



RESIDENCE IN SÃO PAULO USES BIOPHILIA TO CREATE A HAVEN IN THE URBAN CHAOS

Perkins+Will prioritized constant contact with nature to ensure the residents well-being and life quality

São Paulo, march 2018 – The biophilia concept praises constant contact with natural elements as a crucial tool to improve well-being and life quality. Located in São Paulo, the Cidade Jardim Residence was designed by Perkins+Will to offer a perfect balance between nature and construction.

Built in an approximately 1200m² terrain with considerable declivity, the project uses solutions commonly found in country homes to create a soothing atmosphere in the turbulent, chaotic scene from the big city. The connection between the house's well defined volumes and it's broad garden is the major agent in this design's conception.

The first volume, located in the ground floor, condenses the common areas such as living room, kitchen, barbecue area, pool and, of course, the garden. Supported across the first one, the second volume houses the private areas such as bedrooms and suítes.



Common use areas in the first pavement

The second pavement's facade faces the east direction, receiving the morning sunlight, vital for the residents well-being and life quality. Characterising this facade was also a primordial need in this project. The wood panels that stand across it can be completely opened - enabling the connection with the exterior's natural elements – or closed, privileging privacy.



Privacy, by its turn, was a main point in the organization of the ground floor program. The cars and guests entrances are located in the house's underground, directly connected to the street. The ground floor is located nine feet above the street level as a strategy to prevent inconveniences like noise and pollution, or even the need for big security walls that would confine the space.

Entering the house, the visitors go up a staircase that leads to the main entrance in the ground floor, where they can find not only the guest receiving area, but also the staircase to the private pavement. The staircase by itself is one of the design's highlights in this project, combining metallic structure with wooded steps alongside a concrete hollow brick wall that allows the entrance of natural light.



Entrance and private area staircases

The project used materials such as wood, slatted concrete, plaster and soapstone to create a warm, pleasant environment without losing the sophisticated visual proposed by the volumetries.

Designed by Gil Fialho, the landscaping opted for an exuberant vegetation with local species, contributing directly to the main goal: to create an urban residence with countryside traits.

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