



## SUSSAN LARI

Sussan Lari Architect, PC

Sussan Lari loves New York. Although the architect enjoys nature and the outdoors, she calls herself “a true urbanite.” She lived for many years in Manhattan before moving to Long Island with her musician husband, and she still heads into the city at least once a week. “I thrive on the life source of New York,” she says, adding that she finds the ethnic mix, the museums, and the restaurants particularly exhilarating.

On a broader scale, it’s also a great place for Sussan to do business. The 28-year architectural veteran appreciates the diversity of residential projects that the New York area affords her. Within a two-hour radius she can work on townhouses, penthouses, and apartments in Manhattan; villas and large-scale homes in the suburbs; beach houses in the Hamptons; and country homes in upstate New York and Connecticut. Since opening her own firm in 1992, she’s completed 40 residences, two offices, and a major corporate headquarters, covering the full spectrum of design, from exterior and interior architecture and garden design to all aspects of interior design and decorating.



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A woman of deep spirituality, Sussan takes a personal interest in her clients and a humanistic approach to her work. "The word 'home' evokes a multitude of personal and private, often indescribable feelings," she says. "Each of us defines home differently; therefore, designing a home calls for a great sense of responsibility, sensitivity, and intense attention."

It is with those things in mind that the architect attempts to fulfill her clients' functional and practical needs and design for them a house that is the embodiment of their hopes, wishes, passions, and dreams. Inevitably, such a process implies a close collaboration with the clients, which is why Sussan says she not only designs for her clients but with them.



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Sussan joined the New York City chapter of the American Institute of Architects when she passed her licensing exams in 1986. She became active in the Long Island chapter when she moved from the city and was voted chapter president in 2000. It was that year that she received an Award of Service from the board of directors for her dedication and contributions to the AIA.

*What personal indulgence does she spend the most money on?*

Sussan loves to travel for personal enjoyment and professional inspiration. Her list of favorites is long and includes Italy, Japan, Hong Kong, India, and her native Iran.

*What does she enjoy most about her work?*

"I love the entire process. While I am designing each project I get so involved that it becomes a part of my life," Sussan says. Her most rewarding jobs involve clients who have an open mind and no preconceived style or ideas. Such opportunities afford more creative results.

*What modern-day architect does Sussan admire most?*

Of 20th-century architects, Sussan most admires Philadelphia's Louis Khan, whose work helped define modern architecture through the use of materials, sunlight, and geometric volumes.

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