

Sample Business Plan to Help You Start a Interior design business Venture

Urban Nest Interiors, LLC (Texas LLC founded March 15, 2024) provides full-service residential and commercial interior design to urban professionals in Central Texas at \$12,500 average project value. We target \$500,000 Year 1 revenue with 52% gross margin. Founders Maya Thompson (12-year NCIDQ/LEED designer, ex-Gensler) and Jordan Lee (ex-design-tech COO) invested \$85,000 owner equity. May 2024.

SECTION 1: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Central Texas homeowners aged 28-45 spend \$12,000-\$25,000 on design projects but face 12-16 week industry turnaround times (ASID 2023). Urban Nest Interiors solves this with hybrid in-person/virtual delivery achieving 6-8 week completion. Our fixed-fee packages start at \$1,500 for virtual services and \$12,000 for full residential projects, with 50% deposit requirement. Year 1 revenue projection: \$500,000 from 40 projects at 52% gross margin. Fixed costs of \$17,075/month require 32 projects annually to break even. Profitability achieved Month 9 with \$135,100 net income.

We seek \$185,000 funding: \$100,000 SBA 7(a) loan (10 years, 6.5% interest) and \$85,000 owner equity. Funds allocated as: \$25,000 studio buildout, \$18,000 technology, \$15,000 marketing launch, \$60,000 working capital (3 months), \$15,000 contingency. This enables 32-project break-even by Month 9, \$1.2M Year 3 revenue, and 55% net margin. Investor ROI: 3.4x by Year 5 based on \$2.1M cumulative net profit.

SECTION 2: COMPANY OVERVIEW

Urban Nest Interiors operates as a Texas LLC (EIN 87-6543219) at 1800 South Congress Avenue, Austin. Chosen for low Texas regulatory burden (no residential design licensure required) and Austin's 3.2% annual population growth (U.S. Census 2023). Founders Thompson (70% ownership) and Lee (30%) invested \$85,000 from personal savings (\$50k) and family loans (\$35k).

Thompson delivered 50+ residential projects averaging \$18,500 at Gensler Austin (2018-2023), generating \$925,000 revenue. Lee scaled a design-tech startup to \$320,000 ARR in 18 months via HubSpot automation. Ruiz (Lead Project Manager) coordinated 28 projects annually at Texas Design Collective (2020-2023).

Date	Milestone	Status	Next Steps
Mar 2024	LLC formation, EIN secured	Complete	N/A
Apr 2024	Studio lease signed (1,200 sq ft @ \$3,200/mo)	Complete	N/A
May 2024	Website launch, initial marketing	Complete	Generate 150 leads/mo
Jun 2024	First 3 client contracts signed	Complete	Deliver projects by Aug 15
Sep 2024	Break-even (32 projects)	Pending	Secure 8 projects in Month 6
Dec 2024	40 total projects completed	Pending	Achieve \$500,000 revenue
Q2 2025	Launch Design Concierge (\$199/mo)	Pending	Acquire 50 subscribers
Q4 2026	Dallas studio opening	Pending	Secure \$200,000 expansion capital

SECTION 3: MARKET ANALYSIS

TAM: \$12.3B U.S. residential design services (IBISWorld 2023). SAM: \$410M Texas market (4.8% of TAM based on population share). SOM: \$16.4M Central Texas (4% of SAM). Calculation: 285,000 target households (28-45yo, \$100k+ income) x \$5,750 average annual design spend (Houzz 2023) = \$1.64B. We target 1% penetration in Year 1 (40 projects @ \$12,500 avg = \$500,000).

Primary customers: 28-45yo urban professionals in Austin metro. 68% are remote workers (Pew Research) spending \$12,000-\$25,000 on home upgrades. 42% prioritize sustainability (Statista 2023). Secondary: Boutique commercial clients (cafes, co-working spaces) with \$8,000-\$25,000 project budgets. 73% require ADA compliance support (JLL Commercial Report).

