

ASIF SALMAN

Architectural photographer · Architect · Educator

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PROFILE

Architectural photographer, architect, and educator based in Dhaka. Over ten years he has documented more than 500 commissions across Bangladesh, South Asia, the United Kingdom, Europe, and the United Arab Emirates, including nearly every internationally recognized Bangladeshi building of the past decade—work honored by the RIBA International Prize, the Aga Khan Award for Architecture, and TIME's World's Greatest Places. His photographs are held in the collection of the Museum of Modern Art, New York. Currently developing *Delta Modern*, a study of photography and the global emergence of Bangladeshi architecture, 2016–26, and *Human Colony*, a constructed-photography series.

EDUCATION

2011–16 Bachelor of Architecture, Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology, Dhaka

POSITIONS

2019– Founder and principal photographer, salARCHman Studio, Dhaka
2024– Adjunct faculty, Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology, Dhaka
2021–22 Visiting faculty, Bangladesh University, Dhaka
2015–17 Assistant editor, *DOT: Art and Architecture Bangladesh* (issues 1–9), Bangladesh's first art and architecture magazine; cofounder
2016–17 Associate architect, Vistaara Architecture, Dhaka

COLLECTIONS

2024 Museum of Modern Art, New York, Department of Architecture and Design — *Khudi Bari (tiny house)*, Marina Tabassum Architects, 2020–2023; photograph by Asif Salman; digital image, Committee on Architecture and Design Funds, 161.2024.5.
moma.org/collection/works/468924

RECOGNITION

2022 100 Most Inspiring Architecture Photographers, vol. 2, *Loop* magazine
2021 25 Emerging Architectural Photographers from Around the Globe, *ArchDaily*
2021 Speaker, TEDxAUST, Dhaka

DOCUMENTED WORKS AND THEIR RECOGNITION

Buildings photographed by Salman whose international recognition circulated through his images.

2025 Serpentine Pavilion, *A Capsule in Time*, Marina Tabassum Architects, London
2026 Zebun Nessa Mosque, Studio Morphogenesis — RIBA International Awards for Excellence 2026; in contention for the RIBA International Prize (announced October 15, 2026)
2025 Khudi Bari, Marina Tabassum Architects — Aga Khan Award for Architecture
2025 Zebun Nessa Mosque, Studio Morphogenesis — TIME World's Greatest Places, the first Bangladeshi entry on the list
2024 Green Field Factory of Karupannya Rangpur, Nakshabid Architects, and Shah Muhammad Mohsin Khan Mausoleum, Sthapotik — RIBA International Awards for Excellence
2022 Community Spaces in Rohingya Refugee Response, and Urban River Spaces, Jhenaidah — Aga Khan Award for Architecture
2021 Friendship Hospital, Satkhira, Kashef Chowdhury/URBANA — RIBA International Prize
2016 Bait Ur Rouf Mosque, Marina Tabassum — Aga Khan Award for Architecture

EXHIBITIONS (PHOTOGRAPHS AND FILMS)

- 2023** *Marina Tabassum: In Bangladesh*, Architekturmuseum der TUM, Pinakothek der Moderne, Munich — photographs and seven films
- 2023** *Architecture as Freedom*, curated by Adnan Zillur Morshed, AIA District Architecture Center, Washington, DC — photographs of BRAC regional offices
- 2022** Royal Academy of Arts Summer Exhibition, London — Khudi Bari, Marina Tabassum Architects (photographs)
- 2022** *Sthiti*, Brihatta Art Foundation, Dhaka — design exhibition curated by Bishwajit Goswami, Diane Rhyu Taylor, and Ulrike Fellner
- 2019–20** Sharjah Architecture Triennial, *Rights of Future Generations*, curated by Adrian Lahoud — *Inheriting Wetness*, Marina Tabassum Architects (photographs)

BOOKS AND CATALOGUES (PHOTOGRAPHS)

