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BUILD Excellence Award for Residential Design - Haiti & Best Haitian Residential Design: House in Boutilliers



Design-1 is a design focused architectural practice based in Haiti. We invited Architect Antoine Boulos to talk us through the practice and its focus on design.

Established in 1991, Design-1 offers both architectural and construction services as well as a dedicated security division. The firm's architectural department headed by Architect Antoine Boulos, believes in the purity and lightness of architecture, as Antoine explains.

"Architecture is a wonderful puzzle, in which many different constraints (aesthetics, function, structure, human needs) have to work together to create a unique work of art, a work that is not only pleasing to the eye but also gives our clients living in it, a feeling of wellbeing. Our strength in architectural design is the key reason for our success

"During the architectural process, we listen closely to our clients. Our goal is to create their unique dream house or dream commercial building, which

they will enjoy every day for the rest of their life. Our goal is to transform their ideas into a unique work of art."

BIM software is used to create 3D models of the firm's creations, allowing clients to be completely satisfied before the start of the construction process. Working in Haiti, the firm faces a number of natural challenges which it works hard to overcome, as Antoine outlines as a concluding comment.

"Being in an earthquake prone country, anti-seismic principles are inherently used in our design concepts and greatly implemented by our engineering department. We are proud of the fact that none of our buildings or houses received damages from the terrible earthquake of January 12, 2010, which destroyed Haiti and killed thousands of people."

