



ABC | LIVING SPACES 2020

International architectural & design competition for a resilient world

ABC | LIVING SPACES 2020 is an international competition of architecture and interior design ideas in the time of the **Covid-19**.

Proposed by **ABC - The Architecture BIM Competition**, organizer of **ABC | MONZA 2019**, the Competition's subject is the **rethinking of our Living Spaces to make them resilient** towards the **Coronavirus** and other possible viral invaders. The object of the proposals is the architectural and interior design of a **residential living space** or a **hotel living space**. Through targeted technical and organizational choices, this space must guarantee the functions necessary to face a pandemic both in safety, in comfort and style.

The **submissions** that best solve the theme through **functional, pleasing and innovative architectural and interior design solutions** are **rewarded**.

The **most interesting furnishing and design objects** specifically designed for the Competition are also **rewarded**.

Why a competition on Living Spaces with the Covid-19 in the background?

Coronavirus had a significant impact on the social and coexistence habits of us all, forcing people to change their relationship with the environments in which they spend their daily lives.

Our residential Living Spaces, the places of work, study, leisure and those dedicated to physical activities, usually distinct and distant, have given way to hybrid living environments. These new iterations of our homes, with the passing of the **Lockdown** days have seen the flourishing of niches and corners dedicated to functions otherwise performed outside the home and often in community.

Smart working and **Distance learning** are two widely shared examples of functions that have suddenly populated our homes. In the same way, the need of spaces for physical activity which, "*mens sana in corpore sano*", has a strong influence on mental well-being has also become urgent during the Lockdown.

By the way, the Coronavirus has pushed us to rediscover the value of space. Having plenty of it in an organized form, maybe even for those sanitizing activities that require separation of environments, is a wealth. A concept, often overlooked in recent times for the availability of mini and micro apartments in the "cool" central areas of the cities, which has been brought back by an exceptional medical emergency. An emergency that however could become customary.

This and more emerges from the debates that today cross the world of architecture, construction and the real estate sector where the evolution of living spaces in the coming years is discussed and investigated.

It therefore becomes imperative to deepen the discussion and open a confrontation on what **the architectural, interior design and design solutions could actually make our Living spaces eclectic, comfortable, safe and functional** in a situation of total or partial Lockdown.

With this in mind we have created **ABC | LIVING SPACES 2020** as an initiative that can allow professionals and students interested in the topic **to compare their ideas with those of their peers through the evaluation of a Jury of recognized international professionals.**

And last but not least, to be able **to share and promote the best proposals emerging from the competition to the international public.**

The Brief

- **ABC | LIVING SPACES 2020** is an **International competition of architecture and design ideas open to students and professionals who can participate individually or in groups.**
- The competition is digital and all its phases are online, from registration to the award ceremony.
- Competitors are asked to submit a proposal for a (furnished) **residential living space** or **hotel living space** with a wide freedom on the kind of solution chosen:
 - The **residential living space** can be an apartment in an apartment building, a single or multi-family house, a villa, a tree house, on stilts, on water, etc.
 - The **hotel living space** can be a hotel or residence room, a bungalow, etc.
- The reference site is open: the Living Space can be located in a large metropolis or a small village, in an alpine context or in an equatorial forest or on an island. East, west, north, south, cold, hot, dry, wet: no strings attached.
- The Jury will reward those creative proposals that offer functional, welcoming and pleasant housing solutions and that allow to carry out remote working, distance learning, physical activities, sanitization of people, animals and objects, sanitary isolation, etc. (even by reconfiguration).
- The most interesting furnishing and design elements specifically designed for the use in this Competition are rewarded
- The submission, according to the framework of Building Information Modeling, consists of one or more IFC "BIM" files containing the 3D model of the living space and the reference context (the building that contains the Living space and its immediate surroundings). Furthermore, images and / or videos originating directly from the model/s and possibly reworked in post-production are requested. Finally, a short presentation of the proposal.
- The proposals are evaluated by a Jury of high profile made up of international professionals and academics from the Architecture, Interior Design, Design and Real Estate fields and by experts in the BIM field.

The Calendar

Registrations for the Competition will be open from **15 September, 2020** with the presentation of the **Competition Regulations** (in line with the Brief).

Submissions of the entries will end by midnight on **February 28, 2021** and the winners will be announced in the following weeks.

ABC | LIVING SPACES 2020 is organized by **ABC – The Architecture BIM Competition**

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