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3rd UNCLE is pleased to have designed the **Edgehill House**

A private residence for a family with four kids, it is approximately 11,000 sq ft including two stories and a basement. The plan of the house is organized along a central axis, which runs the length of the property from the entry to the end of the backyard. The house is an L shape providing views through the private garden back onto itself. The property is organized in a series of exterior and interior spaces. The use of glass and detailing of materials help to dissolve transitions between interior and exterior spaces. The house has its own distinct identity and style; it does not assimilate the tastes of its neighbors, although it does respect the alignments and height restrictions of the houses on the street.

The house was designed to take advantage of commercial trades and building techniques while maintaining the sensibilities of a domestic environment. Modern in spirit, the spaces are open, interconnected and defined by the structure and use of material. The structure is composed of concrete floors and steel post & beam construction to maximize the clear span between walls. The glass curtain wall is composed of textured and clear heat mirror glazing, which faces the private garden at the back of the house. A suspended aluminum louver screen provides shade from the sun while allowing the light to enter to bathe the interior stair well to the basement. At night the screen acts as a giant illuminated screen for the garden. All windows and doors of the house are custom made using high level thermal insulated glazing to minimize heat gain/loss. For more information on this project please contact Arriz Hassam at 3rd UNCLE.

Established in 1993 by Arriz Hassam, John Tong and Paul Syme as a multidisciplinary design studio, **3rd UNCLE** designs immersive environments, buildings and objects in the pursuit of new ideas and inventive solutions. Projects include the newly reopened Drake Hotel (which was recently awarded a **Best of Canada** design award by Canadian Interiors), custom residences & gardens, restaurants & bars such as Kubo & Shanghai Cowgirl, the 2005 launch event for IKEA Canada, retail stores & showrooms for lululemon Athletica, Lileo & Joseph Mimran, salons, spas & health clubs such as Civello/Aveda & Totum, exhibitions for Azure, Dove/Unilever (also a **Best of Canada** project), American Standard & the Design Exchange, 'Breathing Space' at the Interior Design Show, and offices for MAC Cosmetics, Palmer Jarvis DDB & J. Walter Thompson. **3rd UNCLE** is also known for the design of custom furniture & artifacts which are instrumental to the inhabitation and branding of these spaces, such as Advanced Concepts for Teknion Furniture Systems, custom furniture & lighting for the Drake Hotel and the line of "Biscuit" stools for Pure Design.

3rd UNCLE design will be featured as **Designer of the Year** at the 2005 Interior Design Show, to be held at the National Trade Centre, Toronto, from February 10 - 13 2005. Current projects include renovation for the Royal Ontario Museum.



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