Key trends: 9% annual growth in sustainable design demand (Statista), 68% of millennials prefer virtual collaboration tools (ASID), 42% hybrid workers need multi-functional spaces (Pew), and 31% of homeowners increased design budgets post-pandemic (National Association of Realtors).

Segment	Size (\$)	Growth Rate	Our Share Target	Rationale
Residential (Full-Service)	\$8.2M	7.5%	2.5%	40 projects @ \$12,500 = \$500,000
Residential (Virtual)	\$3.1M	12.0%	3.2%	20 projects @ \$3,000 avg = \$60,000
Commercial (Boutique)	\$4.1M	5.8%	1.8%	10 projects @ \$15,000 avg = \$150,000
Commercial (Co-working)	\$1.0M	9.2%	2.0%	2 projects @ \$20,000 = \$40,000

Category	Total Addressable	Serviceable Available	Serviceable Obtainable	Methodology
Residential Design	\$12.3B	\$285M	\$8.2M	TAM: IBISWorld; SAM: 2.3% of TAM (TX pop share); SOM: 2.9% of SAM (Central TX pop)
Commercial Design	\$8.7B	\$205M	\$4.1M	TAM: IBISWorld; SAM: 2.35% of TAM; SOM: 2.0% of SAM
Virtual Design	\$1.9B	\$44M	\$4.1M	TAM: Statista; SAM: 2.3% of TAM; SOM: 9.3% of SAM (digital reach)

SECTION 4: COMPETITIVE ANALYSIS

Direct competitors: Studio Hive (\$25k+ projects, 12-16 week turnaround), Form & Function Co. (minimalist focus, no virtual tools), The Designory (\$50k+ luxury). Online platforms: Havenly (\$299 flat-rate virtual, 14% customer satisfaction per Trustpilot). Market gap: 68% of target customers want virtual tools but local firms average 3.2/5 on digital experience (ASID survey).

Competitive advantages: 1) Hybrid model cuts turnaround to 6-8 weeks (vs 12-16 industry avg) via Asana client dashboards reducing revision cycles by 40%. 2) Sustainable sourcing (Sabai, Burrow) at 15% premium vs competitors' 25%+ markups. 3) Transparent fixed pricing with 50% deposit (vs 30% industry standard) improving cash flow. 4) LEED-certified designers (Thompson) required for 31% of commercial projects (JLL).

Competitor	Revenue Est.	Pricing	Key Strength	Key Weakness	Our Differentiation
Studio Hive	\$1.8M	\$25k+	Brand recognition	16-week avg turnaround	6-8 week delivery via digital tools
Form & Function	\$950k	\$20k-\$40k	Minimalist aesthetic	No virtual services	Hybrid model with VR walkthroughs
The Designory	\$2.5M	\$50k+	Luxury materials	15% client retention	40% retention target via Concierge
Havenly	\$42M	\$79-\$299	Low price point	14% satisfaction score	Local expertise + in-person option
Modsy	\$35M	\$199-\$399	AI rendering	No contractor network	Full project management

Strengths	Weaknesses	Opportunities	Threats
NCIDQ/LEED certified lead designer	Limited commercial licensure	Austin population growth (3.2%/yr)	Economic downturn reducing discretionary spend
Hybrid delivery model (6-8 weeks)	No physical retail presence	42% remote workers needing redesigns	Online platforms undercutting prices
Pre-vetted contractor network	Dependent on 2 founders	Commercial ADA compliance demand	Material supply chain delays

\$199/mo Concierge (Year 2)	Low brand recognition	Texas no-income-tax advantage	Insurance cost increases (8.7% avg)
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SECTION 5: PRODUCTS & SERVICES

Full-Service Residential (\$12,000-\$35,000): Includes space planning, 3D SketchUp renderings, material sourcing, and contractor coordination for up to 3 rooms. Delivered in 8 weeks using Asana client portal with weekly milestone approvals. Virtual Design Packages (\$1,500-\$5,000): "Design in a Box" with PDF plan, shopping list, and 3 Enscape renderings delivered in 10 business days. Commercial Consultation (\$8,000-\$25,000): Space optimization, ADA compliance review, and branding alignment with Lutron/Nest integration.

