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"Eleven influential architects are profiled, many of them returnees to the region with an acute sense of where they came from ... " —*PostMagazine, Hong Kong*

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"It is Tropical Asia's ability to transform modern imperatives to suit its own ideological frameworks that makes its architecture exciting and different. In the post-national era, the new Asian citizen has left the dappled light of the tropical verandah for the reflected light of the shopping mall, the muted glow of the video arcade and the neon flicker of the city street. But how have the region's architects begun to programme, conceptualise, and design for this future? The works in this book go far in answering this question." —**Anoma Pieris, Associate Professor in Architecture, Melbourne School of Design**

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