

# SHAFT HOUSE

EAST YORK  
TORONTO  
CANADA

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## Project Credits

Client: Private  
Program: Residential, Single Family Dwelling  
Location: East York, Toronto, Canada

Structure: Wood Framing  
Lot Area: 189.70 m<sup>2</sup> (20' x 100')  
Size (GFA): 142 m<sup>2</sup> (1500 sqft)

Design: 2009-2010  
Completion: Summer 2010

Architects: Atelier RZLBD / Reza Aliabadi  
Design Team: Reza Aliabadi, Ali Malek  
Construction: Urbanline Studio  
Architectural Photography: Borzu Talaie

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The Shaft House is an unexpected and exciting spatial experience that survives the limits of our ordinary living spaces. The two and a half storey detached house reevaluates functional arrangements within a narrow building while creating bright and airy spaces. The Shaft House generates spaces without walls. Circulation and services surround a void of light that is called The Shaft. Floors on either side overlook each other allowing light and sight to travel deep inside the house. The staircase circulates around the central shaft and cause rooms to emerge in space by changing levels. The levels have been shifted in section resulting in a canopy facing the street, and a south facing deck on the rooftop.