

**SHELL RESIDENTIAL ESTATE  
MAIDERAROAD, MAITAMA,  
ABUJA**

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*The Imani/Shell Estate in Abuja occupies a well-landscaped 57,300sqm compound, a town within a town for about 51 families to be supported by domestic and auxiliary workers.*

*The Estate is conceptualized to be a miniature town containing various residential building types and recreational facilities together with facilities for administrative and maintenance functions.*

*The houses are designed facing access roads generating a clear sense of clear-view front and private backs with all houses generally well provided for with terraces that open generously into their gardens. The orientation of each dwelling is determined by social rather than environmental factors, with a rich mix of the different building types enriching the overall quality of the estate.*

*The planning of individual dwellings generally follows international conventions. Each house is entered through a small lobby, leading directly to the reception/living rooms and the kitchen to the rear.*

*The site plan distributes the car parks along vehicular circulation routes so that it becomes a series of integrated car lots, rather than a formal object space.*

*The Design concept is to create simple, functional but classic structures, elegant and timeless, emerging as serene and domestic, entwined in perpetual embrace in which buildings and site are creatively integrated as one. There is a great deal of variation of the roof lines and exterior form of the buildings varying according to the choice of individual occupants, within a necessarily dense programme arranged linearly taking its pattern from both the site topography and the best views across the site. Their alternative fluid and massive forms, curvilinear, sharp and pyramidal roofs and the use of materials and colour in expressing the forms strike a balance between human requirement and the substance of the uneven site terrain.*

**Client:** Shell Trustees (Nig.) Ltd

**Main Contractor:** Costain West Africa/  
Overseas Ltd.

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