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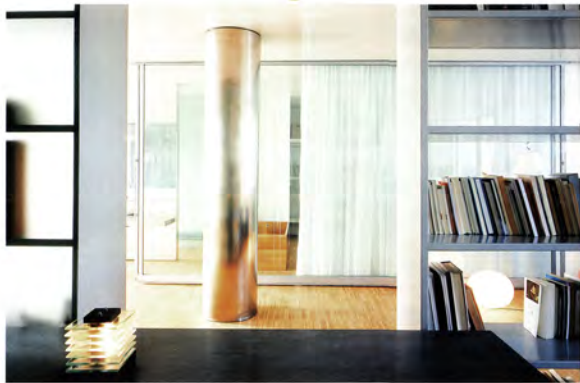
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The architects were asked to remodel a building that had included extensions dating from the 1960s. Located in the Appia Antica Park just outside Rome, the structure was to serve as a couple's main residence and workplace. Completed in 2004, the project has a floor area of 530 square metres and cost €450,000. The architects imagined vertical axes running through the building to create service cores, 'distribution' spaces, the main quarters and an outdoor area. A horizontal sequence of floor levels differentiates sleeping, living and working zones, while a full-height vertical void marks the centre and serves as a spatial membrane for distribution and circulation. 'In this way', conclude the architects, 'it assumes an autonomous role as a space that exposes the intimacy of domesticity'.

On avait demandé aux architectes de remanier un bâtiment qui contenait des extensions datant des années 1960. Situé dans le parc Appia Antica, juste en dehors de Rome, la structure devait servir de résidence principale et de lieu de travail à un couple. Achievé en 2004, le projet avait une surface au plancher de 530 mètres carrés et a coûté €450 000. Les architectes ont imaginé des axes verticaux passant au travers du bâtiment pour créer des noyaux de service, des espaces de « distribution », la résidence principale et une aire extérieure. Une séquence horizontale de niveaux de plancher différencie les aires réservées au sommeil, au séjour et au travail, alors qu'un vide vertical de pleine hauteur marque le centre et sert de membrane spatiale pour la distribution et la circulation. « De cette façon, concluent les architectes, il assume un rôle autonome en tant qu'espace qui expose l'intimité de la vie casanière ».





‘Our clients’, say the architects, ‘requested a rather out-of-the-ordinary, custom home with flexible, open and dynamic spatial and functional characteristics – not unlike those of an American loft. This commission became an opportunity to re-imagine the house from the ground up, as a place accommodating the ever-changing functions and formalities that contemporary living implies. Located on the Via Flaminia, the €70,000 structure measures 100 square metres. Sliding transparent curtains and containers provide views through the space and allow for reorganisation depending on the family’s needs. The bedrooms, bathrooms, living and dining areas and a study follow an east–west orientation, and therefore the progression of natural light.’

« Nos clients, disent les architectes, voulaient une maison sortant de l’ordinaire, faite sur mesure, avec des caractéristiques spatiales et fonctionnelles polyvalentes, ouvertes et dynamiques – un peu comme celles d’un loft américain ». Cette commande a été l’occasion de reconcevoir la maison de fond en comble, pour créer un endroit compatible avec les fonctions et formalités toujours changeantes de la vie contemporaine. Située sur la Via Flaminia, la structure de €70 000 a une superficie de 100 mètres carrés. Des rideaux et des conteneurs coulissants et transparents créent des vues à travers tout l’espace et permettent de réorganiser l’intérieur pour répondre aux besoins de la famille. Les chambres, les salles de bain, la salle de séjour, la salle à manger et un bureau sont orientés selon un axe est-ouest, suivant ainsi la progression de la lumière naturelle. »

