Archetype

A House with Four Gardens

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House with Four Gardens' won the first prize in the 'built project' category and the first prize in the 'colleagues' category of DOMa. Additionally the project is nominated for the Mies van der Rohe Award 21 and nominated last year for the Piranesi Award 19.

The idea of the enclosed or 'secret' garden as part of the domestic space can be found in traditional architecture in Cyprus, and especially in Nicosia, where the commissioned private house is located. The garden traditionally functioned as an incubator of natural matter and nurtured the 'informal' part of the domestic life. Historical references from foreign travelers to Nicosia from the 14th Century, describe the garden as a space that is surrounded by a high wall and which contains a plethora of ornamental as well as productive plants. It is described as an important part of the domestic life offering pleasant smells and noises, while at the same time it forms the historical urban identity of the city.

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