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Architecture, for me, is the creation of atmosphere before form. My work explores the relationship between materials, light and spatial identity through a contemporary and highly visual approach. Moving between architecture, interiors and visualization, I focus on creating immersive environments shaped by emotion, context and composition. Each project is approached as a balance between realism and narrative, with the aim of designing spaces that feel both recognizable and deeply connected to the people experiencing them.

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01_CASIMIRO MANASSEI

PRIVATE PROJECT - ROME - 2021



Overview

The project involves the renovation of a private apartment in Rome, designed to create a continuous and cohesive domestic environment.

The intervention focuses on spatial continuity, integrated architectural elements and a restrained material palette. Warm wood surfaces, neutral tones and indirect lighting contribute to a calm and balanced atmosphere throughout the living area.

Custom furniture and concealed technical elements were designed to reinforce the perception of order and visual clarity, while large openings and controlled natural light enhance the relationship between interior space and daily living.

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Integrated furniture and warm material transitions define the continuity of the living space.



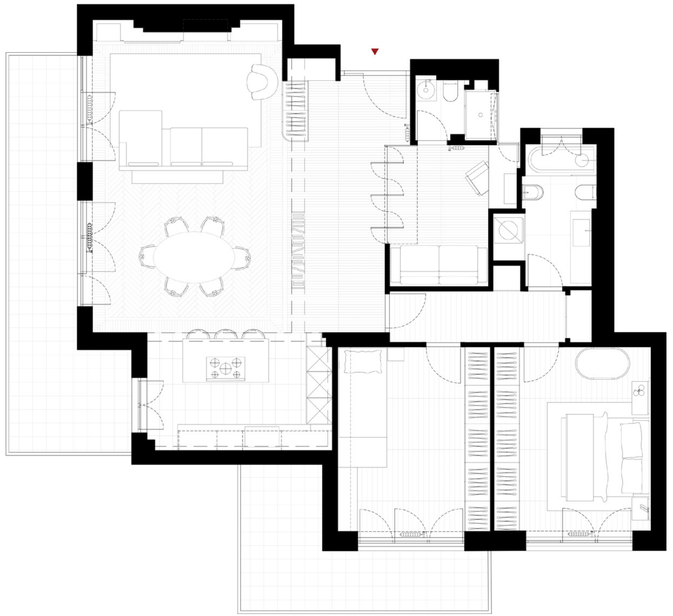
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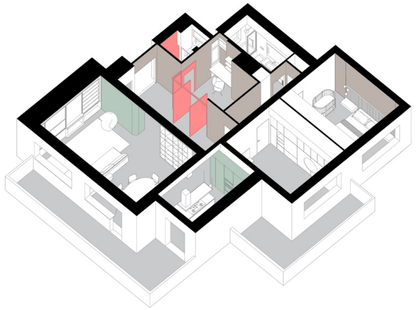


The project involves the complete renovation of a private apartment in Rome, with particular focus on the reorganization of the living area.

One of the main challenges of the intervention was the creation of an open and continuous domestic space within a large structural span without intermediate columns. To preserve spatial openness while solving the structural requirements, a custom load-bearing bookshelf was introduced as an integrated architectural element.

The living area was designed to maximize natural light, visual permeability and spatial continuity. Warm wood surfaces, neutral tones and selected chromatic accents respond to the changing reflections of natural light throughout the day, generating a dynamic yet balanced domestic atmosphere.





The intervention reorganizes the apartment through a continuous spatial system designed to integrate structure, storage and domestic functions within a unified architectural language.

The custom load-bearing bookshelf becomes both structural and spatial device, allowing the living area to remain open while preserving visual continuity and natural light throughout the apartment.



02_CASA ROSSA

PRIVATE PROJECT - MODICA - 2021



Overview

The project reinterprets a traditional Sicilian rural dwelling through a contemporary spatial approach rooted in material continuity and landscape integration.

The intervention preserves the massive stone character of the existing architecture while introducing a more open and fluid domestic organization. Natural light, shadow and thick surfaces define the spatial atmosphere of the house, establishing a continuous dialogue between interior spaces and the surrounding landscape.

The material palette combines raw stone, warm plaster surfaces and restrained architectural elements to reinforce the relationship between memory, light and inhabitation.

