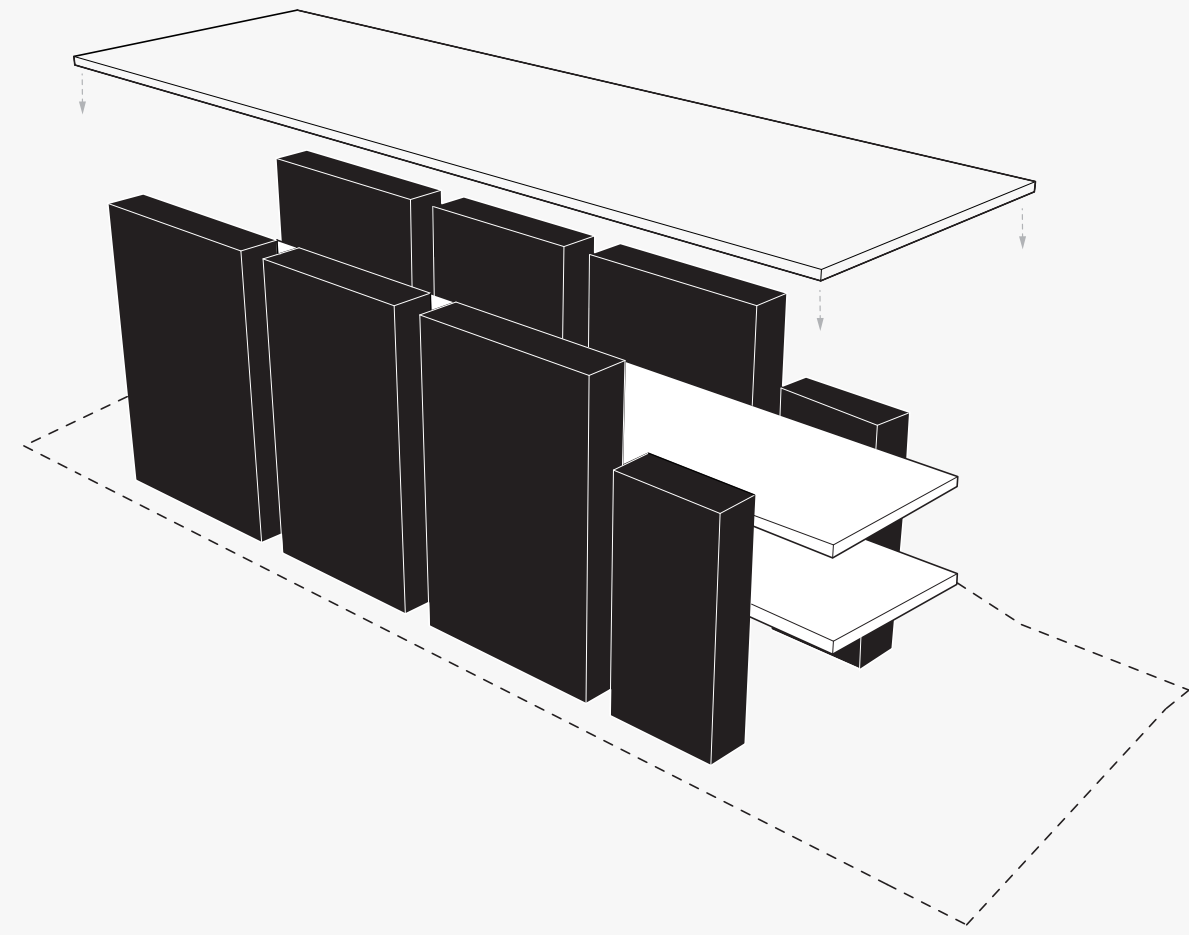




HA Residence

Project Date: November 2024, Construction Completed

Project Size: 3,987 Square Feet

Location: Manhattan Beach, California

Program: Single-Family Residence

Project Narrative: Los Angeles living contains many hidden paradoxes. As much as the idyllic weather attracts, the congestion of people and traffic repels. These paradoxes are especially visible along LA's coastline, where homes are a densely packed jumble separated by alleys, pedestrian paths, and commercial zones. Architectural resolution to these dilemmas is often only found in tension.

In concept, the HA residence attempts to embody the soaring ambitions of California living and the grounded realities of occupying a constrained lot with high public visibility. In elevation, these tensions are apparent in the book ends of its first and third levels.

