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# SEEING *Green*

*This eco-conscious professional finds solid grounding with family and a cause she's fully committed to.*



## **LIZA CRESPO** ECO-FRIENDLY ARCHITECT

Words by Chinggay Labrador

It was family that ushered Liza Crespo into the world of architecture, and family, too, that propelled her to tweak her career path to focus on green architecture. Growing up in a family fully immersed in the construction business paved the way for her to pursue architecture at UP Diliman and graduate studies at Columbia University.

Living in New York City had Liza handling projects such as the Waldorf Astoria, the St. Regis on 5th Avenue, and Union Square's W Hotel. An upward-moving career in one of the world's most bustling cities may have been promising, but having kids and starting a family of her own tipped Liza to the other end of the architecture spectrum. "When you become a parent, you start thinking about legacy and what you leave behind," she says. "You begin to question your career path. I had to revisit whether I was doing enough as an architect."

Liza then decided to turn things around, relocate back to Manila and set up Liza Crespo Ecotecture focusing fully on sustainable design. And while, on the surface, it appears to be a professional decision, the choice to consider the environment extends to all areas of life. "Going