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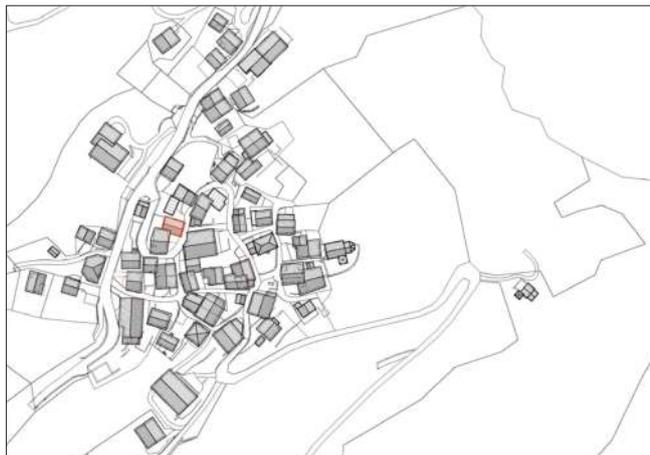


Project: Alpine loft
Location: Mathon, CH

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PROGRAM: Transformation of a barn into an alpine loft
ADDRESS: Mathon, Graubünden Switzerland
PROJECT: 2013-2016
GROSS FLOOR AREA: 137 m²
CLIENT: private
PHOTOGRAPHS: Office Winhov & office haratori
ARCHITECTURE: office haratori in collaboration with Office Winhov

The village of Mathon has remained remarkably intact without significant alterations to the built fabric. At its heart sits an old wooden barn which has fallen into disrepair. If it were to be demolished it would never be replaced creating a gap in the centre of the village. To preserve both the structure of the barn and its role in the village ensemble it is converted into an alpine loft, a place for work and reflection. The project draws upon examples from far away, most prominently the Japanese house.



