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MANY PROPERTIES?

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DEAR READERS,



I hope you had enjoyed yourselves during the festive celebrations last month and gotten a few days of much needed rest. Feeling recharged like you, my team and I are raring to bring you more interesting articles in **ProsperTimes™**.

After Chinese New Year, the developers and property agents are up in arms again. There are more housing projects in the pipeline to be launched. Everyone is eager to get your signature on the dotted line. Just as I had predicted (in January issue), amendments will be made to the regulations to take some steam off the sizzling property market. Speculation will reduce and it will be tougher to make a quick buck. Do not jump into a deal too hastily. Your home is a major investment. Take some time to consider what actually lies in store for you.

I promise to give you more bite and vibe. In this issue of **ProsperTimes™**, I'll share with you some tips in choosing a good Feng Shui home when you go house hunting. What is considered a good location or good layout? Do auspicious unit numbers matter? Turn the next pages to find out more.

Besides giving you tips, I've also created a Feng Shui checklist to help you in choosing a relatively good Feng Shui home when you go to view houses or apartments. Not only that, I'm also happy to share with you on how you can determine your personal auspicious directions in a few simple steps.

Still on the property's blueprint, this issue's "Ba Gua Mirror" shows you how to identify your "Property Palace" in Face Reading. Are you destined to have more properties under your name than the others? Look for these juicy insights in this segment.

The *Flying Star Feng Shui* series will continue to share with you some tips in applying simple Do-It-Yourself (DIY) Feng Shui for the month of March. This month, the bad energies are "attacking" from South and resurging in Northeast. Beware if you have windows or doors facing these particular directions. A small amendment in the placement in a particular sector may help to alleviate the negative impact for that month! You never know, it may just work for you!

Last but not least, we would like to thank you for your feedback and well wishes! We like the comments, keep them coming. Tell us what you like about **ProsperTimes™** and what you would like to see in future issues. With the support of our valued readers like you, **ProsperTimes™** will definitely be better and greater!

And yes, not to forget, good luck in your house hunting!

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How to Select a Good Feng Shui Home

Just as I have predicted correctly in my previous edition of ProsperTimes™ (January issue), that there will be some amendments to the regulations in the property sector to curb speculation, it is perhaps more important now to be more conscientious in choosing your dream home!

I have performed Feng Shui audit for many homes. Some are more ideal, while some are more challenging and these require more amendments to be done. When I said that these homes are more challenging, it does not mean that these homes are in bad Feng Shui configurations. They may be in acceptable state but they may not be suitable for certain prospective occupants or buyers. Simply put, the home may be in optimal Feng Shui considerations but it may not be in line with the occupants' favourable directions or orientations. A Lamborghini may be a supercar but it may not cater to your needs. LV's handbags may be appealing but they may not suit your style. I think you know what I mean.

Choosing a good Feng Shui home that is favourable to your needs and family requirements is important. A good Feng Shui home will allow you to enjoy good luck,

harmony in the family, good health and peace of mind. It may even increase the value of your home if you choose to sell it later. However, a good Feng Shui home that is favourable to you at the same time may not be easy to find. You need a bit of luck in your house hunting too! I will share with you some tips in choosing your cozy nest.

1. Good Location & Site

When you go house or apartment hunting, bear in mind the “Armchair” configuration. Look around at the external environment of the house or building. It must blend into the surrounding. The front should be relatively low lying and there should be ample breathing space or what we usually call “Bright Hall” (明堂 – Ming Tang). On the contrary, the back of the house or building should be higher. This is what we call “Back Mountain” (靠山 – Kao Shan). It symbolises a strong supporter for your endeavours. The left and



right of the house or building should be balanced. It is fine if the left is higher than the right but not vice versa. Just like an armchair, we would like it to have a high back with cushy armrests and ample leg-room.

“ WE LIKE A HOUSE TO HAVE A COMFORTABLE ARMCHAIR CONFIGURATION WITH HIGH BACKING (靠山) AND AMPLE BREATHING SPACE (明堂). ”



We should also take note of the relative location of water catchment areas, monsoon canals, power stations, wet markets, places of worship, schools, road directions, traffic junctions, awkwardly-shaped buildings, etc. just to name a few. These have an influence on the Feng Shui of the house or apartment. For example, to be directly situated at a T-junction is considered to be less ideal. Feng Shui savvy buyers may also shun these properties, bringing the value lower.

