

# POLYTECHNIC ARCHITECTS' TALENT RECOGNIZED IN FRANCE

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The All Architecture office (weareall), led by distinguished polytechnic graduates Alejandro and Rodrigo Guardado, Eduardo Ugalde, and Salvador Guardado, along with a professional team of collaborators who have joined this project, secured first place in the Public Vote category for Residential Interior Design over 300 m2 in the 12th edition of the Annual Architizer A+Awards. This international award honors the best buildings and public/private spaces worldwide.

The Luis Vuitton Foundation, located in Paris, France, which aims to promote art, culture, and contemporary artistic creation nationally and internationally, hosted the A+Awards ceremony. At this event, the polytechnic graduates received the first-place award in the residential category.

## **Casa Sexta**

The residential project designed by this polytechnic-origin architecture firm, named Casa Sexta, is situated in Lomas Verdes (sixth section), Naucalpan de Juárez, State of Mexico. For its construction, graduates of the Escuela Superior de Ingeniería y Arquitectura (ESIA), Tecamachalco Unit, leveraged natural conditions and lighting to achieve maximum sustainable comfort.

The minimalist and sustainable concept of this house began with the dream of a couple searching for an ideal home for themselves and their two children. After visiting numerous homes that did not meet their expectations, they were recommended to the All Architecture (weareall) firm by their real estate agent.

Identifying with this couple, who, like them, started from scratch with their own business and lived in rentals for many years, the polytechnic graduates spoke with each family member to incorporate their needs into the construction, making it as comfortable as possible.



The polytechnics won first place in the residential category (Photo: Zaickz Moz)



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"One of the main ideas that guided the construction of this house was the father's desire for a haven of tranquility at home, free from cars and concrete, with only green spaces wherever he looked," noted Alejandro Guardado.

They took advantage of the unusual slope of the land, rising 10 meters in height, to develop three levels on 350 m<sup>2</sup> of land: two staircases connecting the three floors, virtually every space with an independent patio—10 patios in total for ventilation and natural lighting. In the distance, a distant view of mountains flanked by white stucco and warm tones of custom-made wooden furniture in each room.

#### Annual Architizer A+Awards 2023

The Architizer A+Awards is one of the most prestigious international awards, with a mission to foster appreciation for significant architecture worldwide and highlight the work of leading architects globally to shape city infrastructure.

Submissions come from all kinds of firms, from the oldest and most prestigious to the most innovative and avant-garde, judged by distinguished figures from diverse fields such as design, technology, real estate, fashion, and more. Finalists and winners are recognized as the most influential visionaries of the year online and in print.

To secure the first place in this architectural competition, the All Architecture firm competed against numerous national and international firms. The first step was surpassing the judges' filter, identifying it as an outstanding project among the thousands received and placing it in a category—specifically, residential interior design over 3,000 square feet (over 300 m<sup>2</sup>).



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# Architizer A+Awards



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Subsequently, five finalists are nominated in each category. They present their projects online, with one of the top two places directly elected by the judges, and the other first place voted on by the global community of professionals and architectural design enthusiasts. Thus, All Architecture (weareall) emerged as the winner with the highest number of public votes.

For the engineering architects graduated from ESIA Tecamachalco, this award is recognition of the effort, dedication, and love they have invested in each of their projects for almost 10 years. It motivates them to continue working to become one of the most recognized firms globally and a reference in contemporary Mexican architecture.



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## Casa Sexta (Collaborators)

The construction of Casa Sexta also involved collaboration with Circadia Estudio for lighting, the FUNDAMENTAL firm for landscape design, All Architecture + Armónico for interior design, Project & Calc for structural design, and construction handled by WRA Group.



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