Site plan



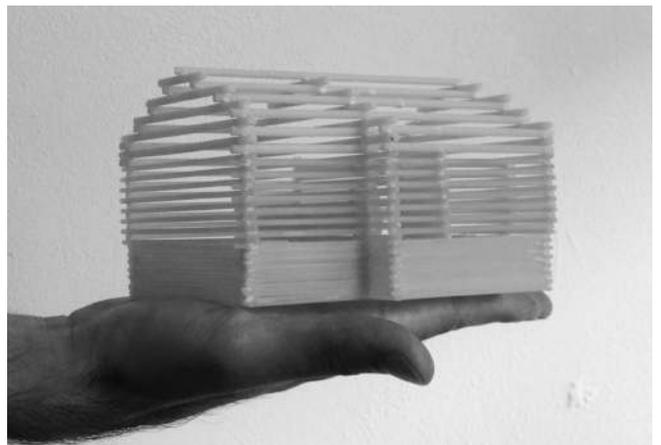
The barn before transformation







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Model of the wood structure



After transformation



Clay and straw mortar in between the logs





The former hay-chest on the upper level





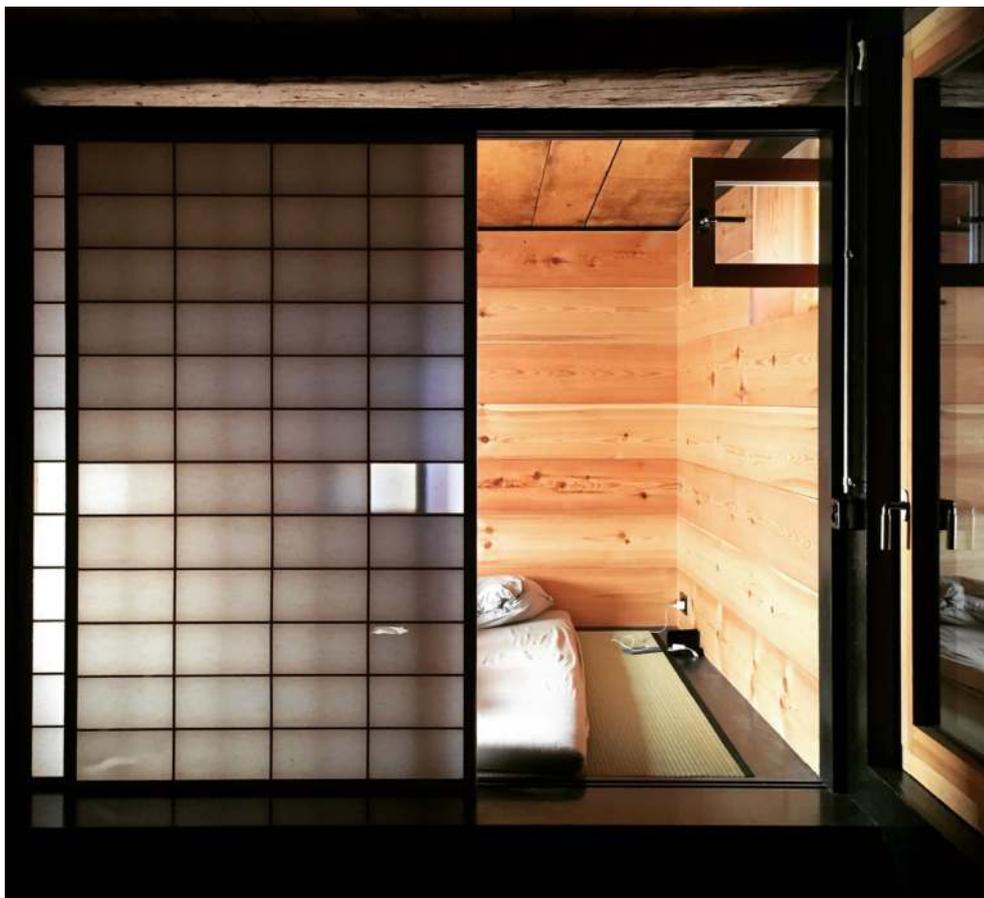
Entrance on the upper level



Kitchen on the lower hay-chest



North facade with window to the kitchen

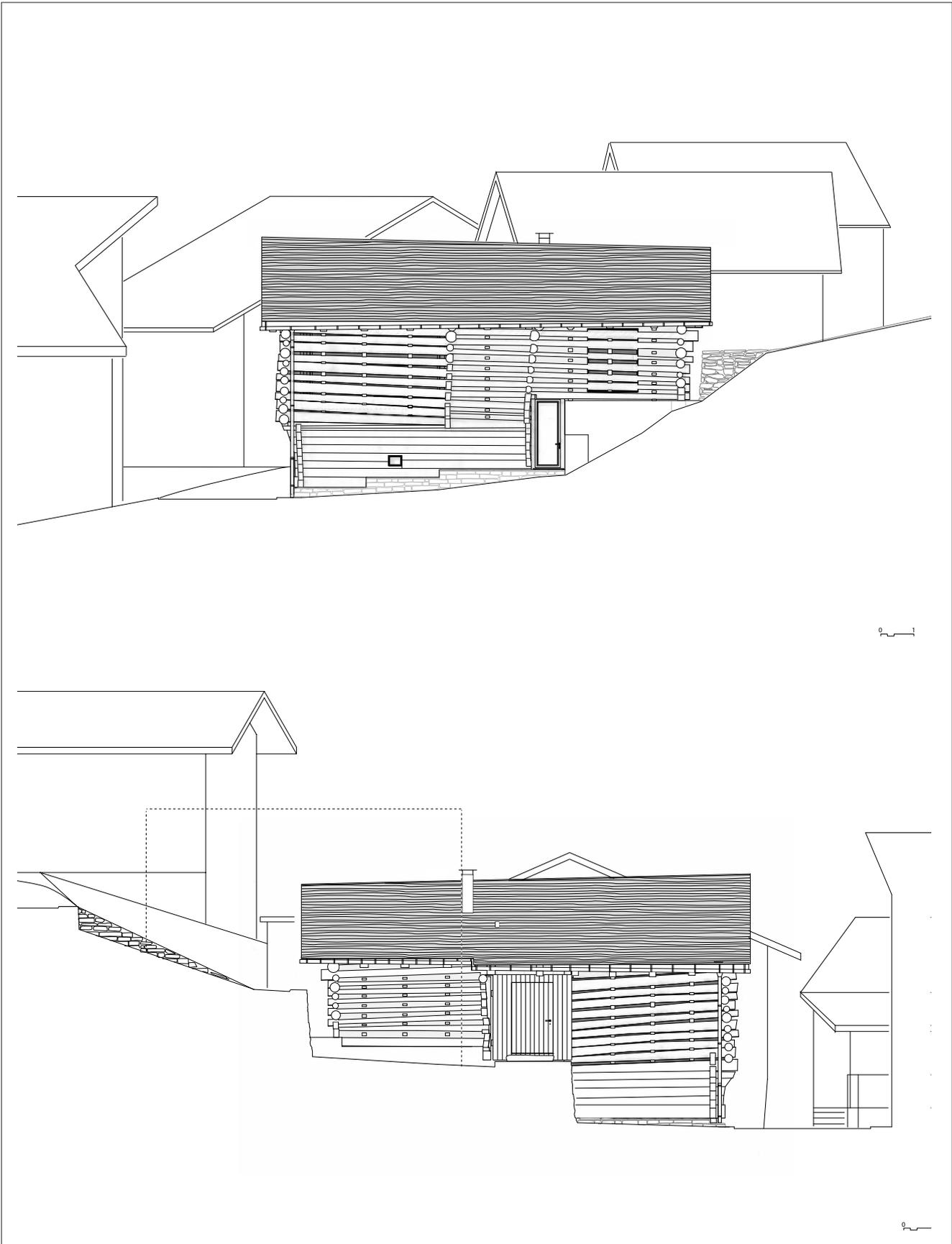


The sleeping area on street level

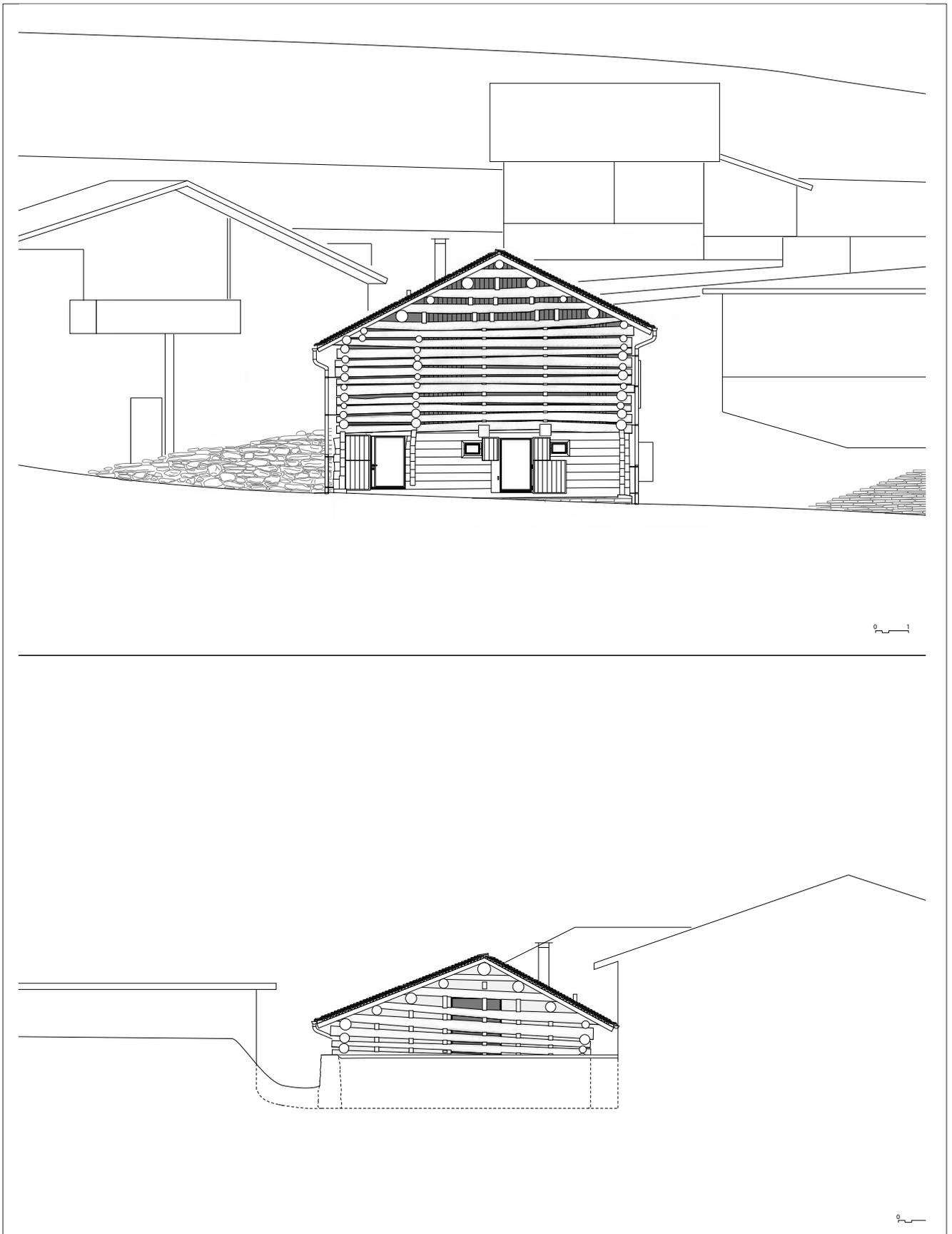


