



Tree House
La Jolla, California



Located on a one and half acre site on the western hills of Mount Soledad in La Jolla, California, El Camino del Teatro is nestled amidst an array of mature Cork oaks, rare Torrey pines, and fragrant Southern magnolias. Responding to the clients' longstanding connection to the site and their desire for a unique vision, the project creates a layered system of indoor and outdoor spaces that take their cues from the existing trees. The purposefully orthogonal architecture contrasts with the natural elements, expansive coastal views, and unusual site topography. Architectural volumes cantilever over slopes and span over transparent spaces that invite the outdoor in and frame specific views.

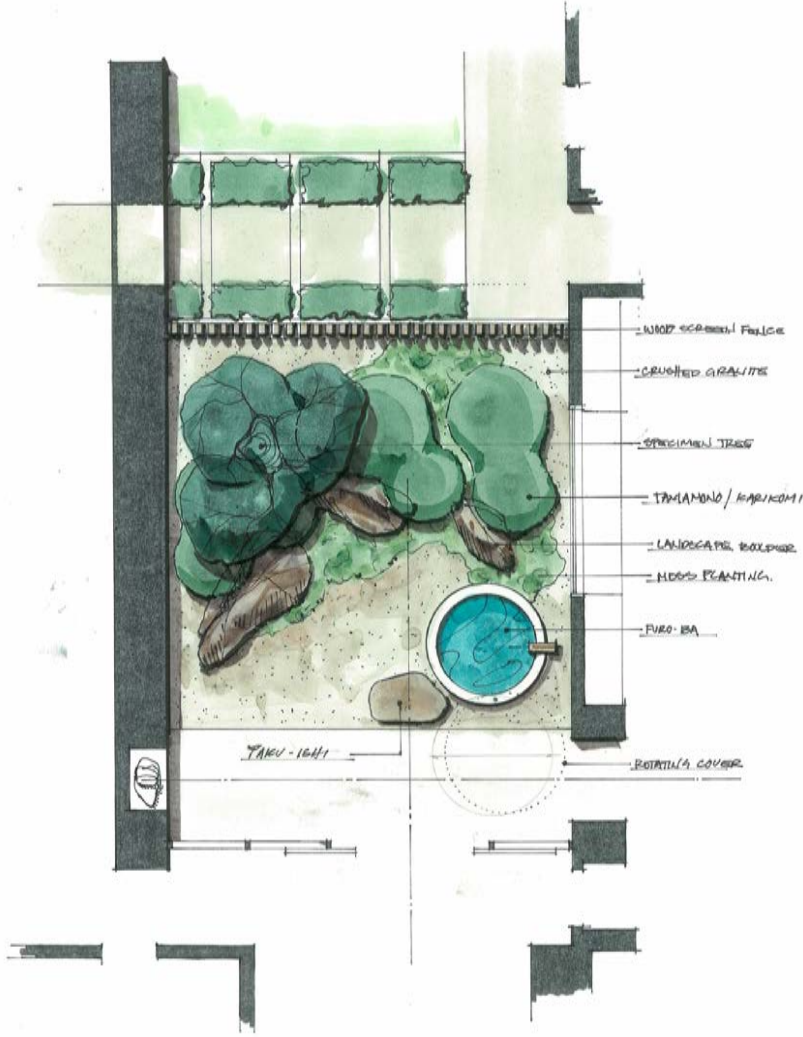
The architectural language of the residence is centered around simplicity and minimalism - floating and cantilevering rectilinear volumes, progressively lightening to the west and gently anchored to the earth by solid planar elements. This simplicity is further expressed through the building's contrasting materials palette. Juxtaposed volumes of Cedar clad wood and simple white plaster bars are anchored by solid board formed concrete walls and accentuated by translucent floor to ceiling glass. The home and site sustainably integrate geothermal heating and cooling, photovoltaic energy systems, solar water heating and grey water recirculation.