2. Good Layout

Your home is your sanctuary, a place where you should feel comfortable in. When you first step into a house or an apartment, the “feel good” factor is crucial. It should be bright, airy and spacious. Moreover, it should have a good layout. By that, I mean regular-shaped rooms, which are usually square or rectangular. Avoid irregularly shaped rooms with awkward angles that stifle smooth flowing good energies. It may even cost you more to construct made-to-measure furniture pieces to fit in the angular spaces.

In Feng Shui, one of the most important aspects is your main door of your unit. Stand outside of your main door and look in. Preferably you should not see sharp angles or pointed edges. Similarly, when you are inside your house or apartment, look out of your main door and various windows. Ideally, you should not see sharp angles or pointed edges in close proximity to you.

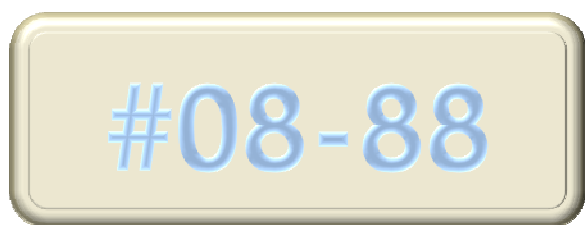


“ IDEALLY, YOU SHOULD NOT SEE SHARP ANGLES OR POINTED EDGES FROM YOUR MAIN DOOR. ”

3. Good Address or Auspicious House Number

When it comes to the numbers crunch, different cultures play different rules.

Number 13 is a taboo with the westerners but the Chinese finds it acceptable. The Chinese avoids Number 4 as it sounds like "death" but many people believe that a four-leaf clover can bring good luck. The Chinese adores Number 8 as it symbolises wealth and prosperity but the Greek views it as unhappiness and imperfection.



However and whatever, the truth is numbers do not have an impact on Feng Shui, which is basically the art of living in harmony with our physical environment. Certain numbers do have "feel good" implications for some people and it certainly does not hurt if you adore certain number combinations. If you feel good about certain numbers and you like them, go for it. Anyway it is your home and more importantly, you should like it and not how the rest will view it. On the hindsight, if a property has a generally perceived auspicious unit number, it may be easier to fetch a higher selling price and the property may be sold off faster.

Although numbers do not really affect the Feng Shui of a property, different numbers and their combinations can be associated with different elements (Water – 水, Wood – 木, Fire – 火, Earth – 土, Metal – 金).

For example, '1' is related to Water, '6' is related to Metal, while '8' is related to Earth. The infamous '4' is related to Wood but its combination with '9' gives Metal. In Chinese Ba Zi (八字) system, a person's composition is made up of different elements. From the analysis of a person's favourable elements, we can deduce the auspicious or lucky numbers of this person. It is ideal to find a unit that has your auspicious numbers.

4. Good History

Home hunters should also consider the history of the site and background of the current property. This piece of information may be crucial and helpful to you in deciding whether to purchase or not. It is better to know before you put your signature on the line. Your impression on the property and the "feel good" factor should continue before and after you move in. I am sure you do not want to live in the shadow of the complicated past of your newly acquired asset. To rid of any stagnant or negative energies, it is advisable to carry out extensive renovation, which includes the re-tiling and new carpentry works. A new coat of paint is also recommended. This will give your home a new look and a new start to your occupancy.



5. Good Leading Walkway or Carriageway

A good property should be one that is easy to find. If you need to travel a long meandering way from the main road junction or lift lobby to reach your unit, you need to take note if the energies have become too stagnant when they find their way to your home.

6. Good Direction or Orientation

Last but not least, it is the occupants that all matters. The unit is facing one of the 8 different directions. The main door could be facing the same or different direction and the headboard of the bed also has a facing direction. Each direction has its own implications but is the direction suitable for the occupants? This is an important consideration when it comes to

selecting a good Feng Shui home. Want to know your auspicious directions? Turn to page 8 and I will provide you with details on how you can receive a general guide in determining your auspicious directions.

