

## Single-family home *CasaChris*

### PROJECT DETAILS

• Architects:	JAVIER PÉREZ-ALCALDE SCHWARTZ FERNANDO AGUARTA GARCÍA
• Building engineer:	JOSÉ FLOREAL MARTÍNEZ
• Studio:	<b>equipo olivares</b> arquitectos
• Project title:	Single-family home <i>CasaChris</i>
• Year of completion:	2016
• Built surface:	381,46 m <sup>2</sup>
• Project location:	Dr. Jaime Chávez nº 55
• Place:	SANTA CRUZ DE TENERIFE
• Builder:	Aguere Construcciones, S.L.
• Photographs:	José Ramón Oller

### DESCRIPTION

This project addresses an excess of servitude derived from the demanding topography and strict regulations through a straightforward strategy: a compact, clean and tidy body overlooking the Atlantic's rising face and enjoying a panoramic view of the Anaga Mountains to the west. It is a simple-volume step section that tries to sit naturally on the terraced slope.

Located on top of a hill, in a residential area accessible by car, the house begins in the garage. We value entrance rituals, the importance of the short journeys linking different levels. Passing a stout stamped concrete wall bore through with an expansive expanded metal door, we access the house through a humid, Tropics-inspired garden. From this place we ascend to the top floor through a welcoming walk. A stretched-out ramp, the underlying basalt rock, wet verdure and expanding overhead light are some of the elements surrounding us. Above, architecture imparts a luminous reading: white surfaces, woodwork, Carrara marble, and concrete.

Rainwater pours over natural stone in the patio, slipping into the interior through a crack in the paving. Sunlight is let in through mulberry latticework. Bench-railings segregate the lines of vision, opening up the blue horizon. At the end of the journey, the top-level terrace – protected by an overhang that provides a generous shade – forms a balcony above a garden of euphorbias (*cardones*, *tabaibas*) and Barbary figs, and becomes an aspect of local landscape.

(Constructive process in: [https://www.facebook.com/Equipo-olivares-arquitectos-363051440430850/photos/?tab=album&album\\_id=485286391540687](https://www.facebook.com/Equipo-olivares-arquitectos-363051440430850/photos/?tab=album&album_id=485286391540687))