

BACKGROUND

Egypt possesses one of the world's richest cultural heritages, yet many of its most significant artifacts remain dispersed across museums and collections worldwide. This fragmentation creates a disconnect between heritage and its place of origin, highlighting the need to reconnect people with Egypt's history through contemporary technologies and immersive experiences.

EGYPT
Major Custodians of Egyptian Heritage
Significant Collections
Minor Collections

Global Distribution of Egyptian Heritage

LOST EGYPTIAN TREASURE

Rosetta Stone
British Museum, London, UK

Luxor Obelisk
Place de la Concorde, Paris, France

Bust of Nefertiti
Neues Museum, Berlin, Germany

Statue of Sekhemka
Unknown / Private Collection

Temple of Dendur
Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, USA

Colossal Bust of Ramesses II
British Museum, London, UK

SITE SELECTION

The site is strategically located beside the Egyptian Museum in Tahrir Square, creating a direct relationship between heritage preservation, research, and contemporary interpretation. Rather than replicating the museum's role, the project expands its cultural impact through an Egyptology Research Center dedicated to studying and reconnecting dispersed Egyptian heritage. Its proximity to major cultural and tourist landmarks, including Downtown Cairo, the Nile Corniche, Cairo Tower, and Abdeen Palace, further reinforces its significance as a key destination within Cairo's cultural and tourism network.

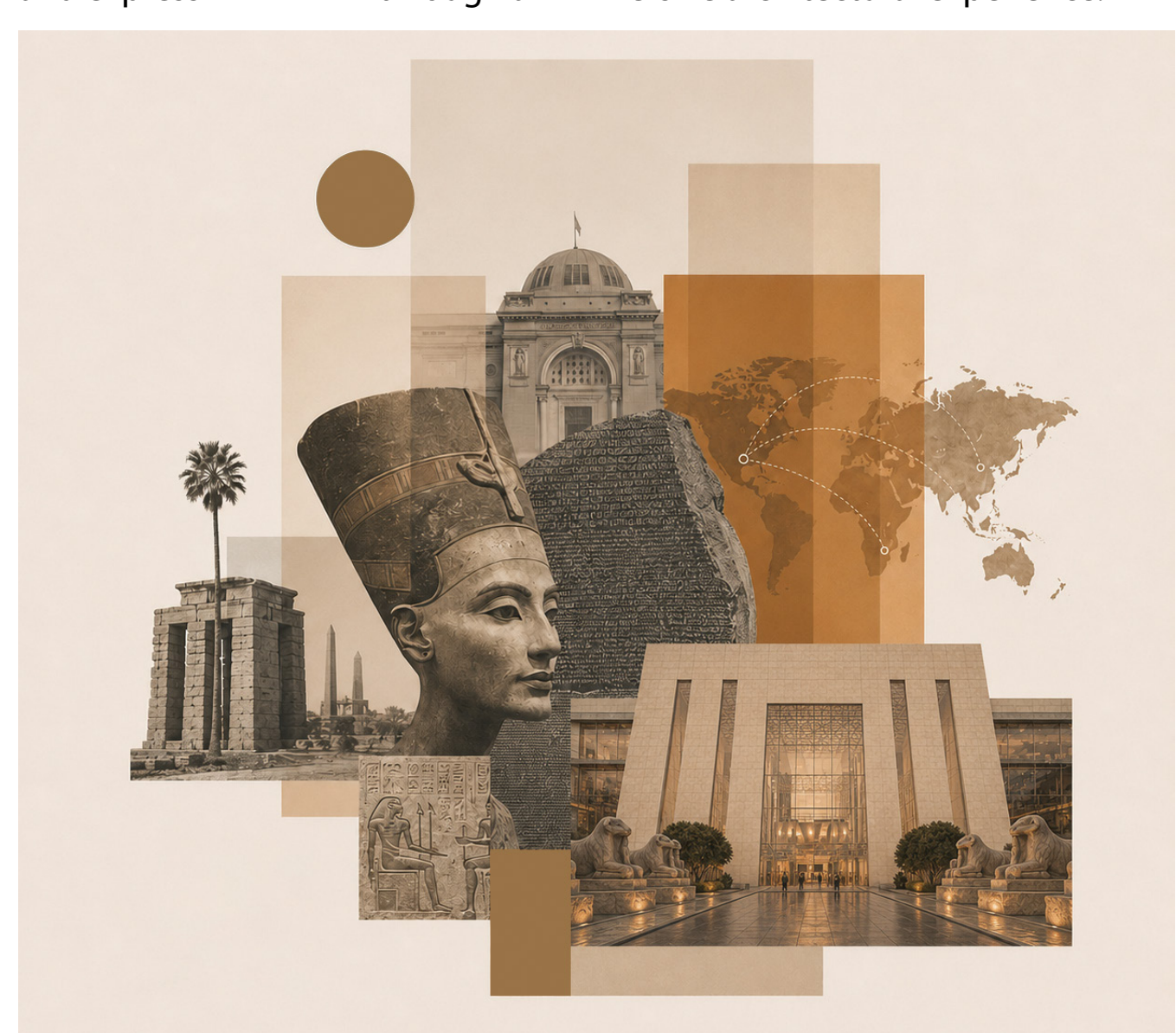
Mahmoud Khalil
Cairo Tower
Mehdiyeh
Egyptian Museum
Rab Zeynab
Abdeen Palace
Museum of Islamic Art

THE MEANING OF REN

REN represents both the **RESEARCH CENTRE & EGYPTOLOGY NARRATIVE MUSEUM** and the ancient Egyptian concept of Ren, which meant a **PERSON'S NAME, IDENTITY & LASTING LEGACY**. In ancient Egyptian belief, as long as the Ren was remembered, a person would continue to exist through time. This idea reflects the project's mission to preserve and reconnect Egypt's cultural heritage for future generations.

CONCEPT STATEMENT

The project preserves Egypt's **HERITAGE**, reflects on its **LOSS**, and reimagines it through **DIGITAL** transformation. It aims to **RECLAIM** fragmented memory and express **ETERNITY** through an immersive architectural experience.



FORM GENERATION

Step 01 — Site Definition
defining the project boundaries within Tahrir Square as the basis for spatial organization and future expansion.

Step 02 — Mass Establishment
Creating the primary museum mass as a contemporary expression rooted in Egypt's cultural identity, forming the main volume for core functions.

Step 03 — Egyptian Museum Integration
Developing a visual and spatial link with the Egyptian Museum, respecting its heritage and extending its cultural narrative.

Step 04 — Programmatic Expansion
Integrating the entrance hall, conference center, and seminar spaces to enhance visitor engagement, education, and public interaction.

Step 05 — Vertical Landmark Development
Introducing the research and administration tower as a vertical landmark linking heritage, knowledge, and innovation.

Step 06 — Final Architectural Expression
Refining the composition into a unified identity of heritage, research, public engagement, and innovation, forming the final REN concept.

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