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Santiago de Pablo Arquitectura is a Spanish practice that understands architecture as a patient craft: listening to the place, understanding the client, and shaping spaces that endure.

We work from the first idea to the last construction detail, caring for materials, natural light and the relationship between each building and its landscape. The work is sober, durable and deeply human — few materials, clear structure, and shade and light doing most of the work.

The practice has grown through open competitions in Spain — housing, sports and civic buildings, public space — and now works from Dubai on private villas and residential projects across the UAE.

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OFFICES · DUBAI AND MADRID

WORKING IN THE UAE

We act as design architect: concept, design development and design intent through construction, working alongside a locally licensed consultant as architect of record for authority submissions.

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1st prize	Valdelasfuentes Sports Courts Canopy · Alcobendas, Madrid	2025
1st prize	85 Social Housing Units, Bilbao · Iturrigorri, Bilbao	2020
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3rd prize	El Sadar Stadium Renovation · Pamplona, Navarra	2018
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Finalist	San Esteban Archaeological Site · Murcia	2021
Finalist	Transformation of the Monument to the Fallen · Pamplona, Navarra	2018



01

VILLA ABU DHABI

A villa of white planes and timber floating above the garden and the water, open to outdoor living.

LOCATION	Abu Dhabi, UAE
TYPE	Single-family house

01

VILLA ABU DHABI

The villa is composed of large white trays sliding past one another, shading the living spaces and creating covered terraces in every orientation.

The ground floor dissolves towards the garden and pool through concealed frames and timber porches, erasing the boundary between inside and out.









02

VILLA DUBAI

An introverted villa with a white plinth and timber crown, organised around its courtyards and filtered light.

LOCATION	Dubai, UAE
TYPE	Single-family house

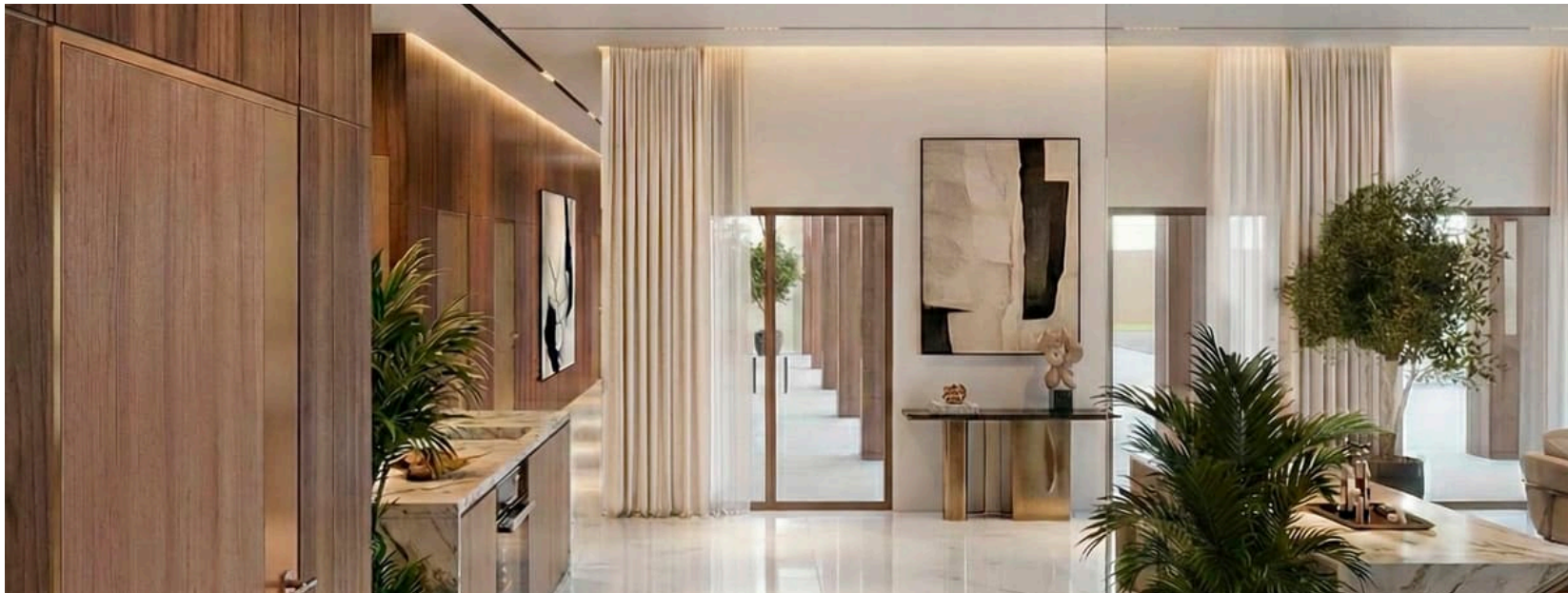
02

VILLA DUBAI

Towards the street the villa is serene: a quiet white plinth crowned by a band of timber slats that filters light and guards privacy.