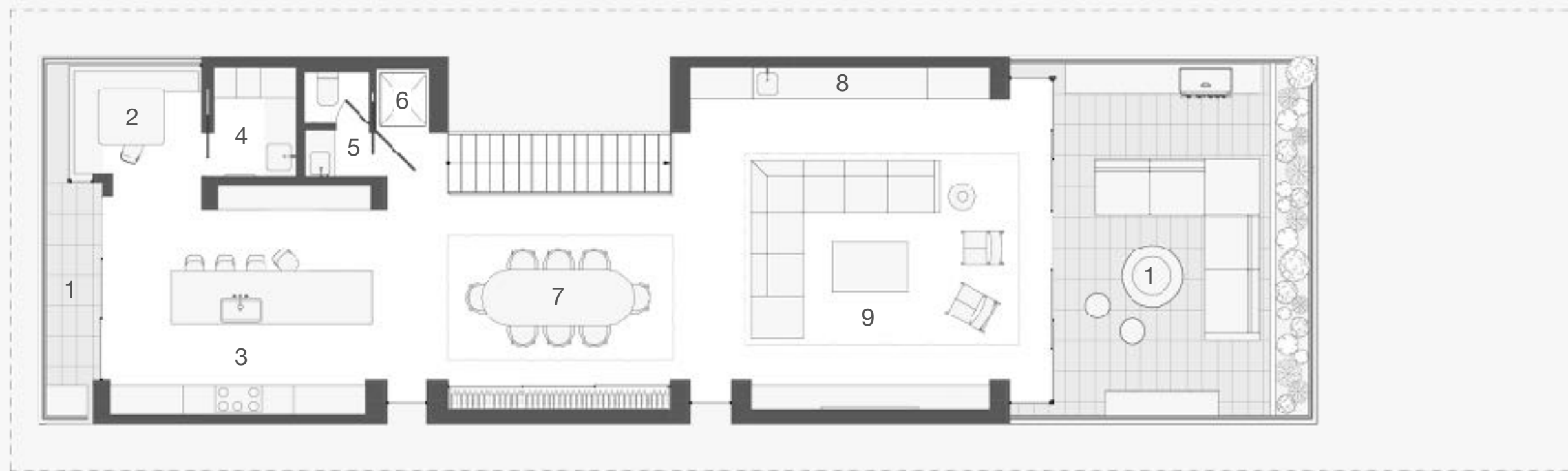
The first floor features a sunken garden and beach room shielded by discreet plantings, which enable the eyes of passing pedestrians to skim over the activity happening there. But the third level is the crowning jewel of the home. An intricately detailed cantilevered roof soars over a massive outdoor deck that frames panoramic views of the ocean and Manhattan beach pier to the southwest. This unifying architectural features rests delicately on a series of clerestory windows, accomplishing an all-day suffusion of light on the interior and the illusion that the roof is floating above the stone volumes below.



