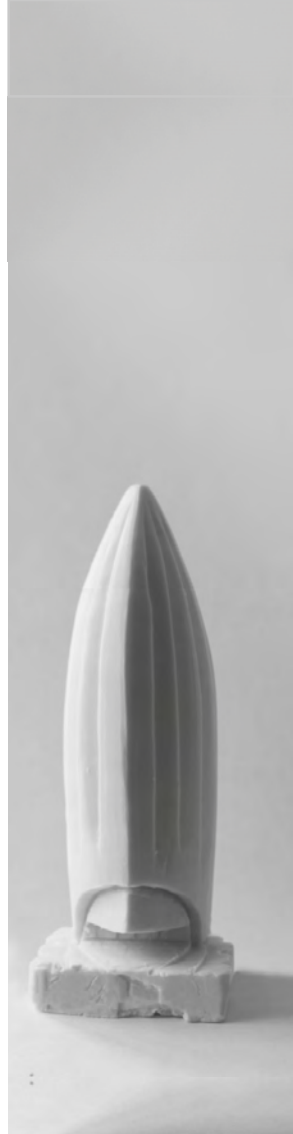


morphosis
design + architecture

*"It's not
renaissance,
it's something
else. It's what
Femi Kuti, Bob
Marley....
Remember
redemption
song.... It's
coming back.....
emancipating
yourself from
mental
slavery....."*

I think this is it."

office discussions on whatsapp



COMPETITION

"Hands-On Door Handle International Competition" submission organized by Colombo Design

“Isn’t architecture
supposed to be
visionary and
revolutionary?”

Visionary, in that, it can foresee the future and
therefore be able to direct it.

Revolutionary in that, it redefines man’s existence and hence
able to bring him back to the realities of life.”

Yasir Brek; Architecture of the Sublime, 2001



MORPHOSIS is a multi-disciplinary architectural and interior design firm with a focus on the development of quality, authentic, contemporary African, “Creative Spaces”. It is our desire that vitality and beauty of the built environment plays a crucial role in the creation of a productive and a healthy community.



It is for this reason that MORPHOSIS’ philosophy is based on the concept of the “Creative Spirit”



MORPHOSIS was created in 2005 when three creative individuals, Adnan, Mcharo and Brek decided it was time for a new discourse on architectural thought within the region. They believed that things had been done in the same manner for too long. They wanted to get some changes into the architecture and design arena.



design philosophy

the creative spirit

“create spaces and structures that exhibit timeless qualities while remaining true to the environment it sits in.”



Vision + Innovation

Our drive is fuelled by the desire to create public and private spaces that enrich the experience of their users and transform the home or workplace.

African Outlook

We are in a continuous search for what constitutes authentic and modern interpretations of our values as Africans

Green Architecture + Our Commitment

Our designs are sensitive to issues of resource efficiency. We take into careful consideration materials, their effect on the environment, climate and long term effects. As a result, our goal is to have resilient architecture in Africa's skyline.

our values

Each project and client is unique, hence our approach is client-focused with a commitment to design excellence. We provide services for all aspects of architectural projects. This is achieved by listening to clients and understanding the challenges each project offers.

MORPHOSIS uses an integrated multidisciplinary team-based approach to project delivery.

In order to deliver the appropriate design and to ensure client satisfaction, we incorporate flexibility within a strong management structure. Our firm's project management, production, and quality control processes help the company to consistently and effectively deliver quality, cost-effective projects on time and within budget time and again.

It is in this totality that confidence among the company's clients is inspired.

our process
+
approach



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Architecture

At MORPHOSIS, each project is a separate entity and a new challenge, where we let our imagination loose while retaining our original concepts.



hotels

The Boma Hotel

Nairobi



Inspired by the post election violence, this 5-star hotel was designed in 2008. Located 12 km from the airport, it consists of 150 rooms, a presidential suite, several lounge bars, restaurants and posh gardens.



Boma Inn

Eldoret

This 4-star hotel in the up-market Elgon View area of Eldoret abstracts the Rift Valley with its tensions, shears and water features.

It easily stands out as the main hotel and architectural address in the North Rift.



Jacaranda Village Inn Hotel

Nairobi

Inspired by the weave, this development incorporates a well equipped comfortable hotel and conference facility with beautiful gardens, situated in the heart of Kiambu. The location avoids the hustle and bustle of the city, yet the charm and attractions of the city remain accessible.

