



HYLA Architects

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- Lists 22 contemporary and unique completed house designs for modern Singaporeans who live in tropical environments
- Features full-color photography throughout, as well as plans, elevations, diagrams and sections
- Provides indepth narratives, elucidating how HYL A builds houses that are punctuated with light and blended with nature
- Showcases a clean, contemporary and spacious page design that mimics the light-filled aesthetics of the projects

We live in a densely populated world where statements are being made wherever we look. Architecture is forever sprouting taller, bigger, louder, as if the buildings themselves are vying for our attention. Where, then, can the people of a busy city like Singapore find their hidden haven?

For those at HYL A Architects, that escape is the home. HYL A's approach to building houses is singular and precise - a marriage of pure forms and dynamic spaces. Exteriors are strong and simple, interiors are thoughtful and sensuous. The works within the pages of this spectacularly beautiful monograph detail the firm's perspectives in sculpting homes that are distinct and sincere. Clarity is the core tenet, and one of the guiding principles of their architectural practice. All of HYL A's projects come with careful consideration for tropical Asian living - always seeking to achieve both modernity and timelessness that reflect culture and society. An exploration of strategies that seamlessly bring together exterior and interior, their creations delicately incorporate climate, surroundings, and, where possible, nature into their composition.

While the values of strength, clarity and dynamism remain constant, each site and client differ, and naturally, so do the homes. Consciously, HYL A's houses are often punctuated with light. Using different kinds of filters in various materials, HYL A explores fixed and operable screens to diffuse light, welcome circulation of air, and safeguard privacy. These screens, interchangeable to create patterns on the façades, can be reflective of the resident's mood, allowing these homes to truly take on the owner's individuality. HYL A strives to push the boundaries of modern tropical architecture, continuously seeking to create new typologies that accommodate contemporary Asian lifestyles in a moderated environment.

HYL A Architects was founded in 1994 on a firm belief in design excellence and professional service. It is a boutique architectural firm where the principal architect Han Loke Kwang is personally involved in every project and every detail of the project. HYL A strives to push the boundaries of modern tropical architecture, continuously seeking to create new typologies that accommodate contemporary Asian lifestyles in a moderated environment. Their goal is to produce timeless, unique and personal creations, and they are recognized for their exemplary work in highend landed houses. This approach has won the firm numerous accolades, including the Singapore Institute of Architect's Design Award and Architectural Heritage Awards from the Urban Redevelopment Authority. HYL A's work is regularly featured in monographs and magazines internationally, with one of their buildings being selected in the *Phaidon Atlas of 21st Century Architecture* as one of the 1000 exemplary works of architecture around the world.