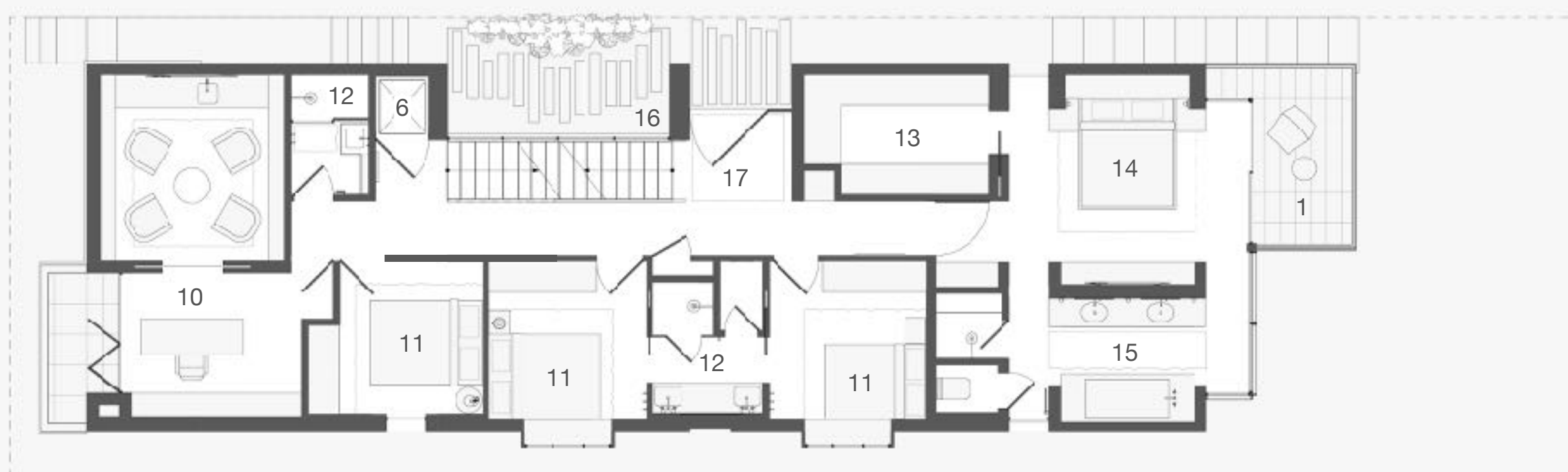


Unity and Rhythm in Hemlock

The architectural zenith of this project is the roof. Its excessive rhythm of hemlock beams sweeps from the kitchen to the outdoor living room, terminating only upon reaching landscape planters that border the oversized balcony.



