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Local architect in Perspectives

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Windsor architect Joe Passa left home at the age of 20 to see the world before getting serious about an education.

But when he returned to the city 10 years later, he had earned an architect's degree from Auckland University and a touch for foreign architecture from working in New Zealand, Australia and Southeast Asia.



Joe Passa

Passa Associates Inc. Architect, at 333 Ouellette Ave., soon became known locally and across the province for its excellence.

The Ontario Association of Architects has recognized his "creativity and dedication to people and the cultural life of the community in which they work," in the winter issue of its magazine Perspectives.

And Passa Associates received four awards from the Windsor Construction Association in its awards of construction excellence 2000 — more than any other architect in the city.

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Magazine honours Passa

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They included a special award in the commercial category for the design of Clairmont Financial in Tecumseh along E.C. Row Expressway; awards of excellence for both the design of the Greenwood Centre off Central Avenue and E.C. Row and the Crystal Harbour Dockominiums in LaSalle, and an award of merit for the Hofburg Condominiums on Riverside Drive.

Since 1997, Passa has chaired the St. Clair Region Society of Architects while sitting on a number of OAA committees, the City Centre Revitalization Task Force, the Urban Design Task Force, and as a director of the

Windsor Rotary Club.

Passa has a staff of three architects, two technologists and an office administrator.

Married for 25 years, he has four children.

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