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### **Julius Berger AFP Wins 4<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Award as “Nigeria’s Furniture Company of the Year”**

Julius Berger AFP, the furniture manufacturing and top class interior design and implementation unit of Nigeria’s leading engineering construction company, has again and for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year won the award for **“NIGERIA’S FURNITURE COMPANY OF THE YEAR”**.

The industry’s most coveted award was announced during the International Housing Awards 2020 ceremony, which held at the prestigious Abuja International Conference Centre, which was also built on record time and to exquisite international quality by Julius Berger Nigeria Plc.

At the close of the highly competitive nominations, Julius Berger AFP raked in 1,374 votes at 53.05% to beat its closest rival, which got 1,180 votes to finish at 50.32% of the votes. The keenly contested leadership of the furniture category at the annual International Housing Show has largely been ascribed to the growing competitive innovativeness and creativity in the furniture and furnishing sector of the economy.

AFP is Nigeria’s leading furniture production facility and an integral part of Julius Berger’s value chain, which is proudly guided by leading engineering standards, bespoke creativity, international best quality as well as trendy and inviting innovation. The AFP’s portfolio includes corporate furniture, living room furniture, dining room furniture, bedroom furniture, kitchen furniture, internal doors, wardrobes, wall panelling, window decorations, and wooden floors.

AFP’s parent company Julius Berger Nigeria Plc is a Nigerian company offering integrated construction solutions. Throughout the past 50 years of its incorporation in Nigeria, Julius Berger has deployed progressive construction methods to ensure that innovation and quality are prioritized for the benefit of its clients. The company’s scope covers all areas of construction, including the pre and post phases. Julius Berger’s success is built on the strategy of having vertically integrated operations, which improve efficiency and timeliness of project execution. Additionally, subsidiaries support the company’s ability to offer a complete range of construction-related services. Julius Berger is a brand that is unmistakably recognized

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throughout Nigeria, a brand that has built a track record of delivering the highest level of performance and a brand synonymous with great quality and strong reliability.

The Group Head, Media Relations Office of Julius Berger Nigeria Plc, Prince Moses Duku, who led the company's AFP team to the Abuja Housing Show 2020 event proudly, invitingly said that: *"AFP designs and produces quality furniture that balances function with aesthetics to create spaces that connect, invite and delight"*, adding that AFP *"bedroom designs consist of elegant pieces that radiate relaxation and tranquillity in the most personal and intimate way"*.

The Sales Manager of the JULIUS BERGER-AFP, Uchenna Uzoewulu, who was also in the company's delegation to the event added that: *"Our living spaces are built on the dimensions of aesthetics and practicality. Whatever the need, our designs are modelled to fit the many sides of our clients' taste. Our seats are craftfully designed to deliver extra back support in comfort and style. We give our clients the freedom to choose the materials, allowing their choices to reflect their personal style. Our kitchen spaces offer a deep connection between the user and carefully curated mix of materials. We replicate an ambience where function meets fun, giving our clients a yearning for culinary entertainment"*.

It would be recalled that at the previous year's awards event, where JULIUS BERGER-AFP also won the same sector leadership position, while speaking with brimming confidence of the premium grade furnishing offerings available to clients at the company's factory located at Idu Industrial Area Abuja as well as at its showrooms in Maitama Abuja and Victoria Island Lagos, Prince Duku had said: *"AFP's workspaces are elegant combinations of wood and chrome tones, an embodiment of simplicity and opulence in a minimalistic setting. Be assured of exciting deliberations for every time spent in an AFP-designed and furnished space...Whether furnishing a home or corporate environment, AFP's fully integrated and holistic services ensure a positive overall experience and result"*.

When asked by correspondents about what accounts for the AFP's consecutive wins as *"NIGERIA'S FURNITURE COMPANY OF THE YEAR"* at the annual highly rated International Housing Show awards, Prince Duku said; *"We are Julius Berger, and we take best standards in thinking and production most seriously. We take value-addition to our exemplary work as a defining standard for the leadership we offer and intend to continue to offer our clients in every of our output. Be it a road, a bridge, housing or furniture design and construction, whatever engineering challenge we are offered, Julius Berger has a verifiable and exciting pledge to all of our clients - we work always to progressively upscale our enviable records. Global*

*best practices underpin our standards. And that remains our enduring promise for the future; we just work to be better and better and better again with every outing. That is who we are and that is why we win again and again. At Julius Berger, we mean business, because we know the customer is king”.*

Speaking at the ceremony, the CEO of the Abuja International Housing Show, Barrister Festus Adebayo, said: “...the Nigeria Housing Awards is all about the recognition and promotion of excellence, hard-work and determination. We always look out for these traits and appreciate them...By doing so, we create a viable environment for healthy competition among stakeholders”. He congratulated winners of the 2020 awards, and urged them to take their victory “as a call to do more because others are not so far behind. In fact, everyone that has been nominated represents the kind of future we are keen to see”.