Third Floor Plan



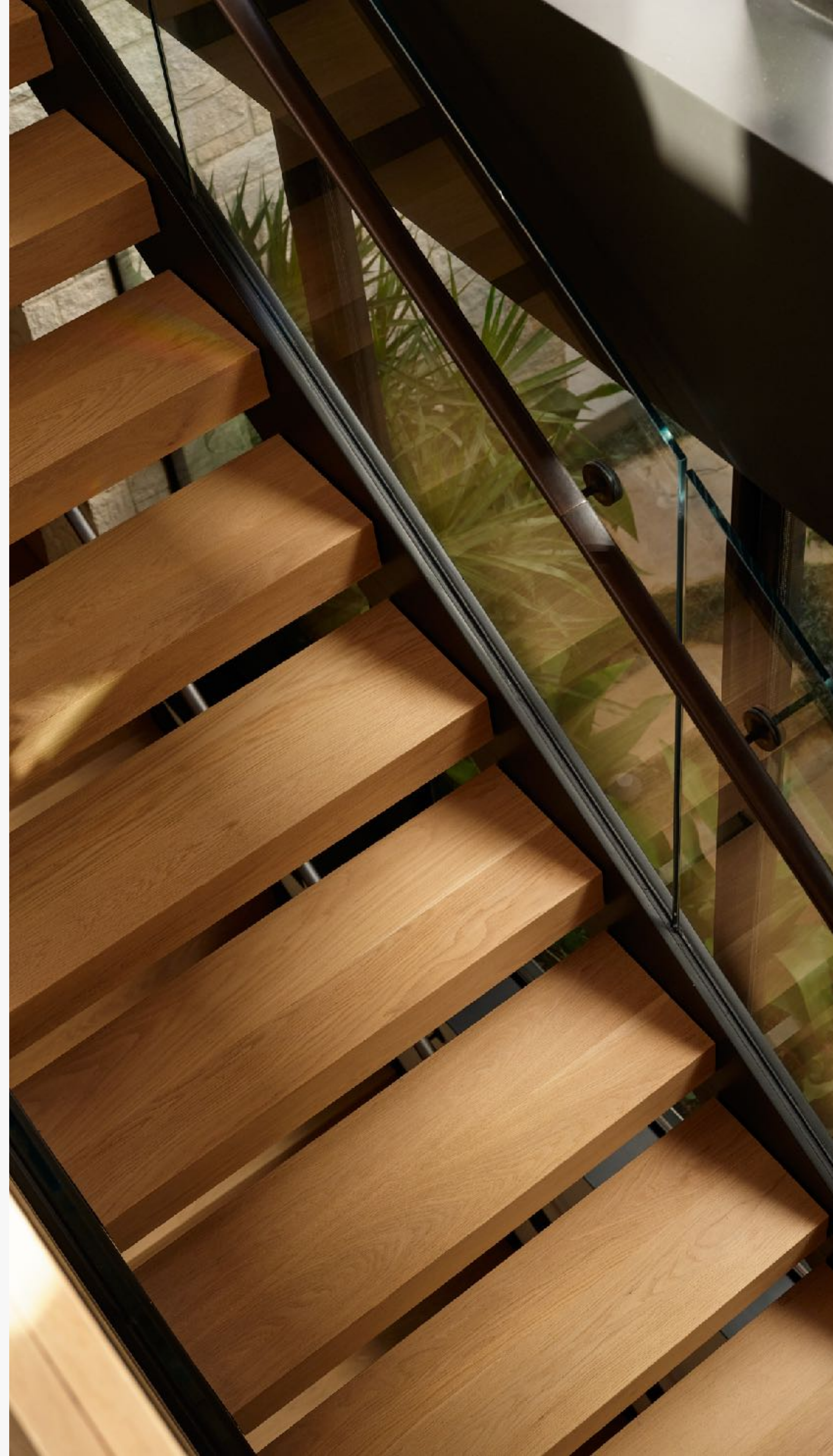
Second Floor Plan



First Floor Plan



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| 1. Deck | 9. Living Room | 17. Entry |
| 2. Breakfast Nook | 10. Office | 18. Garage |
| 3. Kitchen | 11. Bedroom | 19. Laundry Room |
| 4. Pantry | 12. Bathroom | 20. Gym |
| 5. Powder Room | 13. Primary Closet | 21. Cold Plunge |
| 6. Elevator | 14. Primary Bedroom | 22. Sauna |
| 7. Dining Room | 15. Primary Bathroom | 23. Beach Room |
| 8. Wet Bar | 16. Stair Garden | 24. Sunken Garden |





Insertions & Illusions

The magic in every illusion is misdirection. And while the clerestory windows, delicately inserted between the limestone walls and roof, give the illusion that the roof is floating, they are also strategically placed to direct the eyes of inhabitants away from the close neighboring structures and toward the blue sky above. Every view has been thoughtfully framed to accentuate the best of nature's living artwork.

Natural Ventilation

◀ On the north side of the home, sliding doors bring fresh offshore breezes directly into the space where cooking happens.



The Glass Room

Sometimes it is the small spaces that turn into the favorite destinations within a home. Tucked away behind an extruded, stone-clad pantry is a family breakfast nook. Itself, slightly extruded from the primary home's volume, the nook takes advantage of ocean views previously inaccessible and achieves a degree of welcome seclusion from activity in the adjacent open floor plan.