Pricing set at 15% below competitors for equivalent services (e.g., Studio Hive charges \$25k+ for 3-room residential vs our \$21,250 average). Virtual packages priced at 20% premium to online platforms (\$1,500 vs Havenly's \$299) to cover local expertise and 3D rendering. Commercial pricing includes 18% margin for architect partnership fees. Gross margins: 52% (Year 1) rising to 58% (Year 3) via subscription scaling.

Tier	Price	Features	Target Customer	Expected % Rev	Gross Margin
Residential Basic	\$12,000	1 room, 2 revisions	Budget-conscious homeowners	30%	48%
Residential Premium	\$21,250	3 rooms, smart tech integration	Professionals \$150k+ income	45%	55%
Virtual Package	\$3,000	PDF plan + 3 renderings	Remote clients	15%	75%
Commercial	\$15,000	Space optimization + ADA review	Boutique businesses	10%	45%

Metric	Value	Calculation/Notes
Price per unit	\$12,500	Weighted avg of 40 projects
COGS per unit	\$6,000	Materials (\$3,200) + Contractor (\$2,000) + Design Hours (\$800)
Gross Profit/unit	\$6,500	\$12,500 - \$6,000
Gross Margin %	52%	\$6,500 / \$12,500
CAC	\$1,150	\$30,000 marketing / 26 leads converted

LTV	\$18,750	\$12,500 1.5 (40% retention)
LTV:CAC	16.3	\$18,750 / \$1,150
Payback Period	2.1 months	CAC / (Gross Profit/unit monthly retention)

SECTION 6: MARKETING & SALES

Primary channel: Google Ads targeting "interior designer Austin" (CPC \$4.20, CTR 3.2%) with \$8,500 monthly budget. Secondary: Instagram/Pinterest visual content (60% traffic share) at \$1,200/month. Partnerships: Real estate agents (5-10% referral fee) generating 8% of leads. Expected CAC: \$1,150 based on \$30,000 Year 1 marketing spend acquiring 26 clients.

Sales cycle: 150 leads/month (70% digital, 30% referrals) -> 45 discovery calls (30% conversion) -> 26 signed contracts (58% close rate). Average cycle: 22 days. Key metric: 48-hour proposal turnaround (vs 5-day industry avg) driving 58% close rate (industry avg 42%). Contract includes 50% deposit (\$6,250 avg) collected via Stripe.

Retention: Post-project survey (92% response rate target), 10% credit for next service, and Design Concierge (\$199/mo) launching Year 2 targeting 50 subscribers at \$1,500 LTV. Goal: 40% client retention (industry avg 25%) via quarterly check-ins and seasonal refresh guides.

Channel	Monthly Budget	Expected CAC	Expected Leads/Mo	Conversion Rate	Expected Customers/Mo	ROI
Google Ads	\$7,100	\$950	169	3.5%	5.9	5.8x
Social Media	\$1,200	\$1,400	17	2.9%	0.5	4.6x
Referrals	\$0	\$0	18	8.3%	1.5	N/A
Real Estate Partners	\$1,700	\$1,130	15	5.0%	0.75	7.2x

Month	Google Ads	S Content/SEO	Events	Other	Total	Expected Leads	Expected Customers	
1-3	\$5,000	\$800,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$9,800	350	12	
4-6	\$7,100	\$1,200,000	\$500	\$1,000	\$11,300	450	15	
7-9	\$7,100	\$1,200	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$800	\$11,100	440	15
10-12	\$7,100	\$1,200,000	\$1,500	\$500	\$11,300	450	15	

SECTION 7: OPERATIONS

Daily workflow: Mondays (site visits), Tues-Wed (design development), Thurs (contractor coordination), Fri (admin). Capacity: 3 FTEs handle 19.5 projects/quarter (3 designers * 13 weeks / 8 weeks per project). Buffer: 2-week timeline cushion for material delays. Quality control: 3D previews at 3 milestones with signed approval required.

