GAZING HOUSE

SCARBOROUGH JUNCTION
TORONTO
CANADA

Project Credits

Client: Private
Program: Residential, Single Family Dwelling
Location: Scarborough Junction, GTA, Canada

Structure: Steel & Wood Framing
Lot Area: 255 m2 (2750 sqft)
Size (GFA): 220 m2 (2380 sqft)

Design: 2016
Completion: Spring 2019

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Structure: Xu Structural Engineering
Mechanical: McCallum HVAC Design Inc.
Construction: Sage Building Ideas
Architectural Photography: Borzu Talaie

The Gazing House is a spatial poetry; it originates from an abstract formal system, composed of two squares divided by a central circulation axis, which unifies all the interior elements into one architectural entity. Accommodating the east-west orientation of the lot, the skylights illuminate the house consistently across all floors and walls through the voids and the openings. At certain hours, the ray of sunlight travels all the way to the basement from the double-height second floor, allowing one to perceive the totality of the house. The windows and other details are also orchestrated within the same spatial order, complimenting the poetic experience of the architecture. The façade, expressing the order and geometry of the inside directly, results in a face sneaking forward with two curious eyes; its optimistic presence in the typical Torontonian neighborhood of Scarborough Junction proclaims the possibility of design which belongs to everyone and everywhere.

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