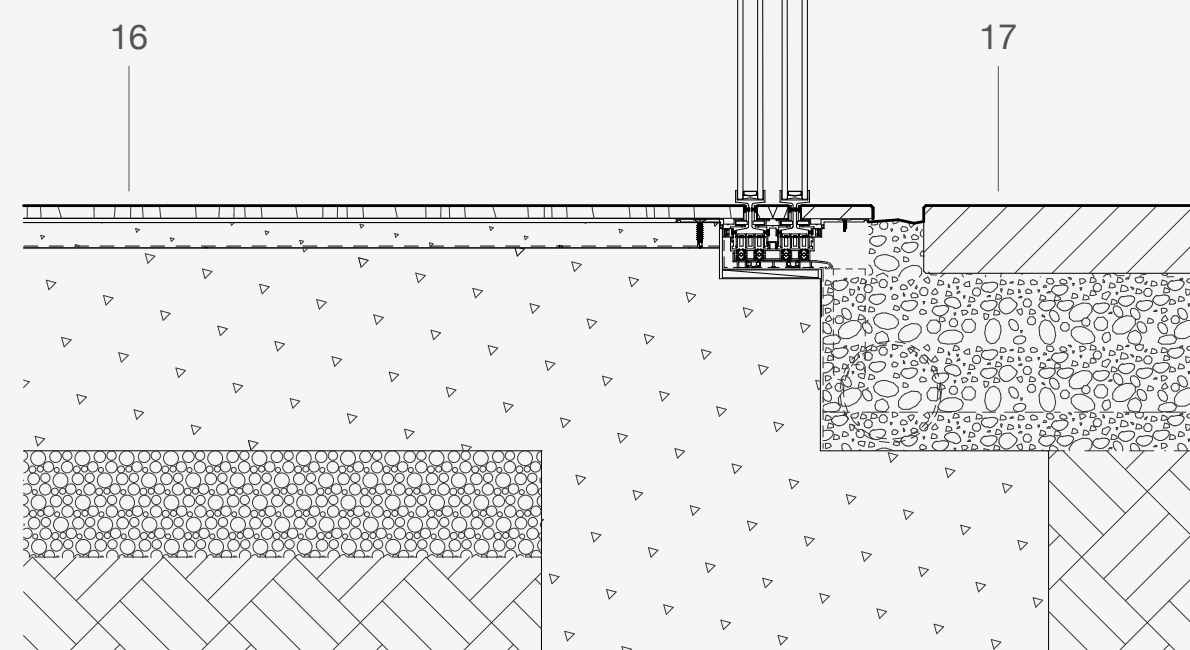
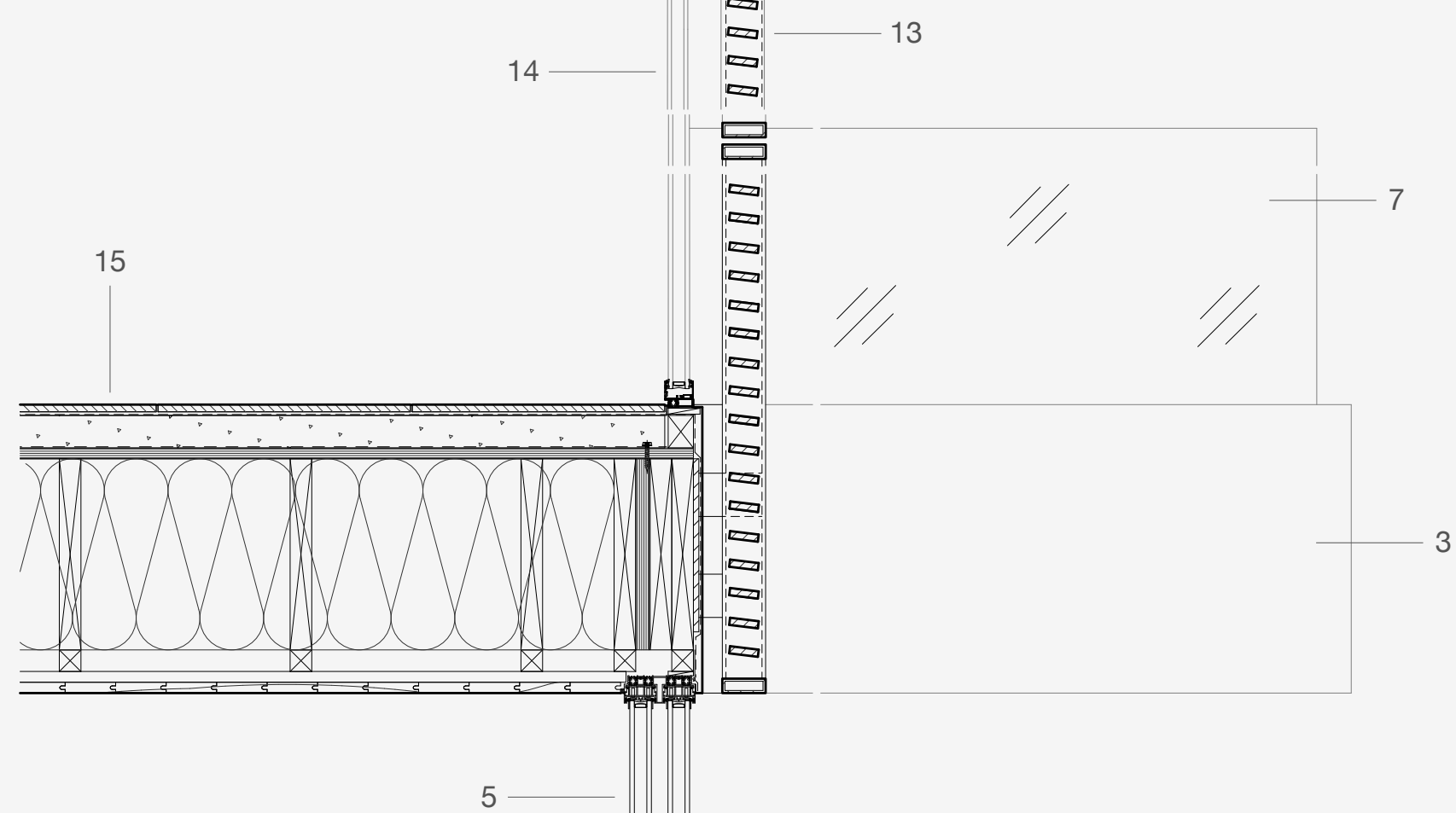
