



European House

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The floor area of the house, which is located near the centre of Pieve di Cento, is 230 square metres (2,476 square feet) with a further 400 square metres (4,306 square feet) of garden. Completed in 2014, the architects designed the house and its interiors. The reinforced concrete is characterised by large windows, laminated wood and reflective blinds. In fact, the presence of concrete is an essential element of the design, both inside and out. The living areas, including the kitchen and dining room are on the ground level. The living room is divided into two areas by a stone wall and fireplace. The living room decoration revolves around a large yellow sofa, while a more 'Baroque' inlaid wood table occupies the dining area. A studio, lounge and bedrooms are situated on the upper floor. Indoor and outdoor floors on the ground level are clad in porcelain tiles. The living space and outdoor terrace on the upper level have the same type of floors, while rooms, hallways and bathrooms have a rough-finish walnut parquet floor.

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Concrete finds an appropriate frame of metal around large glazed openings. Though it seems fairly simple in elevation the house has a number of slightly unexpected features that enliven its appearance.



FIRST FLOOR



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GROUND FLOOR





A fairly small inner courtyard is planted in a fashion befitting of the house, a single tree, a strict rectangle of grass. The plans and images of the house show a variety of spatial and volumetric surprises.



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Interior views correspond well to what might be expected from the outside, with concrete often in evidence, but rough stone walls as well. There is here an ordered modernity with numerous elements that awaken the senses, whether visual or tactile.