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My Request

If you like what you see in this e-book and feel that your friends (especially potential home buyers) can benefit from the advice within, please feel free to forward this e-book to them. Many of my clients have come to me for advice after they have purchased their house. The external surroundings have a greater impact and, if it is not auspicious, there is a limit to what we can achieve by tweaking the interior layout. Hence this e-book’s intent is to provide advice on what makes an auspicious location.
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What is Feng Shui?

Feng Shui is a Chinese metaphysical science that looks at how our luck can be influenced by the environment that we live in. The surrounding natural landform and man-made structures, the facing direction of the house and the way we make use of the spaces within the house can either work to give our luck a boost or make it worse!
Interior or Exterior?

Interior or Exterior Feng Shui? Which has a greater impact? The answer is both are important, but the exterior has a more significant impact on the luck of the occupants. This e-book focuses mostly on looking at the external features that contribute to good Feng Shui!
Beneficial Qi

The first step to good Feng Shui is to live in an area with beneficial qi. Lookout for thriving flora and fauna - they indicate the presence of good qi. Avoid sandy or rocky terrain with sparse vegetation or areas that are devoid of green plants as they too good qi. Also shun 'contaminated' land such as those which have previously been used for a landfill, as mining land, as a cemetery etc.
Stay Away from “Sha”

A house should **NOT** be located near to inauspicious landforms such as a rocky or imposing looking mountain. Also, steer clear of inauspicious man-made structures such as high-tension pylons, oxidation ponds, lakes with rotting vegetation that give out bad smell, grave sites etc. These structures generate 'Shas' or 'Killing Energies' which can degrade the good quality of the house.
The Facing Side

A house has a facing and a sitting side. The facing side of a house is the side that allows more of the environmental energies to get into the premises. For a standard property, this is usually (but not always) the street side. For an apartment, this is usually the side with the balcony.
The facing side is called the Red Bird. Opposite this, at the sitting side, is known as the Black Tortoise. The left side of the house, when looking out of the facing aspect, is known as the Green Dragon while the right side is known as the White Tiger.
Back Mountain, Facing Water

A house should ideally be supported by hills at the sitting or Black Tortoise side. The facing or Red Bird side should be open and broad and ideally should face water e.g. a river or a lake. The left or Green Dragon side should ideally have hills that are stronger or larger than those at right or White Tiger side. While it is possible to find such a site, they are not easy to come by, especially in urban areas. In the rest of this e-book, I will show you a real-world approach to looking for the Tortoise, Bird, Dragon and Tiger in urban areas.
Sitting Side for Descendents

The sitting side of house relates to descendants, relationships and health. A house with strong support at the back suggests that the occupants will have plenty of descendants, enjoy satisfying relationships and have good health.
Neither Too Tall, Nor Too Near

A hill with lush green vegetation at the sitting side provides good support but it must not be too tall or too near to the house as it would be dangerous to the occupants in the event of a landslide.
Support is Crucial

If you do not have hills at the sitting side for support, a house or building will do too!
Bigger is Better

It is preferred, if the house at the sitting side is taller or larger.
Elevated Land

It is even better if the house at the sitting side sits on slightly elevated land.
Terrace Help Qi Gather

It is highly favorable if any houses at the sitting side are in a terrace formation. Qi would slow down and gather here to benefit the occupants of the houses.
Trees Will Do Too

Or taller and larger trees. Ancient masters believe that such a remedy is good for one generation but not good enough for the long term.
Support Yourself

If there is no support at the sitting, occupants may find it difficult to recover from disastrous events such as losing a job or money, relationship problems or illnesses. If you do not have support at the sitting side, you should create some support by, for example, by building a high wall.
Steep Slope at the Sitting

A steep downhill slope at the sitting side is worse. You may not be able to recover from a disaster or a loss.
Water at the Sitting

Water at the sitting side e.g. a river or a lake is also an inauspicious layout. Descendants, relationships and health luck may suffer.
Busy Highway at the Sitting

Also avoid houses with a busy highway at the sitting side. Build a tall solid wall to strengthen this area.
Facing Relates to Wealth

The facing or Red Bird side relates to good wealth, luck and opportunities. It should be broad and wide. Look for a house with deep front porch and a wide access road.
Narrow Facing Limit Opportunities

Avoid houses with a short porch and narrow access roads. It implies difficulty in creating wealth and a lack of opportunities. You will need to venture away from home to do this.
Water is Wealth

In addition to broad and wide spaces at the facing side, it is favorable if there is water in the form of a river, pond or lake since water equates to wealth.
Virtual Water Works Too!

In the absence of water, an open area such as a field or playground is also favorable. It is even better if the land is slightly lower than the house.
Water Should Flow Slowly

It is fine if the house faces a road or a river as long as traffic on the road is not busy like that of a highway. If it faces a river the water should flow gently too.

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Emperor’s Jade Belt

It is auspicious if the road or river wraps slightly around the house. This formation is known as the Emperor’s Jade Belt. It is good for creating wealth.
Sword Blade

However, be aware if any road or river forms a knife to 'cut' the house as this is inauspicious.
Space is Needed

While it is favorable if the road or river wraps slightly around the house it should not be too close. There should be some space between the house and the road or river. If it is too close occupants may find it difficult to make money locally and may need to migrate or travel to become successful.
Money Rolling Down Hill

The facing side of the house should not slope down too much as this suggests an inability to retain wealth (money rolling down the hill).