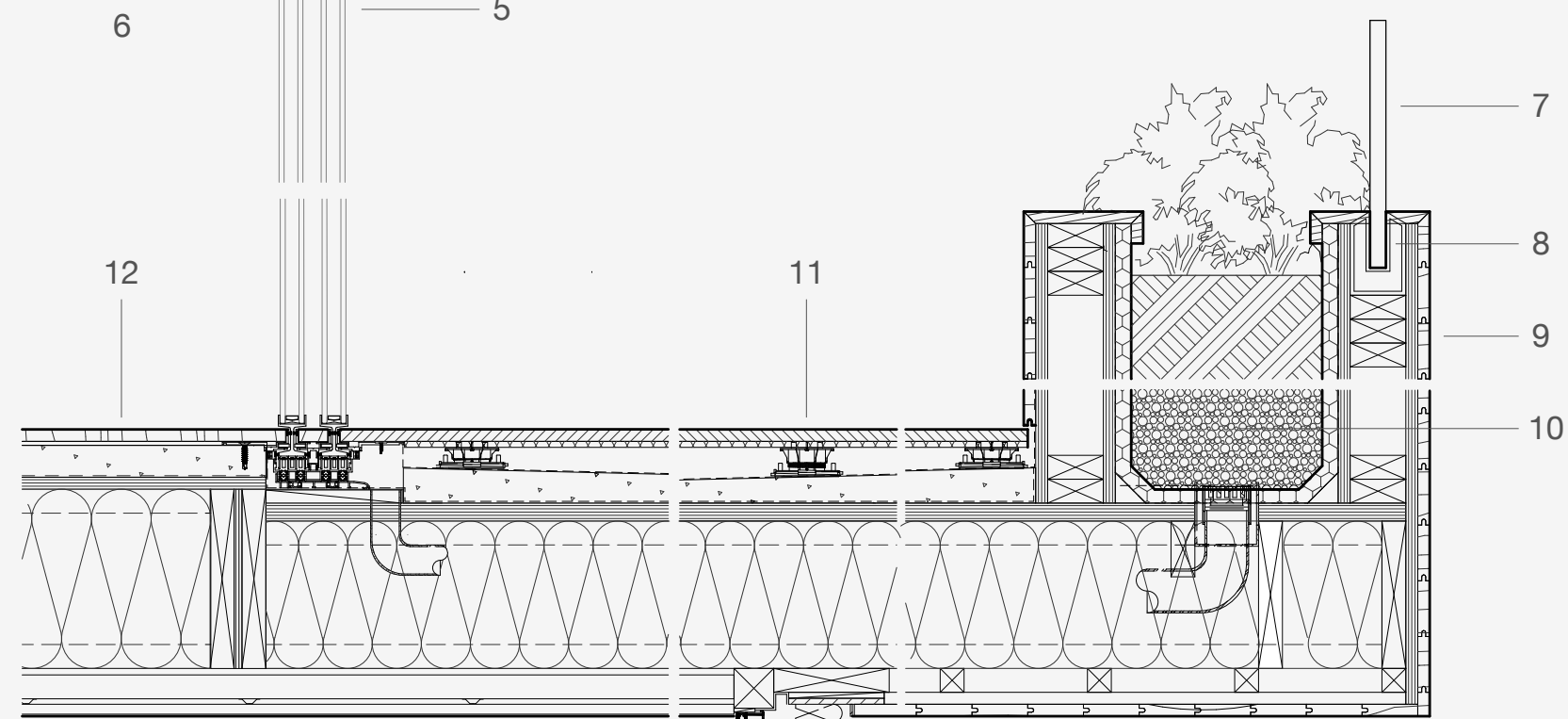