Life turns inward, to courtyards and shaded thresholds that cool the house and thread its spaces together with greenery.







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SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSES IN GORRAIZ

YEAR	2019
LOCATION	Gorraiz, Navarra
TYPE	Single-family housing
COMPETITION	**3rd prize**

Three timber volumes rise from the ground; the living room and barbecue area, fully transparent, open to the valley.

Heightening the contrast between public and private areas, three timber volumes rise from the ground to enclose the bedrooms, bathrooms, spa, gym, wine cellar and kitchen.

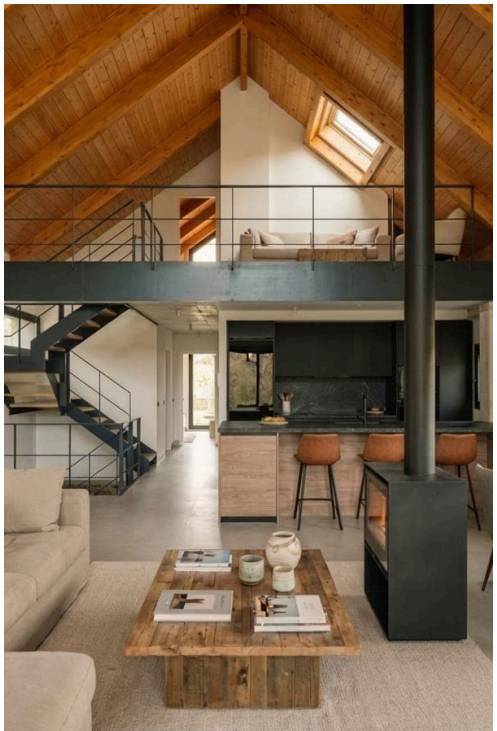
The living room and the barbecue area, by contrast, are completely transparent, with a unique view over the valley.













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HOUSE IN VILLANÚA

YEAR	2026
LOCATION	Villanúa, Huesca
TYPE	Single-family house
WITH	PDP Arquitectos

A stone house with a slate roof facing the Pyrenees: local building tradition in a contemporary language.

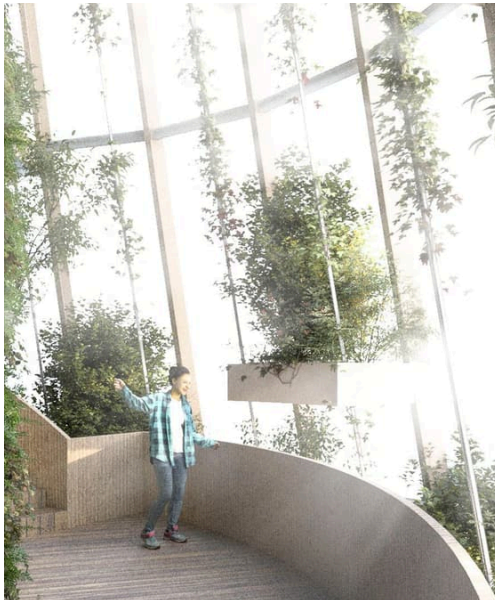
The house takes the stone and slate of Pyrenean architecture and orders them into a bold volume with a clean gable that frames the mountain landscape.

The end wall is hollowed into a large timber porch on the upper floor: a sheltered viewpoint that turns the life of the house towards the valley.









