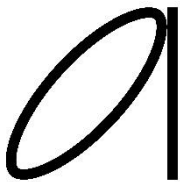- Clarity and coherence in the design presentation

EIGIBILITY

The competition is open to architects, designers, artists, and creative thinkers from around the world. Participants can enter as individuals or in teams (max. 4 members in one team).

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