Τ11 & Τ13 Κατοικίες και εργαστήριο, Λευκωσία - Κύπρος
Τ11 & T13 Residences and Studio, Nicosia - CY

Location Nicosia, CY
Architect Socrates Stratis
Design Team Socrates Stratis, Riccardo Urbano
Structural Engineering Loucas Varnava
Contractor M. Achilleos Edomokiki Ltd
Total Surface 465m²
Design Date 2001-2002
Construction Date 2005-2006

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The project is about the extension of a listed neoclassical building, the redevelopment of two existing residences and the addition of an artist's studio. The main concept is to superimpose the two existing scales of the area: the initial small scale of the listed building (originally built in 1935 and extended in 1950) and the large scale of the new urban development in the surroundings (4-storey-high apartment buildings).

As a first step, the initial small scale is reinforced by generating new relationships with the existing garden, allowing at the same time the independent function of the two residences, which exist since 1950. The large scale is introduced into the project as a second design step, with the 'main' extension at the back side of the initial building, from its initial two to three floors.

The larger height of the main extension generates all sorts of dialogues with the existing building through materials, material colours, through the use of terraces and through views from the interior.

The extension of the listed building with one volume for both residences and studio maintains the unified character of the building avoiding any fragmentation in smaller residential parts.

The extensions of the residence on the north part of the site (T11) are organized so as to allow natural light and views to and from the listed building. For this purpose, a small atrium is situated between the main extension and the existing part. Furthermore, parts of the garden are elevated in order to reach the level of the interior and encourage their everyday use.

Regarding the residence on the south part of the site (T13), the main extension volume is located at the back, reorganizing the ground floor rooms and creating a double story space for the artist's studio on the upper levels.

The artist's studio -a partly metal structure- is a double storey space with a large north opening for indirect lighting. The sloping metal roof allows for the maximum opening size, while also providing a south-facing slope for photovoltaic panels.
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