

Studio Kragelj arhitekti

Residential House BS

Lesno Brdo, Slovenia

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The building plot, where the young couple wished to build their wooden house, promised quite a challenge for the architects right from the outset of the project. The road that runs along the western and northern edges of the plot is the only connection with the nearest town and as such experiences quite a lot of traffic. There are more buildings to the east and so consequently there are only open views in a southerly direction, across forests and meadows. The best views are to be had from inside of the house down towards the valley, which is surrounded by beautiful hills dotted with small churches. Spatially, the design of the house has been considered on two levels. Firstly, the architects had to find a way to close the house from the views of the neighbors and the busy road, while also opening it on the ground floor toward the forest. Secondly, the house needed to be opened to allow the inhabitants to enjoy the beautiful valley views from the upper floor.

A full wall incorporating a narrow slot window has been erected to protect those inside the house from the noise and sight of the road. The wall enables privacy in the living spaces situated directly behind it. The narrow slot window, on the other hand, allows the sun to enter the living area in the late afternoon hours, while also offering glimpses of the green landscape, and framing them as if they were part of the interior design. On the ground floor all living spaces are accompanied by the cool, shady terrace situated by the north wall, as well as the warmer sun terrace situated by the south wall. The northern part of the house is closed by the garage and service spaces.

Upper floor spaces are connected by a wide hallway, which acts as a connecting space with a number of doors leading to different living areas of family members. The hallway gathers warm air, which helps to heat this floor if needed. This space also represents one of the house's more prominent features, namely the glass wall that enables splendid views of the idyllic surroundings.

Architecture:
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Constructed area:
170 sqm (1,830 sqft)

Project team:
Alenka Kragelj Eržen,
Tomaž Faganeli

Constructor:
Pro konstrukt d.o.o.

Plot area:
692 sqm (7,450 sqft)