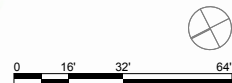
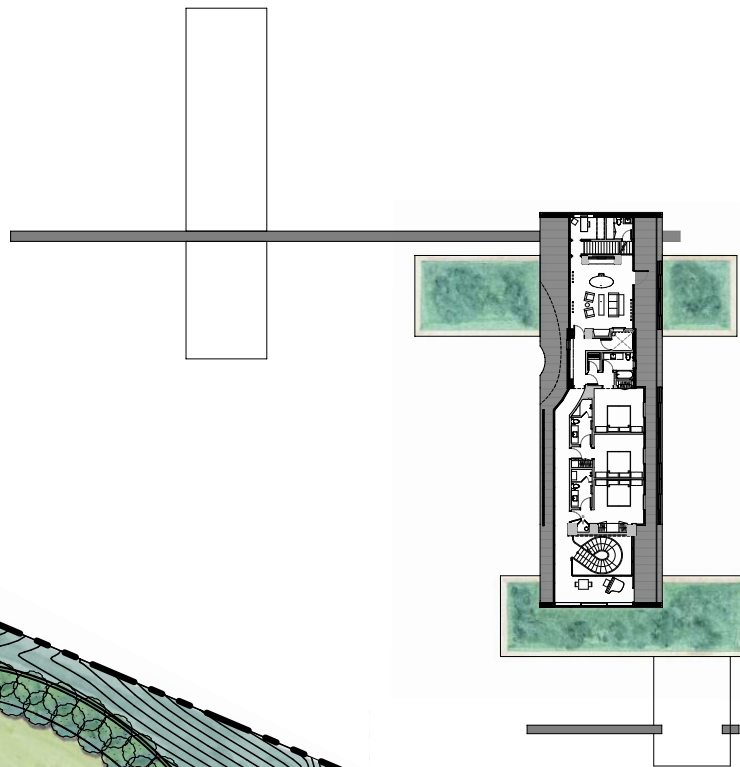
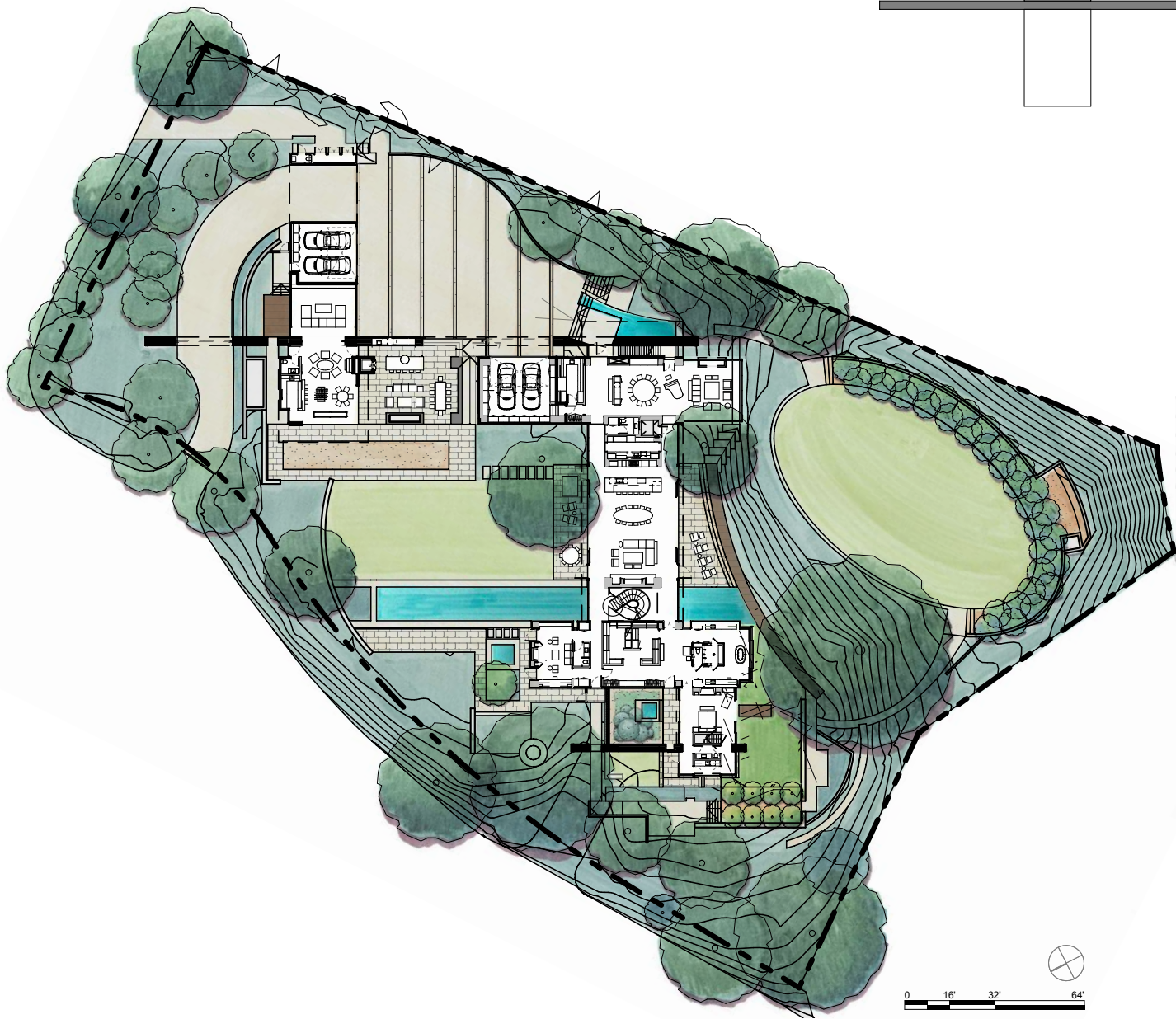