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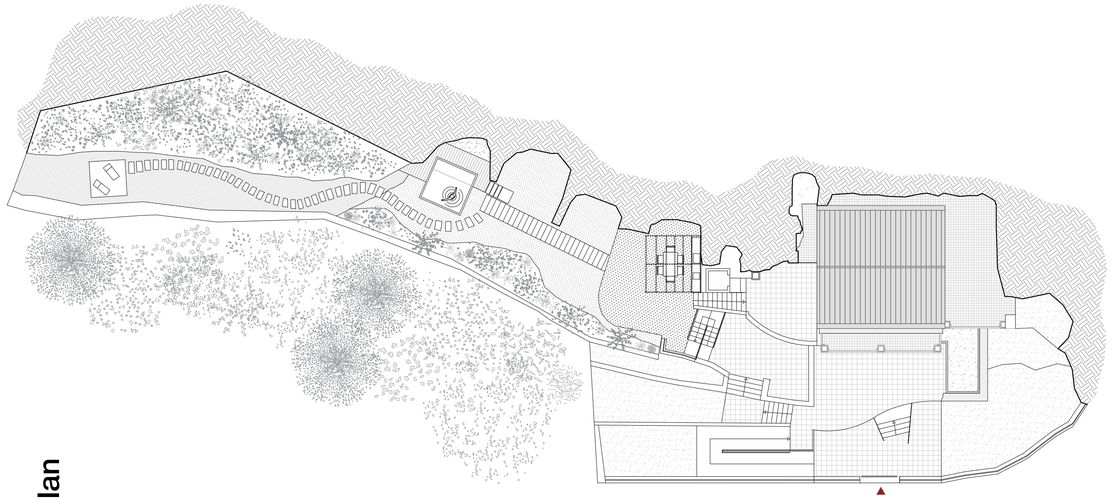
The landscape intervention was developed in collaboration with a landscape designer, with particular attention to the integration between architecture, vegetation and the natural morphology of the site.

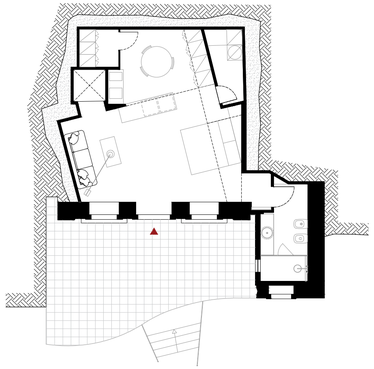
Existing quarry excavations were reinterpreted as part of a Mediterranean garden composed of native essences, stone surfaces and shaded outdoor spaces.

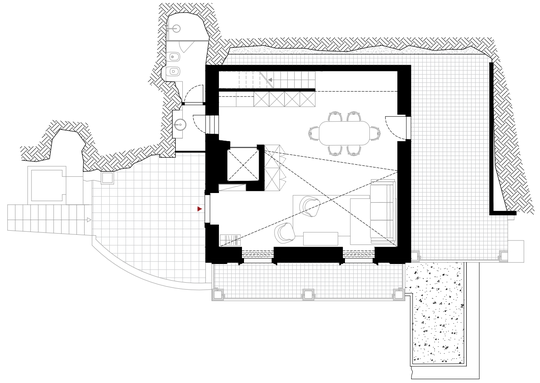
The intervention includes a swimming pool, solarium and barbecue area designed as an extension of the domestic living space. The study of vegetation and natural light conditions played a fundamental role in defining the spatial atmosphere and seasonal perception of the landscape.

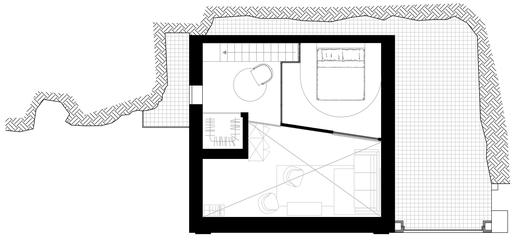


Site Plan











The architectural intervention focused on the adaptive reuse of an existing structure transformed into a contemporary space while preserving the strong identity of the original building.

Embedded directly into the mountain rock, the project reveals a unique spatial condition in which several meters of natural stone separate the ground and first floors, defining the character of the architecture.

The building is organized across three independent levels, each provided with private terraces

Particular attention was dedicated to the balance between existing materials, natural light and spatial continuity, enhancing the dialogue between architecture and the geological presence of the site.