DESIGN COMPETITION
WINNING ENTRY



Namlolwe Hotel

Kisumu

At the confluence of water and land, this natural beauty inspired the design of a hotel facility that responds to this ecologically delicate site inhabited by a large number of bird and tree species. Much consideration was taken to incorporate water features while preserving the natural environment. The facility also hosts a major conference center and a 300 room hotel.



Bukavu Leisure Lodge Congo

Located on the south-western shores of Lake Kivu, all the rooms in this 5-star luxury lodge have views to the lake with their roofs mimicking sails. All building materials are to be locally sourced.



Diamond Beach Resort Watamu

This development has combined a balance of traditional craft and modern design to produce a product that was contextual to the area. The resort opens up to the ocean having all the rooms oriented eastwards. Local material, labour, building technology adopted & reinforced a sustainability agenda to ensure the thermal comfort and minimal carbon footprint.





Kituo Cha Sheria

Nairobi

This 8 storey modern office Block had to look small from the road so as not to intimidate the seekers of free legal aid while remaining top class to attract high-end tenants



offices

DESIGN COMPETITION
WINNING ENTRY

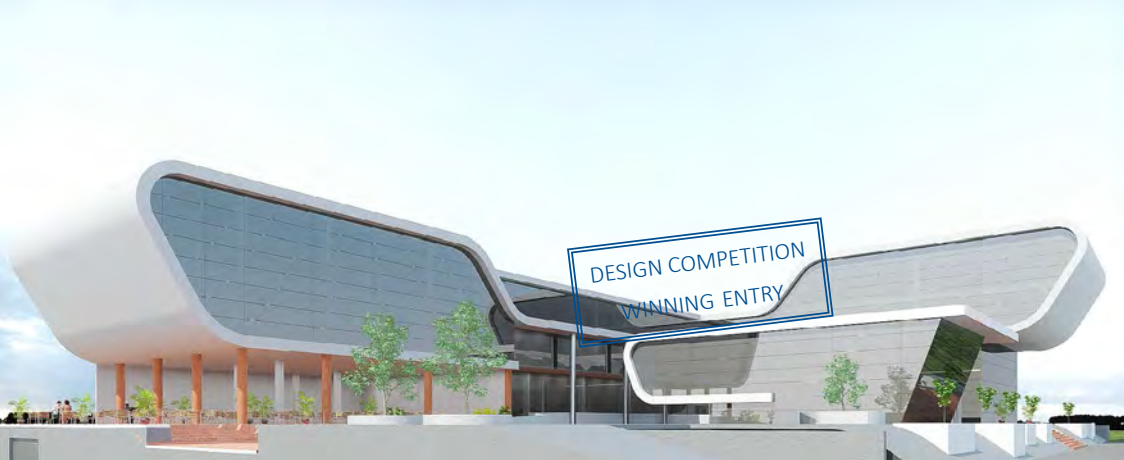


FCB Mihrab HQ

Nairobi

“Located on the confluence of two major roads in Nairobi, the FCB, is projected to be an iconic landmark building within the region. The concept was born out of a ‘mihrab’ (gateway) symbolizing an entry into a new architectural thought.

