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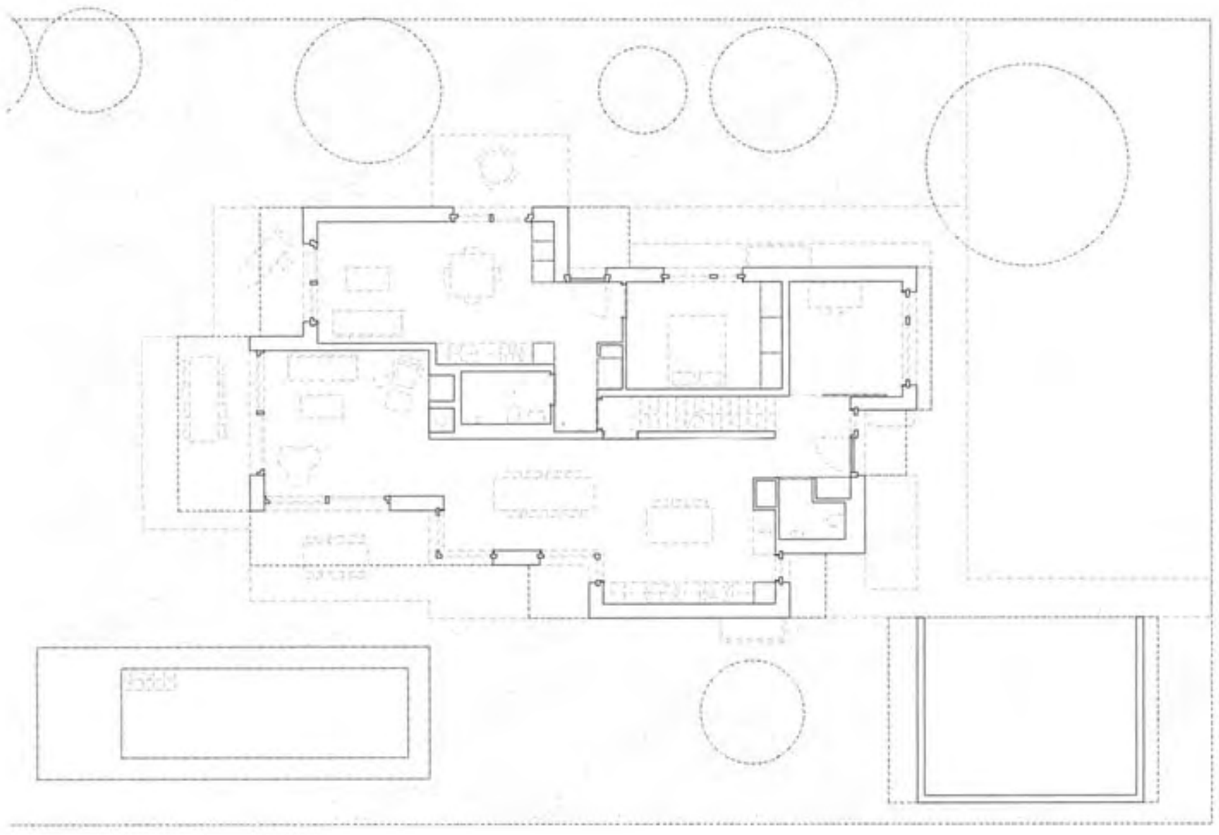
# INDIVIDUAL VILLA CHEMIN ROILBOT

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

The Individual Villa on chemin de Roilbot is located at the end of this tranquil lane, surrounded by a mix of houses and vegetation, giving it a grounding atmosphere. The challenge presented by the project was to design a two generation family sized villa on a limited plot, whilst adhering to a tightly set budget. The use of raw concrete for the exterior structure emerged as the only economically viable option. While it inevitably touches on current ecological concerns, it avoids any form of greenwashing. The compact spans, structural simplicity, and minimalist construction approach all contribute to savings, without drawing attention to them. Spatial innovation is achieved through the fragmentation of the available volume, making the two levels of the home differentiate in their layout. Enhancing the sense of space, diagonal views are offered throughout the villa, connecting the series of rooms.

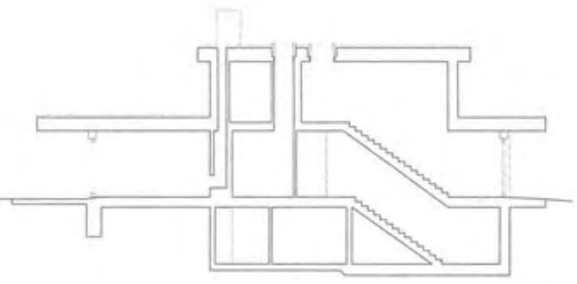
*Entrance onto property balanced by concrete and bamboo.*

**ARCHITECTS:** LACROIX CHESSEX /// **LANDSCAPE ENGINEER:** MINT GARDEN /// **COMPLETION:** 2024 /// **GROSS FLOOR AREA:** 310 M² /// **NUMBER OF BEDROOMS:** 4 /// **CONSTRUCTION & MATERIALS:** RAW CONCRETE STRUCTURE, WOOD/ALUMINUM WINDOWS, METAL SUN SHADING, INTERIOR PLASTER LINING, SANDED RAW SCREEDS /// **MAIN SUSTAINABLE FEATURES:** INTERNAL INSULATION (TRIPLE GLAZING, ROCK WOOL), SINGLE-FLOW VENTILATION, GEOTHERMAL HEAT PRODUCTION, SOLAR THERMAL AND PHOTOVOLTAIC PANELS /// **PHOTOS:** OLIVIER DI GIAMBATTISTA/ WWW.OLIVIERDG.CH



*Private garden with exterior pool. Metal front door of the house.*

*Ground floor plan.*

*Living and dining area with mosaic fireplace. View from living room into private garden.*

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