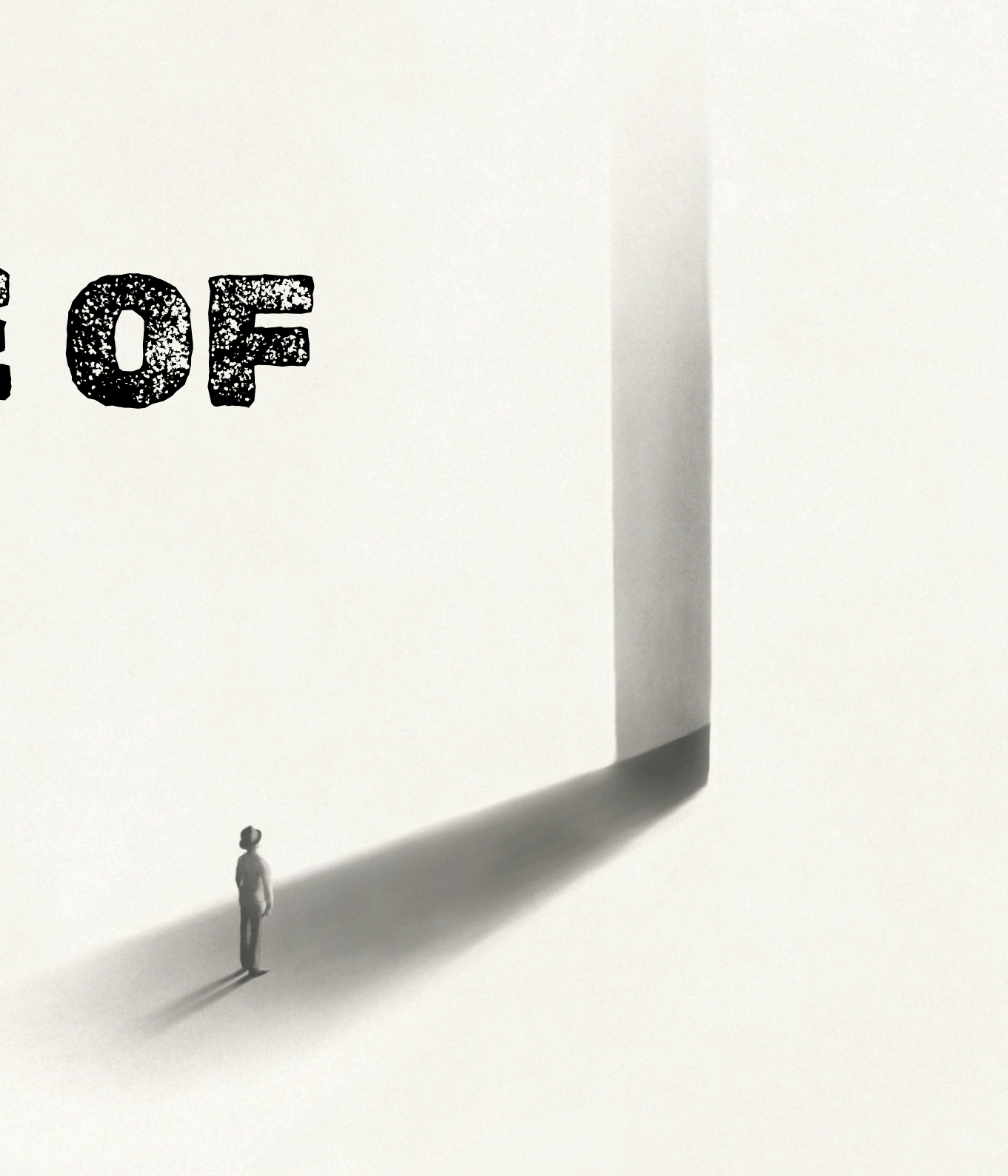


ARCHITECTURE COMPETITION

THE HOME OF SHADOWS

EDITION #2

COMPETITION CONDITIONS



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Introduction

Buildner presents the second edition of the Home of Shadows architecture competition. This event once again highlights the crucial interplay between light and shadow in creating functional and inviting living spaces.

Light is one of the most important factors when designing homes, and the use of natural light is vital in creating a space that feels both comfortable, inviting and practical. It could be said that lighting is a form of language that architects can use to communicate emotions in the spaces and structures they design.

As such, shadow plays as much a role in influencing the feel of a space as light. The harmony between light and shadow allows architects and designers to create spaces with depth and texture, creating different moods for different purposes. In many cases, it could come down to the simple placement of a single window or door.