The bathtub from koya-maki wood

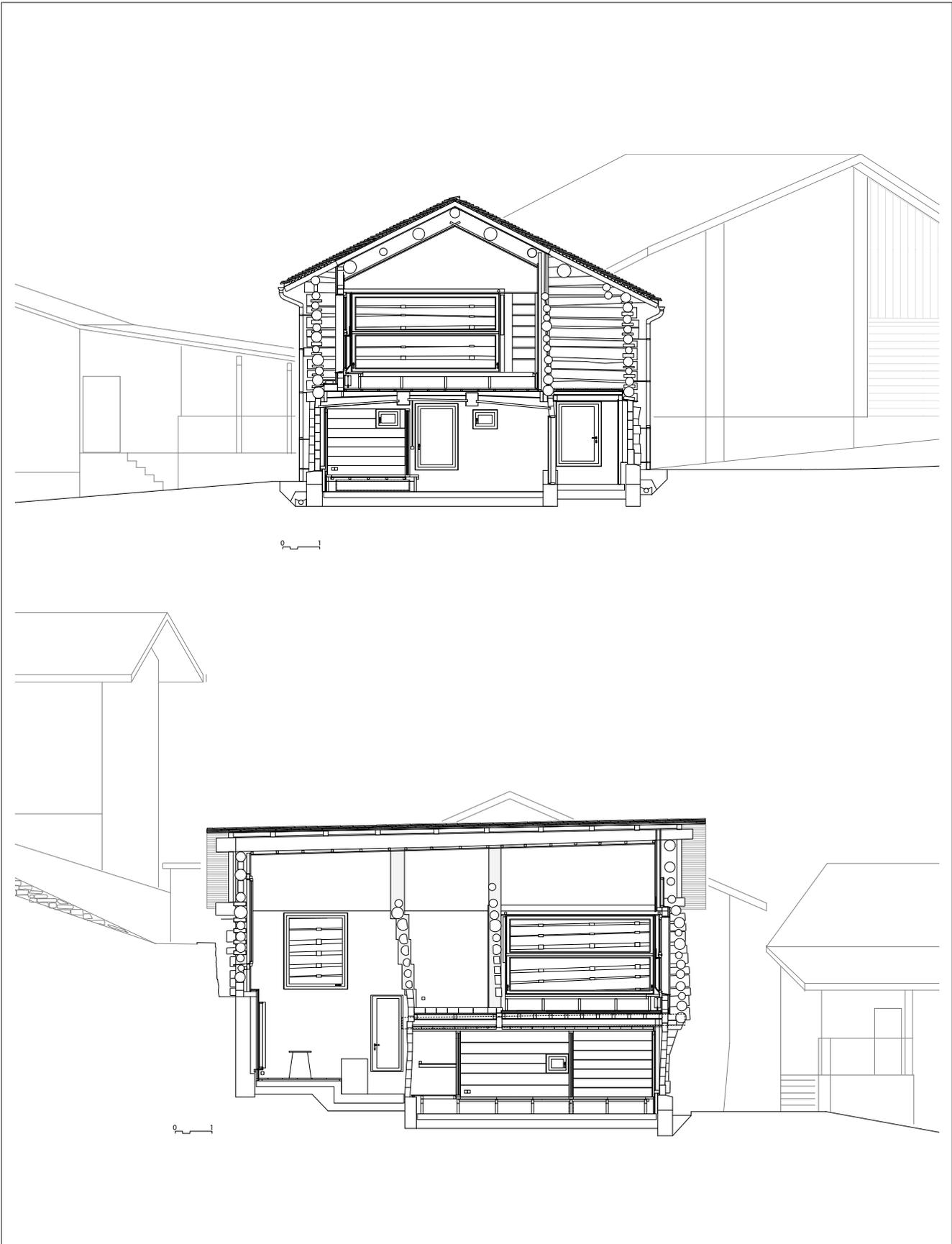




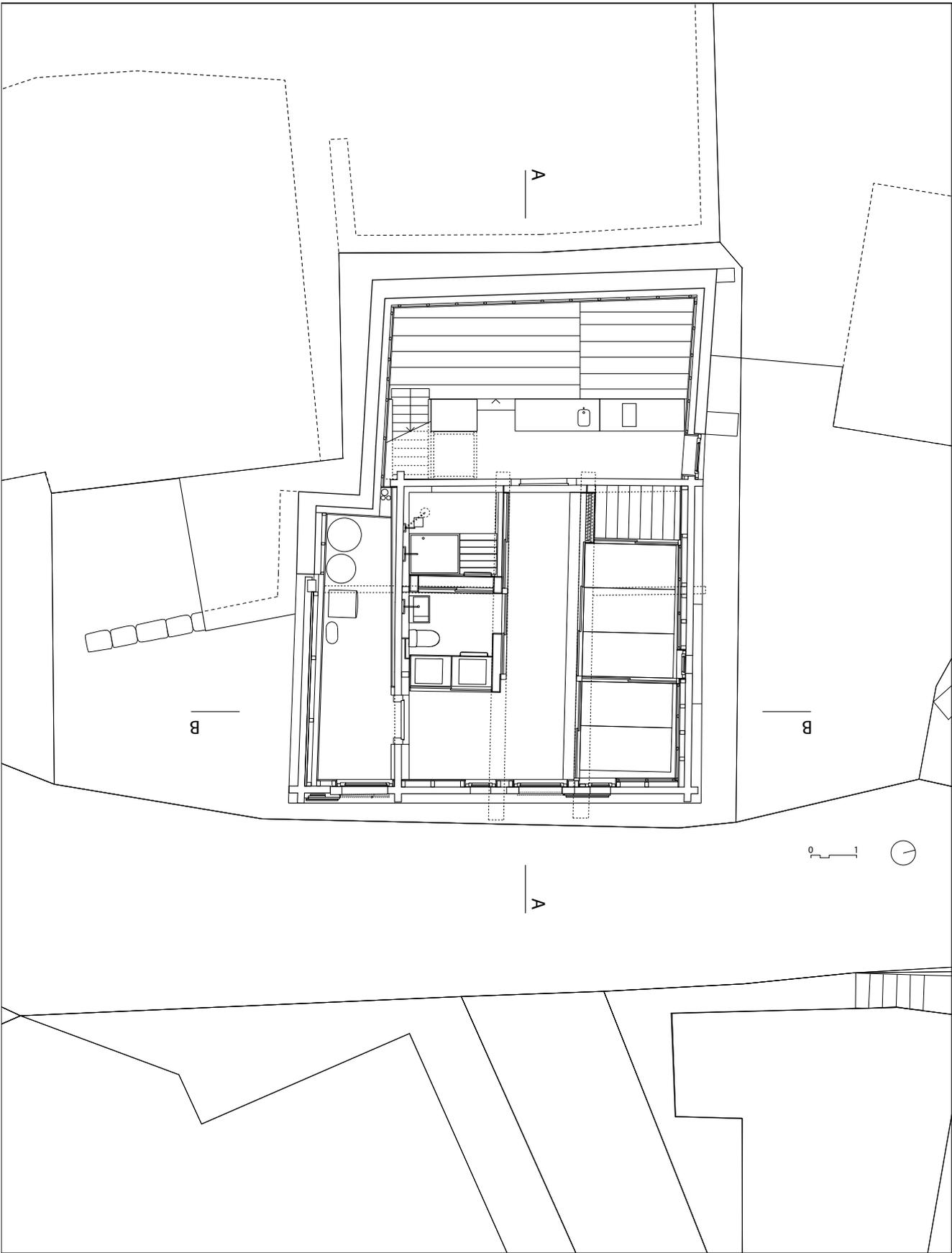
North and South facades



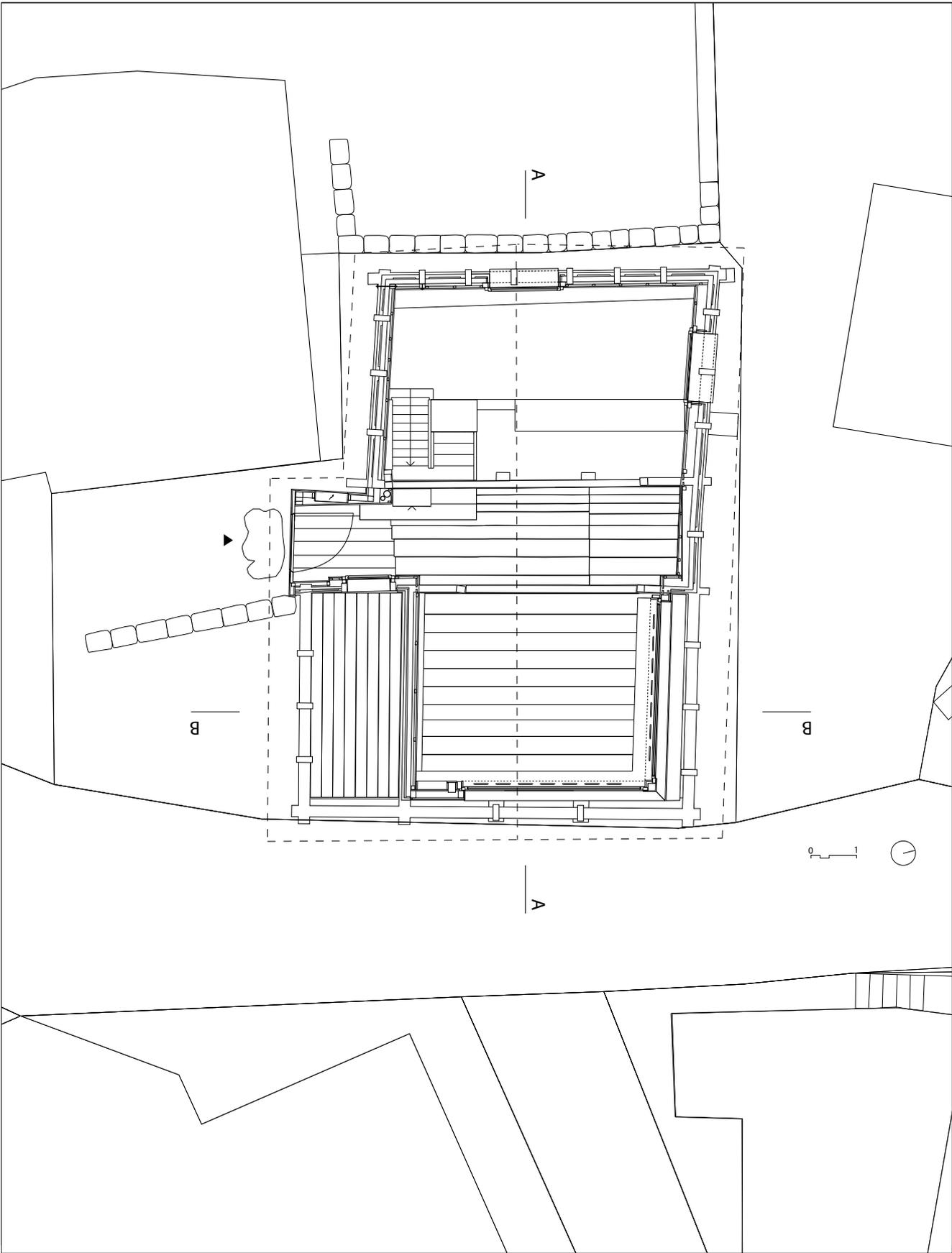
East and West facades



Cross and long sections



Lower floor plan



Upper floor plan

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Office Winhov is an Amsterdam-based architecture and urban-design office, founded by Joost Hovenier (1963-2016), Jan Peter Wingender and Uri Gilad. Operating internationally, the office is engaged in a wide range of projects