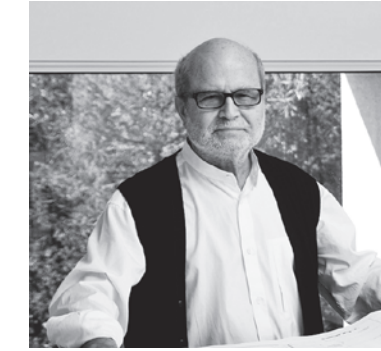
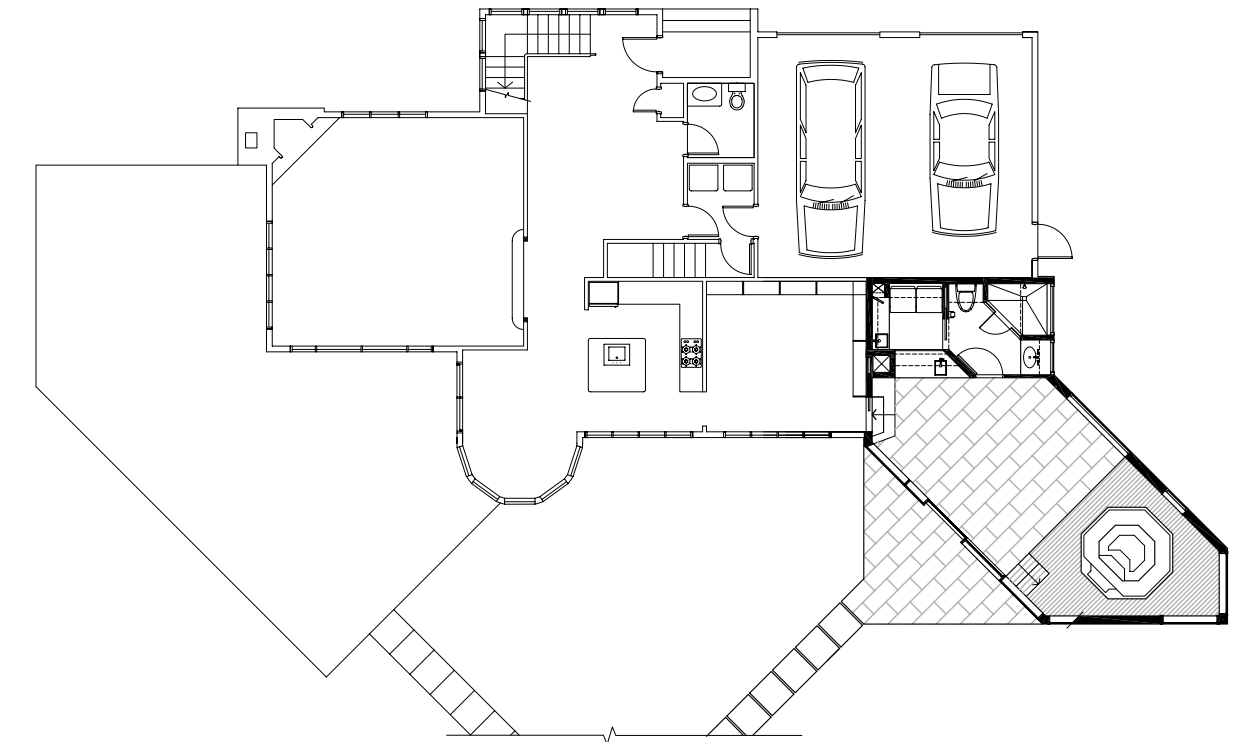


LAKE DRIVE HOUSE ADDITION





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Bold exposed frames and an arresting architectural form define and elevate this indulgent, handsome lounge space. An addendum to a nondescript contemporary home, this addition enhances and differentiates the house to which it is attached.

The new space afforded by this addition required very little modification to the existing house – an opening to connect the addition was the only alteration to the physical structure, but the change to the impression of the property is immense. The new whole is entirely transformed by the added space.

Extensive glazing framed in bold white shapes flood the space with light, with skylights capturing the movement of the sun. In the evening the subtle modern lighting externalizes the effect, making the room glow in the evening darkness. Strong geometric choices guide the eye across the form as it tapers toward the treeline.

The lounge space features a hot tub and an adjacent bathroom and laundry. Decoration is minimal, highlighting the importance of form and structure. Textural variation plays an important role in the definition of the room. Where the muted colour palette once again simply enhances the space, the transition from cool, grey stone to warm, rich timber provides enough material detail to communicate the depth of the structure.

Communicating a distinct masculinity, this design is handsome and strong, relying not on finicky detail but on a strong grasp of space, light and tension to transform an unremarkable piece of out of the box modern architecture into a unique and noteworthy home.

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