

## **Tunbridge Winter Cabin – Additional Information/Client Narrative**

Architect Jaffer Kolb (one half of New Affiliates with Ivi Diamantopoulou), jointly bought a 65 acre parcel of land with his mother, Sughra Raza, and sister, Anjuli Kolb, in Tunbridge, a tiny town in the Green Mountains of Vermont in 2016. The impetus was to create an organic retreat to spend more time with family, as well as a platform to nurture the creative collaborations that are continuously brewing among the three of them, Jaffer and Anjuli's respective partners, and other friends and family members.

The land is broken into two pieces by a dirt road, and most of it is under conservation, making the family more stewards of the land than owners. The decision to first build a hybrid house and studio reflects the plurality of interests represented in the family's endeavors. Jaffer's mother is a Boston-based radiologist specializing in breast cancer but she is also a painter; Anjuli and her partner Walter are professors at Williams College, Jaffer's partner Ryan is a creative director at the NYC Department of Housing and Preservation. Walter builds furniture, Ryan is working on a film project with Jaffer's mom, Jaffer and Anjuli are working together on a landscape research project, and so on. There are plans for another, larger house on the property, as well as some other smaller structures, such as a barn and piano studio. The group also hopes to host large-scale installations on the property as well.

This collaborative spirit is also inherent in New Affiliates itself, and is part of why it made the most sense for Jaffer and Ivi to design the two buildings on the property.