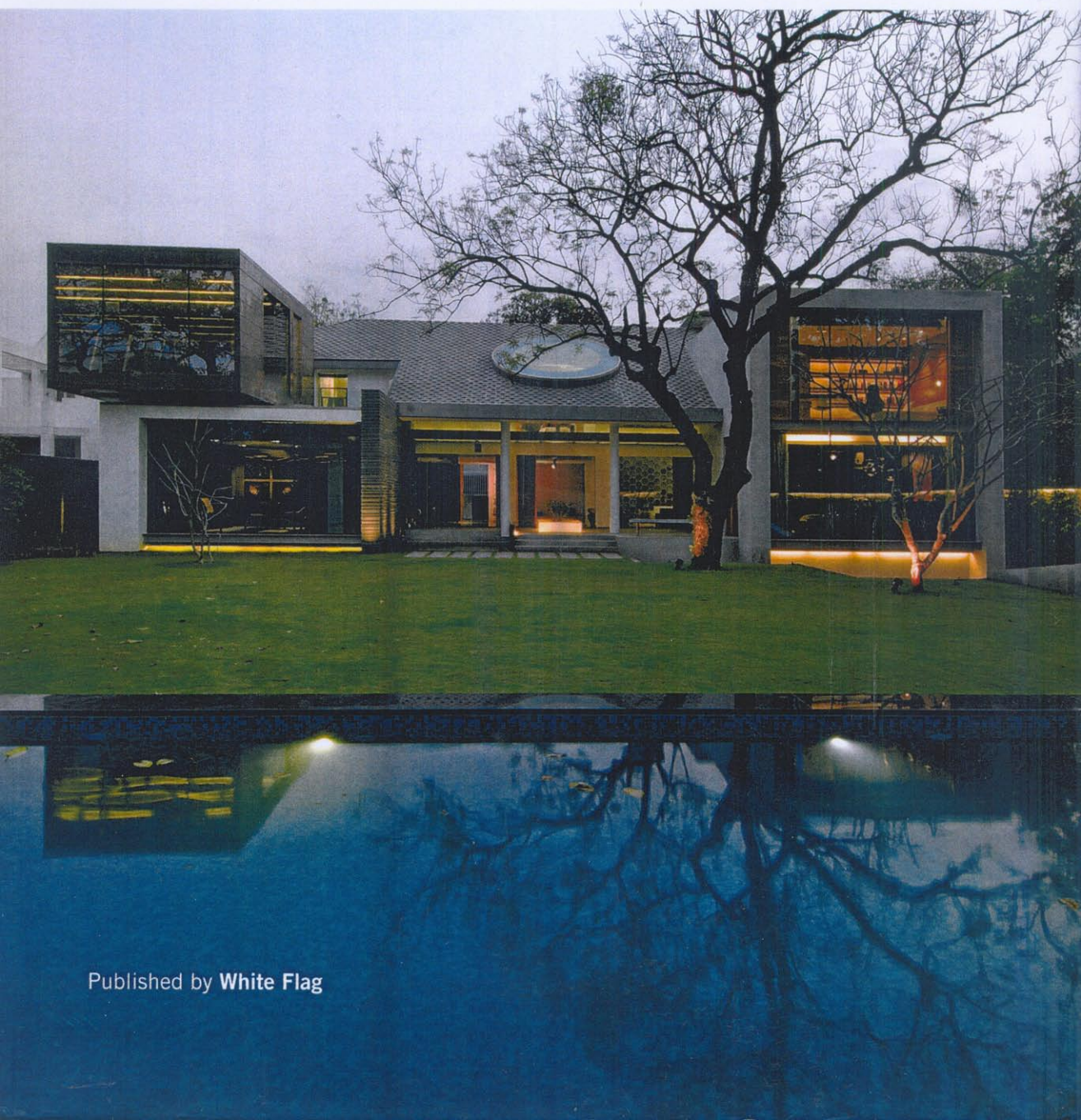


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**N85 RESIDENCE (NEW DELHI)**

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This is a unique residence in that it services a contemporary Indian joint family. It was designed for the architect's own multi-generation family. Every member of the family contributed to the project brief as well as in designing the spaces. The workspace-studio requirements brought in a new dimension to the functionality of this dwelling.









# panache

The residence includes living spaces, an extensive architectural studio as a busy work-space and, on occasion, a sociocultural hub. The forecourt is landscaped with steps and pools. Crisp clear planes are articulated in stone, wood, and concrete. Transparency is achieved not only with the use of glass, but a combination of water, reflection, and modulated lighting. At night the house appears magical, glowing like a lantern.

There are three overlapping spatial categories: the bedrooms and breakfast room, shared inter-generational spaces such as the family room, kitchen and dining areas, and the fluid public domain of the lobby and other living spaces.

Descending steps cascade to subterranean offices or rooms and furniture framed by large picture windows. The ceiling of the central space is dotted by circular skylights over an interior garden. A lap-pool fed by harvested rain water runs the length of the terrace on the second floor.



*Top: Lap pool and alfresco dining on the second floor.*

*Facing page: View from the front garden.*









Top: The vaulted roof on the west face.

Facing page: Internal garden on first floor.