From the 6 points that I have shared, I hope they have given you a better understanding and served as a good guide in selecting a good Feng Shui home. For your convenience, I have created a checklist to assist you in choosing your ideal home (Turn the next page for more details). All in all, when you go house hunting, trust your instinct and you must feel comfortable in the house. You shouldn't deviate too far from your gut feel. Do not rush into a deal. Your home is a major investment and it will last you a long time. Happy hunting and good luck! Remember to bring along the checklist too!

“ IT WILL BE GREAT IF YOUR MAIN DOOR OF YOUR HOUSE AND HEADBOARD OF THE BED FACE THE DIRECTION THAT IS FAVOURABLE TO YOU. ”





Step-by-Step

Determine your Auspicious Direction

How to *Determine your Auspicious Direction*

By orientating yourself to face your favourable direction or locating yourself in your favourable sector, good luck will ensue. There is a very simple way to determine your auspicious directions. To do that, you must first identify your **Gua** Number. Your **Gua** Number is derived from your year of birth or Chinese Animal Zodiac sign. To spare you the agony of computation, you may refer to the following page for Personal **Gua** Number Table to identify your personal **Gua** Number.

Step-by-Step Deriving Personal Gua Number

Personal GUA Number Table

Birth Year	Zodiac	Male	Female	Birth Year	Zodiac	Male	Female
1948	Rat	7	8	1984	Rat	7	8
1949	Ox	6	9	1985	Ox	6	9
1950	Tiger	2	1	1986	Tiger	2	1
1951	Rabbit	4	2	1987	Rabbit	4	2
1952	Dragon	3	3	1988	Dragon	3	3
1953	Snake	2	4	1989	Snake	2	4
1954	Horse	1	8	1990	Horse	1	8
1955	Goat	9	6	1991	Goat	9	6
1956	Monkey	8	7	1992	Monkey	8	7
1957	Rooster	7	8	1993	Rooster	7	8
1958	Dog	6	9	1994	Dog	6	9
1959	Pig	2	1	1995	Pig	2	1
1960	Rat	4	2	1996	Rat	4	2
1961	Ox	3	3	1997	Ox	3	3
1962	Tiger	2	4	1998	Tiger	2	4
1963	Rabbit	1	8	1999	Rabbit	1	8
1964	Dragon	9	6	2000	Dragon	9	6
1965	Snake	8	7	2001	Snake	8	7
1966	Horse	7	8	2002	Horse	7	8
1967	Goat	6	9	2003	Goat	6	9
1968	Monkey	2	1	2004	Monkey	2	1
1969	Rooster	4	2	2005	Rooster	4	2
1970	Dog	3	3	2006	Dog	3	3
1971	Pig	2	4	2007	Pig	2	4
1972	Rat	1	8	2008	Rat	1	8
1973	Ox	9	6	2009	Ox	9	6
1974	Tiger	8	7	2010	Tiger	8	7
1975	Rabbit	7	8	2011	Rabbit	7	8
1976	Dragon	6	9	2012	Dragon	6	9
1977	Snake	2	1	2013	Snake	2	1
1978	Horse	4	2	2014	Horse	4	2
1979	Goat	3	3	2015	Goat	3	3
1980	Monkey	2	4	2016	Monkey	2	4
1981	Rooster	1	8	2017	Rooster	1	8
1982	Dog	9	6	2018	Dog	9	6
1983	Pig	8	7	2019	Pig	8	7