03_SAN VITO

PRIVATE PROJECT - MODICA - 2020



Overview

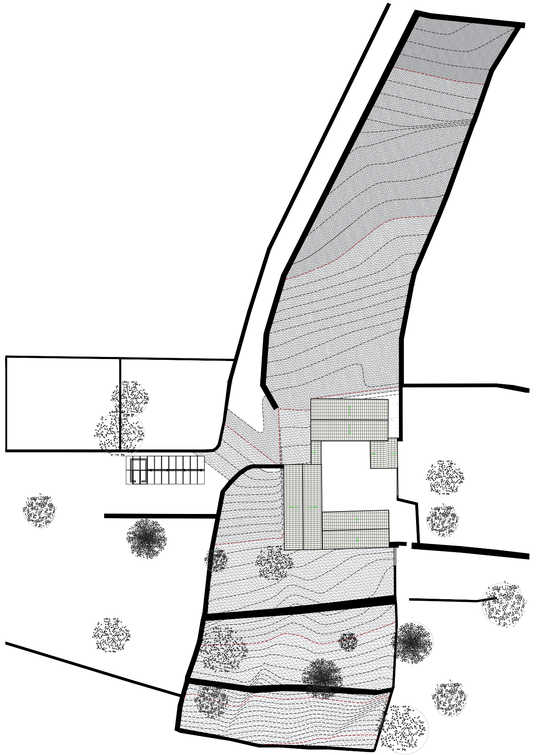
The project explores the transformation of a traditional Sicilian rural house through a contemporary architectural language grounded in material authenticity and spatial continuity.

The intervention enhances the existing stone architecture while redefining the domestic spaces through a more open and essential organization. Light, shadow and textured surfaces shape the atmosphere of the interiors, creating a constant relationship between the house and the Mediterranean landscape.

The architectural approach combines natural stone, soft mineral tones and restrained design elements to establish a balance between local identity, contemporary living and the timeless character of the site.

BOMORI - 2021



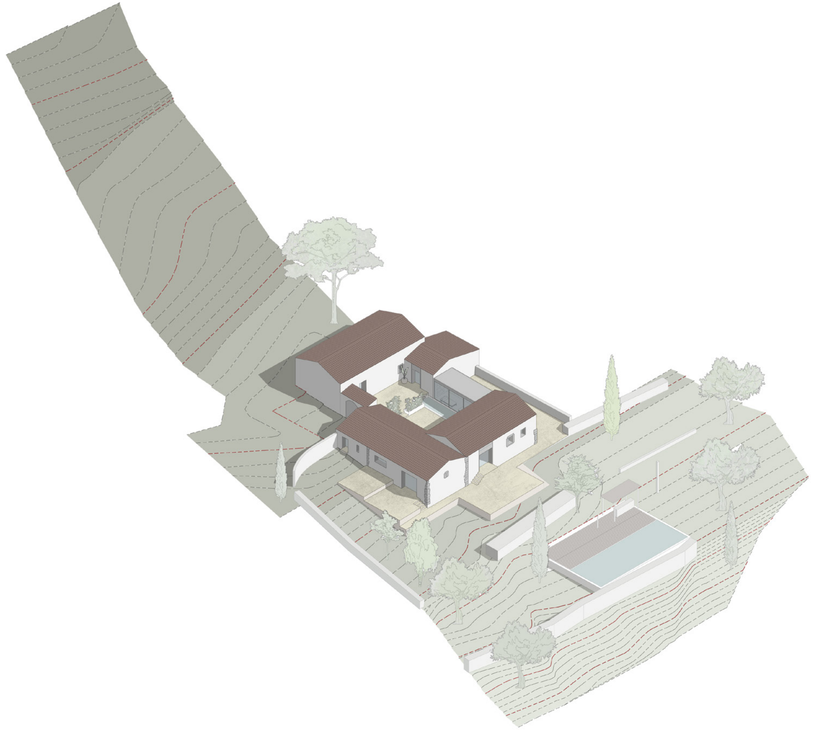


Masterplan

The landscape intervention responds to the natural morphology of the site, characterized by a steep topography and a long, narrow configuration gradually opening toward the surrounding countryside.

Existing Sicilian olive trees were carefully preserved and integrated into a landscape strategy aimed at enhancing the spontaneous and untamed character of the terrain. The project introduces a contemporary layer composed of contrasting architectural elements designed to coexist with the natural environment.

Infinity pools, solarium areas and a system of terraces were positioned along the slope to create a sequence of outdoor spaces in continuous dialogue with vegetation, light and distant views across the landscape.

