

HOMES & STORIES – GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

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HOMES & STORIES SRL (the «Organizer») organizes a home decor and design fair named «Homes and Stories Brussels » (the «fair»), which will be held from 19 to 22 November 2026.

ARTICLE 1 – DEFINITIONS

1.1 In these general terms & conditions, the following terms shall have the meanings set out below:

Conditions - These General Terms & Conditions together with the Exhibitor Manual.

Organizer - HOMES & STORIES SRL, organizer of homes & stories Brussels, and its legal representatives.

Booth rental contract - The booth application form submitted by the Exhibitor, together with these General Terms & Conditions.

Fair - 'Homes and Stories Brussels'.

Fees - The total amount payable by the Exhibitor to the Organizer for the allocation of Space at Homes & Stories, as specified in the Booth rental contract.

Exhibitor - The company, individual, organization or other legal entity identified in the booth rental contract as applying for space at the Fair.

Exhibitor Manual - The handbook issued in June by the Organizer containing the rules, guidelines and regulations applicable to the Fair, the Venue, participation conditions and the conduct of Exhibitors during the Fair.

Space - The floor space allocated by the Organizer to the Exhibitor within the exhibition venue.

Stand - Any structure, platform or construction located within the Space for the Exhibitor's use during the Fair.

Venue - The location where Homes & Stories Brussels is held.

1.2 References to clauses refer to clauses of these conditions.

ARTICLE 2 – CONTRACT

2.1 These conditions govern the provision of exhibition Space by the Organizer to the Exhibitor, to the exclusion of any other general terms or conditions.

2.2 By signing the Booth Rental Contract or any other proof of reservation, the Exhibitor declares having read, understood and accepted these Conditions without reservation.

2.3 The conditions governing the organization of the Fair, including but not limited to opening dates, duration, location, opening and closing times and admission charges, are determined by the Organizer and may be modified where reasonably required for organizational, technical, safety or force majeure reason, provided that such modifications do not materially alter the essential nature of the Fair. Such modifications shall not give rise to any right to compensation.

2.4 Participation in Homes & Stories is subject in all cases to written acceptance by the Organizer, who reserves the right to accept or refuse any application, without justification.

ARTICLE 3 – CODE OF PRACTICE

3.1 The Exhibitor shall occupy the allocated booth from the official opening day of the Fair and for its full duration.

3.2 The Exhibitor may not share, transfer or sublet the booth, in whole or in part, without prior written consent from the Organizer. Exhibitors sharing a booth shall be jointly and severally liable.

3.3 Booth locations are provisional and may be modified by the Organizer prior to the Fair. Where necessary, the Organizer may reduce the Booth size, subject to a proportional reduction of the Fees calculated on the basis of the surface area reduced.

3.4 At the end of the Fair, the Exhibitor shall vacate the Venue in accordance with the Organizer's instructions. Any failure to do so may result in indemnification of the Organizer for any resulting loss, damage or costs.

3.5 The Exhibitor shall indemnify and hold harmless the Organizer, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, against any loss, damage, claim or expense arising from the Exhibitor's participation, including acts or omissions of the Exhibitor and its representatives, and any non-compliance with applicable data protection legislation.

3.6 All business activities and promotional materials must remain confined to the Exhibitor's Booth.

3.7 The Exhibitor shall comply at all times with the Exhibitor Manual, including exhibition criteria, technical rules and fire safety regulations. Any material breach of these obligations may result in the Exhibitor's exclusion from the Fair, without refund and without prejudice to any other remedies available to the Organizer.

ARTICLE 4 – PAYMENT TERMS

4.1 Allocation of Space is subject to availability and the Organizer's discretion.

4.2 Once the application has been accepted in writing, Booth rental fees shall be payable in two instalments as indicated on the invoice.

4.3 Payment for additional services or extras is due upon receipt of invoice.

4.4 In the event of non-payment within the stated deadlines and following a written reminder, the Organizer reserves the right to terminate the contract with immediate effect and reallocate the Space, without prejudice to its right to claim all outstanding amounts and damages.

4.5 Interest may be charged on overdue amounts at the applicable statutory rate.

4.6 The Exhibitor shall bear all reasonable collection, administrative and legal costs incurred by the Organizer in connection with unpaid amounts.

ARTICLE 5 – LOCAL SALES TAXES

5.1 The Exhibitor is solely responsible for compliance with all applicable tax obligations, including VAT, sales taxes and related declarations.

5.2 The Organizer shall not be held liable for any failure by the Exhibitor to comply with tax, customs or anti-money laundering regulations.

ARTICLE 6 – CANCELLATION

6.1 The Exhibitor may cancel its participation by written notice to the Organizer. The Exhibitor acknowledges that cancellations result in operational and financial loss to the Organizer.

6.2 Requests for reduction of Space must be submitted in writing and are subject to the Organizer's prior written approval.

6.3 Any approved reduction shall be treated as a cancellation of the original Space and shall be subject to the same cancellation conditions.

