

What is good design?

At JTJ Architects, we believe that a well-designed space:

- will save you long-term costs and allow you to do **more with less**.
- improves one's productivity and efficiency.
- is not simply visual or beautiful but should also be functional.
- involve consideration of several factors including
 - user needs and desires
 - applicable building codes and regulation
 - sustainable choices of materials and systems
 - aesthetics and proportion
 - available budget

defining them into livable and enjoyable spaces that are functional, aesthetic, cost efficient to build, maintain and operate.

Balancing all these factors at the same time can be tricky but an architect is precisely trained to do this. A good architect will help you make sense and meld all these factors to provide you with a space that you will be proud of, enjoy living in and least of all a burden to own and operate.

Good designs aim to:

- make your life better. To help you realize a better quality of life in an environment that is not necessarily high in investment cost.
- provide you with not merely a shelter but a place that you live and grow memories in.
- does not have to be expensive.
- be simple and pragmatic.

Good design = Enjoyable living and working.

A good architect recognizes:

- the value of efficiency, minimal wastage, and maximum space utilization in defining a space.
- values space efficiency over grandeur and is able to define a space that provides maximum usage. Good design = max (# of activities or uses / square foot) of space. With his or her trained eye, he or she is able to define a space that provides you the most efficient use of space that is also aesthetically balanced.
- and embraces sustainable passive design principles as part of the overall design consideration. He or she is trained to balance aesthetics, with form, function, budget as well as constructability.

“Good Design

provides an environment where one feels:
Uplifted, Happy, Safe, Healthy, Having a
Clear Mind, Feeling of Peace, Worry free
= Life as it should be lived.”