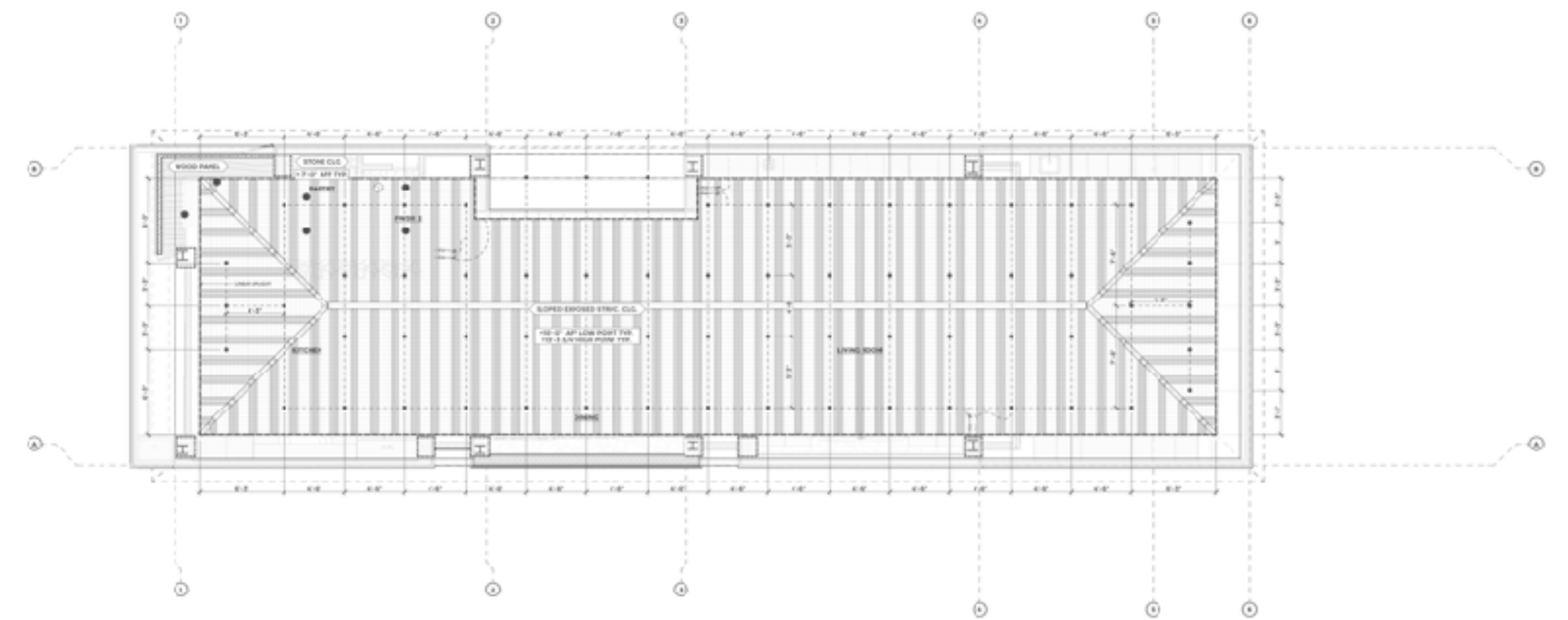
Watercolor Brush

From the warmth of the wood ceiling to the soft texture of limestone walls, the material language is restrained to just a handful of simple ingredients. Yet, they are deployed with decadent freedom. More importantly, the soft palette and subdued textures act primarily as a backdrop to light. The quiet of the architectural canvas allows every nuanced expression of light to be amplified.



