



WK RESIDENCE

Project Date: May 2020, construction completed

Project Size: 4,875 square feet

Project Location: Manhattan Beach, California

Site Conditions: A few blocks from the Pacific Ocean, on the iconic walk-street hills, surrounded by maxed-out, box-type, suburban homes

Program: Commissioned by a family in the creative arts industry, this home celebrates craftsmanship and radically embraces an intimate experience of nature within the very heart of the home.

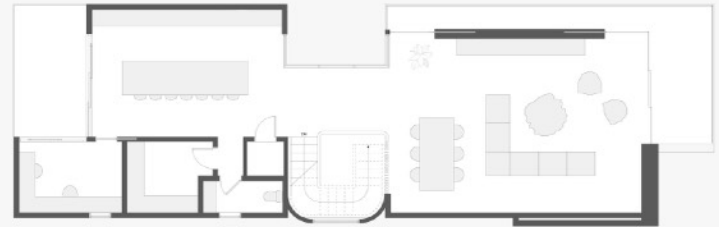
Project Narrative: This home is dedicated to the idea that beauty can be found in the artistic expression of hand-made processes. The project included rigorous material research and close partnership with local craftspeople in order to realize the final architecture. The timeless quality of this collaboration is most visible in the ribbon stair and the raked stucco walls on the exterior facade. Working hand in hand with local artisans, layers of wood and plaster were stapled, raked, sanded, bent, and laminated in order to realize the curve of the stair and the precise lines of the facade.

In contrast to the manipulation of materials, a garden courtyard and spa add an intimate experience of nature within the heart of the home. The concealed space is a case study in contrast from the lush vegetation against the stark steel, to the shallow hot plunge and six-foot deep cold plunge. The result is a home that elevates the integrity of local craft and the refreshment of nature's touch to augment a lifestyle dedicated to health, artistry, and authenticity.

