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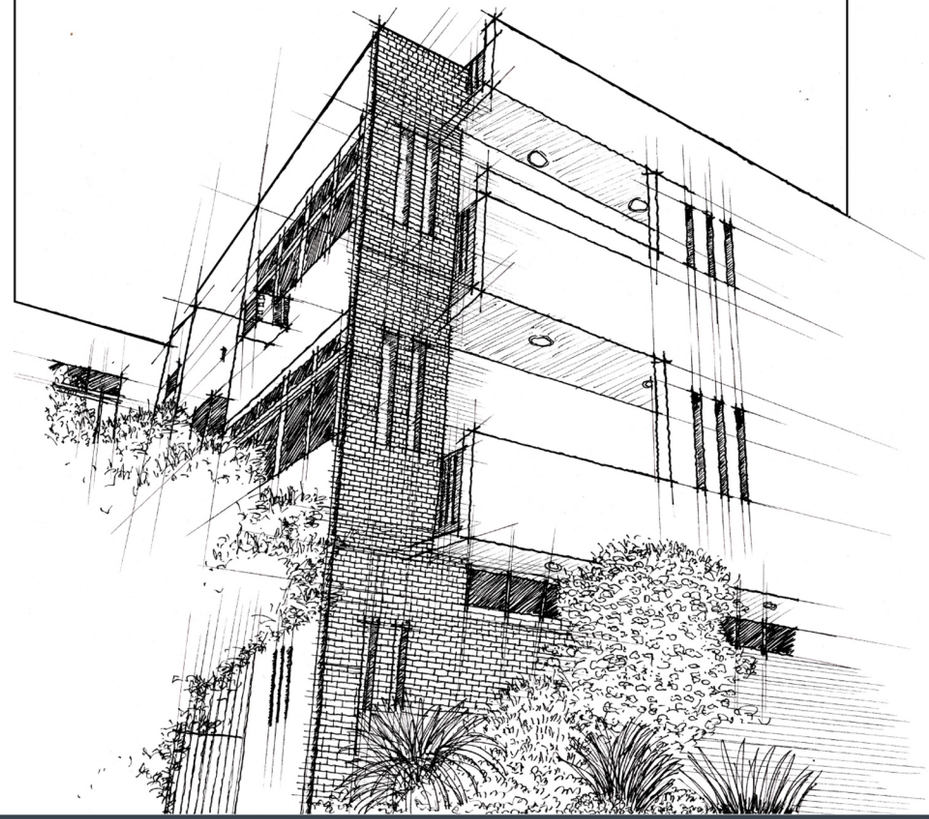

OSAC ARCHIVES: A record of a Sudanese architectural practice during a time of significant urban transformations.

This publication provides, for the first time, a semi-complete record of the architectural works, especially residential, of a Sudanese architect. Professional architectural publications related to the Sudanese context are still quite rare.

The book represents an exceptional and unique effort – when considering architecture in the Sudan – of keeping a thorough and organised record of practice. By doing so, the architect Omer Siddig Osman Abdelrahman (Omer Siddig Architectural Consultant (OSAC)) has presented us with a document that helps preserve the collective memory of the profession, the built environment and history.

This book shows how a unique form of residential development emerged as OSAC spent more than 20 years providing building solutions for dynamic family needs. The model that evolved was adopted and widely replicated; it allowed for the family to occupy the ground floor section while the upper levels comprised apartments for use by the adult children of the family.

This system replicated the model of homes of extended families in the rural areas from where most of Khartoum's residents originated. While the practice did engage with other building types, this archive focuses mostly on small- to medium- scale residential developments.

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