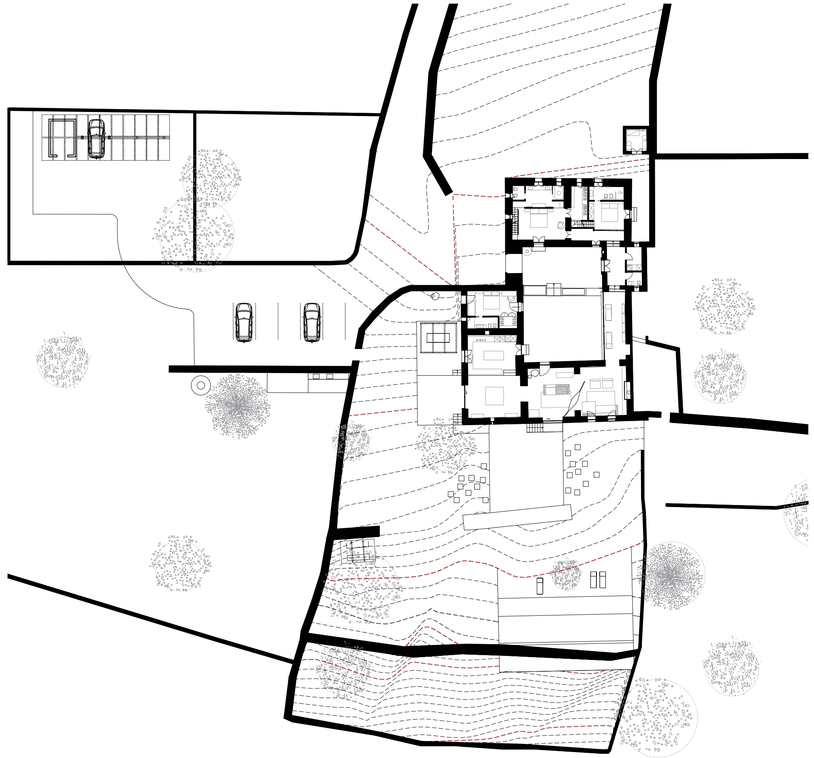


The architectural intervention focused on the regeneration of a deteriorated rural complex transformed into a contemporary hospitality space while preserving the identity and material presence of the original structure.

The project is organized as a system of independent units, each conceived as an autonomous living space equipped with all the necessary services and connected through a shared architectural language.

At the center of the composition, a stone courtyard becomes the core of the intervention, articulated through reflective water surfaces, sunbathing platforms and shaded transitional spaces that establish a calm and intimate atmosphere throughout the complex.

Particular attention was dedicated to the recovery of existing stone elements, spatial proportions and natural light conditions, allowing the project to redefine the ruins through a restrained and timeless architectural approach.





04_VITOZ

PRIVATE PROJECT - ROME - 2022



Overview

Located within an elegant residential district of Rome, the project concerns the partial renovation of an apartment set inside a historic Roman villa surrounded by private gardens and terraces.

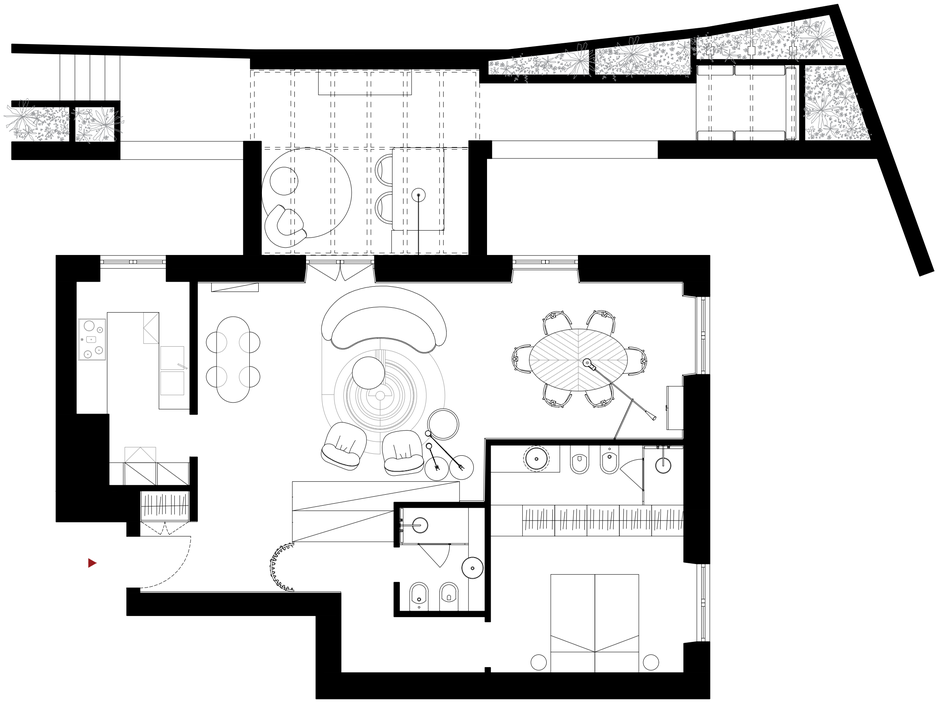
The intervention aimed to reinterpret the existing domestic spaces through a restrained contemporary language capable of preserving the architectural character and atmosphere of the original residence.