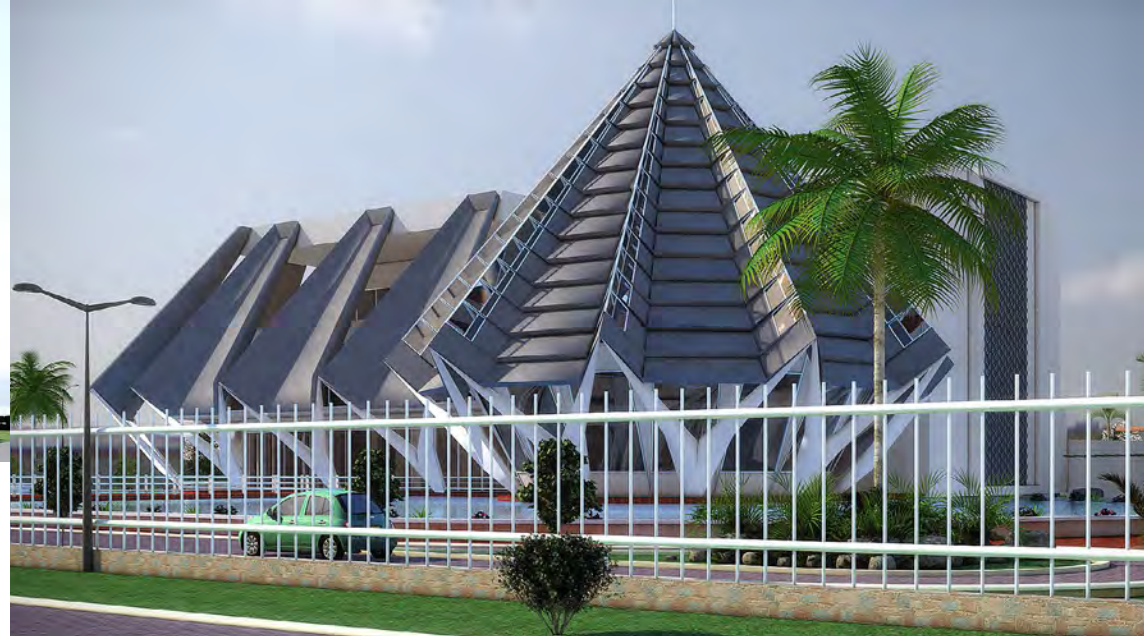
DESIGN COMPETITION
WINNING ENTRY



Kenya Women Holding

Nakuru

Representing the modern Kenyan woman, this building seeks to portray strength, presence and grace from afar and comfort, warmth and vanity from up close. It is as functional as it is expressive and will be the main office address in Nakuru once complete.



South Sudan Central Bank

South Sudan

Based on the 'Dinka' love for cattle and traditional architecture, this concept was developed. It featured abstracted cattle horns drinking water and supporting the traditional modern roof.

DESIGN COMPETITION
ENTRY

offices

Sheikh Khalifa High School

Mombasa

The scheme derives its concept from modern islamic architecture geared towards thought provocation,the environment and technology. It is inspired by the veil and is blank on the outside but well lit and ventilated on the inside.

DESIGN COMPETITION
WINNING ENTRY



Coast International University

Malindi

The project derives its concept from modern swahili architecture within the thoughts of cultural consideration as well as providing a space matching the youthful nature of the facility.



education centres

College of Insurance

Nairobi

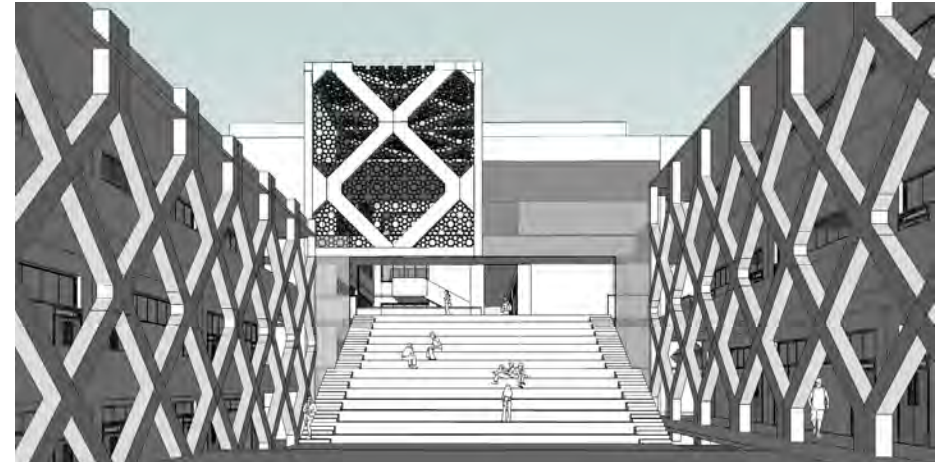
The concept of this project was based on fostering interaction through vertical spaces intersecting throughout the building creating visual experiences. Sustainable design was achieved through local material interplay and voids that allowed penetration of natural light and ventilation into the building



RAF International University

Kajiado

RIU is an upcoming Muslim University located in Isinya, Kajiado that aims to provide first class education in an environment influenced by Swahili/ islamic design & culture fused with Maasai culture hence the form of architecture 'Maaslam'.





