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- This book outlines key trends and comprehensive process details on SAA's works, accompanied by numerous full-color architectural illustrations and spectacular detailed photography
- Will appeal to architects, urban planners and design students, and educators in the design fields

This specialist monograph on SAA is presented in three parts, Urbanistic, Humanistic and Optimistic, and offers a practice overview, showcasing a selection of the firm's large-scale works that have been designed and built over the past 10 years. It also offers an introduction to work in progress and conceptual architectural work. Driven by three tenets of architectural design, SAA is committed to delivering buildings and master plans that interweave and engage with the building's surrounding neighborhood; have the public's welfare at heart and are thoughtfully considered, user-friendly and accessible; and improve and enrich people's lives. In each part of the book, the selection of buildings or project concepts is based on one of these sets of values and beliefs that underpin SAA's works. They serve as exemplars of the works undertaken according to these governing principles. Dividing the book into sections and categorizing each building, however, does not mean that only one descriptive adjective applies to each one. Projects can and do share the other two qualities to a greater or lesser extent. Presented with rich photography, detailed illustrations, plans, and informative text analysis, this high-quality volume documents precisely how SAA's works interweave, engage and influence people and their urban environment.

SAA is recognised as one of the leading architectural firms in Southeast Asia. With strong emphasis on excellent architectural design and detailing, the firm has won multiple prestigious accolades such as BCI's Asia Top Ten Awards since 2009 for four consecutive years and the FIABCI Singapore Property Awards. For its initiatives in shaping environmentally sustainable buildings, SAA has attained multiple Building and Construction Authority (BCA) Green Mark Awards including Platinum Awards for Canberra Residences and OUB Centre. SAA was founded in 1970 and has been playing a key role in the nation building of Singapore, designing timeless landmarks like the UIC Building, SIA building and the PSA headquarters. In addition, the firm was instrumental in designing and implementing key segments of Singapore's world class Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) and Light Rail Transit (LRT) network, including the North South Line, East West Line, Circle Line and Downtown Line, encompassing a total of more than 50 stations.