Particular attention was dedicated to the relationship between interior spaces, natural light and the surrounding greenery, enhancing the continuity between the apartment and the outdoor areas.

The project also included the design and realization of bespoke furniture elements developed specifically for the space, contributing to a cohesive architectural identity defined by material precision, spatial balance and understated elegance.

BOMORI - 2021









Concept

The private enclosed terrace extends toward a rooftop garden and a solarium area featuring a hydromassage water element, creating a secluded outdoor environment integrated with the surrounding greenery and natural light conditions.

Inside the apartment, the intervention focused on redefining the spatial identity of the interiors through the design of bespoke furniture and a carefully curated domestic atmosphere.

The project included the selection of materials, colors, furnishings and spatial arrangements, establishing a balanced relationship between contemporary living requirements and the refined character of the historic Roman residence.



05_GAETA

PRIVATE PROJECT - DIAMANTE - 2022



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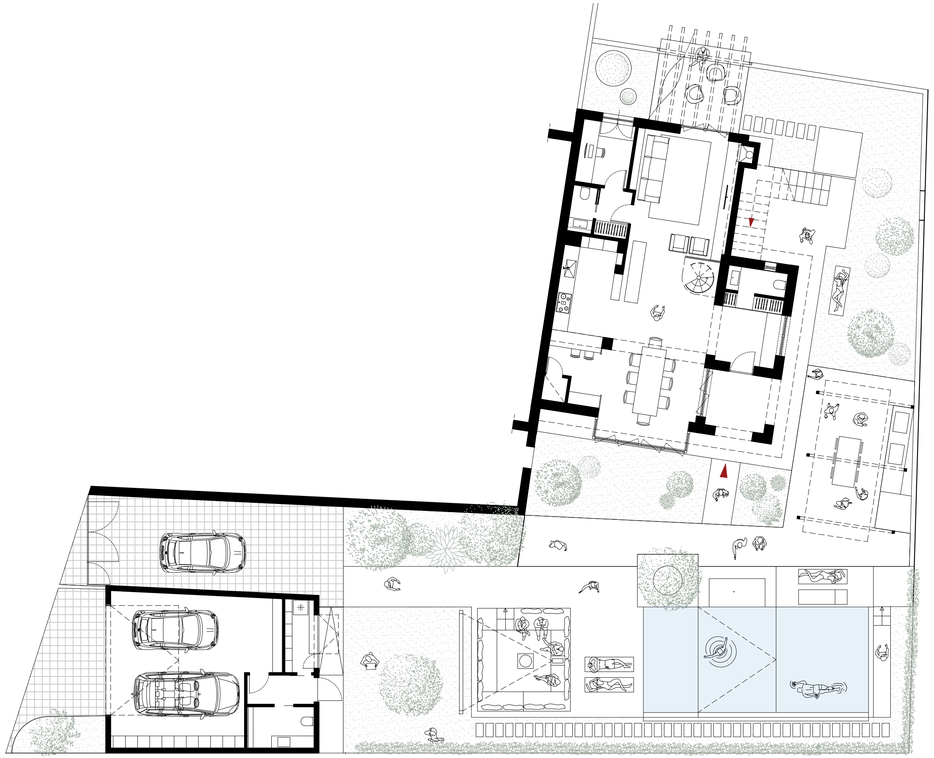
Located in Diamante, on the Calabrian coast, the project concerns the partial renovation of a three-level villa immersed within a large private garden surrounding the property on all sides.

The intervention involved both the outdoor spaces and the interiors of the residence, aiming to redefine the relationship between architecture, landscape and contemporary living through a restrained and cohesive design language.

Natural light, material continuity and the connection with the Mediterranean environment became central themes of the project, establishing a fluid dialogue between indoor and outdoor spaces while preserving the spatial character and identity of the existing villa.

BOMORI - 2021





Concept

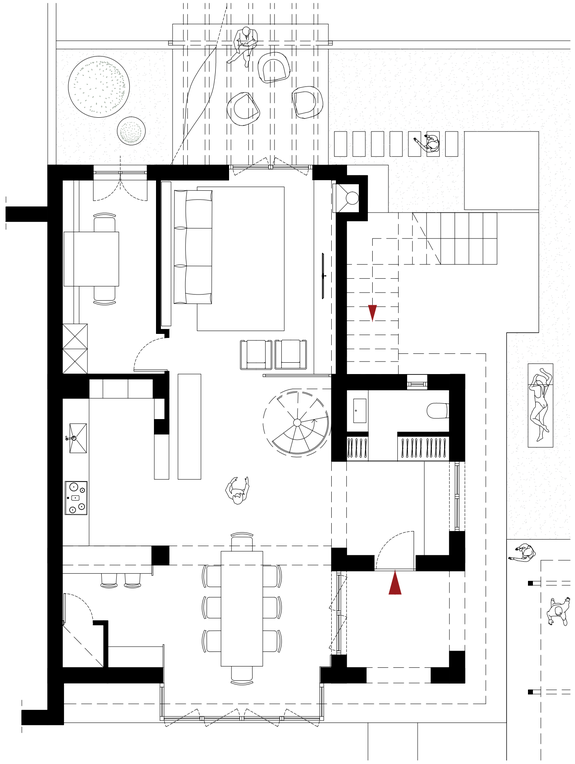
The landscape intervention transforms the extensive private garden into a sequence of distinct outdoor environments conceived as part of a unified domestic experience.

