

PATIO house

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It is impossible to deny that our sense of home has evolved. It has grown, I believe, to reflect a desire for simplicity and an elegance of space that encourages calm in an otherwise fairly hectic world.

It is an evolution well past due - a yearning to embrace modern residences as emblematic of the governing style and sophistication of our time. Homes that reflect the architectural persuasions of the current generation, reflecting the ideals and tendencies that surround us internationally. Homes, too, that embrace our continued craving for extensive natural light, for quality of space over sheer quantity, for a challenge to the conventional, arbitrary divide between rooms, and ultimately the blurring of some of the strict constructs of what separates the personal from the public. Patio House takes this further, by also celebrating the transition from inside to outside, by proposing these wonderful patio rooms that help define the home's place in the neighbourhood.

What is most striking to me about the latest home by reza aliabadi is the completeness of his vision, expressed here in a home that is built boldly for family life, while affording the private spaces we all admire. The utterly distinctive staircase - a floating glass stair raised to sculptural masterpiece - feels to me like a sleek conduit for family communication, rising as it does from the lowest level to the top. It seems to insist on conversation, of an opening of the space for ideas to breathe and families to get on with the business of being together. It reminds me of leaning over the banister to ask when dinner would be ready, but here it's accomplished with modern flair that I never would have imagined in my youth.

I welcome you to this most remarkable residence.

Paul Johnston

FROM THE ARCHITECT

Reza Aliabadi

Patio House, located in the Nortown area in Toronto, Ontario, is a minimalist two-storey wood structure house, which carefully responds to three major questions: the needs of the residents, the situation of the site, and the environmental concerns. Being located in a corner lot, the building maintains a presentable façade for the residential street while controlling sun exposure from the west. This strategy has been achieved by inserting a dynamic series of linear windows in the white brick façade and extracting a box from the monolithic geometry to create the patio.

