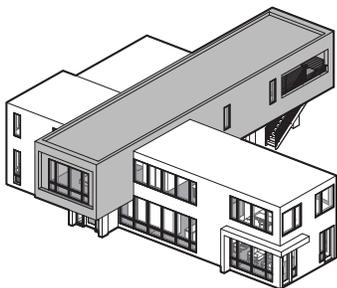
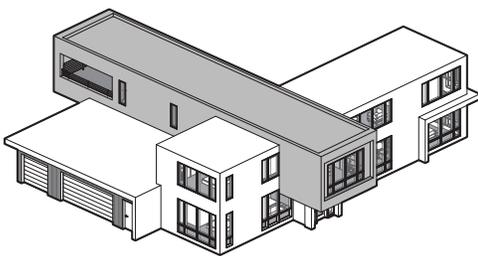
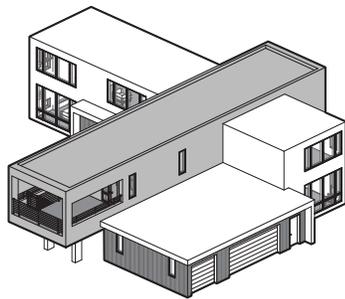
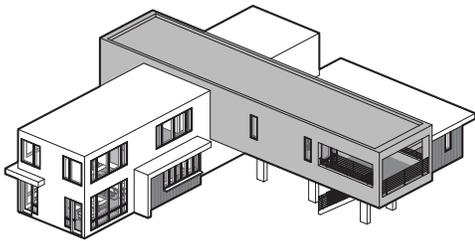


Private Residence

Upstate, New York



The client desired a modern home that would maximize natural light and views for their rural 11.4 acre parcel at the crest of a grassy knoll in upstate New York. The site offers excellent 360 degree views to the rolling hillside of neighboring lands as well as to the mountains beyond.

The house is a two-story, 3,000 square foot home with ground floor open living areas and guest suite and an upper level master suite with an expansive outdoor deck oriented toward the eastern mountain views. Two additional bedrooms for children and a family area are also located on the upper floor. Additional amenities include a three-bay garage, an outdoor covered patio, a full basement for future development, and a sheltered yard area for a future pool and gardens.

The house is organized into two basic elements. The first is a one-story, east-west oriented cantilevered black box that houses the master suite and an additional bedroom and serves to provide cover for the front entrance of the house to the west as well as to provide an open upper deck aimed toward the mountain views to the east. This cantilevered black box extends through the second element which is a two-story, north-south oriented white volume which houses the main living areas, guest suite, entry hall, upper level family room, and additional bedroom. The two elements are joined by the entry stair and hall which is located at the intersection of the two volumes.

Each wing of the two elements is oriented like a compass to the north, south, east, and west extending into the landscape to take advantage of the specific light and views at the top of the hill. A two-sided courtyard is formed by the two volumes to capture daytime sun toward the yard and covered patio. The garage is nested into the volumes to provide a backdrop and outdoor kitchen wall for the covered patio as well as access to the mudroom which serves as the garage entry to the house. The entire house is wood-framed and clad with a cementitious panel rainscreen system and spray foam insulation for an enhanced thermal envelope and weather barrier.