6.4 In the event of cancellation by the Exhibitor, the following cancellation fees shall apply. The parties expressly acknowledge that these amounts represent a genuine pre-estimate of the loss incurred by the Organizer as a result of such cancellation:

- Up to 12 weeks before the opening of the Fair: 50% of the total Booth cost
- Between 12 and 8 weeks before the opening of the Fair: 75%
- Less than 8 weeks before the opening of the Fair: 100%, plus any additional costs already incurred

6.5 Cancelled Space may be reallocated by the Organizer without obligation to refund cancellation fees.

6.6 In cases of force majeure preventing the holding of the Fair, amounts paid may, at the Exhibitor's option, be credited to a future edition of the Fair or refunded, excluding any costs already incurred.

ARTICLE 7 – LIABILITY AND INSURANCE

7.1 Each Exhibitor shall obtain and maintain, at its own expense, a valid public liability insurance policy covering bodily injury, death and property damage occurring at the Venue, for a minimum amount of **EUR 1,000,000**.

If the Exhibitor fails to provide proof of such insurance within the deadline stated in the Exhibitor Manual, the Organizer may, at its discretion, register the Exhibitor under the Fair's collective public liability insurance policy and invoice the corresponding premium. Such insurance shall be subject to the terms, conditions and exclusions of the relevant insurance policy and shall cover public liability only, excluding products, merchandise and Exhibitor property.

7.2 The Exhibitor shall arrange its own insurance for products, merchandise, equipment and personal belongings during transport, installation, the Fair and dismantling.

7.3 The Organizer recommends that Exhibitors take out cancellation and abandonment insurance.

7.4 The Organizer shall not be liable for any loss or damage resulting from insufficient or inadequate insurance coverage.

7.5 Subject to Article 7.7, the Organizer shall not be liable for theft, loss or damage to any goods, equipment or materials brought onto the Venue, nor for services provided by third parties.

7.6 Subject to Article 7.7, the Organizer's total aggregate liability shall in all circumstances be limited to the total Fees paid by the Exhibitor. The Organizer shall not be liable for indirect or consequential losses, including loss of profit or revenue.

7.7 Nothing in these Conditions excludes or limits liability in a manner prohibited by Belgian law, including liability for gross negligence or willful misconduct.

7.8 The Organizer shall not be liable for any delay, damage or loss caused by force majeure or events beyond its reasonable control, including adverse weather, fire, war, strikes, epidemics, acts of government or unavailability of the Venue.

7.9 The Exhibitor shall ensure that its insurance policies include a waiver of subrogation against the Organizer and shall provide proof upon request.

ARTICLE 8 – TERMINATION

8.1 The Organizer may terminate the contract with immediate effect or exclude the Exhibitor from the Fair if the Exhibitor commits a material breach of these Conditions or of the Exhibitor Manual, becomes insolvent, bankrupt or ceases trading, or acts unlawfully or in infringement of third-party rights.

8.2 Upon termination, the Exhibitor's right to occupy the Space shall cease and cancellation fees shall apply as per Article 6.4.

8.3 The Organizer may remove persons or objects where necessary in the interest of the fair; Fees shall remain due and payable.

ARTICLE 9 – CONTRACTUAL CONDITIONS

9.1 Failure by either party to enforce any provision shall not constitute a waiver.

9.2 If any provision is held invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

9.3 These Conditions constitute the entire agreement between the Organizer and the Exhibitor.

9.4 No third party shall acquire rights under these Conditions.

ARTICLE 10 – COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

10.1 The Exhibitor shall comply with all applicable Belgian and European laws and regulations.

10.2 All materials used for Booth construction and decoration must be fire-resistant or treated accordingly.

10.3 No hazardous, illegal or prohibited materials may be brought onto the Venue.

ARTICLE 11 – GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION

These Conditions shall be governed by and construed in accordance with **Belgian law**. Any dispute shall fall under the **exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Brussels**.

ARTICLE 12 – NOTICES

All notices shall be sent by registered mail, courier service or email to the addresses stated in the Booth Rental Contract

ARTICLE 13 – USE OF IMAGES FOR COMMUNICATION

13.1 Images submitted by the Exhibitor may be used by the Organizer for communication, promotional and press purposes related to homes & stories, with appropriate credit where possible.

13.2 The Exhibitor confirms that all necessary rights and permissions have been obtained prior to submission.

ARTICLE 14 – DATA PROTECTION (GDPR)

14.1 Each party shall comply with applicable data protection legislation, including Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR).

14.2 The Exhibitor warrants that any personal data provided to the Organizer has been lawfully obtained and may be processed for purposes related to the organization, management and promotion of the Fair. Further information regarding the processing of personal data is available in the Organizer's privacy policy.

ARTICLE 15 – ASSIGNMENT

The Exhibitor may not assign or transfer the Booth Rental Contract, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of the Organizer.

ARTICLE 16 – LANGUAGE

These Conditions are drafted in English. In the event of translation, the English version shall prevail.

ARTICLE 17 – ETHICAL COMPLIANCE

The Organizer complies with applicable legislation relating to modern slavery, human trafficking, anti-bribery and anti-corruption laws in force in Belgium and the European Union.