Technology stack: SketchUp Pro (\$299/mo), Asana (\$24.90/user), HubSpot (\$800/mo), QuickBooks (\$50/mo). Security: Google Workspace with 2FA (\$18/user), encrypted client files. Facility: 1,200 sq ft studio at \$3,200/mo rent (includes utilities) with climate-controlled sample storage.

Vendor/Supplier	Service	Monthly Cost	Contract Terms	Backup Option
Sabai	Eco furniture	\$3,200	Net 30	Burrow
Austin Reclaimed	Materials sourcing	\$800	Per project	Reclaimed Austin
Benjamin Moore	Paint	\$500	10% discount	Sherwin-Williams
Lutron	Smart tech	\$1,200	Authorized reseller	Philips Hue

Tool	Purpose	Monthly Cost	Users	Alternatives Considered
SketchUp Pro	3D modeling	\$299	3	AutoCAD (\$1,825/yr)
Asana	Project mgmt	\$74.70	3	Trello (\$17.99)
HubSpot	CRM	\$800	2	Mailchimp (\$299)
QuickBooks	Accounting	\$50	1	Xero (\$35)

SECTION 8: MANAGEMENT TEAM

Organizational structure: Thompson (Principal Designer, \$85,000 salary), Lee (COO, \$75,000), Ruiz (Project Manager, \$60,000). Compensation: 90% base salary, 10% profit-sharing (Year 2+). No equity grants in Year 1. Advisors: Commercial architect (\$150/hr retainer), CPA (\$200/hr).

Month	Role	Salary	Priority	Source	Onboarding Time
6	Freelance 3D Artist	\$40/hr	High	Upwork	2 weeks
9	Marketing Assistant	\$45,000	Medium	Indeed	4 weeks
12	Contract Administrator	\$50,000	Low	LinkedIn	6 weeks

SECTION 9: FINANCIAL PLAN

Key assumptions: 15 new customers/month Year 1 (growing to 25/month Year 2), \$12,500 average revenue per project, 40% client retention, 52% gross margin Year 1. CAC: \$1,150. Churn: 5.8% monthly. COGS: 48% of revenue (materials 25.6%, contractors 16%, design labor 6.4%). Fixed costs: \$17,075/month.

Revenue model: Project fees (85% of Year 1 revenue), virtual packages (12%), commercial (3%). Growth drivers: 40% client retention driving repeat business, Design Concierge subscription (Year 2) targeting \$120,000 ARR from 50 subscribers. Price increases: 5.6% Year 2 to offset inflation.

Cost structure: 56% fixed costs (salaries, rent, software), 44% variable (materials, contractors). Fixed costs grow 5% annually for inflation. Variable costs scale linearly with projects. Year 3 margin expansion to 58% via subscription revenue (75% margin).

Funding needs: \$185,000 total. Use: \$25,000 studio buildout, \$18,000 technology, \$7,000 inventory, \$5,000 legal, \$15,000 marketing launch, \$60,000 working capital, \$15,000 contingency, \$40,000 SBA loan fees/interest. Funds provide 14-month runway to profitability at Month 9.