- 2026** *Shamsul Wares: An Architecture of Elemental Modernism*, edited by Adnan Zillur Morshed
- 2026** *Spatial (In)Justice: How Does It Manifest in the Built Environment?* edited by Adnan Zillur Morshed (Wiley, 2026)
- 2026** *The July Resolve: Hidden Faces of a Nation's Uprising*, edited by Rezwan Rahman (University Press Limited, 2026)
- 2025** *Rafiq Azam: Old Dhaka–New Story: Architecture in Bangladesh*, edited by Rosa Maria Falvo, introduction by Kenneth Frampton (Rizzoli, 2025)
- 2025** *Serpentine Pavilion 2025: A Capsule in Time — Marina Tabassum Architects*, edited by Chris Bayley (Serpentine and Verlag der Buchhandlung Walther und Franz König, 2025)
- 2024** *Rising Oceans and Spaces That Care: Complexities and Ideas behind the Friendship Hospital by Kashef Chowdhury/URBANA*, edited by Niklaus Graber — photographs alongside Hélène Binet
- 2024** *Architecture as Freedom*, Adnan Zillur Morshed, supported by BRAC
- 2024** *Khudi Bari: A Social Project by Marina Tabassum Architects and Its Journey from Dhaka to Weil am Rhein* (Vitra Design Museum)
- 2023** *Marina Tabassum: Architecture, My Journey*, edited by Cristina Steingraber (ArchiTangle, 2023) — lead photographer
- 2023** *Concrete Jungle: Tropical Architecture and Its Surprising Origins* (gestalten, 2023)
- 2023** *Architectural Guide Dhaka*, Sayed Ahmed (DOM Publishers, 2023)
- 2022** *Inclusive Architecture: Aga Khan Award for Architecture 2022*, edited by Sarah M. Whiting (ArchiTangle, 2022)

FORTHCOMING

- 2027** *South Asia Now*, Victoria and Albert Museum exhibition publication, London — Khudi Bari photographs (exhibition scheduled to open 2027)
- 2026** Priyanka Hutschenreiter and Sadia Rahman, "Creating the Incomprehensible 'Us': Architecture, Islam, Modernity, and Nation," edited volume (Taylor and Francis, forthcoming) — Doleshwar Hanafia Jame Masjid photographs
- 2026** *Országépítő* (Hungary) — Peter Barber Architects mews housing, London (print feature)
- 2026** *Architectural Digest Middle East- Brutalist Mosques Around of the World*

JOURNALS AND MAGAZINES

- 2025** *CREDO*, LGT (Liechtenstein), October 2025 — Marina Tabassum feature, seven photographs including cover
- 2024** *Vitra Magazine* — "Khudi Bari by Marina Tabassum" (first published in La Repubblica), June 2024 — two photographs credited
- 2024** *Aperture* no. 255, "The Design Issue" (Summer 2024) — Khudi Bari photograph accompanying the Alice Rawsthorn interview
- 2023** *The Architectural Review* — Khudi Bari, Marina Tabassum Architects

SELECTED PRESS (PHOTOGRAPHS PUBLISHED)

