



# COPPER OUTCROP

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**Architect:** Niko Sirviö  
**Copper Installer:** Suomen Ohutlevyasennus Oy  
**Copper Product:** natural copper

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Villa Saapaskallio is a substantial new home built high above the sea in southern Finland, on top of a sheltered rock outcrop. The main living areas on two levels enjoy spectacular views across the water to the city of Turku. This frontage is characterised by fully glazed facades, set back into a copper-clad framework which shelters generous, glass balustraded balconies.

The entrance frontage presents a contrasting, almost defensive appearance rising up from the rock, which slopes away by around 11metres. Here, the upper floor walls surmount a massive, stone walled, 2-storey base and are fully clad in copper, with windows set flush.

Architect Niko Sirvio commented: "The basis for our design was to ensure that it interacted with the environment. The predominant material we chose for the external surfaces was untreated copper, as this will change and patinate naturally over time".

