

Quinta SC

DESIGN COMPANY: dEMM arquitectura

DESIGNER: Emanuel Fernandes Silva

LOCATION: Portugal

AREA: 1,000 m²

MATERIALS: Stainless steel, glass, etc.

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The conversion of the nineteenth century parochial house requires an approach to current demands of comfort, which leads to a reformulation of the living areas, creating a new functional distribution. Integrating the contemporary habitat and programmatic requirements, the use of a new language is a way to highlight and enhance the existing one.

The wooden window frames are replaced by stainless steel ones which are invisible from the exterior and provide a more direct illumination of all the interior space. The irregularly shaped glass lantern runs through the upper floor and illuminates the indoor pool, as well as separates two different areas of the living upstairs. All the other constructive and decorative elements suffer a complete restore, in order to fix existing pathologies that could affect the durability of the building.

The dialogue between new and existing forms is thereby based on relations of respect, knowledge and detail, contributing to the formal definition of the new programmatic use.















