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Our era is at a pivotal juncture, calling for profound transformation in shaping the built environment. Challenges such as global climate change, depletion of energy resources, escalating greenhouse gas emissions, and the multifaceted demands of sustainable development in traditional architecture highlight the urgent need to reimagine architectural paradigms. There is growing consensus on the crucial importance of adopting energy-efficient, environmentally conscious, and sustainable building practices.

Emerging technologies—including green building techniques, artificial intelligence, and digital twins—are redefining sustainable architecture. They enable the design and operation of eco-friendly buildings in previously unimaginable ways. Simultaneously, preserving architectural heritage and culture introduces further complexity. Revitalizing traditional methods, protecting cultural heritage, and renewing communities collectively shape the essence of sustainable building, blending tradition with innovation.

These challenges underscore the need for multidisciplinary collaboration and innovative solutions. Addressing them offers a unique opportunity to steer architecture toward a sustainable future. This transformation extends beyond environmental concerns to include heritage preservation, community enhancement, and exploring new frontiers in sustainable architecture.

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