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MASTER PLAN



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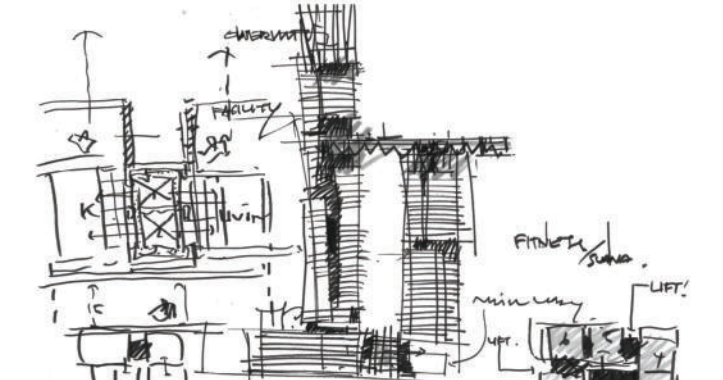
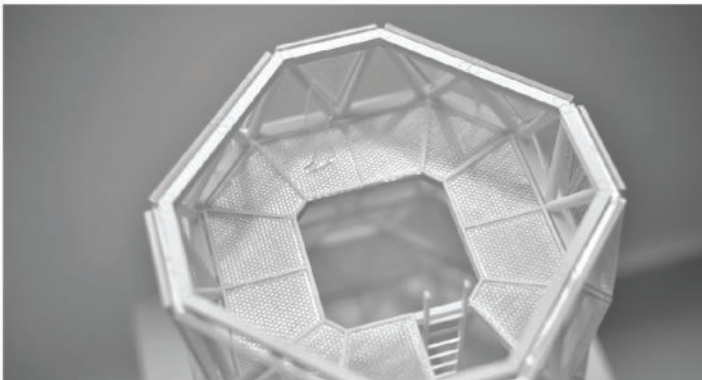
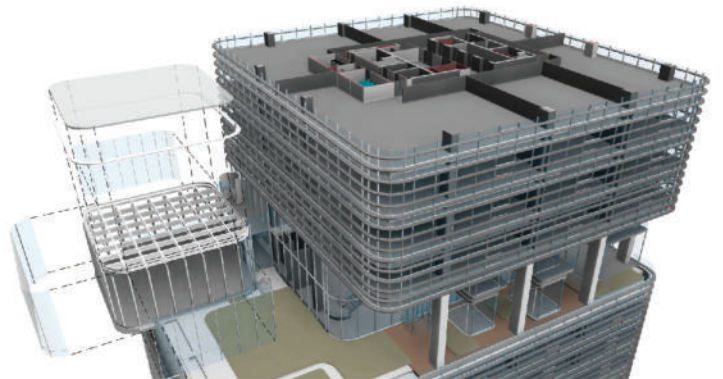
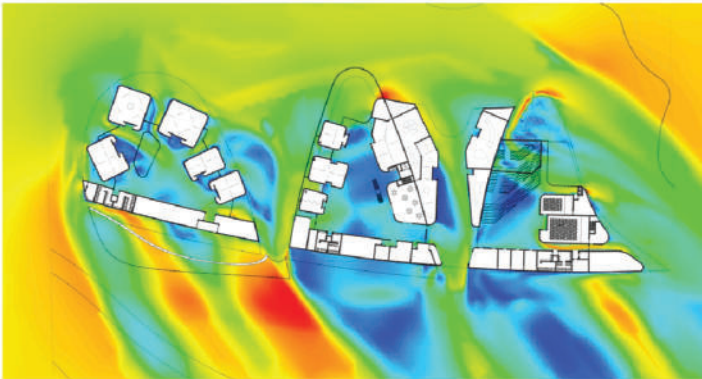
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## OUR APPROACH



Our design process utilizes both technology (BIM, computer simulation) and analog (sketches, scale models). In collaboration with our affiliates in the 49Group we have undertaken a number of architecture and master planning projects. We believe that a close working relationship within the group ensures the synchronization of all aspects within each project.