Step-by-Step

Determine your Auspicious Direction

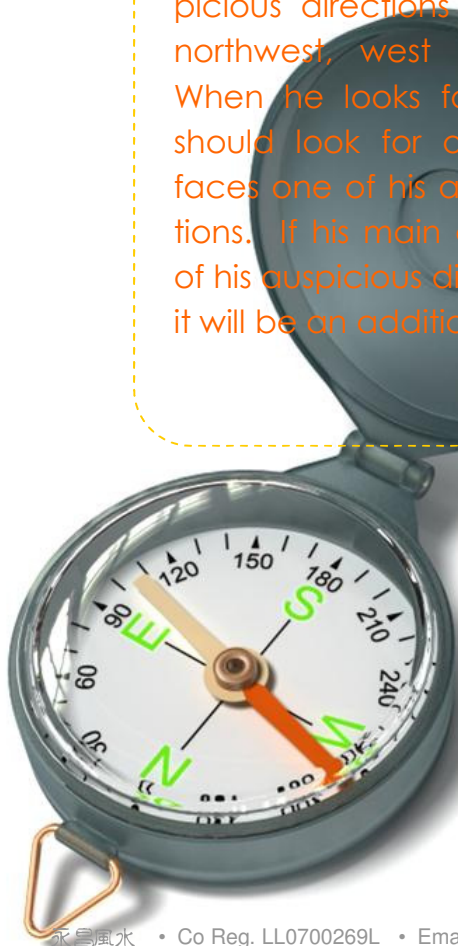
The next step is to use your personal Gua Number to determine whether you belong to the **East House Group (EHG)** or **West House Group (WHG)**. Refer to the following chart:

Gua No.	Group	Auspicious Directions	Inauspicious Directions
1	EHG	North, East, Southeast & South	Southwest, Northwest, West & Northeast
3			
4			
9			
2	WHG	Southwest, Northwest, West & Northeast	North, East, Southeast & South
6			
7			
8			

For example, for a guy who is born in March 1976, Year of the Dragon, his Gua Number is 6. He belongs to the WHG and his auspicious directions are southwest, northwest, west and northeast. When he looks for a home, he should look for one that sits or faces one of his auspicious directions. If his main door faces one of his auspicious directions as well, it will be an additional bonus.

Let us now look at another example of a lady who is born in Jan 1977. As she is born before the first day of spring (*Li Chun* 立春), her Chinese animal zodiac sign is Dragon and not Snake. Checking the Personal Gua Number Table, her Gua Number is 9. She belongs to the EHG and her corresponding auspicious directions are north, east southeast and south.

From the 2 examples presented, I hope all of you understand how to determine your auspicious directions. With the 2 charts that I have given you, namely the Personal Gua Number Table and the Gua Number Auspicious Direction Chart, together with a magnetic compass, I am absolutely sure that all of you will be able to seek out your auspicious directions. When you are in the right direction, you will achieve your goal faster and good things will come your way. Good luck!





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Feng Shui Checklist

for Choosing My Ideal Home

ADDRESS :

1. Location & Site

Does the front of the house or building have ample breathing space?	Yes / No
Does the house or building have a "Back Mountain" (靠山 – Kao Shan)?	Yes / No
Are the left & right of the house or building balanced?	Yes / No
Are monsoon canals, power stations, places of worship, wet markets, awkwardly-shaped buildings etc. situated further away?	Yes / No

2. Layout

Is the house or apartment bright, airy & spacious?	Yes / No
Is the internal layout regularly shaped without awkward corners?	Yes / No
Is the interior without sharp angles or pointed edges when you look in from the main door?	Yes / No
Is the exterior without sharp angles or pointed edges when you look out of the main door and windows?	Yes / No
Are the beams hidden away?	Yes / No

3. Address & Unit Number

Does the address have a nice sounding name?	Yes / No
Does the house or apartment have an auspicious unit number?	Yes / No

4. Background & History

Is the history of the site reputable or neutral without complications?	Yes / No
Is the background of the current occupants reputable or neutral without complications?	Yes / No

5. Walkway & Carriageway

Is the address easy to locate?	Yes / No
Is there a short direct convenient route from the junction or lift lobby to reach your house or apartment?	Yes / No

6. Direction & Orientation

Is the sitting of the house or building (sits _____ faces _____) one of my auspicious directions*?	Yes / No
Is the direction of the main door facing one of my auspicious directions*?	Yes / No

**To know your auspicious directions, turn to Page 8 of ProsperTimes™ Issue March 2010.*

The more "Yes" answers you have to the above questions, the higher the chances of the house or apartment having a better Feng Shui configuration.

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AM I DESTINED TO
HAVE MANY PROPERTIES?

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BA GUA MIRROR: READING YOUR PROPERTY PALACE

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Are you destined to own more properties than the rest?