International

ArchDaily	Photographer page: archdaily.com/photographer/asif-salman . Project features include Friendship Hospital Satkhira (2021); ULAB New Campus (2022); Embassy of the Republic of Turkey in Dhaka (2022); Shah Muhammad Mohshin Khan Mausoleum (2023); Shohel Residence (2023); Zebun Nessa Mosque (2024) ; A Pavilion of Rain (2024); Shesher Kobita Residence (2024); Hamidur Rahman Memorial Complex; Aga Khan Academy (2025); Kushtia Neighborhood Mosque (2025). Editorial features: Best Architectural Projects of 2019; The 10 Most Liked Photos on @archdaily Instagram in 2020; Building Bangladesh: A New Wave of Cultural Projects (2021); What Role Should Architectural Prototypes Play in the Global South? (2022); Contemporary Architecture: The Importance of Local Culture in Practice (2023); Light, Empathy, and Silence: The Architecture of Marina Tabassum (2024).
RIBA	Zebun Nessa Mosque, International Awards for Excellence 2026 — credited photograph on riba.org (2026); Friendship Hospital in Shyamnagar, RIBA International Prize (2021)
Archinect / Bustler	RIBA International Awards for Excellence 2026 — Zebun Nessa Mosque, credited image (2026)
ABOUT: The Global Architectural Platform	"Brihatta Art Foundation: New Life and Freedom in Dhaka," by Shaikh Ayaz (July 2026) photographs, with Kamran Hossain Nayem
Humanise Campaign	"Case Study: London — Public Funding to Prove Better Buildings" (2026) Edgewood Mews, Peter Barber Architects; images
Aga Khan Award for Architecture	"Living Lessons" series (2026) — Bait Ur Rouf Mosque photograph on the Award's official channels; Award project pages for the 2022 cycle
Dezeen	RIBA International Prize shortlist (2021); Marina Tabassum wins Soane Medal (2021); Kashef Chowdhury interview (2022); Aga Khan Award shortlist (2022); Shah Muhammad Mohsin Khan Mausoleum (2023); Aga Khan Academy Dhaka (2023)
CNN	RIBA International Prize 2021 shortlist (2021); Marina Tabassum and Khudi Bari, feature and gallery (2023)
Financial Times	Marina Tabassum, from bricks to bamboo (2021)
Architectural Digest	RIBA International Awards for Excellence 2021; RIBA International Prize, Friendship Hospital (2021)
Architectural Record	RIBA International Awards for Excellence 2021
Domus	RIBA International Prize shortlist (2021)
Wallpaper*	RIBA International Prize shortlist (2021)
Designboom	Shah Muhammad Mohsin Khan Mausoleum, Sthapotik (2023)
Stylepark	Spotlight on Women Architects: Marina Tabassum (2023)
Common Edge	Light, Empathy, and Silence: The Architecture of Marina Tabassum (2024)
Divisare	Author page: divisare.com/authors/2145055927-asif-salman ; Community Spaces in Rohingya Refugee Response (2022)
Others	Metalocus, Building Design, Architecture Today, World Architecture Community, Bustler, Floornature, e-architect, New Atlas, ArchEyes, The National, Gulf News, Rethinking The Future, Commercial Architecture, Archello, Arch2O, Avontuura, Architecture Lab, Afield, Design Essential (2020–25)
TIME	TIME100, Marina Tabassum (2024)

Bangladesh

The Daily Star	Friendship Hospital and the RIBA International Prize (2021); Forging a Bengali identity through modernist architecture (2023); Saiqa Iqbal Meghna and the Zebun Nessa Mosque (2024)
Prothom Alo	Marina Tabassum takes Bangladesh to Munich (2023); profile of the photographer (December 2025)
Others	Dhaka Tribune (2021); bdnews24 (2021); The Business Standard (2021)

INTERVIEWS AND PROFILES

2025	"Der Asif Salman," by Shahbaz Nahian, <i>Archbiz</i> — archbiz.org/der-asif-salman
2025	<i>Prothom Alo</i> profile, December 2025
2022	<i>Loop</i> magazine, 100 Most Inspiring Architecture Photographers
2021	<i>ArchDaily</i> , 25 Emerging Architectural Photographers from Around the Globe

TEACHING, TALKS, AND EDUCATIONAL USE

2026	<i>Form, Memory, Light: Photographing Architecture</i> , continuing professional development session, Institute of Architects Bangladesh
2025	International Baccalaureate, Design Technology HL Paper 3 — Khudi Bari photographs licensed for examination materials
2025	Jury, architectural photography competition, Institute of Architects Bangladesh, Chattogram Centre
2024–	Adjunct faculty, Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology, Dhaka
2021–22	Visiting faculty, Bangladesh University, Dhaka
2021	Workshop lead and curator, <i>Places of Memory</i> , Context BD, Dhaka
2021	TEDxAUST, speaker

FILMS

2023	Seven films on the work of Marina Tabassum Architects for <i>Marina Tabassum: In Bangladesh</i> , Munich
2025	<i>Diary of an Architectural Photographer</i> — film and podcast series on architecture as moving image

VENTURES

Cofounder, Rendermad.ai, 2026– (AI rendering platform for architects); founder, Buno.Studio, 2018– (animation, motion, and VFX). Earlier: eDecor (2021), Nirvoy.ai (2024), Choshmawala (2016), and *DOT* magazine (2015).

LANGUAGES AND NATIONALITY

Bangla (native); English (professional). Bangladeshi.