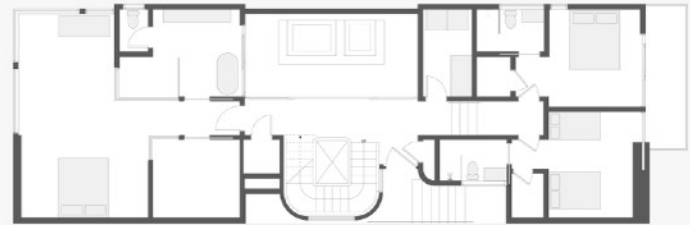




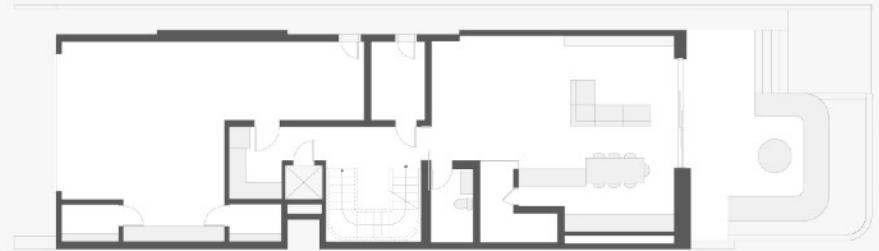
Third Floor

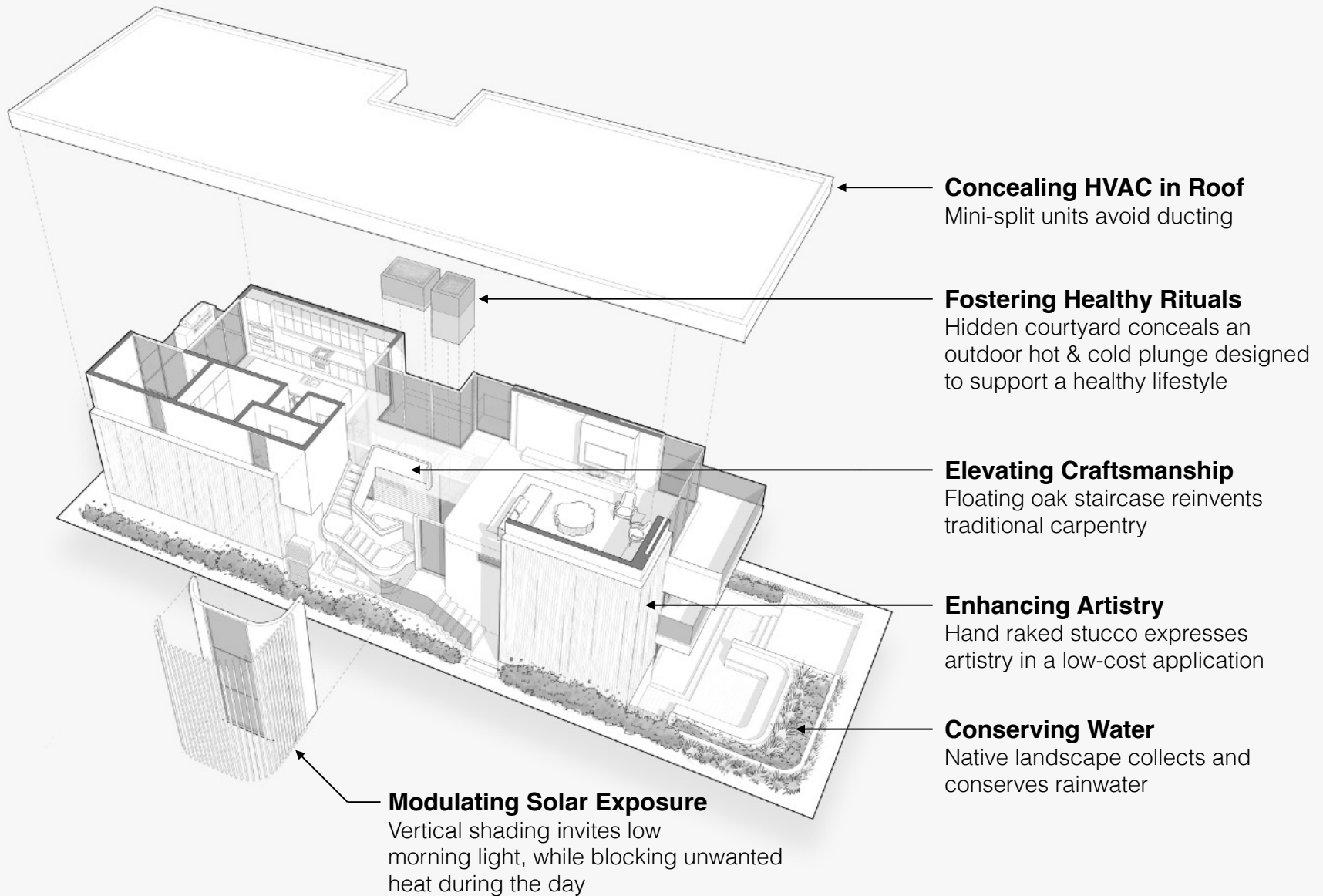


Second Floor



First Floor







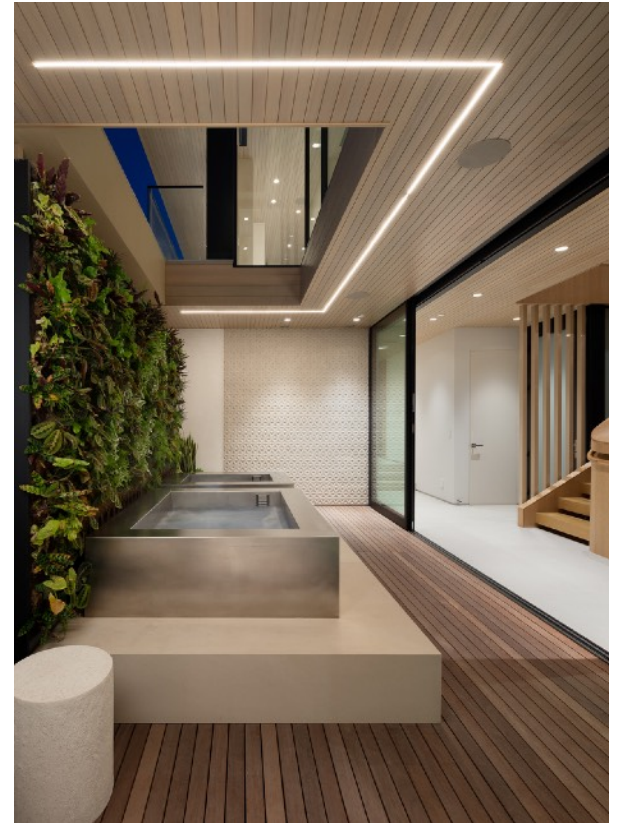
Hand-stapled wood strips provide the structure of this curved wood stair

