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About me

Purpose-driven designer focused on creating meaningful, sustainable solutions through a human-centered approach. I thrive in collaborative environments, guided by curiosity and a commitment to continuous learning, with a strong foundation in Design Thinking and strategy. I am constantly eager to expand my knowledge, skills, and perspectives, and welcome opportunities to learn and grow every day.

Education

2022 - 2024
Master's Degree | Equipment Design
Faculty of Fine Arts
University of Lisbon, Portugal

2019 - 2022
Bachelor's Degree | Design
University of Aveiro, Portugal

Experience

2024
DUT Conference | Brussels
DUT Urban Doers | Lisbon

Attended conferences and took part in workshops and brainstorming sessions with the aim of discussing solutions for a more sustainable and circular future. Covered topics such as: Circular Urban Economies; Positive Energy Districts and 15 min cities.

2024
Industrial Designer
Part-Time | INNGAGE

Conducted in-depth benchmark research into biomaterials and outdoor furniture. Designed a line of outdoor furniture consisting of 3 seats and 1 coffee table. I was responsible for market research, sketches, 3d models and renders. Also, organized presentations for the client.

2024
Industrial Designer
Freelance | Fresh Design

Renders and 3D Models for Actimel, Danone YoPRO and Tonosol. Renders were created for website use and consisted of packaging images. Worked on 3 projects at the same time while working part-time at a different studio, time management was key.

2023
Circular Cities National Initiative | Lisbon

Attended conference that showcased different local (Portuguese) projects that aim towards Circular Cities.

Competitions

2024
Buildner Architecture Competitions
The Architect's Chair 1st Edition -
International Design Competitions
Shortlisted
Featured on the "The Architect's Chair, Take a
Seat and Make a Statement" book, page 168

Exhibitions

2025
Ecosistemas do Design - 1a Bienal de Arte
e Design do Funchal, Madeira
*Design Ecosystems - 1st Funchal Biennale
of Art and Design*
Featured University Project

2025
Interspécies | Centro de Arquitetura do
MAC / CCB (Centro Cultural de Belém)
*Interspecies | MAC Architecture Centre /
CCB (Belém Cultural Centre)*
Featured C MATTER's - Dissertation Project

Soft Skills

Teamwork
Problem Solving
Attention to Detail
Project Communication
Critical Thinking
Empathy

Software

Fusion 360
Keyshot
Illustrator
InDesign
Photoshop
Procreate

Miro
Figma
Microsoft 360
Google Slides

Language

Portuguese (Native)
English (Advanced)
Spanish (Intermediate)

Interests

Circular Economy | User Research | Strategy Design | Biomaterials | Innovation | Design Thinking | Sustainability