from housing, mixed-use ensembles to high-end public buildings. Direct personal engagement with our assignments constitutes the basis of our practice. Teaching and a wide range of academic and professional research support its continuing development.

Loving the ordinary

Buildings are more than singular objects; they are part of the urban environment they shape – Like a street, a district, a community. Buildings accommodate the people who use them intensively. Today, tomorrow, every day - and every year. That is why we need buildings that stand the test of time. Buildings that stay relevant thanks to their solidity, usability and durability. In that way, they are embedded in our complex, ever changing urban environment. Trends may come and go, but we love the long lasting power of the ordinary. The everyday is here to stay.

We combine simplicity with sophistication

Our team strongly believes in the elegance of simple solutions to complex problems, without over-seeing the context in which we operate. Our thinking and designs always incorporate the environmental, social and cultural dimensions that are related to architecture and city planning. Our interest in longevity and connectivity of buildings asks for a process of careful observation, adjustment and refinement. The combination of reduction and simplicity on the one hand and enrichment and sophistication on the other hand lends additional meaning to our buildings.

The ordinary has no boundaries

Office Winhov started in The Netherlands, working in the tradition of the European city. We built a reputation with designs that are characterized by a careful understanding of the context and an interest in strong formal and material presence. We always aim for robust buildings that become an inextricable part of their environment and answer the varying demands of owners and users. That's how we as Office Winhov transcend our earlier boundaries. Making use of our background and experience we expand our firm's activities. Today we design a wide range of projects, and we operate internationally. The ordinary is anything but static and placing it at the centre has brought us, and the people we commit to, further than any trend or vogue.