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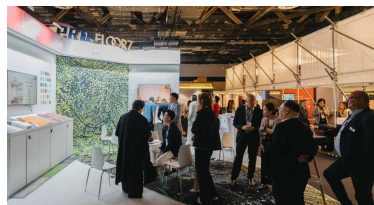
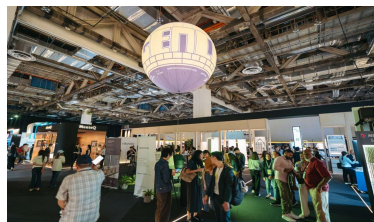


Singapore Archifest 2026 (SGAF26)

Singapore Archifest 2026 marked the landmark 20th edition of the nation's premier flagship festival dedicated to celebrating architectural innovation, advanced design, and the built environment. Anchored by the macro-theme "CONVERGENCE: Themes and Variations", the festival served as a vital intellectual nexus, uniting industry practitioners, academic scholars, and the public through a highly curated itinerary featuring the Singapore Archifest Conference, Expo & Market, alongside specialized exhibitions, symposia, Architours, and community-led workshops.



The main Conference featured keynotes from internationally acclaimed visionaries Elizabeth Diller, Marina Tabassum, and Lina Ghotmeh. In parallel, the Singapore Archifest Forum, co-curated alongside the SIA Young Architects League, championed emerging voices through advanced panel dialogues and a dedicated exhibition highlighting rising architectural practices.



Learn more about Archifest here!

SGAF20: Celebrating 20 Editions of Singapore Archifest

A central milestone of the SGAF26 itinerary was SGAF20: Celebrating 20 Editions of Singapore Archifest, a commemorative retrospective honoring the festival's institutional legacy while firmly solidifying its mandate as the region's leading platform for architectural discourse, cross-border industry collaboration, and broad public engagement.



Leading up to the festival, a special season of SIA's ArchitectuREAL podcast series debut on YouTube, featuring past Festival Directors and SGAF20 Curator Ar. Razvan I. Ghilic-Micu as they reflect on the legacy and evolution of SGAF.



Subscribe for more at SIArchitects YouTube Channel!

SIA Dinner Reception 2026

In celebration of 20 momentous editions of Singapore Archifest (SGAF), the SIA Dinner Reception welcomed a new festive format, reimagined as an immersive experience. Vibrant music, an open bar, a sumptuous buffet, and lively conversations come together for a remarkable evening with industry leaders, peers, friends, and architects. The evening was graced by the Guest-of-Honour, Mr Chee Hong Tat, Minister for National Development.



SIA Design Awards (SIADA) 2026

The 2026 edition of the SIA Design Awards (SIADA 2026) marks a historic milestone, celebrating its 25th cycle since inception. The programme continues to honor outstanding architectural achievements while proactively cultivating emerging voices within the profession.

In recognition of this landmark cycle, SIADA 2026 introduced a specialized fee structure for First-Time Submissions and New Firms, successfully lowering entry barriers for emerging practices and fostering fresh design perspectives.



This year saw a 40% increase in submissions from SIA Members compared to 2025. This positive response underscores the Singapore Institute of Architects' continued efforts to make the Awards relevant, inclusive, and meaningful in recognising architectural excellence.

The structural participation of the 4-Nation partnership, encompassing Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia (PAM), The Association of Siamese Architects (ASA), and Ikatan Arsitek Indonesia (IAI), entered its third consecutive year, reinforcing SIADA's mandate for regional inclusivity and yielding a substantial surge in submissions from both local and regional practices.

The Awards continue to grow in regional reach, with 10% of entries coming from Indonesia, Malaysia, and Thailand.

Winning Projects of 2026

The 9 Design Awards and 9 Merit Awards were unveiled at the SIA Design Awards Night 2026 on 21 August 2026.



Learn more about the SIADA 2026 here!

SIA Young Architect Award 2026

Organised by the Singapore Institute of Architects Young Architects League, this bi-annual programme celebrates emerging talent, innovation, and leadership in Singapore's architectural community. This year's edition introduces a refined framework — with 7 distinct categories recognising the diverse ways architects contribute to the profession today.



Young Architect of the Year 2026



Ar. Lim Yu Feng, Jonathan
Archtur Pte. Ltd.



Category Winners

- Project Management**
Ar. Lim Yu Feng, Jonathan (Archtur Pte. Ltd.)
- Community**
Ar. Sri Saravanan (Principal & Founder, Hounds Architects)
- Design**
Ar. Chio Wen Tian (Principal & Founder, CHIO Architects)

SIA Design Competitions 2025-26

Vivekananda Cultural Centre (VCC) Design Competition

Instituted in November 2025 by the Ramakrishna Mission Singapore (RKM) and SIA, the VCC Design Competition invited architectural proposals for a 2,000m² civic landmark at 179 Bartley Road. To formulate the brief, a joint stakeholder townhall was convened in October 2025 to capture community visions. The initiative drew 50 eligible entries, which a rigorous adjudication process narrowed to six finalists. These schemes were displayed at RKM during a public Shortlist Exhibition on 31 January 2026. The competition culminated in February 2026 with a formal Awards Ceremony announcing the final laureate and merit awardees.



Winning Entry: Under This Shelter, You Will Find Rest
Firm: YUME Architects



Learn more about VCC Design Competition here!

SIA Design Think Tank 2026-27

JTC-SIA New Typology Think Tank

Launched in collaboration with Jurong Town Corporation (JTC) in June 2026, this Think Tank sought bold ideas for a new industrial-residential typology that brings industry and housing together while strengthening community through the ways we live, work, play, and learn.

This new typology would create supportive work-live-play-learn environments within a single building, encourage mutually beneficial relationships between light industrial businesses and resident communities, and advance the goal of healthier, more sustainable ways of living and working.



Learn more about JTC-SIA New Typology Think Tank here!