Category	Item	Cost	Notes
Legal/Formation	LLC filing	\$300	Texas SOS fee
Legal/Formation	Operating agreement	\$1,200	Attorney fees
Licenses/Permits	Business license	\$150	Austin city permit
Equipment	Design studio furniture	\$12,000	Sample boards, consultation room
Equipment	VR headset	\$1,000	Oculus Quest 3
Technology Setup	Computer (3)	\$6,000	Mac Studio + monitors

Technology Setup	Software licenses (annual)	\$5,000	SketchUp, Asana, HubSpot
Initial Inventory	Materials samples	\$7,000	Fabric, paint, flooring
Marketing Launch	Website development	\$8,000	WordPress + WooCommerce
Marketing Launch	SEO content	\$4,000	10 blog posts + optimization
Marketing Launch	Google Ads deposit	\$8,000	Initial campaign funding
Working Capital	3 months operating expenses	\$60,000	\$20,000 x 3
Insurance	General liability (annual)	\$8,500	\$500k coverage
Professional Fees	Accounting setup	\$2,000	QuickBooks configuration
Contingency	10% of total	\$15,000	Reallocation from working capital
Total		\$145,000	

Category	Monthly Cost	Annual Cost	Notes
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Rent	Fixed	\$3,200	\$38,400	Includes utilities
Salaries	Fixed	\$15,000	\$180,000	3 FTEs
Benefits	Fixed	\$1,500	\$18,000	10% of payroll
Insurance	Fixed	\$667	\$8,000	Liability + E&O
Software	Fixed	\$1,000	\$12,000	SketchUp, Asana, HubSpot
Marketing	Fixed	\$2,500	\$30,000	Google Ads, social
Materials	Variable	\$3,183	\$40,000	\$3,200/project x 12.5 projects
Contractors	Variable	\$2,817	\$35,000	\$2,000/project x 12.5 projects
Loan Payment	Fixed	\$958	\$11,500	SBA 7(a) @ 6.5%
Supplies	Variable	\$800	\$10,000	Office, travel
Fixed Total		\$22,325	\$267,900	
Variable Total		\$7,083	\$85,000	
Combined Total		\$29,408	\$352,900	

Line Item	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	M9	M10	M11	M12	Year 1 Total
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$37,500	\$62,500	\$75,000	\$87,500	\$100,000	\$112,500	\$125,000	\$137,500	\$500,000

COGS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,000	\$18,000	\$30,000	\$36,000	\$42,000	\$48,000	\$54,000	\$60,000	\$66,000	\$240,000
Gross Profit	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$13,000	\$19,500	\$32,500	\$39,000	\$45,500	\$52,000	\$58,500	\$65,000	\$71,500	\$260,000
Marketing	\$9,800	\$9,800	\$9,800	\$9,800	\$11,300	\$11,300	\$11,100	\$11,100	\$11,100	\$11,300	\$11,300	\$11,300	\$128,700
Salaries	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$180,000
Rent	\$3,200	\$3,200	\$3,200	\$3,200	\$3,200	\$3,200	\$3,200	\$3,200	\$3,200	\$3,200	\$3,200	\$3,200	\$38,400
Software	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$12,000
Insurance	\$667	\$667	\$667	\$667	\$667	\$667	\$667	\$667	\$667	\$667	\$667	\$667	\$8,000
Other OpEx	\$10,333	\$10,333	\$10,333	\$8,333	\$8,333	\$8,333	\$8,333	\$8,333	\$8,333	\$8,333	\$8,333	\$8,333	\$100,000
Total OpEx	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$38,000	\$39,500	\$39,500	\$39,300	\$39,300	\$39,300	\$39,500	\$39,500	\$39,500	\$466,100
EBITDA	-\$40,000	-\$40,000	-\$40,000	-\$25,000	-\$20,000	-\$7,000	-\$300	\$6,200	\$12,700	\$19,000	\$25,500	\$32,000	-\$206,100
Depreciation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$15,000
EBIT	-\$40,000	-\$40,000	-\$40,000	-\$26,250	-\$21,250	-\$8,250	-\$1,550	\$4,950	\$11,450	\$17,750	\$24,250	\$30,750	-\$221,100
Interest	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$542	\$542	\$542	\$542	\$542	\$542	\$542	\$542	\$542	\$6,500
Taxes (25%)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,102	\$2,728	\$4,302	\$5,928	\$7,552	\$21,612
Net Income	-\$40,000	-\$40,000	-\$40,000	-\$26,792	-\$21,792	-\$8,792	-\$2,092	\$3,306	\$8,180	\$12,906	\$17,780	\$22,656	-\$135,100

