

Cambodian Startup bongs.design Nominated for Global 3D Printing Award Ahead of Major 2.0 Platform Launch



Phnum Penh, Cambodia Jan 3, 2026 (IssueWire.com) - [bongs.design](https://www.bongs.design), a pioneer in Cambodia's burgeoning additive manufacturing sector, has been nominated for the **2026 3D Printing Industry Awards** in the "New Startup" category. The nomination coincides with the official rollout of **Bongs.Design 2.0**, a digital-to-physical platform designed to democratize high-end manufacturing for the Cambodian "Creator Economy."

As global manufacturing shifts toward localized, on-demand production, Bongs.Design 2.0 positions Cambodia as a regional hub for sustainable innovation. The updated platform introduces a streamlined API for local businesses to integrate 3D-printed components and custom branding into their workflows without the need for heavy industrial overhead.

Bridging the Gap: Digital Art to Physical Reality

The 2.0 release focuses on three core pillars:

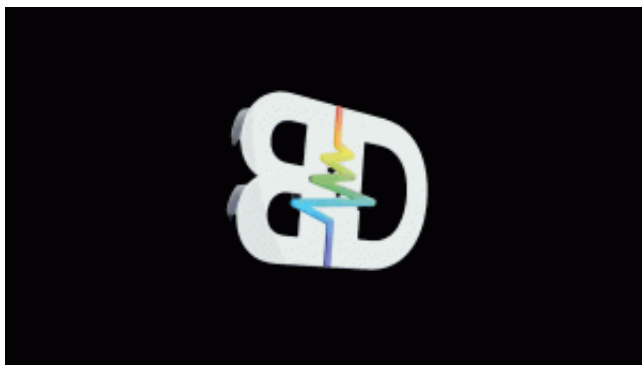
- **Decentralized Production:** Reducing the carbon footprint of retail by printing products locally in Phnom Penh rather than importing mass-produced goods.
- **The "Lampshade" Initiative:** A flagship line of 3D-printed interior decor made from biodegradable and recycled materials, proving that "Made in Cambodia" can lead in sustainability.
- **Zero-Inventory Retail:** Enabling local artists to upload designs and sell physical merchandise (apparel, 3D figurines, and home goods) only when a customer makes a purchase.

"Our nomination on the global stage is a testament to the talent in Phnom Penh," says the Bongs.Design Lead. "With 2.0, we are moving beyond 'merchandise' and into 'infrastructure.' We are building the rails that allow any Cambodian with a laptop to start a physical product brand in minutes."

Global Recognition and Local Impact

The 2026 3D Printing Industry Awards are among the most prestigious in the tech world. Bongs.Design is one of the few Southeast Asian startups to be recognized this year, highlighting the Kingdom's rapid digital transformation.

The 2.0 platform is now live for public beta testing. Interested creators and business partners can explore the new features at the Bongs.Design showroom located at **SORYA Center Point Mall (Floor 4)** or online at **bongs.design**.



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