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**HEADED BY** Joao Santiago, JS-Architecture (JS-A) is a full service practice based in Lisbon, Portugal, but working | clients globally.

The firm is highly focused on three core business areas: private/residential, health care planning and design, property development assessment in planning and feasibility solutions and providing feasibility solutions to property developers.

Residential clients are very much word of mouth referrals, based on the firm's distinctive style and approach, and are not just home-grown, but come from as far as India, Australia and the USA.

JS-A's style is modern, defined by subtlety, elegance and refinement, rather than showy or overwhelming. Their motto:

**“Architecture with elegance and refinement to enrich people's lives”**

The practice specialises in creating unique yet discreet environments whose composition is finely balanced through combining distinct

signature elements such as: gentle slope roofs, central patios, generous headroom, ingenious light stream solutions and distinctive curves that can be observed in most of their projects.

All of these details are cleverly integrated in a bioclimatic house project in Southern India, Casa Karuna. This is a very modern tropical design home, laid around a central patio, the house relies on natural cross-house air flow conditioning thanks to the enhanced structural design. Along with the now de rigueur fluidity between exterior and interior, the house exhibits most of the JS-A usual components, i.e. the sloping roof/shadow interplay, allowing for natural lighting all the while avoiding direct sun exposure.

Enhanced spatiality is another JS-A signature element, ingeniously implemented in the Hunters Cave renovation project which called for an interior expansion and a creative positioning of the owner's hunting trophies and wine collection. The brief was to preserve the cosiness aspect all the while introducing new layers and plentiful natural light, often streaming from unexpected places.



Albufeira Villas, 2013



Delridge Senior Residence, 2016



The Hunter's Cave, 2016



Perth Data Center, 2015



Clinica Alveodente, 2010

JS-A's commercial projects are equally subtle and thoughtful in execution and the Remax agency in Lisbon is a very good example of the approach.

Incorporating elements that support the international image of the brand and establishing a cohesive look through the architectural language and use of materials, JS-A has created a cool transition between reception and meeting areas, with an interesting vertical slates detail that refines the light and at the same time provides privacy. Bringing the circular shape within the building's square is, Joao Santiago says, "good fengshui – avoiding corners and embracing the people form" - and consistent with the agency's style.

JS-A is equally known for creating healthcare spaces, which is one of its core business operations. Introducing a sense of comfort and healing is the prime consideration there, translated in the choice of colour schemes, large central spaces (primarily green) and high tech materials and wide-opened fenestration that inspire patients' confidence on a subliminal level.

JS-A is a vital and invaluable partner to real estate developers both in Portugal and the USA in that it provides assessment, preliminary design and feasibility studies. The service is instrumental in helping developers to understand the business feasibility of their project, as well as getting planning permission and ultimately, the deal. In this sense, the architectural practice is a one stop shop for developers.



Remax Investment, 2014



Casa Karuna, 2015



Hakken Estate Agency, 2016



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