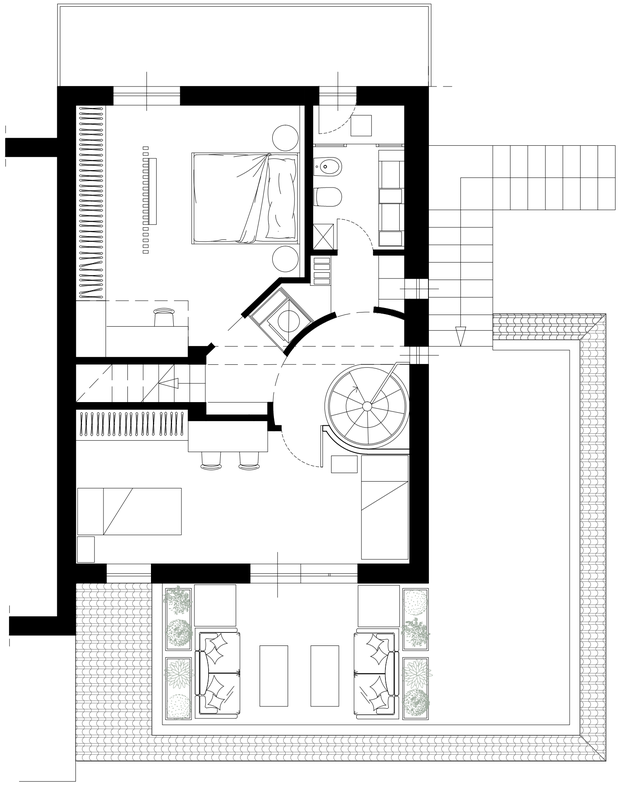
The property includes multiple areas dedicated to leisure and social interaction, such as a garage bar, conversation pit, swimming pool, barbecue area and a series of open-air living spaces immersed within the Mediterranean vegetation, creating an articulated and almost self-contained architectural world.

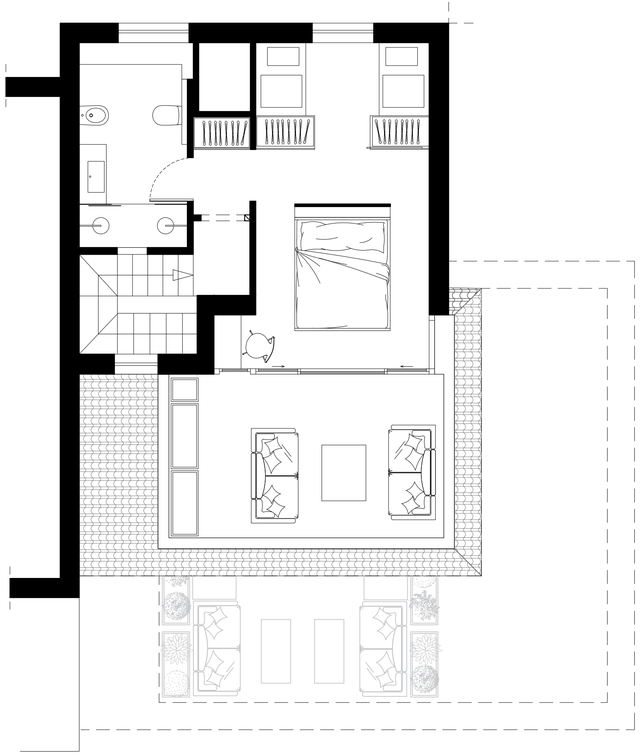
Inside the villa, the ground floor accommodates the main living functions, including the kitchen, studio and lounge areas, while the two upper levels are dedicated to the more private sleeping quarters, organized to ensure comfort, light and continuity between the different spaces of the house.