Our experienced team members, several of whom have been with A49 for more than 20 years, ensure that the practical aspects of the project are met, whilst fresh ideas from the younger generation are always included in the conceptual design stage. The nature of this multiskilled approach has long been our hallmark. The diversity of the team enables us to work on a broad range of projects.

# FOUNDER

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## NITHI STHAPITANONDA

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Founder/President of  
Steering  
Committee/National Artist  
of Thailand in Architecture  
2001

Our founder, Nithi Sthapitanonda, an alumnus of Chulalongkorn University and University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, founded Architects 49 in 1983. During his years at A49, he has held the position of President of the Association of Siamese Architects under Royal Patronage between 1992-1994 and the Secretary General for the Architect Council of Thailand from 2000-2002. In 2002, he received the honor of being named by the Ministry of Culture as a “National Artist” in Contemporary Architecture.

Nithi was appointed Honorary Member of the Japan Institute of Architects (JIA) in 1995 and Honorary Fellow of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) in the USA in 2008. In 2013, he received an Honorary Doctorate in Science in the field of Architecture from Sripatum University. Additionally, he has served on a number of boards and acted as a trustee for various organizations. Nithi has also chaired several judging committees for numerous prestigious awards, ranging from the Thai Ministry of Culture to Silpakorn University.

A prolific master of drawing, Nithi has, over the past 40 years, collated a vast collection of his own ink drawings from his early school years onwards. He has developed a style and technique in pen and ink drawing that is well recognized among Thai architects and students. Approaching his retirement from A49, Nithi started Li-Zenn Publishing Limited, the publishing company of his dreams, and began to work on the design of religious buildings. Over the last ten years he has designed a number of wats (temples) and stupas, a few of which have received awards from the ASA. In undertaking such works, he has re-established a public interest in Thai religious architecture, long absent from local scene.

# CO-FOUNDER

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## PRABHAKORN VADANYAKUL

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Co-Founder / Steering  
Committee / National  
Artist of Thailand in  
Architecture 2020

Prabhakorn attained his Bachelor of Architecture degree from Chulalongkorn University in 1980. Following further studies at the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC, he graduated with a Master of Architecture degree in 1984. In 2020, he received the honor of being named by the Ministry of Culture as a “National Artist” in Contemporary Architecture.

Prabhakorn then worked at Robert Schwinn & Associates in Maryland before returning to Thailand to join A49 in 1985. He has since been responsible for a wide range of projects from mega complexes and high-rise buildings, to private residences located in Thailand and the South East Asia region, namely China, Malaysia, Singapore and Vietnam. His work has also extended to the United Arab Emirates and India, adding breadth to A49’s portfolio of work. Prabhakorn has been central in establishing major policies, design concepts and strategic planning initiatives for A49. He was appointed President of Architects 49 (Phuket) in 2005 and President of Architects 49 International in 2006.

Prabhakorn actively served as Head of Public Relations for the Association of Siamese Architects (ASA) from 1992 to 1994, its Vice President of Foreign Affairs from 1995 to 1997 as well as its President from 2002 to 2004. He has also contributed his experience to many subcommittees of both the ASA and the Architect Council of Thailand (ACT), and is an active Council Member of the ACT. Prabhakorn was also named an Honorary Member of the Japan Institute of Architects (JIA) in 2003.

Prabhakorn has been a key member of A49 since its foundation and entrusted by Nithi Sthapitanonda, the founder of Architects 49, to serve as the current President and Managing Director of 49Group.

## PROFILE

Architects 49 was established in 1983 by Nithi Sthapitanonda. From the beginning, his vision has always been timeless architecture with clean, simple, and elegant lines. With a keen interest in Thai art and architecture, our founder established the groundwork for present generations to follow. Our team has since expanded to more than 200 collaborators, working on projects around Asia and in the Middle East. Our diverse team enables us to create a broad range of architecture, from small scale residences to large scale mixed-use projects. We approach each project differently, with the belief that each one should have its own distinctive character.

