



Aga Khan Award for Architecture



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Salinger Residence

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Award Cycle: **1996-1998 Cycle**

Status: Award Recipient

Country of origin: Malaysia

Location: Kajang, Selangor, Malaysia

Client: Rudin and Munira Salinger

Architect: CSL Associates / Jimmy CS Lim

Design:

Size: 12'140 m²

Completed: 1992

The Salinger House, located south of Kuala Lumpur, is a post-and-beam timber structure raised on stilts to reduce its impact on the land and the environment. As such, it is built in the traditional way of the Malays, yet is modern in a form that interprets rather than imitates Malay culture and reflects the client's Islamic faith. It has been designed with sustainable ecological principles in mind. Placed on a high elevation to reduce water run-off through the building during the monsoon rains, it is oriented to capture the prevailing winds. The plan is formed by two adjoining equilateral triangles, the larger for indoor living, the other



a prow-like veranda. At the ground level is a hexagonal granite core containing the entrance, a small foyer, a toilet, and stairs leading to the first floor living room, dining area, kitchen and bedroom in the living triangle, and to the veranda; the stairs continue to the second floor dressing room, master bedroom, and study. The house was built completely by hand by traditional Malay carpenters. The only machinery used was a small cement mixer. Except for the handmade roof tiles, it was constructed throughout with a very dense timber highly resistant to water and termites. The jury found that the house demonstrates that high technology and energy-depleting services can be renounced if sufficient craft and creativity are deployed, and that the deeper meaning of a vernacular architectural tradition can be combined with the surroundings of contemporary everyday life.

OTHER PROJECTS: MALAYSIA

NAME	CITY	BUILDING TYPE	AWARD CYCLE
Restoration of Rubber Smokehouse	Lunas, Kedah	Restoration and Conservation	2008-2010 Cycle (Shortlisted)
University of Technology Petronas	Tronoh	Higher Education Facilities	2005-2007 Cycle (Recipient)
Datai Hotel	Pulau Langkawi	Hotels & Communal Facilities	1999-2001 Cycle (Recipient)
Petronas Office Towers	Kuala Lumpur	Office Facilities	2002-2004 Cycle (Recipient)
Menara Mesiniaga	Selangor Darul Ehsan	Office Facilities	1993-1995 Cycle (Recipient)
Tanjong Jara Beach Hotel	Terengganu	Hotels & Communal Facilities	1981-1983 Cycle (Recipient)

OTHER PROJECTS: PRIVATE RESIDENCES

NAME	CITY	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	AWARD CYCLE
40 Knots House	Tehran	Iran	2014-2016 Cycle (Shortlisted)
Palmyra House	Alibagh	India	2008-2010 Cycle (Shortlisted)
B2 House	Canakkale	Turkey	2002-2004 Cycle (Recipient)
Gürel Family Summer Residence	Canakkale	Turkey	1987-1989 Cycle (Recipient)
Nail Cakirhan Residence	Akyaka	Turkey	1981-1983 Cycle (Recipient)
Ertegin House	Bodrum	Turkey	1978-1980 Cycle (Recipient)
Halawa House	Agamy	Egypt	1978-1980 Cycle (Recipient)

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