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ZAGREB OBSERVATION TOWER

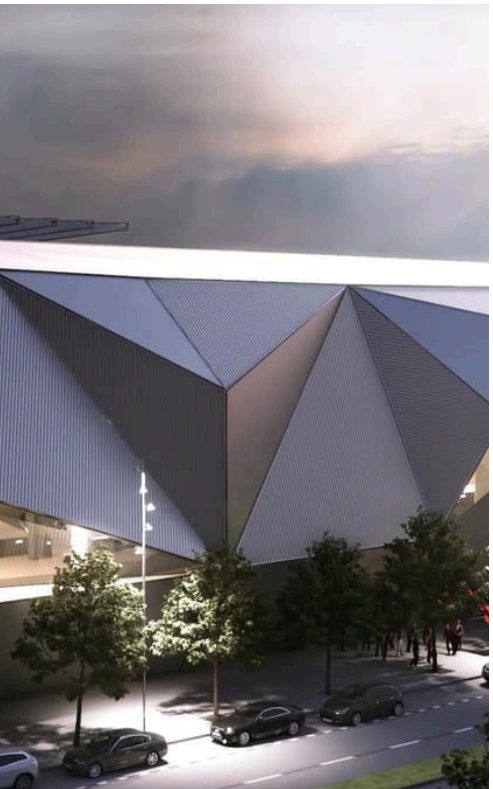
YEAR	2023
LOCATION	Zagreb, Croatia
TYPE	Observation tower
COMPETITION	**Finalist**
WITH	PDP Arquitectos

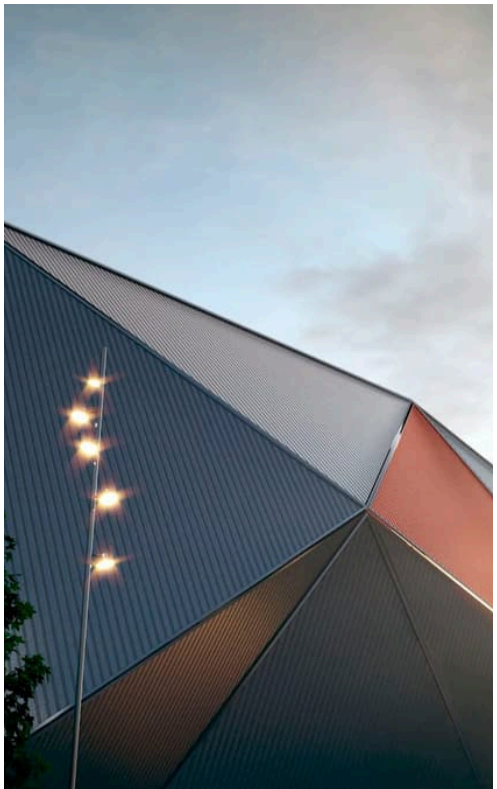
An observation tower conceived as a vertical journey: discovering the city while taking part in it from within.

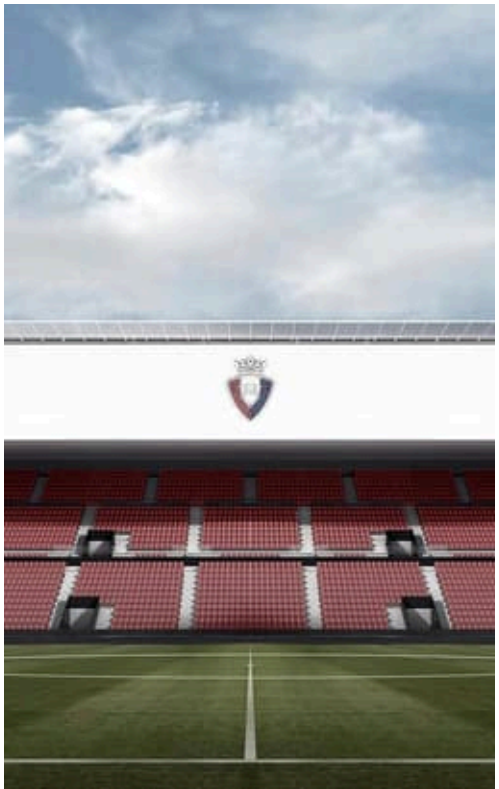
The Zagreb observation tower is a concept developed for a UAE developer, expressing the need to raise one's gaze and face the city by discovering it from every vantage point.

The proposed journey is vertical: from within, the visitor takes part in everything happening in the city.









