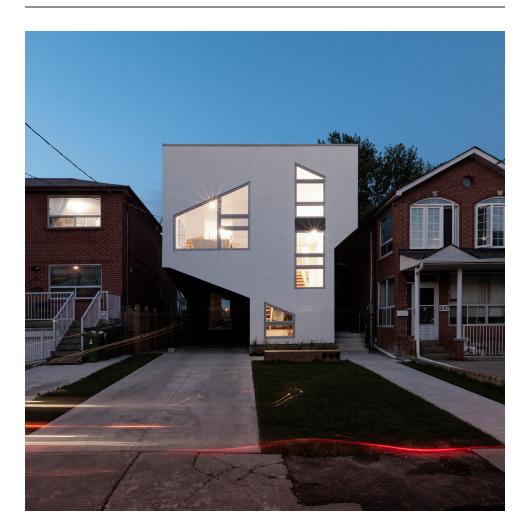
MASK HOUSE

RONCESVALLES VILLAGE TORONTO CANADA



Project Credits

Client: Private

Program: Residential, Single Family Dwelling Location: Roncesvalles Village, Toronto, Canada

Structure: Steel & Wood Framing Lot Area: 451 m2 (4885 sqft) Size (GFA): 228.50m2 (2460 sqft)

Design: 2016

Completion: Summer 2019

Architects: Atelier RZLBD / Reza Aliabadi Project Lead: Reza Aliabadi Project Team: Arman Azar, Aziza Asat Structure: Dibaj Tech Inc. Mechanical: Noor Design Inc. Construction: G. K. Development Architectural Photography: Borzu Talaie

The Mask House is a two-storey dwelling that grounds its presence by embracing juxtapositional qualities in order to set an example for its neighbourhood which is undergoing a rapid gentrification. The façade may challenge the viewer to speculate a direct relation between manners of the exterior and the interior, assuming alikeness of aesthetics with ethics in regards of spaces being skewed, tilted and angled. However, the 'mask' intentionally plays the role of being a mediator between the haphazard surrounding environment and the serene orthogonal interior order. It barrows from next door roof profiles and trapezoidal plots, and offers back different readings that are not contradictory but ambiguous. By wearing the mask the building becomes a "positive virus", it will affect, engage and change its immediate environment — extending out an invitation to play a new game.

