

Name: **Rock House**
 Type: Residential | 1,300 sqm
 Location: Abdulla Al-Salem, Kuwait
 Date: 2006-2014
 Client: Private
 Cost: Confidential
 Photography: [Nelson Garrido](#)

Project Description

This [single family house](#) is located on a **corner plot** of the residential district of Abdulla Al Salem, Kuwait. The **concept** stems from a **controversial duality** imposed by the clients need for **complete privacy** as well as the desire for distinguishing the house into an **iconic building** from within the neighborhood.

The **buildings' structure** is composed of **reinforced concrete formed similarly to a folded origami**, and the structure rotates around itself creating a **central courtyard** from which all the spaces in the house are turned towards. The **openings** overlooking the street rarely occur, however when they appear they are inclined to prevent views and excessive sun light into the interior.

With relatively smaller spaces than the local standards, the design intent is to give **maximum functional flexibility**, by introducing **multiple routes** to enable continuous communication between different rooms without interruptions. Similar to traditional Muslim architecture, the use of corridors is avoided, instead the house is seen as a **whole entity** comprised of changing conditions based on the various activities unraveling throughout the course of the day.

Team

Main Architects: Nasser B. Abulhasan
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Lighting: Lara Elbaz
 Aureolighting - Rafael Gallego

Interior Design: AGi architects
Furniture supplier: Gunni & Trentino

AGi architects

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

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