A49 has delivered a number of well recognized projects including Prince Mahidol Hall, a concert hall for Mahidol University; BU Diamond for Bangkok University; a campus for Vistec in Rayong; ENCO complex for PTT Group; commercial projects for CPN, MQDC, King Power International and the Gaysorn Group's new Gaysorn Village. Our hospitality projects include the recently completed Hotel Indigo Bali Seminyak, Hotel Indigo Bangkok, Hua Hin Marriott Resort, Spa and many hotels and resort for AWC. Residential projects include Santiburi The Residences and several residential projects for Eastern Star, Ananda Development, and Charn Issara Development. Some of our on-going projects include One Bangkok and Dusit Central Park - two mega scale developments in central Bangkok.

In 2005, A49 established studios in Phuket and Chiang Mai, followed by another in Khon Kaen in 2015. Both Phuket and Chiang Mai studios have won several awards for projects such as Kelapa House on Koh Samui and Baan Sansai in Chiang Mai. A49 Khon Kaen, in particular, has a policy to employ local talent within the region. This has helped raise the bar of the architectural industry in Northeastern Thailand. They have recently completed their competition-winning design of Thailand Creative & Design Center (TCDC) Khon Kaen, which is due to open by early 2020. In addition, the three regional studios have collaborated with A49 in Bangkok on a number of projects including Sarnsara Academy Center in Ratchaburi, PTT LNG Headquarters in Rayong, and Renaissance Phuket Resort & Spa.

On the international front, A49 is currently working on a fourth project on the Palm Jumeirah with Nakheel; the first being Palm 360, a mixed-use development with a hotel and residence, which is currently under construction. Our project, the new Pullman Hotel in Hai Phong, Vietnam, is also under construction, while the Hotel Indigo Bali Seminyak in Indonesia recently won an award from Haute Grandeur Global. A49 is also working on a series of residential towers in the Luxe Lake new town development area in Chengdu.



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CEO



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Partner



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Partner



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Partner



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Partner



**Tikumporn Theerapongpakdee**

Partner

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2017  
**KING POWER COMPLEX**  
Ratchathewi, Bangkok



2025  
**DUSIT CENTRAL PARK**  
Silom, Bangkok

in association with PI Design  
and OMA (under Dragon Limited)



2014  
**PRINCE MAHIDOL HALL**  
Mahidol University,  
Nakhon Pathom

2015  
**KING POWER PHUKET**  
Wichit, Phuket





2016  
**GAYSORN VILLAGE**  
Ratchaprasong, Bangkok



2017  
**SINGHA D'LUCK  
CINEMATIC THEATRE**  
Pattaya, Chon Buri



2016  
**HUA HIN MARRIOTT  
RESORT & SPA**  
Hua Hin, Prachuap Khiri Khan



2019  
**KRAAM SUKHUMVIT 26**  
Khlong Toei, Bangkok



2017  
**HOTEL INDIGO  
BALI SEMINYAK**  
Bali, Indonesia



2018  
**CHIA TAI HEADQUARTERS**  
Phra Khanong, Bangkok



2017  
**ASHTON CHULA-SILOM**  
Rama IV, Bangkok



2018  
**THAVORN INTER  
CORPORATION**  
Pathum Wan, Bangkok



2018  
**HYDE SUKHUMVIT 11**  
Vadhana, Bangkok



2018  
**SANTIBURI  
THE RESIDENCES**  
Bueng Kum, Bangkok



2015  
**VIDYASIRIMEDHI INSTITUTE  
OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (VISTEC)**  
Wang Chan Valley, Rayong



