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The core concept for this design is seamless contact with the natural surrounds yet sheltering from city life.

The house is tucked away at the far end of a cul-de-sac, elevated on one side but sloping down to a valley with by native bush. From some angles you can see the city of Tauranga but only if you choose to. The windows are used to frame the different views and work as picture frames for the interior.

The buildings orientation not only offers residents views to the natural outlook, but more importantly, makes the most of the changing sun and shade. Insulated concrete floors and an ICF wall system further add to the thermal efficiency of the structure, thus needing minimum heating and cooling devices. In terms of exterior living spaces, the two 'internal' covered patios mean residents have a choice of areas depending on the time of day and season, private and intimate or open and communal. Both link to the kitchen area to maintain effective flow and practicality.

From the privacy of the bedrooms and bathrooms you step down to kitchen, patio and office level and further down into the lounge and dining area. With large glass doors the living space seems to flow into the valley.

Since the ceiling level stays the same and the building steps down the section, the internal ceilings gradually increase in height, from 2.4m to 2.9m to a vast 4.9m raking ceiling to the Lounge /Dining areas. The charcoal grey paint colour emphasises the asymmetrical angle of the ceiling yet also brings the room into proportion, offering a level of intimacy that was an important part of the brief.



Kitchen



It is a spacious and open house and from the central area many different angles of views present themselves. It is inviting but still private and sheltered.

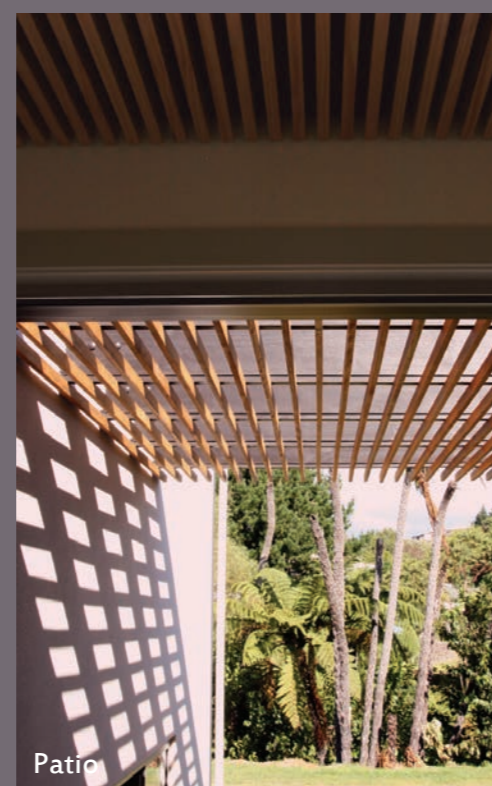
The interior design supports the light and open feeling of the spaces, in contrast with the solidity of the ICF walls.

It is a continuation of the exterior architectural design in every way, from colour to material selection.

The interior spaces were designed to capture light and views. The various angles offer contrast and interest as you move throughout the spaces. Ultimately, this house heightens the sense of time, day and season.



Looking back at entry patio and lounge



Patio



Lounge



En suite



Dining



Kitchen



Entry covered patio