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PUBLIC ESCALATORS TO SEA & CITY TERRACES
LARGE ELEVATORS TO BRIDGE

[Cross Section]



On the south side, two loggias link the living areas and the garden area, which is characterised by a reduced design.



Thanks to the room-high glass sliding doors, the occupants can easily integrate the sun-protected loggias into their living area.

Two residential dwellings in Ekali, GR

The suburbs of Athens are growing – and this also applies for Ekali, which is located 20 kilometres from the city centre. Here, the Greek architectural firm Takis Exarchopoulos & Associated Architects planned a “double villa” in cubic style – an architecturally modern feature in this 5000-strong community which alludes to the reduced appearance of the traditional, white and interlocked residential dwellings in Greece.

The trapezoidal, 1000 square-metre site is situated on sloping terrain and therefore did not offer a lot of space for two detached houses with a garden and parking area. Hence, the architects were faced with the challenge of putting the space that was available to the best possible use. The planners combined the buildings to form one structure to avoid leaving an unused gap between the buildings. Thanks to the height difference on the site, it was also possible to incorporate the garages under the houses. The set-back loggias, a central feature of the facades, offer cool shade in the hot midday sun and can also be used to extend the living area. The architects opted for a very restrained design in the garden – apart from one swimming pool. The entrance on the north-east side leads directly into the open living area with a view into the garden. The bedrooms and bathrooms are located in the upper storey. The building is topped with a monopitch roof which disrupts the cubic structure. The pitch of the roof corresponds with the gradient of the sloping terrain.

Owner:

private

Architects:

Takis Exarchopoulos & Associated Architects, Athens-Kolonakis, GR

Location:

Ekali, Athens, GR

Sto products:

Facade insulation system (StoTherm Classic), interior paints

Applicators:

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