Line Item	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	M9	M10	M11	M12
Beginning Cash	\$185,000	\$145,000	\$105,000	\$65,000	\$38,208	\$16,416	\$7,624	\$5,532	\$8,838	\$17,018	\$30,024	\$47,804
Cash In	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,500	\$18,750	\$31,250	\$37,500	\$43,750	\$50,000	\$56,250	\$62,500	\$68,750
Total Cash In	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,500	\$18,750	\$31,250	\$37,500	\$43,750	\$50,000	\$56,250	\$62,500	\$68,750
Cash Out	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$38,000	\$39,500	\$39,500	\$39,300	\$39,300	\$39,300	\$39,500	\$39,500	\$39,500
Total Cash Out	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$38,000	\$39,500	\$39,500	\$39,300	\$39,300	\$39,300	\$39,500	\$39,500	\$39,500
Net Cash Flow	-\$40,000	-\$40,000	-\$40,000	-\$25,500	-\$20,750	-\$8,250	-\$1,800	\$4,450	\$10,700	\$16,750	\$23,000	\$29,250
Ending Cash	\$145,000	\$105,000	\$65,000	\$39,500	\$18,750	\$10,500	\$8,700	\$13,150	\$23,850	\$40,600	\$63,600	\$92,850

Metric	Y1	Y2 Q1	Y2 Q2	Y2 Q3	Y2 Q4	Y3 Q1	Y3 Q2	Y3 Q3	Y3 Q4	Y3 Total
Revenue	\$500,000	\$275,000	\$282,500	\$290,000	\$297,500	\$330,000	\$340,000	\$350,000	\$380,000	\$1,200,000
COGS	\$240,000	\$123,750	\$127,125	\$130,500	\$133,875	\$138,600	\$142,800	\$147,000	\$159,600	\$504,000
Gross Profit	\$260,000	\$151,250	\$155,375	\$159,500	\$163,625	\$191,400	\$197,200	\$203,000	\$220,400	\$696,000
OpEx	\$466,100	\$105,000	\$107,000	\$109,000	\$111,000	\$125,000	\$127,000	\$129,000	\$131,000	\$512,000
EBITDA	-\$206,100	\$46,250	\$48,375	\$50,500	\$52,625	\$66,400	\$70,200	\$74,000	\$89,400	\$184,000
Net Income	-\$135,100	\$30,063	\$31,444	\$32,825	\$34,206	\$43,160	\$45,630	\$48,100	\$58,110	\$663,164
Ending Cash	\$92,850	\$160,000	\$230,000	\$300,000	\$370,000	\$450,000	\$530,000	\$610,000	\$700,000	\$700,000

Metric	Value	Calculation
Monthly Fixed Costs	\$22,325	Rent \$3,200 + Salaries \$15,000 + Software \$1,000 + Insurance \$667 + Loan \$958 + Benefits \$1,500
Variable Cost per Project	\$5,000	Materials \$3,200 + Contractors \$2,000 - \$200 packaging
Price per Project	\$12,500	Weighted average
Contribution Margin	\$7,500	\$12,500 - \$5,000
Contribution Margin %	60%	\$7,500 / \$12,500
Break-Even Units	3.0	\$22,325 / \$7,500 = 2.98 projects/month
Break-Even Revenue	\$37,208	3 projects * \$12,500
Expected Break-Even Month	Month 9	Per P&L projection
Safety Margin	64%	(12.5 projects - 3) / 12.5 projects

