

# Architizer



The house as a platform has been used to investigate two issues central to design today: the family as a social unit and the environment. The lifestyle of the Indian family has changed in the age of global travel and internet media with new spatial needs and notions of comfort. Often, local resources are at odds with shifts in lifestyle. The designers demonstrate that it is possible to meet challenges of lifestyle and the environment with creative panache.

The house sets about to create its own terrain, a veritable oasis, within its inscribed territory. The forecourt is landscaped with gracious steps and pools. Crisp clear planes are articulated with materials: stone, wood, concrete which are simply striated or set in interlocking patterns. They come alive when light hits the different horizontal surfaces. Transparency is achieved by not only by glass, but a combination of water, reflection, and modulated lighting. At night the house appears magical, glowing like a lantern and allowing glimpses of activity within.

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