Great Corner Apartments

Nairobi

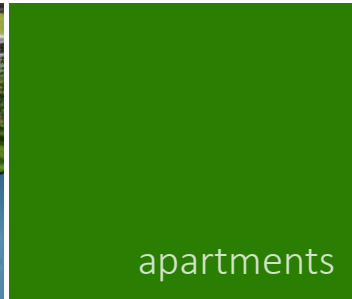
This is a proposed project located at Dagoretti Corner celebrating form with light and interconnectivity of spaces.



Gulf Homes

Mombasa

Located in the upmarket Nyali area of Mombasa, this project has the environment, space planning, sea views and modernity as their main focus.



Kitisuru

Nairobi

This ultra-modern house is set on Nairobi's Spring Valley and celebrates light, technology, form and modern living.



Elgeyo Marakwet Apartments

Nairobi

Located in Nairobi, these apartments boast a view and have amenities incorporated within. The design sought to embrace the surrounding while providing the serenity people seek.

housing



Usiwiriyo

Voi

Located at the heart of Voi, Taita Taveta County, Usiwiriyo Housing Development is a serene gated community that favours the retired populace. It boasts a vast community and shopping centre, as well as a private clubhouse which overlooks a river and wildlife reserve.



Mazeras

Kilifi

This project is on 22.04 acres of land in Mazeras township, 20km from Mombasa. This site is on a vantage slope overlooking the Mombasa outline. The spatial concept for the 2 & 3 bedroom apartments is a contemporary response befitting the genius loci of the site, the hot climate, adaptable modern living needs as well as the Swahili Culture.



Kitambo Gardens

Nairobi

Home is a place where one feels at peace, finds rest. Kitambo Gardens is located in Karen, surrounded by numerous natural & planted trees. The main design is influenced by free spaces that flow into each other hence reducing the need for many walls. One space naturally turns into another. The more traditional exterior is contrasted by very modern interconnected interior spaces.



Karen Villas

Nairobi

This house of veils fuses traditional islamic principles of privacy and separation to modern standards of light, openness and simplicity.

Faza Restoration Lamu

“By directing thought, does not mean one knows the answer, but actually knows what they are searching for.”



When fire razed down Faza, a 50-acre island in the Lamu Archipelago in September 5, 2009 Morphosis was among the first teams to get to the ground to assess the damage and restore the town. We set to improve the island by mapping out all the buildings, doing a master plan and designs of houses, mosques, hospital theatre and other social amenities. The points of focus are environmental concerns, use of local materials and resources, rain water harvesting, fire protection, circulation, cultural and religious consideration.





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Daystar Mulandi Primary School

Athi River

The future is in the hands of the young generation. Morphosis set out to build a school with the conducive environment to spur creativity amongst the children.

Proposed Imtiaz Ali Mosque

Nairobi

One of the few mosques located within the CBD, we ventured to search for a modern interpretation of prayer yet strongly entrenched in tradition.

Design



Proposed Interiors for Boma Hotel

Nairobi

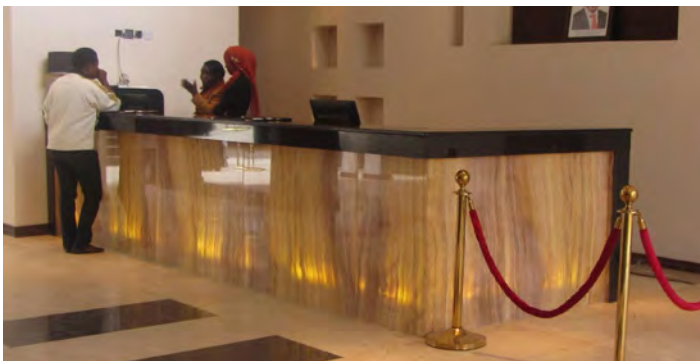
“Let everything count. Especially if we are calling it a premium product! Everything has to be premium to the smallest detail.”

hotels

The interiors like the building, was inspired by the clash of the sea and the shore. Within the clash, beautiful landforms emerge and given life through the various colours observed at sea.



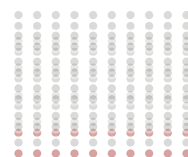
“Think wrong if you must,
but by all means, THINK!”



Boma Inn

Eldoret

The tension from the rift in the rift valley necessitated that the interiors be subtle and relaxed.



Proposed Interiors for Namlolwe Hotel

Kisumu

The local flora & fauna abundant around the site inspired the interiors of this development complete with reeds, water and various coloured birds.