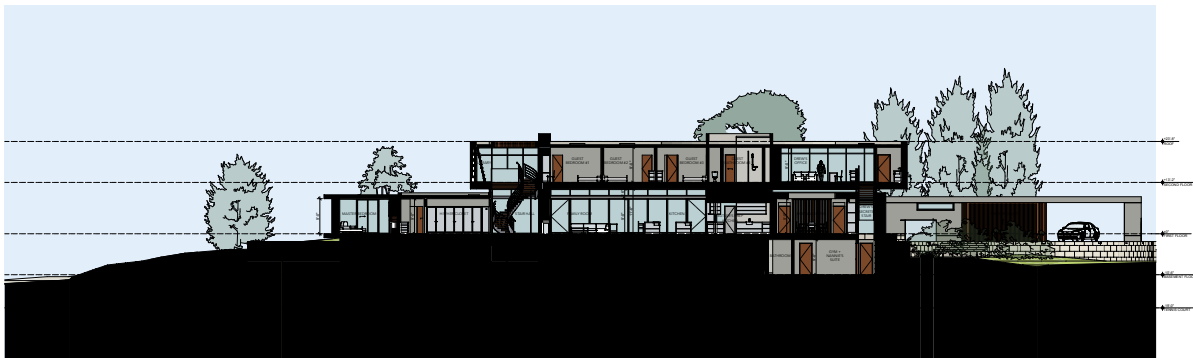
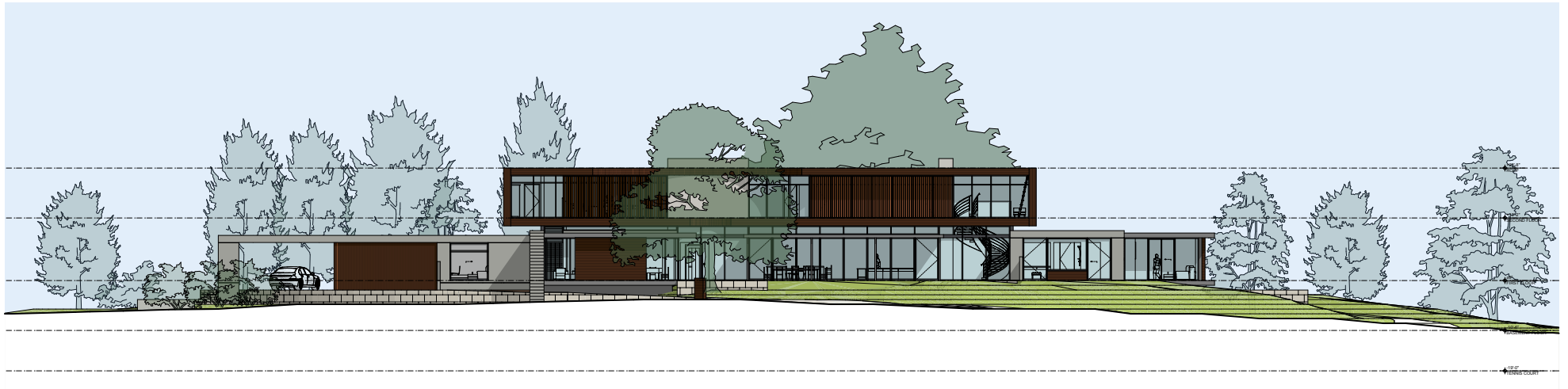
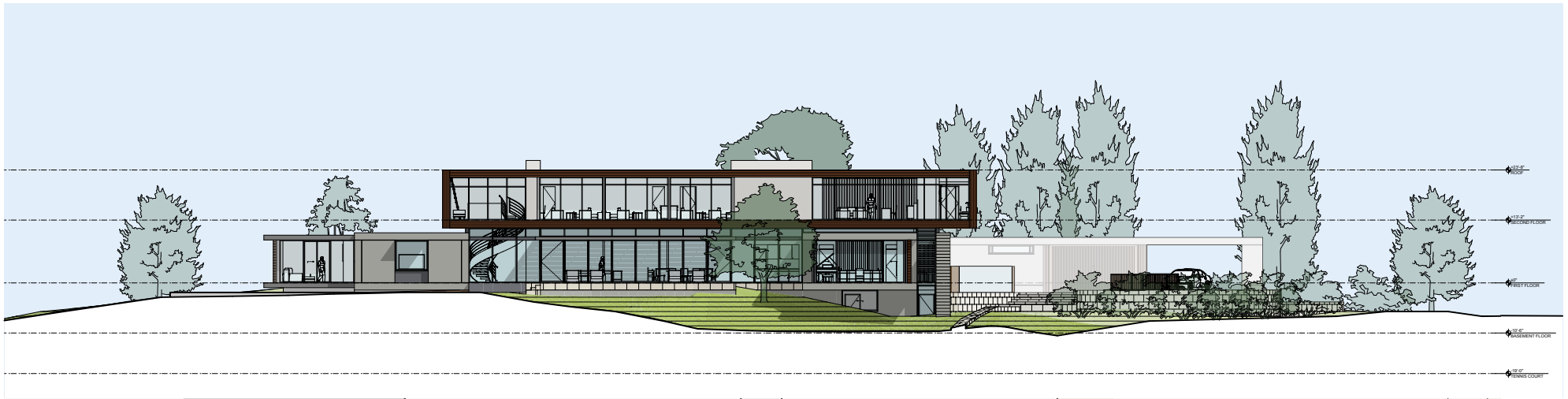












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