Shadow on decorative green plant leaf against white wall © cottonbro



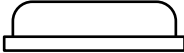


For the Home of Shadows Edition #2 competition, participants are asked to design a home for a hypothetical couple with just one rule - there can be no artificial light within the home. The jury will be looking for designs that study how natural light can influence and shape architectural decisions.



Participants may select any theoretical site for their Home of Shadows and propose a design solution for the fully functional building.

Building programme

For the Home of Shadows Edition #2 competition, participants are being asked to submit designs for a house for a hypothetical couple. The property would need to include all the basic amenities of a typical home such as a kitchen, bedroom, living room, and bathroom as well as a small courtyard.

				
Kitchen	Bedroom	Living room	Bathroom	Small courtyard

The BUILDING PROGRAMME is flexible, open to modifications and improved development strategies.

Prizes

Monetary awards

Total prize fund
7,000 €



3 winning proposals, 2 special award recipients and 6 honorable mentions will be selected. Buildner will award a total of 7,000 € in prize money to competition winners as follows:

1st Prize
3,000 €

2nd Prize
1,500 €

3rd Prize
1,000 €

BUILDNER STUDENT AWARD
1,000 € Cash prize

BUILDNER SUSTAINABILITY AWARD
500 € Cash prize

+ 6 honorable mentions

Certificates

Buildner will acknowledge the outstanding performance of all winners with Certificates of Achievement.



Publicity Campaign

Media

Buildner's publicity campaign offers extensive exposure to the architectural community, ensuring that the results of the competition are seen by a vast audience:

BUILDNER'S TWO MILLION

The results are published on buildner.com, a leading website in the architecture industry, attracting over one million unique visitors annually. Additionally, the campaign extends to Buildner's social networks, which boast over 800,000 followers combined, and through newsletter campaigns reaching over 200,000 subscribers.



As part of the collaboration between Buildner and ArchDaily, the competition winners will be showcased on ArchDaily, a leading architecture news platform.

This feature will greatly boost the winners' visibility to millions of architecture professionals and enthusiasts worldwide, increasing their chances for new opportunities, attracting new clients, and establishing their reputation in the industry.

BUILDNER EXTENSIVE MEDIA NETWORK

Buildner leverages an extensive network of media industry leaders to publish the competition results. This broadens the audience further, ensuring that participants' work is showcased across multiple platforms known for their influence and reach in the architecture and design sectors.

Publicity Campaign

Interview & Movie

After participants submit their project, they have the opportunity to upload a questionnaire (in writing) and a video about themselves **on the Buildner project upload panel**, up to five days before the results announcement. The specific submission deadline is indicated in the project upload panel.

These submissions are **OPTIONAL** but highly recommended in case the project is selected amongst the winners to maximize the publicity and media attention their work will receive.

Questionnaires and videos will be published for winners and honorable mentions with the competition results on Buildner's website.

Videos will be published for all participants, including winners, on Buildner's YouTube channel.

Read more about:



The interview – architecturecompetitions.com/interview



The video submission – architecturecompetitions.com/submit-movie

Explore the movies received from Buildner Architecture Competition winners and honorable mentions here - youtube.com/@buildner

Competition schedule

Preliminary registration deadlines

🚩 Early Bird Registration
OCTOBER 30 – DECEMBER 13

🚩 Advance Registration
DECEMBER 14 – FEBRUARY 29

🚩 Last Minute Registration
MARCH 1 – MAY 2

It is still possible to participate in this competition after the preliminary deadlines, however, a higher late registration fee will be charged.



Closing date for questions & answers
MAY 8, 2024

In order to guarantee equal opportunities to all competition participants, no new questions will be answered after this deadline!



Closing date for registration
MAY 2, 2024



Closing date for submission
JUNE 4, 2024 (11:59 p.m. LONDON TIME)



Announcement of the winners
JULY 15, 2024

Registration fees



Please find **registration fees** listed at the competition website
architecturecompetitions.com/HomeofShadows2

Discounts for architecture students

Buildner Architecture Competition Organisers would like to hear from representatives of universities, schools, and colleges offering architecture/design studies.

Contact us to receive special student rates for group registration (discount applies for 3+ registrations from one university/school), as well as further information and support to get your students involved in architecture competitions.

Send us a request from your university email address along with basic information about you and your university/school. Please note that only recognized university staff can apply for the reduced student rate.

Buildner Architecture University rankings

Explore the Buildner's list of the world's 1000+ most competitive architecture universities –
architecturecompetitions.com/architecture-university-rankings

Submission requirements

- Participants are required to upload **one (1) A2 landscape-orientated presentation board** (must not exceed 10MB) with sketches, renderings, plans, sections, elevations, diagrams, and/or other presentation tools to explain their proposal.

