

## Outside the box



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## TIERRA Design completes new villa in Singapore

The client for this project had a very simple request: to deliver a 7,000-sq-ft single family villa (bungalow) with 4 attached bathrooms, and the necessary supporting elements - working kitchen, an entertainment kitchen, living room, dining room, maids room and miscellaneous storage. Situated on a large family estate, the 8 BOX villa is one of 5 new villas built for a single owner and is part of a collective situated within a private gated community.

An internal axis enabled each house to look inward towards the common landscape spine which leads to and is focused on the 6th house, the existing conserved villa. The original villa on the crown of the site presides over the 5 new villas. Unlike most developments, which have walls enclosing each private villa, this development chose to be without its walled 'fortifications' so often found in Asia. The Holland Park 8 BOX villa is a cluster of cubic volumes of differing sizes and orientation. It appears as a hybrid amongst the other villas with its pristine forms, down-playing its materiality and tectonics of construction.

The design is concerned with the sculptural effects produced by the massing of the cubic volumes and the designers were interested in dealing not just with archetypal form but in the combination of these forms into a complex interlocking whole. Importantly these cubic volumes enclose single rooms at each of its three levels, and these volumes and spaces interlock in a manner which negates the need for corridors and rooms move into other rooms both horizontally and vertically. There is also an attempt to connect to the exterior landscape and to views. Windows and wide door openings strategically frame mature trees which surrounds the house and are strategically placed to extend out to timber decks, the pool and gardens beyond.

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