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House on the Top of the Hill

Needless to say, steep slopes at the sitting and facing are inauspicious and suggest, not just an inability to retain wealth, but also an inability to recover from a disastrous event.
Too Large, Too Tall, Too Near

While it is favorable to have support at the sitting side, the support cannot be too large or too tall or too near. A good example is a multi-storey condo next to a two-storey residential house. Occupants will feel pressured and may develop stress related ailments. Too large or too tall and too near a building at the facing side will make occupants feel obstructed and oppressed.
Too Tall, Too Stressed

If the overly tall building is on the Green Dragon side, female occupants are more likely to suffer from stress related problems. If the overly tall building is on the White Tiger side then it is the males who will suffer.
Green Dragon White Tiger

The Green Dragon represents the man of the house while the White Tiger signifies the lady. In traditional Chinese thinking the Dragon (representing the man and the head of the household) should always be stronger than the White Tiger (representing the lady) or all hell will break loose!
The Green Dragon

The Green Dragon is stronger if there are hills or elevated land on the left (when looking out of the facing side).
When the Dragon is Strong

If the house is on level ground and there are more houses on the left than on the right, then the dragon can be considered to be strong. Aside from being favorable for the man of the house, a strong dragon is also beneficial for the eldest son. It also suggests greater harmony at home and better luck when collaborating with others.
A Progressive Slope

It would be even better (and stronger) if the houses on the left (Green Dragon side) slope up gently and progressively. A strong Dragon also suggests that helpful people will appear in your times of need.
A Weak Dragon

The Dragon is weak when there are no houses on the left to support you. It is also weak if the land on the Dragon side slopes downward and/or there is a river or lake. When the Dragon is weak the luck of the man in the house and eldest son will be affected. They may find a lacking in support from friends and a loss of harmony at home.
Road on the Dragon Side

A road on the Dragon side weakens the house especially if the road slopes down from the back to the front of the house. Household expenditure may increase as may incidents of ill health among family members.
A Weak Tiger

Similarly, if there are no houses on the right (or Tiger side) and/or the land slopes downhill, then the Tiger is weak and therefore the luck of the lady of the house may suffer along with the luck of the daughters. A weak Tiger can also weaken harmony at home.
Dragon Should be Stronger

Here there are more houses on the left or Dragon side. This is favorable. The Tiger side is weak but not empty as there is a house on the right side. While not ideal, this is quite acceptable. Ideally you want a house that is supported on both the Dragon and Tiger side but with the Dragon side being stronger.
When the Tiger is Weak

In this case, the Tiger is empty as there are no houses on the right (or Tiger side). The luck of the lady of the house may suffer along with the luck of the daughters. A weak Tiger is more likely create feelings of pettiness and disharmony at home.
When the Tiger is Very Weak

The Tiger is considered very weak if there is a river or lake very near to the house. In addition to impacting the luck of the female inhabitants it will also affect the health of the older men and women (over 55 years) in the residence. It is imperative that the homeowner build a wall (higher the better) on the right to strengthen the Tiger.
When the Tiger is Too Strong

It is not favorable if the Tiger is very strong, for example a high hill or a tall building on the right. The lady of the house may become very dominant and not listen or respect her husband. Harmony at home may also suffer.
Land Should be Regular Shape

The shape of the land that the house sits on should ideally be of a regular shape, for example a rectangle or square. A slight irregularity is acceptable as it can be camouflaged by creative landscaping. If irregular, it is preferable when the land at the facing side is narrower than at the sitting side.
House Should be Regular Shape

The shape of the house should ideally be of a regular shape e.g. rectangle and square. Avoid odd shaped houses such as round, triangle or trapezoid.

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Avoid Missing Corners

You should also avoid houses with missing corners. A corner is considered missing if more than 1/3 of the sides are absent. Missing corners can affect the luck of the occupants depending on their zodiac and gua.
T-Junction or Y-Junction

A house should not be located at the intersection of a T-junction or a Y-junction. Although it can increase wealth luck, if the road slopes down gently towards the house and if the house faces the right direction, it can increase the likelihood of the occupants facing legal issues and suffering injuries.
T-Junction at the Sitting

An intersection at the back or sides of the house is not favorable either. It increases the chance of legal issues and injuries. If the intersection comes from the Dragon side, the father and eldest son will likely suffer. If on the Tiger side then the mother, daughters and younger sons will likely be affected.
Higher Ceiling

The ceiling height should be high enough so that the occupants do not feel oppressed. For a normal sized house, I recommend a ceiling height of at least 9 feet, but the higher the better (but not excessively high)!

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Well Ventilated Plus Natural Lighting

The interior of the house should be well ventilated and receive plenty of natural lighting. Internal courtyards and air-wells are highly favored.
The Facing Direction Matters

What about the facing direction of the house? In many systems of Feng Shui, the facing direction determines the quality of the house. For example, good for career and wealth or good for relationships or good for both. Not all directions are equal. Choose one that is favourable.
Facing Direction and BaZi

The facing direction should also ideally be beneficial to the breadwinner of the house and one way to determine this is to measure against the person's date and time of birth. Based on my experience, the facing of the house has a significant effect on a person's luck. I strongly urge you to get a consultant to tell you your lucky house facing direction before buying any residence.
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