06_CALLIPO

PRIVATE PROJECT - REGGIO CALABRIA - 2025



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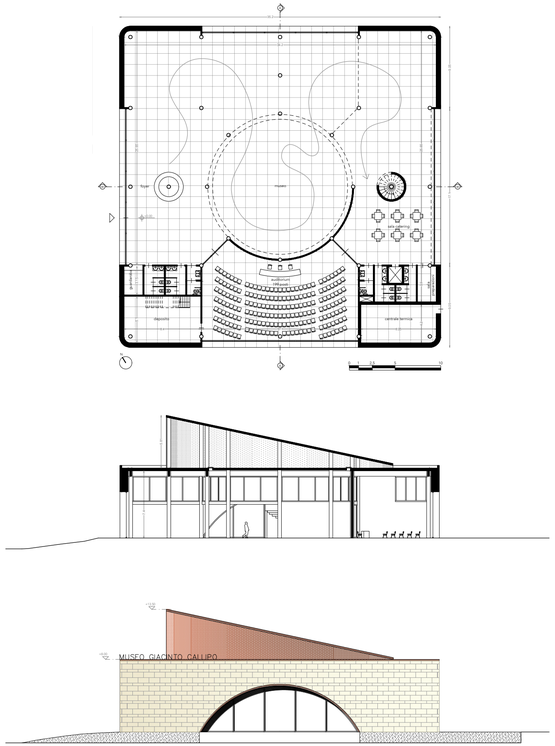
Located in Reggio Calabria, the project was commissioned by the Callipo company for the creation of a museum space dedicated to the history, identity and cultural legacy of the brand.

The intervention explores the relationship between exhibition design, memory and corporate identity through the conception of a solemn and representative architectural environment capable of narrating the evolution of the company across time.

The project includes historical archive spaces, exhibition areas for memorabilia and original objects, conference rooms and office spaces, organized through a cohesive spatial language aimed at balancing institutional character, public accessibility and contemporary architectural expression.

LOY - 2025



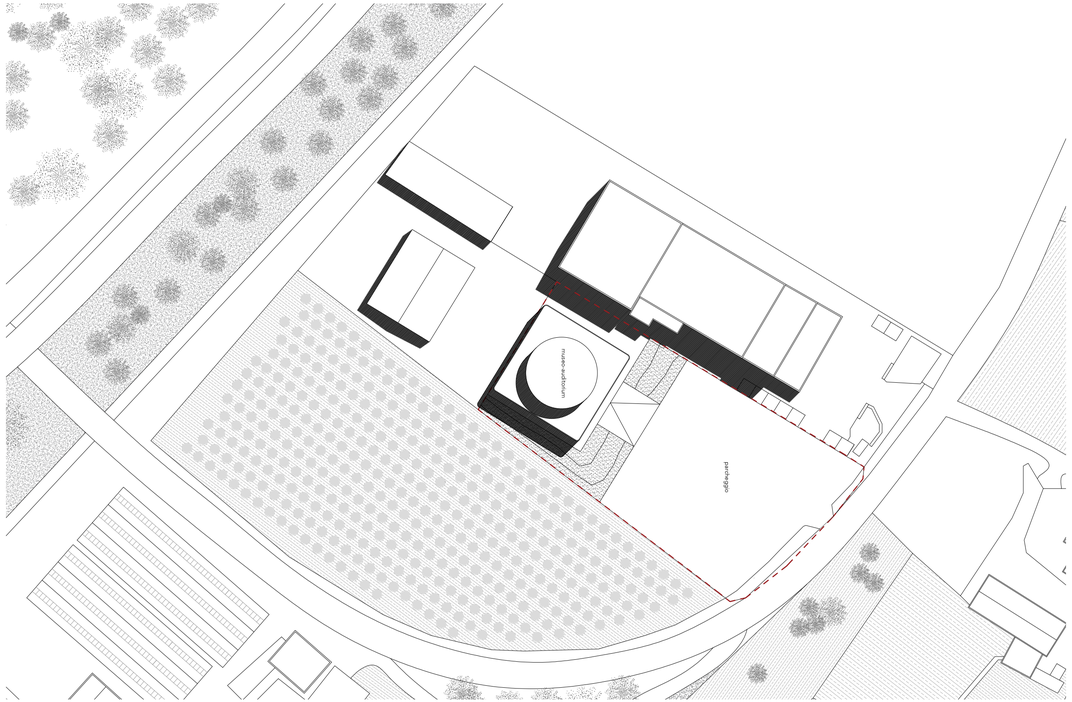


Site Plan

The architectural concept was inspired by the iconic geometry of Callipo tuna cans, reinterpreted through a partially opened roof system designed to filter natural light into the exhibition spaces without direct exposure, creating a controlled and solemn museum atmosphere.

