

Project Name: **Ali Mohammed T. Al-Ghanim Clinic**  
 Type: Health | 6,500 sqm  
 Location: Kuwait  
 Date: 2011-2014  
 Client: Ministry of Health of Kuwait / Mr. Ali Mohammad Thuniyan Al-Ghanim  
 Photography: [Nelson Garrido](#)

Awards:
 

- Finalist at *ArchDaily Building of the Year Awards 2016* in the "Healthcare Architecture category"
- *Architizer A+ Awards 2016* – Special Mention "Hospitality: Health Care & Wellness category"
- "Highly Commended" at *WAF Awards 2015* in the "Completed Buildings Health category"
- *WAF Award 2013* Winner – "Future Projects Health category"
- Bronze *A'Design Award 2013* - "Architecture, Building and Structure Design category"

## Project Description

**Ali Mohammed T. Al-Ghanim Clinic** building by [AGi architects](#) stands as a **pioneer** in the **healthcare sector**, where challenging issues such as **privacy and security** are addressed using a **new model**, where courtyards attached to the façade are the driving element behind this unique typology.

The **program** occupies the entirety of the site, and from afar the building is viewed as a monolithic element solidifying its ground and creating a high walled fortress protecting from vandalism and maximizing privacy. The courtyards are carved into the building, allowing for natural light into all the clinics. The concept of the façade generating light, views and ventilation is reversed; and the courtyards are brought inwards from the perimeter creating further privacy. Examination rooms have been located towards the closed outer façade and opened to the interior courtyards in which common space flows.

**Working directly with manufacturers and parametric processes** that generate maximum areas based on minimum thicknesses, and **adaptable geometries** to incorporate efficient substructures have allowed creating a contemporary mesh that connects to the cultural identity of end users. An anodized and perforated metal sheet allows sufficient light to enter, constructing a veiled threshold in between exterior and internal courtyards.

Upon entering the clinic, a **colorful ceramic mosaic** welcomes patients. This range of colors will go with visitors during their stay at the clinic, identifying counters of each medical specialty with different colors included in the mosaic. This common practice in the hospital use is especially useful when building users belong to very different cultures, users who not only do not know the language but use different alphabets – Devanagari, Arabic or Roman-.

Due to the **density and variety of the program** presented in this clinic, the spaces are sectioned off into multiple self-sufficient departments, which can operate independently from one another. Internal circulation is organized in a fluid way, conceiving space as a succession of linked rooms and public areas, avoiding as much as possible the typical corridor scheme of hospital typology.

The **Ali Mohammed T. Al-Ghanim Clinic** is viewed as an **iconic progressive building**, in which this vision could not have been apprehended without the generous donation of Mr. Ali Mohammad Thuniyan Al-Ghanim.



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## Team

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## AGi architects

The international design firm [AGi architects](#) was founded by two architects educated at Harvard University, **Joaquín Pérez-Goicoechea** and **Nasser B. Abulhasan**.

With a noticeable **international** character and a **multidisciplinary** focus, [AGi architects](#) offers a **professional service** emphasizing **quality, creativity** and **exclusive design**. AGi has a vision to create environments that create a lasting value for clients through distinctive and imaginative solutions. At present, the studio has offices in **Kuwait and Madrid**, with a team comprised of **more than 70 professionals**.

The studio's architecture is based on four founding pillars: **innovation, an inherent life component, ecological and social interventions** and **research**. AGi architects provides comprehensive services in architecture, interior design and urban planning.

[AGi architects](#) has been recognized with more than **40 international awards** such as: Lafarge Holcim Awards, WAF Awards, Middle East Architect Awards, MIPIM Architectural Review, Identity Design Awards and Cityscape Awards, amongst other prizes.

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