



Family House in Lelekovice

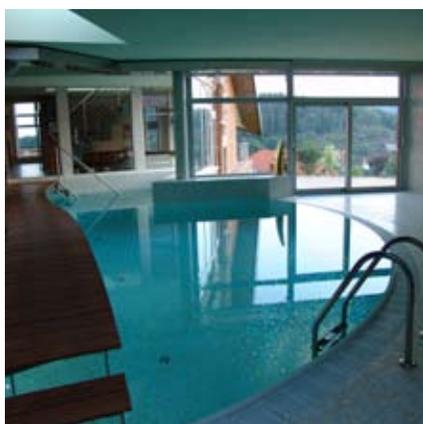
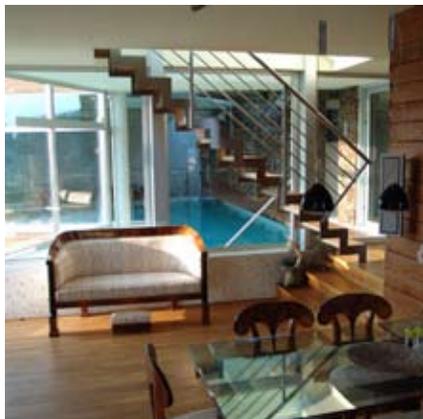
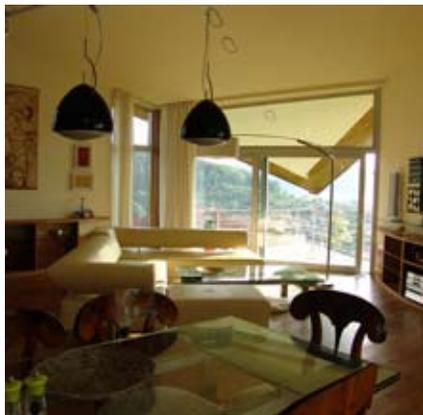
This building is a significant piece of architecture situated on the hilltop of Lelekovice near Brno in South Moravia, Czech Republic. At first sight you encounter the segmentation of material and colours, which mutually harmonise and create a pointed aesthetic contrast as well – a layering of materials and shades of colours.

The design determinants came from the regional planning of Lelekovice and from the investors' priorities to create harmony of between nature, the house and living in the house.

The house was set on a sloping terrain with the aim of creating an architecturally interesting building for a man and nature living together, particularly with respect to the choice of materials. A simple palette of three materials – copper, stone and wood – determines the natural feel of the building.

The house was set in greenery and partly embedded into the ground in to the north. A hall with a swimming pool on this north side is covered with earth and one can walk on the roof. Stairs leading from the hall to the rear of the plot run around an inclining copper strip-laid roof.

The architect extends the exterior into the interior with a continuous use of materials. The colour scheme of the whole interior is in subtle shades so that the wooden facing and stone walls can create a harmony with other elements.



The main part of the house is a big living room with a kitchen and a glassed-in wall, visually connected to the hall with a swimming pool. The countryside can be viewed through big areas of glazing. One can also watch a beautiful and colourful scenery and enjoy the sunshine inside the house. Spaces, shapes, colours and materials were carefully designed in detail by the architect, forming a unique concept for the house.

A triple combination of materials divides the house with different surfaces –copper,

oak and various types of stones (flat stones and boulders) from a nearby stone pit. This way of laying stones is unique and has not been used yet. The colour of the chosen copper – dark brown, although in the beginning it is lighter and in the process of several months it grows darker, contrasts with the light shade of oak facing. Wooden areas unite the composition. Copper roofs and inclining strip-laid walls create the most appropriate choice of roofing for this type of a house. It gives visual and aesthetic value and meets all the functional demands.

Copper is an indispensable element for architecture linking people and nature. ■

Name: Family house in Lelekovice
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Region: South Moravia, Czech Republic
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