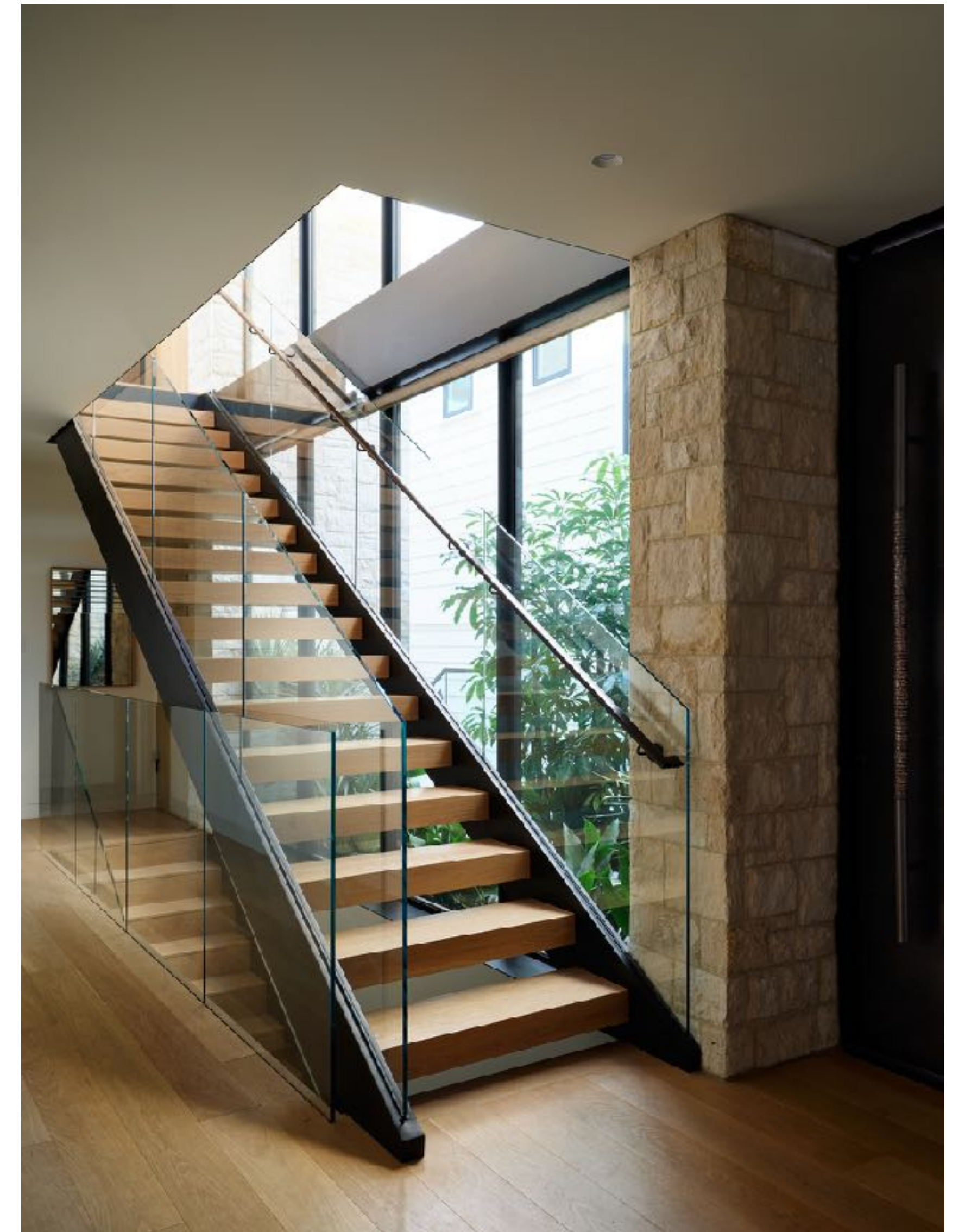


1. Standing Seam Metal Roof
2. Integrated Aluminum Gutter
3. 16 GA Aluminum Fascia
4. Drip Edge
5. Sliding Door System
6. Exposed Hemlock Rafters
7. Glass Guardrail
8. Recessed Aluminum Channel
9. Cedar T&G Siding
10. Landscape Planter
11. Porcelain Pavers over Pedestal System
12. Engineered Wood over Lightweight Concrete
13. Powder Coated Aluminum Louvers
14. Window System
15. Concrete Tiles over Lightweight Concrete
16. Limestone Tiles over Lightweight Concrete
17. Washed Concrete Hardscape



The Lantern Roof

Inspired in concept by tropical destinations, the craft of the roof was considered and designed like it was the fifth elevation of the home. Every light, speaker, and sprinkler head was carefully calibrated to augment the musicality of the hemlock beams.



The Green Journey

In constrained lots, significant elements of the architecture are almost “predestined” based on programmatic decisions. As a result, they run the risk of being an afterthought or cramped. While the location and stacking of this stair was admittedly derivative, great thought was dedicated toward making the vertical circulation feel comfortable and natural such as by positioning it next to an east facing garden. In time, the planting will grow into a dense collection of leaves, paving the vertical journey of this residence with green.



An Unconventional Entry

First time visitors must search for the home's formal entry, which is tucked away within a densely planted side yard garden. Guests enter onto the secluded second level of the home, and are immediately ushered upstairs to the third, living level.



Artist Information

If the ocean could be bottled and distilled to mirror the essence of this home, it might look something like this evocative entry artwork by the Australian artist Anthony Pieters. Soft yet striking, this commissioned piece adds another dimension to the expression of the home's ethos.



Primary Suite

The primary suite sits at the southern prow and features an integrated bed that nestles into a custom wood surround. Behind a sheer wall, the primary bathroom draws the best of the beach's natural light through a louvered exterior privacy screen, to dapple the terrazzo tiled surfaces.



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Thank you for the consideration