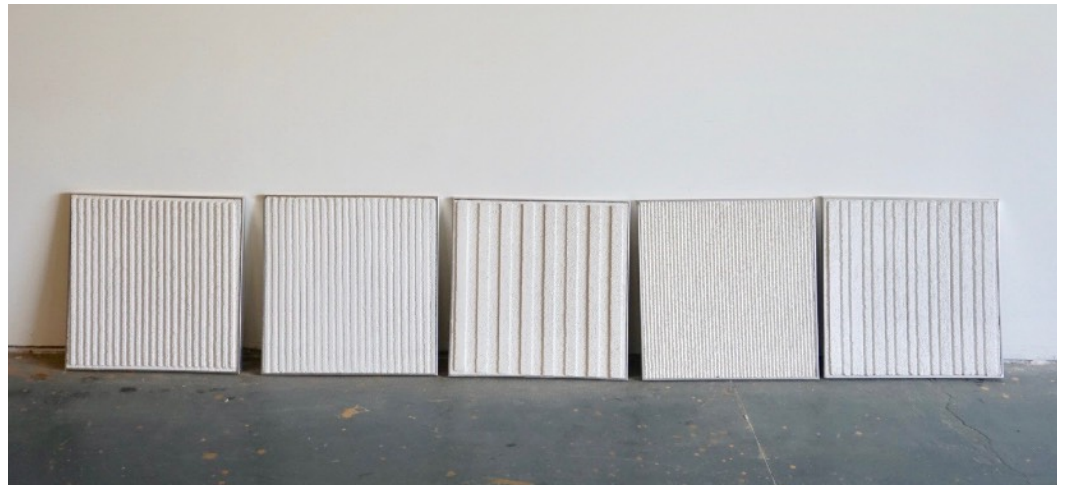


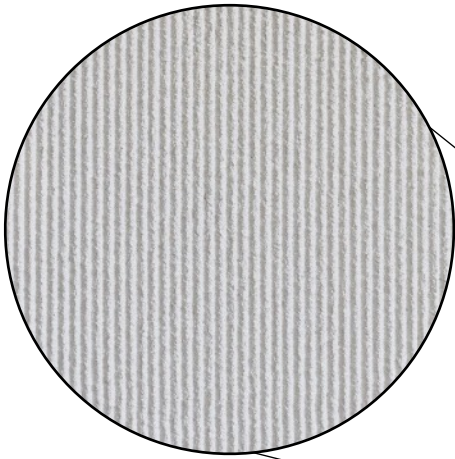
Traditional wood bending techniques achieve the carved, subtractive handrail detail



Vertical sun shading filters light

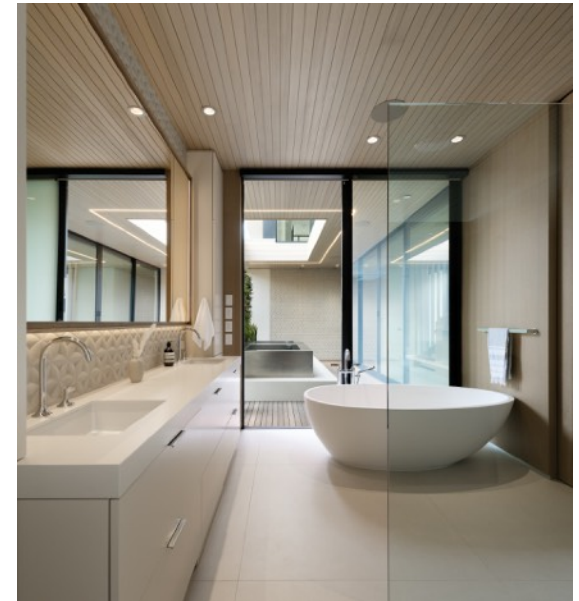






Custom tools were created to accomplish the "soft" texture of hand raked stucco





The outdoor hot & cold plunge support the daily rituals of healthy living



The interior invites natural light into a simple, serene palette