Particular attention was dedicated to the structural development of the project, especially regarding the engineering and load distribution required to support the large spanning roof structure while preserving the lightness and symbolic character of the architectural gesture.

The interaction between structure, filtered light and exhibition spaces became a defining element of the intervention, reinforcing the relationship between corporate identity, architectural expression and spatial experience.



07_ARRAMPICATA

PRIVATE PROJECT - ROME - 2026



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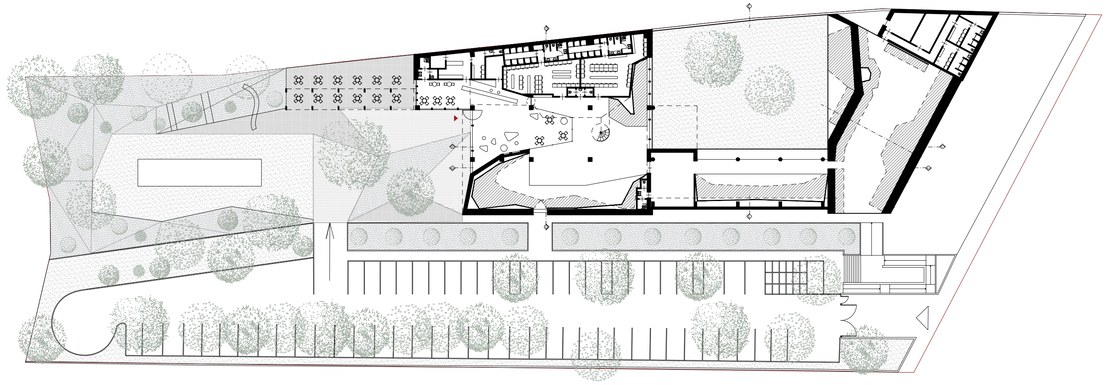
The project involves the design and construction of a new climbing facility conceived for both training and competition activities. The architectural program is organized around a large bouldering hall, a dedicated climbing corridor, and a main volume hosting speed and lead climbing walls exceeding 20 meters in height.

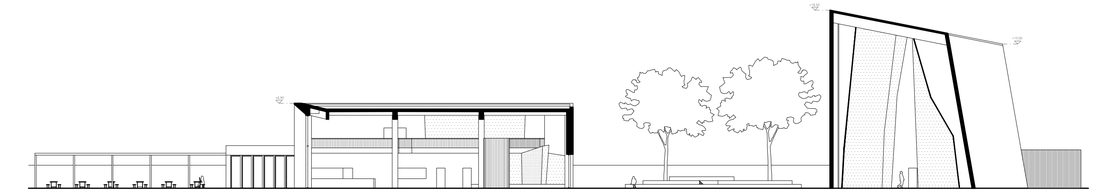
An outdoor climbing wall overlooking a central courtyard completes the complex, creating a gathering space where visitors can observe athletes during training sessions and official events.

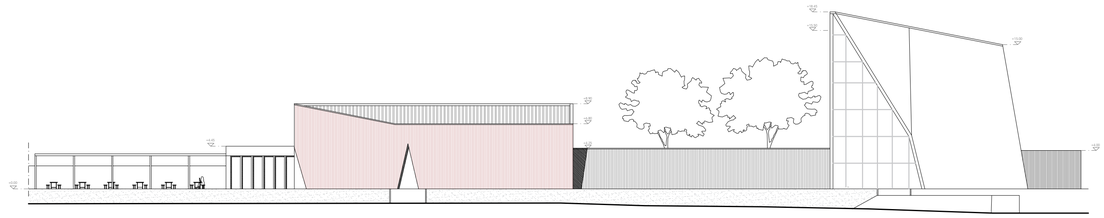
Particular attention was given to the structural design of the building. The poor geotechnical quality of the site required an imposing structural system capable of supporting significant live loads and the considerable forces generated by the climbing walls, making structure a defining element of the architectural identity.

LOY - 2026









08_CENTRO SPORTIVO

PRIVATE PROJECT - ROME - 2026



Overview

Once the historic home of a renowned and highly decorated international sports club, the Campo Sportivo Testaccio is today characterized by a state of neglect and underutilization. The project aims to restore the identity and functionality of the complex through a comprehensive architectural and landscape regeneration strategy.

The intervention includes the complete refurbishment of the playing field and surrounding outdoor areas, the renovation of the existing locker rooms, and the introduction of a new reception and refreshment area at the main entrance. A new gymnasium has also been designed to expand the range of sporting activities and services offered by the facility.

The project seeks to reconnect the site with its sporting heritage while providing contemporary spaces capable of supporting both athletes and the local community, transforming the complex into an active and accessible urban landmark once again.

LOY - 2026




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