Metric	Y1	Y2	Y3	Industry Benchmark
Gross Margin %	52%	55%	58%	45-55%
Operating Margin %	-27%	40%	45%	10-20%
Net Profit Margin %	-27%	49%	55%	5-15%
Current Ratio	1.8	2.5	3.1	1.5-2.0
Quick Ratio	1.5	2.2	2.8	1.0-1.5
CAC Payback	2.1 months	1.8 months	1.5 months	6-18 months
LTV:CAC	16.3	19.1	22.4	3:1
Monthly Burn Rate	\$29,408	\$0	\$0	N/A
Runway (months)	6.3	N/A	N/A	6-12

SECTION 10: RISK ANALYSIS

Top risks: 1) Economic downturn (Probability 4/5, Impact 5/5): 2022 survey shows 68% of design clients delay projects during recessions. 2) Material delays (Probability 3/5, Impact 4/5): 2023 supply chain issues caused 22% project delays industry-wide. 3) Client dissatisfaction (Probability 2/5, Impact 5/5): ASID reports 15% dispute rate for design firms. 4) SBA loan default (Probability 1/5, Impact 5/5): Requires 1.25x debt service coverage.

Mitigation: 1) Diversify into \$1,500 virtual packages (35% lower price point) and emphasize ROI data (NAR: design adds 7% home value). 2) Maintain 2-week timeline buffer and 3 supplier relationships per category. 3) Use 3D previews at 3 milestones with signed approvals. 4) Maintain 3-month cash reserve (\$60,000) to cover debt service during slow periods.

Risk	Probability	Impact	Risk Score	Mitigation Strategy	Contingency Plan	Owner
Economic downturn	4	5	20	Launch virtual packages at 35% discount	Reduce staff hours 20%	Lee
Material delays	3	4	12	2-week timeline buffer	Switch to backup suppliers	Ruiz
Client dissatisfaction	2	5	10	3D previews at 3 milestones	10% refund policy	Thompson
SBA loan default	1	5	5	Maintain 3-month cash reserve	Equity bridge financing	Lee
Competitor price war	3	3	9	Emphasize LEED certification	Reduce material markup 5%	Thompson
Insurance cost increase	4	2	8	Lock in 2-year policy	Self-insure up to \$10k	Lee
Key person risk	2	4	8	Cross-train Ruiz on design	Contract freelancers	Thompson
Data breach	1	5	5	Google Workspace 2FA	Cyber insurance coverage	Lee

SECTION 11: IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE

Priority 1: Achieve 32 projects by Month 9 to break even. Critical path: Secure 8 projects in Month 6 via Google Ads (requiring \$7,100 monthly spend). Dependency: HubSpot CRM must be operational by Month 2 to track lead conversion. Priority 2: Launch Design Concierge in Q2 Year 2 requires \$15,000 software integration (Asana + WooCommerce).

Month	Milestone	Deliverables	Resources Needed	Success Metric	Owner
1	Studio buildout complete	1,200 sq ft operational	\$25,000 budget	On-time occupancy	Lee
2	HubSpot CRM live	Lead tracking system	\$800/mo subscription	100% lead capture	Lee
3	First marketing campaign	Google Ads live	\$5,000 budget	150 leads generated	Lee
4	First 3 projects signed	Contracts executed	Thompson availability	\$62,500 revenue	Thompson
5	Process refinement	Updated workflow doc	Team meeting	Reduce revisions by 20%	Ruiz
6	8 projects completed	Client sign-offs	Contractor availability	\$62,500 revenue	Thompson
7	Break-even analysis	Financial review	Accounting report	32 projects total	Lee
8	Concierge platform dev	WooCommerce setup	\$10,000 budget	Prototype ready	Lee
9	Profitability achieved	Positive net income	Month 8 revenue	\$3,306 net profit	Lee
10	Retention program launch	Survey + credit system	\$500 budget	40% repeat rate	Ruiz
11	Year 2 planning	Budget approved	Team review	\$990,000 revenue plan	Lee
12	Annual review	Financial statements	CPA review	\$135,100 net loss	Lee