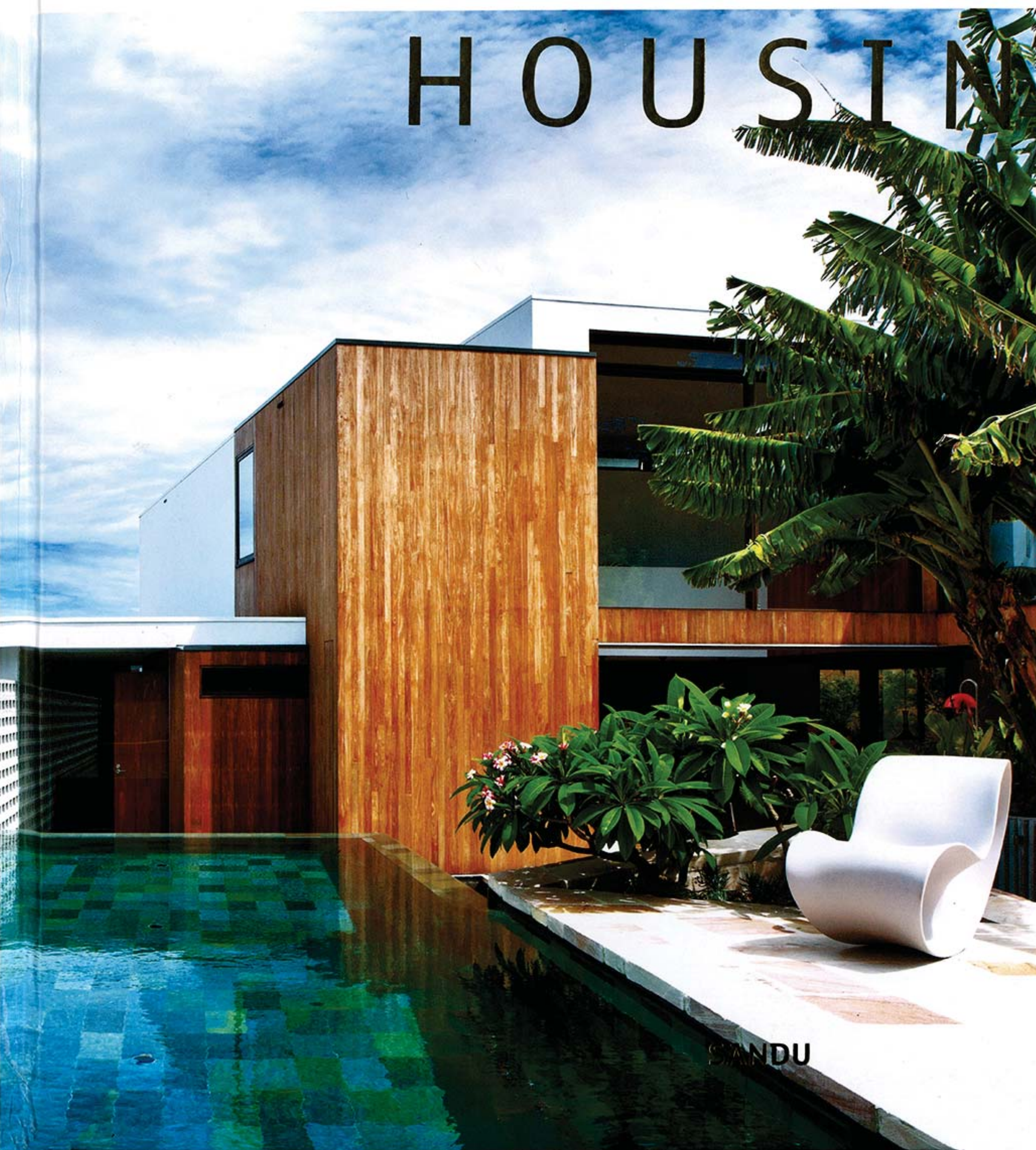


MODERN LUX HOUSING

The unique site-specific designs featured in Modern Lux Housing, blend contemporary notions of sustainability with eye-catching forms and supremely livable spaces. Having a sense of space for modern living, the houses are with peerless building structures and stylish interior designs. Fascinating residences are featured from around the world. High standard projects respond to site challenges and issues of sustainability in innovative, smart ways. The book carefully selected high quality works which designed by noted architects and interior designers or design agencies.



House R

Design: Roger Christ

Area: 455 sqm

Photographer: Thomas Herrmann

Location: Germany

The 4-storey bi-level detached house is located by Karlsruhe's "Stadtpark". The property once was a part of a northern situated villa. A pavilion which belongs to the historic ensemble is part of the wall, which encloses property at three sides.

The house can be divided by a forecourt or a ramp. The main entrance on the northern side and a second entrance via the carport lead to the entrance area. The storeys are connected by an open stairway and an elevator. North side ramp and the integration of an elevator refers to demographic development and possible handicap.

Through the entrance area in the ground floor one can reach the home office, a bathroom and the double-height living room with kitchen and dining corner, which is the centre of the house. Due to large window areas the building is suffused with light and enables the residents a splendid view.

The first floor is divided in a gallery as retreating area and two children's rooms with dressing room and bathroom. The attic floor with roof terrace is reserved for the parents. The spacious connected areas mean that the rooms flow into one another. A seemingly natural flow of space is created.

A guest room, a bathroom, a laundry room, the swimming pool and the home automation are located in the basement. In order to achieve optimal exposure to light the main body of the house is floating 1 m above the terrain level.

The glass areas are equipped with exterior sun protection, which screens the residents from view at the same time. When the sun protection is shut the house becomes a floating white box.