1 panel

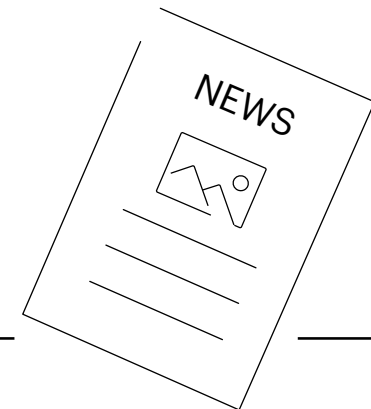


- No video files are accepted.
- All information provided in writing must be in English.
- All submissions must be uploaded via the architecturecompetitions.com upload panel. Access information and instructions on how to upload the presentation board will be issued to participants via email immediately after successful registration.
- Presentation boards must not indicate any information related to individual's/team's identity.

Participants who do not comply with the requirements will be disqualified without refund.

Participants can choose and upload **one project preview image from their presentation** that best describes their project.

- The project preview image would need to be at least 2000x1680 pixels large, orientated horizontally, no more than 10 MB in size, and in jpg/jpeg format.
- The project preview image will be used for promotional materials to showcase the project in case the project is selected as the winner.
- Please note: the competition jury will not see the selected project preview image.



Presentation deliverables set

- Urban plan
- Street elevations
- Primary sections
- Primary floor plans
- Details
 - Envelope
 - Key materials
 - Site or landscape
- Axonometric's providing information on building systems or illustrating key architectural concepts
- Perspectives
 - Primary interior spaces
 - Primary site locations

- Diagrams
 - Circulation
 - Public versus private space
 - Landscaping
 - Transportation
 - Cityscapes/urban relationships

Please note the PRESENTATION DELIVERABLES SET listed above is a suggestion only. Participants can choose to use the entire list, a selection from it, or propose a completely different set that would explain their design in the most efficient manner.

Recommended submission content

- A cityscape to illustrate how the proposal fits in with the quality, value, and significance of the historical and modern urban structure of the selected context.
- Concept designs which highlight that all aspects of the design are of the highest quality and in keeping with the design brief.
- Demonstration of project feasibility in regard to environment, climate conditions, lifecycle, and responsible use of materials.
- Proposed plan, section/s, and internal and external perspectives demonstrating the spatial quality of the building, as well as operational needs, and accessibility requirements.

Presentation preliminary review

For more than ten years, Buildner has analyzed and rated thousands of architecture competition project submissions. Trust us when we say — the quality of your presentation is vital to convince a jury team of your design intent, and there are several graphic and representational factors that can make it or break it. We can help you make it right!

Buildner can review your presentation and give you valuable feedback!

Participants are welcome to submit their competition presentation draft panel/s **before submitting it/them as a final competition entry for a preliminary review.**

Within 1–3 days, our team will analyze your presentation panel/s and rate them on predefined criteria points, as well as add valuable written feedback on how you can improve your final competition submission.

Find out more here – [**architecturecompetitions.com/reviews**](https://architecturecompetitions.com/reviews)



Jury

The jury panel members list and biographies are published at **architecturecompetitions.com/HomeofShadows2**

Participants are advised to research both the working site and previous similar case studies as part of the design process. For each competition, 6–9 jury panel members are selected. Buildner reserves the right to add/remove the jury panel members at any moment.

Jury members shall under no circumstances be contacted by competition participants or their representatives. Participants who attempt to contact jury members shall be disqualified.

All competition-related communications should be carried out solely with Buildner staff.

For any questions, please contact us at contact@buildner.com

The Home of Shadows Edition #2 is an ideas competition, which encourages participants to test or redefine the boundaries of architecture. The jury may choose to reward projects that show a high degree of creativity, even if they breach competition guidelines, as long as this is justified.

Buildner is committed to selecting the most qualified industry professionals to comprise its jury panels. Jury panels consist of architects, in addition to professionals from other professional backgrounds that are relevant to the competition topic, to guarantee the most objective competition results.

*You may find the invited jury list from **previous** competitions [here](https://architecturecompetitions.com/guest-jury) – architecturecompetitions.com/guest-jury*

Eligibility

The competition is open to all. No professional qualifications are required. Design proposals can be developed individually or by teams (4 team members maximum).

People who have direct personal or professional relationships with jury panel members or organisers may not participate in this competition.

Media partners

A full list of media partners who have committed to present the competition winners in their publications can be found at architecturecompetitions.com/HomeofShadows2

For potential media partners who are also interested in covering the present competition and its winners, please contact us at contact@buildner.com

Competition press kit (in English) and banners are available at architecturecompetitions.com/HomeofShadows2/press