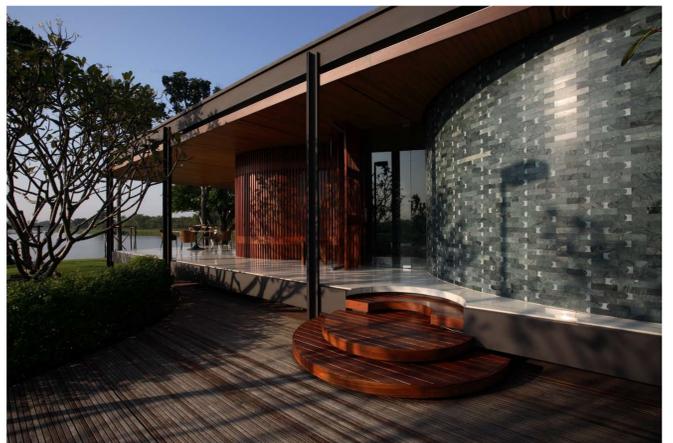


MLR LAKE HOUSE, BANGKOK, THAILAND

The MLR lake house is situated near the new international airport on an outer ring suburb of Bangkok. On a site of 112,000sq.m., of which eighty percent is a lake. The client had three requirements for his retirement home, it had to be a glass house with a maximum view of the lake; it had to be a house with eaves; and it had to be a house from which the curved shoreline of the lake would be appreciated.

The essence of our studies in mobilizing the project drew on the precedents of a 'glass house' in which a living space is caught between two identical planes. Through pushing and pulling surfaces between these two planes, terraces and eave spaces are gained, interior volumes are shaped and internal programs are engaged with accordingly. These terraces and interiors are formed through a continuous curve which becomes a room on the west end of the building.

Though the entire surface is glass, thus making the house transparent, there are two solid tubes located in the heart of the house demarcating programs and finding privacy for inhabitants. Living off the ground, adjustable screens and an internal court are devices employed to enhance living conditions in a tropical dwelling by the lake.



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Milk and Oate formed wd (wichaidit design) in 2002. The work of wd responds to client needs and issues of site through an engagement with a modernist vernacular which employs a combination of rigorous geometric and structural considerations. We challenge traditional concepts of design and intend to cross artificial boundaries of design convention. Though we provoke a new set of investigations and challenges in each project, it is our intention for the practice to be consistent in expressing the richness of local materials and the craft practices inherent to our native Thailand.

wd is a design oriented practice and has completed a range of mostly residential projects. Our skill base includes urban design, architecture and interior design. Our clients are both individuals and corporations. Established in 2002, wd has finished the construction of six houses (and design schemes for fifteen as yet unbuilt projects). We are currently designing an eight storey apartment and a group of six houses for Ko Samui island.

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