2023  
**ONE BANGKOK**  
Rama IV, Bangkok

## AWARDS

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### THE ASSOCIATION OF SIAMESE ARCHITECTS : GOLD MEDAL

- 2014 Prince Mahidol Hall, Mahidol University  
2008 Southeast Asian Ceramic Museum, Bangkok University  
2004 Baan Suan Sa-Nghob, Bangkok  
2002 Baan Rim Tai (Private Residence), Chiang Mai  
1994 Baan Chang Nag (Private Residence), Chiang Mai  
1989 Muang Thai Life Assurance & Phatra Insurance Auditorium, Bangkok  
1989 Baan Soi Klang (Private Residence), Bangkok
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### THE ASSOCIATION OF SIAMESE ARCHITECTS : CITATION

- 2016 Hotel Indigo Bangkok Wireless Road, Bangkok  
2016 The Tubkaak Krabi Boutique Resort (Pool Villa), Krabi  
2014 Renaissance Phuket Resort & Spa, Phuket  
2014 King Power Srivaree, Samut Prakan  
2012 Baan Krungthep Kreetha, Bangkok  
2010 BU Diamond, Bangkok University  
2010 SCG Experience, Bangkok  
2008 Baan Patong, Phuket  
2008 The Fraser Suites, Sathon, Bangkok  
2004 Surat Osathanugrah Library, Bangkok University  
2004 Wat Pa Sunantawanaram, Kanchanaburi  
2004 The Tubkaak Krabi Boutique Resort, Krabi  
2002 Panyavej Hospital, Udon Thani  
2002 Baan Osathaphan (Private Residence), Chiang Mai  
2002 Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bangkok  
2002 Genco Hazardous Waste Disposal Facility, Rayong  
1996 Krung Thai Training Center, Nakorn Ratchasima  
1994 Sala Klang Nam (Clubhouse Pavilion), Chiang Mai  
1994 Natural Park Hill Clubhouse, Chonburi  
1989 Petroleum Authority of Thailand Head Office, Bangkok  
1989 Analayo Meditation Pavilion, Phayao  
1987 Baan Rim Nam (Private Residence), Bangkok
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### ASEAN ENERGY AWARDS

- 2019 King Power Phuket, Phuket  
2017 Central Plaza Surat Thani, Surat Thani  
2015 Ming Mongkol Green Park, Saraburi  
2014 King Power Pattaya, Chon Buri  
2012 Central Plaza Khon Kaen, Khon Kaen  
2011 Energy Complex, Bangkok  
2011 CentralWorld, Bangkok
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### ARCASIA FOR ARCHITECTURAL EXCELLENCE

- 2011-2012 BU Diamond, Bangkok University  
2005-2006 Baan Suan Sa-Nghob, Bangkok
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### ARCASIA AWARDS FOR ARCHITECTURE

- 2019 Kelapa House, Surat Thani
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### ICSC ASIA SHOPPING CENTER AWARDS

- 2009 CentralWorld, Bangkok
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### ICSC GLOBAL BEST-OF-THE-BEST AWARD

- 2010 CentralWorld, Bangkok
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### PRIX VERSAILLES

- 2018 King Power Complex, Bangkok  
2017 Hua Hin Marriott Resort & Spa, Prachuap Khiri Khan
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### AEC EXCELLENCE AWARDS

- 2017 True Digital Park, Bangkok
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### HAUTE GRANDEUR GLOBAL AWARDS

- 2019 Hotel Indigo Bali Seminyak, Indonesia
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### THE INTERNATIONAL ARCHITECTURE AWARDS

- 2018 Prince Mahidol Hall, Mahidol University
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### THAILAND ENERGY AWARDS

- 2018 King Power Phuket, Phuket  
2018 Central Plaza Nakorn Si Thammarat,  
Nakorn Si Thammarat  
2017 Central Plaza Surat Thani, Surat Thani  
2017 King Power Srivaree, Samut Prakan  
2016 Central Plaza Chiang Rai, Chiang Rai  
2015 Central Festival Hat Yai, Songkhla  
2015 Ming Mongkol Green Park, Saraburi  
2014 King Power Pattaya, Chon Buri  
2012 Central Plaza Khon Kaen, Khon Kaen  
2011 Energy Complex, Bangkok  
2011 CentralWorld, Bangkok
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