In Face Reading, the answer to the question lies in our Property Palace (田宅宮). By looking at one's Property Palace is the most basic and quickest way to determine whether one has the luck or potential to own assets and properties. The Property Palace is the area just under your eyebrows or the distance between your eyebrows and eyes.

Now look at yourself in the mirror and be natural. Do not stare, frown or raise your eyebrows. No cheating. Take note of the distance between your eyes and eyebrows.

In general, the broader the space between your eyebrows and eyes, the greater the potential you have to possess properties under your name. It also implies comfortable living environment. Congratulations if you have a wide Property Palace! Before you start to cheer your new finding, look at your nose in the mirror. Broad wide Property Palace is best complemented by strong and fleshy nose as the nose denotes your Wealth Palace.

It's not the end of the world if you happen to have Property Palace that is not as wide as you expected. Fret not, you will still have a roof over your head but you may not own the properties directly or it may also mean that the title deeds are not under your own name directly.

Take a look at the examples below.
Can you see the difference?

Examples of Property Palace



} Narrower Property Palace



} Broader Property Palace

MONTHLY FLYING STAR

Flying Star

6 March 2010 – 4 April 2010

Flying Star Feng Shui encompasses space and time dimensions. At different times, there will be different energy influences in different sectors. This segment presents to you the energy influences for this period of time (6 Mar 2010 to 4 Apr 2010). The effects will be more acute if you have your main door or windows in that particular sector or facing a particular direction. The following chart shares with you the implications and some recommendations. The larger number represents the annual star, while the smaller one symbolises the monthly star.

SOUTHEAST

7 9

Beware of fire hazards. Have a usable fire extinguisher ready at home. Sexual related illnesses are possible. Do not engage in promiscuous activities. Place amethyst geode here to neutralise it.

SOUTH

3 5

Temperature rises, people get agitated easily & misfortune may befall. Light up a rock salt lamp & hang a six-rod metallic wind-chimes above the lamp to ensure harmony & good health.

SOUTHWEST

5 7

Loss of wealth may be experienced. Beware of sore throat & mouth ulcers. Having a bowl of clean still water in this sector may help to alleviate the impact.

EAST

6 8

Status & prosperity may be attained by the male members in the family. Clear the clutter here & allow air to flow freely. TV or Hi-Fi systems in this sector will energise the positive Chi.

CENTER

8 1

Keep the center clean & clutter free so that air can flow freely. Place a round red rug in the center to enhance harmony and prosperity.

WEST

1 3

Legal disputes may arise. Scandals may be rampant. Place a lamp in this sector to lessen the impact.

NORTHEAST

2 4

Relationship between female family members is on the rocks. Having a brass rooster sculpture in this sector will keep the bad Chi in check.

NORTH

4 6

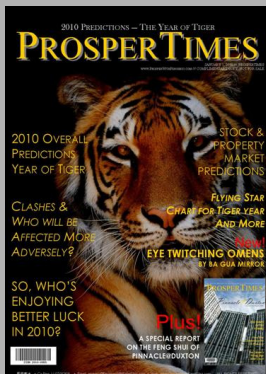
A perfect ten combination. Although there is recognition or status, humility should prevail. Arrogance will hasten downfall. Knife related injuries are possible. Place a pair of Pi Xiu here to guard against the negative & harness the positive.

NORTHWEST

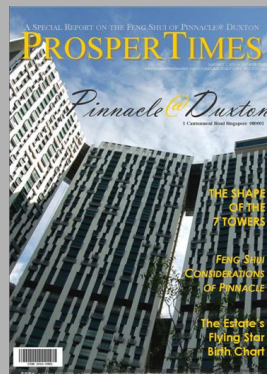
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Beware of sickness that will befall the senior members of the household. Place 6 ancient Chinese coins to dissipate the negative energies.

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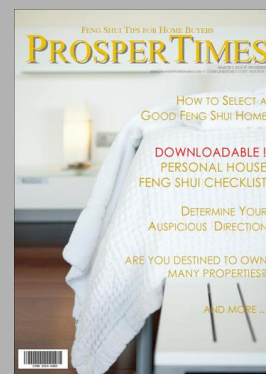
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