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EL SADAR STADIUM RENOVATION

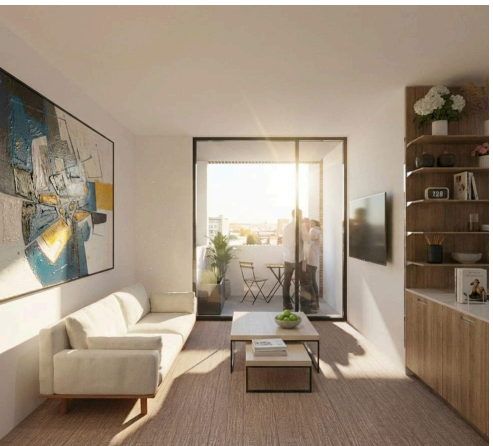
YEAR	2018
LOCATION	Pamplona, Navarra
TYPE	Sports facility
COMPETITION	3rd prize
WITH	TYM Asociados and Orbaiceta & Aldaba

A new envelope for El Sadar: a diamond being cut, carrying the identity of Osasuna and its supporters.

El Sadar is considered one of the most intimidating grounds in Spain, thanks to the drive of its supporters and their closeness to the pitch. The stadium represents the plurality of the city, and the loyalty and commitment of its fans.

The envelope seeks to set it apart from other stadiums, carrying the identity of C.A. Osasuna. A rock-solid team: a diamond being cut until it becomes a jewel.









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85 SOCIAL HOUSING UNITS, BILBAO

YEAR	2020
LOCATION	Iturrigorri, Bilbao
TYPE	Collective housing
COMPETITION	1st prize
WITH	Orbaiceta & Aldaba and Apezteguia Architects

A competition for 85 social-housing units whose volume is fragmented to adapt to a sloping site and the scale of its surroundings.

The proposal responds to a complex urban setting through its massing and the composition of its planes. On one hand, the site has a steep slope; on the other, the neighbouring buildings sit very close.

To address this, we fragmented the project, breaking up its long side and adjusting it to the urban scale of its surroundings.



08

HOUSING NEW YORK

YEAR	2019
LOCATION	New York, USA
TYPE	Collective housing
WITH	Apezteguia Architects and Orbaiceta & Aldaba

Affordable infill housing on small disused plots, built from four essential elements.

Small disused plots across New York City offer opportunities for a precise answer to a specific question: what are the most important, absolutely necessary parts of a home?

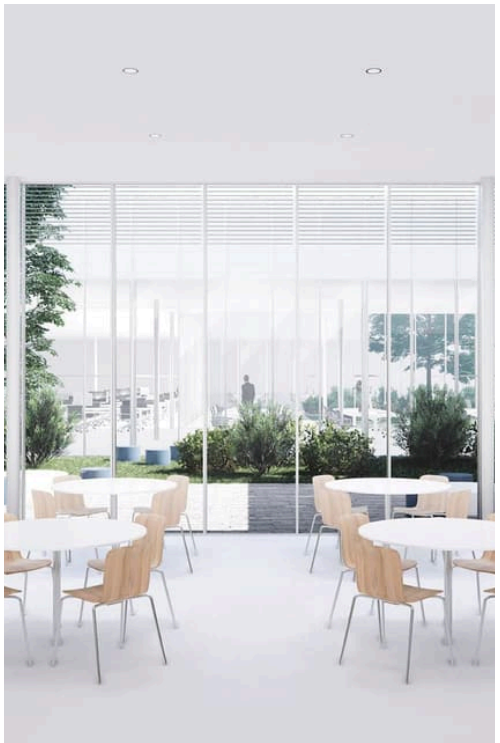
The proposal delivers small-scale affordable infill housing made of four essential elements: a smart core, a balcony, a living space and an operable façade. By placing each element according to the rule suggested in the proposal, a wide range of housing typologies can be developed.











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NORDEX HEADQUARTERS

YEAR	2019
LOCATION	Pamplona, Navarra
TYPE	Offices
COMPETITION	**2nd prize**
WITH	Tabuenca & Leache and Orbaiceta & Aldaba

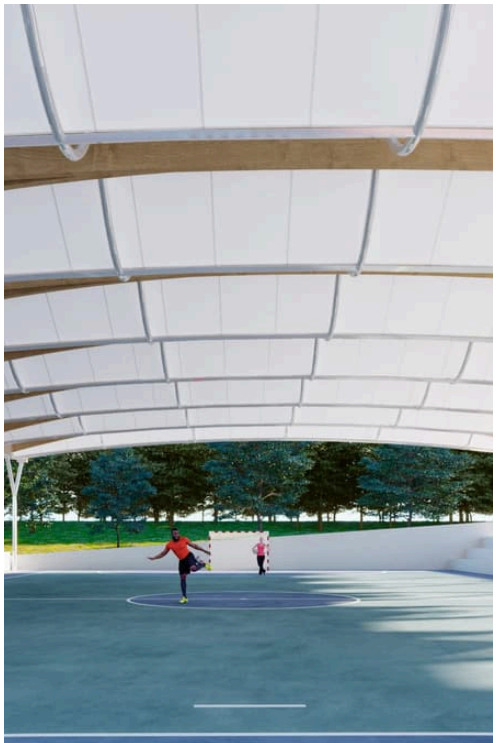
An office sunk into the ground around three large green courtyards, without giving up natural light or environmental quality.