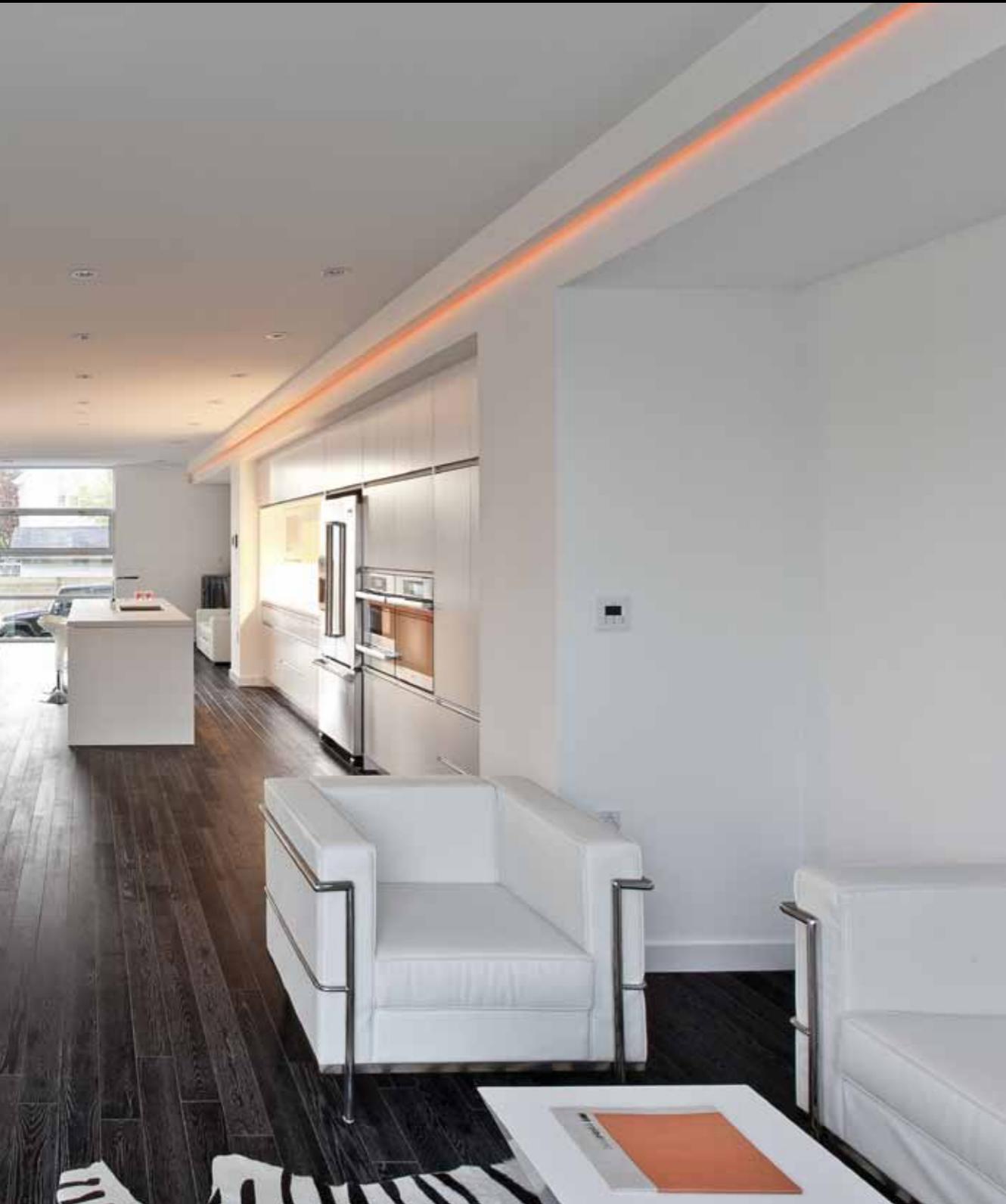
The patio acts as a buffer space between the west façade and the interior spaces of the house while allowing natural light to travel into the house and creating a visual connection between the interior divisions. The operable glazing in the patio adds the area to the interior rooms of the house i.e. kitchen and family room on the ground floor and the master bedroom on the upper level. The patio zone blurs the edge between the exterior and the interior while creating an in-between situation in severe weather conditions of winter and summer times. It becomes a getaway from the conditioned air of inside and the severe temperature of outside leaving you to decide whether you are inside or outside of the house.



ARCHITECT
Reza Aliabadi

OPEN PLAN

The mainfloor's open floorplan encourages flexible use, by providing many options for the placement of furniture. You are free to determine the scope and nature of your dining and living room areas.





On the ground floor a continuous airy space washed with natural light is divided into four public zones, which gradually become more private as it reaches the end of the house. A linear orange accent light on the ceiling responds to the orange tiles of the patio and the orange quartz backsplash of the kitchen decorating the interior of the house by emphasizing its continuous linear design and connection between the living room, the kitchen, and the family room. The entry foyers, service rooms, staircase and the patio are carefully stacked in a linear row to avoid any disturbance to the remainder of the house.



CUSTOM STAIR

The detached staircase built by unfinished hot rolled metal sheets appears as a stand-alone sculpture and animates the space by creating a suspended movement experience throughout the house. Tempered glass sheets circulating around the stairs travel towards the skylight in the ceiling where they discover natural light and carefully carry the dancing light to rest on the basement floor where it transforms into a soften blanket of light protected by hovering sheets of glass.

THE KITCHEN

Patio House features an expansive kitchen located in the core of the home. It's here, in this large linear space, that premium appliances have been paired with solid surface countertops to create a sleek, elegant space. An abundance of cabinetry provides superb storage for both day-to-day items and more precious belongings, reducing the need for a main floor buffet or cabinet. This attention to storage and simplicity is found throughout the home.





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MASTER RETREAT



The private master bedroom has a luxurious ensuite bathroom with separate shower and floating tub. The built in wardrobe provides discrete and extensive storage





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