

**Project:** PK House

**Team:** 8x8 Design Studio

**Size:** 2400 m<sup>2</sup>

**Location:** Calatagan, PHILIPPINES



**Feature:**

**Project** - Set atop a hill in Calatagan, Philippines, the striking PK House designed by 8x8 Design Studio serves as a contemporary reinterpretation of the traditional Filipino Bahay Kubo. The 2400 sqm weekend retreat comprises three cascading volumes that create a tapering pyramidal form, providing shade and framing panoramic views of the surrounding tropical landscape.

Anchoring the home is the ground floor Silong, conceived as a fluid communal area with an elongated ironwood dining table at its core. This flows into exterior courtyards and pools, blurring indoor/outdoor boundaries. Cantilevered above is the transparent Bulwagan living pavilion, enveloped in full-height glazing that opens fully via sliding panels. At the top, the private master suite has turnable windows that allow it to become one with the exterior deck.

The steel-framed volumes employ overhangs as solar shading devices and are finished with weather-resistant materials to withstand the seaside climate. Inside, bleached wooden surfaces evoke traditional Philippine architecture, offset by contemporary furnishings and sculptural light fixtures. An Inoki soaking tub makes a striking statement in the master bath. Overall, the project translates vernacular influences into a tranquil modern sanctuary that connects with the surrounds.

**Design Team** - Founded in 2012 by partners Adrian Alfonso and Pearl Robles, 8x8 Design Studio is a young architecture firm based in Makati, Philippines dedicated to crafting inspired spatial environments. The name "8x8" stems from the concept of multiplying infinities to develop novel approaches in composing space. Infinities are core to their design process, embedded in each project through studies of site spatial opportunities and program

requirements. 8x8 rigorously explores strategies for lightness, object stance, and spatial grain to grow an architectural vocabulary that defines new directions for Philippine architecture.

As a small studio catering to select projects, 8x8 offers substantial design control from conception through realization. Detailed 3D modeling and comprehensive attention to detail ensure designs are precisely translated into built form. Specializing in modern architecture, they provide fresh residential, commercial, and hospitality solutions encompassing architecture and interiors. Their recent accolades include Arch+ Planetary Urbanism publication in Germany and the Philippines Pavilion at the 2016 Venice Architecture Biennale.