The proposal breaks with the conventional idea of the office, giving workers a sunken space for concentration without sacrificing natural light or outdoor environmental quality.

The programme is arranged around three large green courtyards that act as the lungs of the project and provide outdoor space for informal meetings and breaks.









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VALDELASFUENTES SPORTS COURTS CANOPY

YEAR	2025
LOCATION	Alcobendas, Madrid
TYPE	Sports facility
COMPETITION	1st prize
WITH	PDP Arquitectos

A light timber roof that shelters the existing sports courts with minimal impact, creating an evocative and functional structure.

The project proposes an intervention in keeping with the scale and geometry of the existing courts, following their logic and that of the wider Valdelasfuentes sports complex.

It adapts to the existing buildings with minimal impact, while creating a light, evocative and functional structure.









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TRANSFORMATION OF THE MONUMENT TO THE FALLEN

YEAR	2018
LOCATION	Pamplona, Navarra
TYPE	Public space
COMPETITION	**Finalist**
WITH	Tabuenca & Leache and Orbaiceta & Aldaba

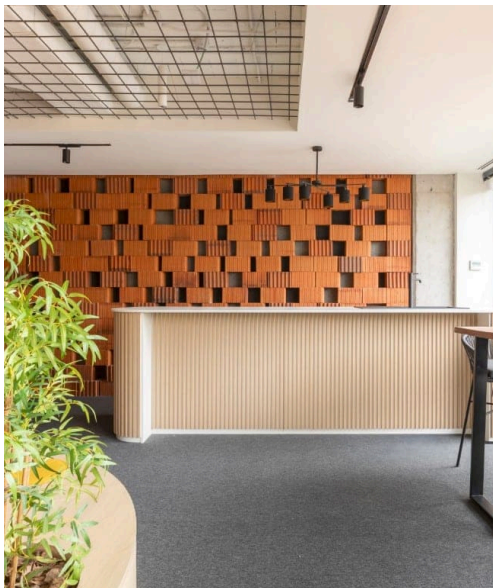
The monument ceases to be a barrier and becomes the new South Gate of Pamplona.

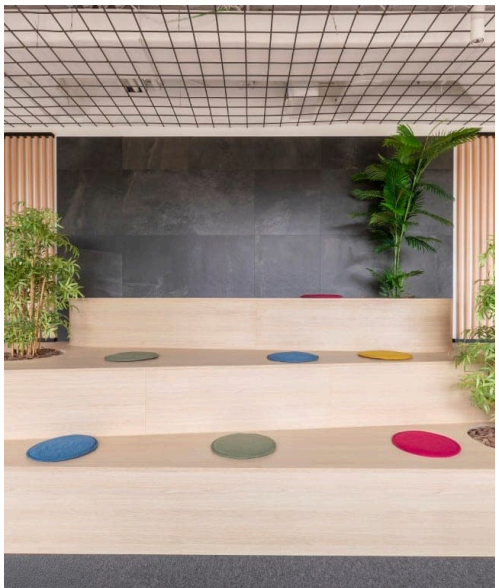
Plaza del Castillo and Plaza de la Libertad are the two poles of the great urban hall that Carlos III avenue became after its pedestrianisation. Yet Plaza de la Libertad has never seen much urban life, due to its peripheral condition and a design more concerned with monumentality than with everyday civic use.

The new centrality that the Lezkairu development brings to the square opens fresh opportunities: the Monument must stop being a barrier and become the city's new South Gate.









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ZEPPELIN OFFICES

YEAR	2025
LOCATION	Spain
TYPE	Interior design
WITH	PDP Arquitectos

Office interiors in a domestic key: timber, a social tiered seat, colour and spaces that invite you to stay.

The project reorganises the offices around meeting places: a timber tiered seat with planting presides over the common area, making informal gathering the centre of company life.

The palette combines light timber, ceramic lattices and touches of colour, moving the workspace away from the conventional corporate image.

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