PWC Offices Delta Towers Nairobi

These premier offices were an exciting challenge posed by the reputable firm PwC. Inspired by their logo colours we set upon defining their space with articulate planning. the offices were opened by His Excellency President Uhuru Kenya

offices



Genghis Capital Delta Towers Nairobi

Located on the 4th floor of the Delta Tower in Westlands, Genghis Capital was designed with 'light & airy' vision at the heart of the creation process. Light & elements through the space come together to create a borderline surreal experience while still remaining true to the vision, resulting in a fresh & contemporary work environment.





Proposed KQ Terminal 4 Lounges

Nairobi

This project came through as an exciting competition. We looked into our heritage and culture as Africa and as Kenyans, as we wanted the design to be as authentic as we participate in our search of our identity.



Iman Bank Head Quarters Chase Bank Branches

Various Locations

Morphosis has done a number of Chase Branches, with special focus on the Chase Iman Branches. This has proved to be a successful participation as we have continued to design with the Swahili and Islamic culture with the new direction in banking.



Nkrumah Branch Gulf African Bank

Various Locations

Gulf African Bank was voted as the best Islamic Bank in Kenya by IFN for the second time in 2014. We have done a number of branches with design specialization for Islamic Banking.



2007

- ICDC Refurbishment- Nairobi
- Gulf African Bank Branch- Mombasa
- FCB Digo Road Branch- Mombasa
- PwC Offices- Upper Hill, Nairobi
- The Boma Hotel- Nairobi
- Gulf African Bank Offices- Nairobi
- Neo Homes- Nairobi
- Sheikh Khalifa High School- Mombasa

2008

- FCB Mihrab HQ Nbi
- Kenya Women Holding Nakuru
- South Sudan Central Bank

2009

- Dancing Towers
- Bukavu Leisure Lodge
- Great Corner Apartments
- Eqaar & Gulf Homes
- Mazeras Kasbahs Housing Kilifi
- Faza Restoration- Lamu
- Daystar Mulandi Pri. School- Athi River

2010

- Chase Bank Bondeni Branch- Mombasa
- Jamia Centre
- Kituo Cha Sheria
- Taib Englishpoint Penthouses

2011

- Nanganalopa-Syokimau
- Toshea Residence
- Niqaab-Ngong
- Mji Tulivu- Shimoni
- Coast International University
- Chase Bank Malindi Branch- Mombasa
- Chase Bank Nyali Branch- Mombasa
- FCB Jamia- Nairobi

2012

- Boma Inn Eldoret- Eldoret
- Ngong View Villas-Ngong
- Kitambo Gardens-Karen, Nairobi
- Diamond Beach Resort-Watamu
- Chase Bank Strathmore Branch- Mombasa
- Fayaz Restaurant- Mombasa
- Wasanii Restaurant- Nairobi
- PWC Offices Delta Towers- Nairobi
- ADC Mara Luxury Camps- Maasai Mara
- FSD Kenya Offices
- Gulf African 9West Branch- Nairobi
- Gulf African Bombolulu Branch- Nairobi

2013

- Imtiaz Ali Mosque-Nairobi
- RAF International University
- Namlolwe Hotel-Kisumu
- College of Insurance-South C Nairobi
- Proposed KQ Terminal 4 Lounges
- Kitisuru Apartments
- Elgeyo Marakwet Apartments-Nairobi
- Isuwiriyo Housing-Voi
- Utawala Hotel

- EastBrook Park APS Housing-Utawala
- Jacaranda IOBR refurbishment-Diani
- Chase IMAN HQ Delta Towers-Nairobi
- Genghis Capital Offices- Nairobi
- Jacaranda Hotel Village Hotel- Kiambu
- Lifespring Chapel- Syokimau
- Kakuzi Meadows- Thika
- Great Corner Apartments- Nairobi
- Naromoru holiday homes

2014

- Jacaranda Town Houses-Lavington
- Nyali Condominiums-Nyali
- NBK Learning Academy
- Karen Villas- Karen, Nairobi
- Muthithi Villas- Kiambu
- Eden Forest Housing- Ngong
- Lower Kabete Housing
- Chase Bank KPA Branch- Mombasa
- FCB Isiolo Branch- Isiolo

PROJECT LIST





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