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Belsize's biggest project so far blooms in the desert

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Mixed-use project aspires to improve expanding Saudi town's streetscape

Belsize Architects has begun work on its largest project so far, a £4.9 million mixed-use scheme in Saudi Arabia.

The 9,000sq m building in the south-eastern town of Dhahran, will contain retail on the ground and first floors and offices on the upper three.

It has been designed to address Dhahran's harsh desert climate, with narrow windows set into deep recesses and small windows on the main facades.

Director Shahriar Nasser said the design concept, which includes a series of cuts into three blocks to create shade, was influenced by the narrow lanes of traditional Arab settlements nearby.

While neighbouring buildings in Dhahran are an unremarkable mix of concrete and glass, the London-based practice tried to offer a more interesting contemporary urban oasis, with planted terraces and bridges connecting the blocks, said Nasser.

The project, for private commercial developer Marwan Al-Turki Projects, is due to complete in December.

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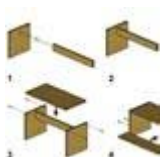## MARKETPLACE RECOMMENDATIONS

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