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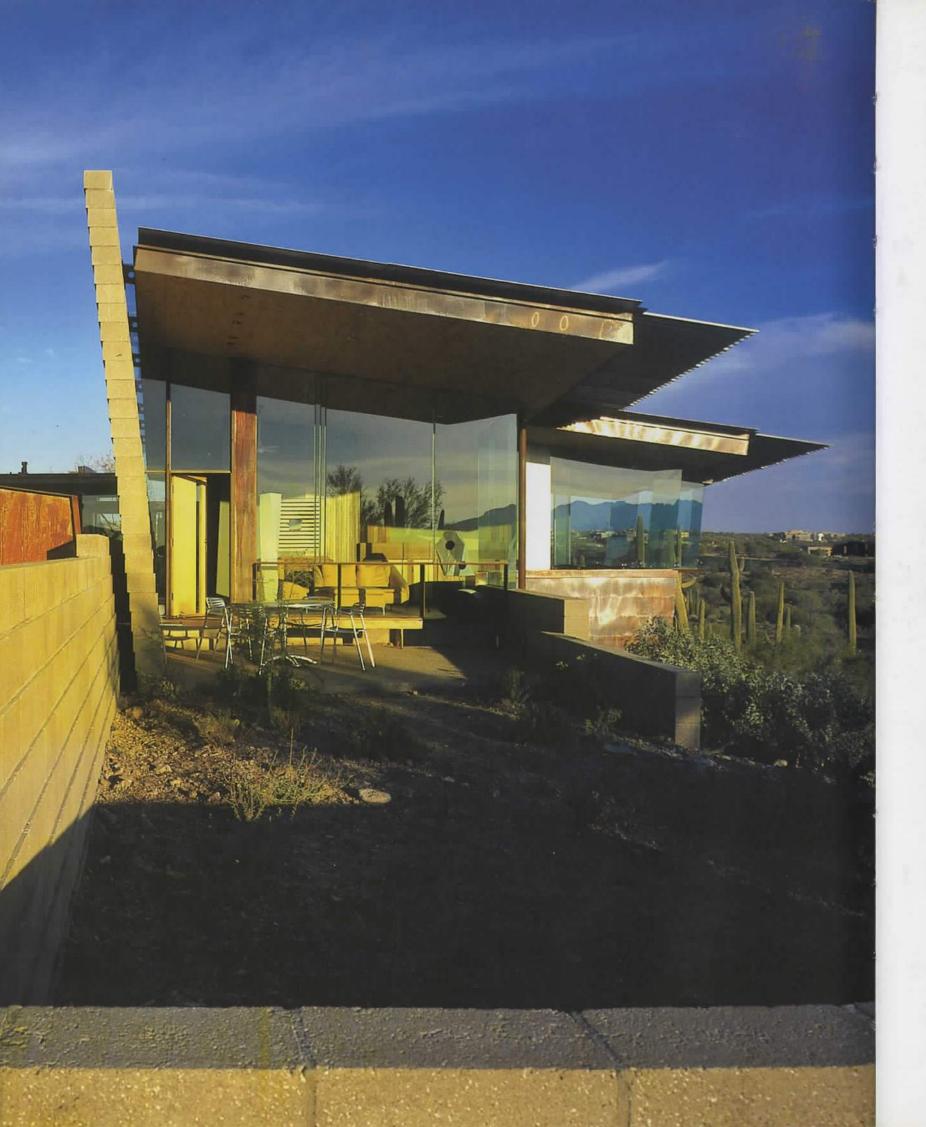
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William P. BRUDER

RESIDENCE (North Scottsdale, Arizona, USA)

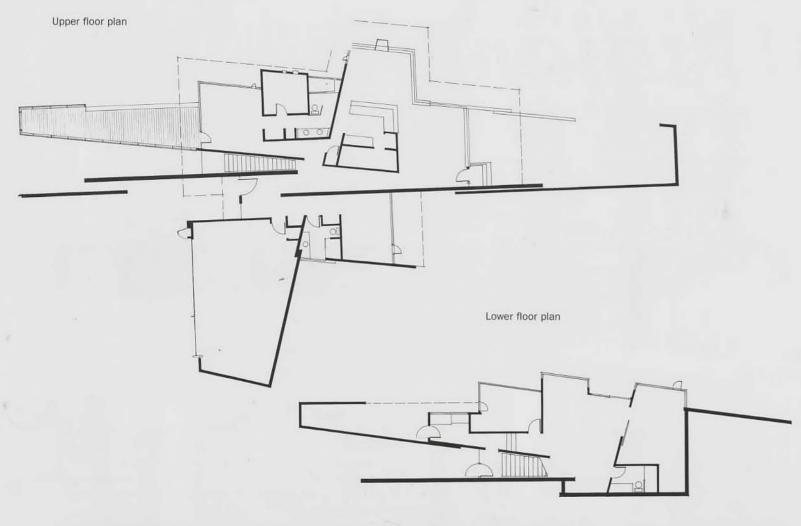
The sculptural design concept of this residence was to create a metaphorical series of abstract canyon walls of concrete masonry, emerging like geological landmarks from the home's natural desert site. As such, the home's architectural concrete masonry and metal-clad frame walls embrace the residence's main entrance, as well as its living and circulation/gallery spaces.

Furthermore, these walls highlight the angular geometry of the building's plan as it grows from the asymmetrical, tapering alignments of the canyon walls. These elements in turn visually extend the design out into the undisturbed natural desert site, creating interesting outdoor living spaces and courtyards.

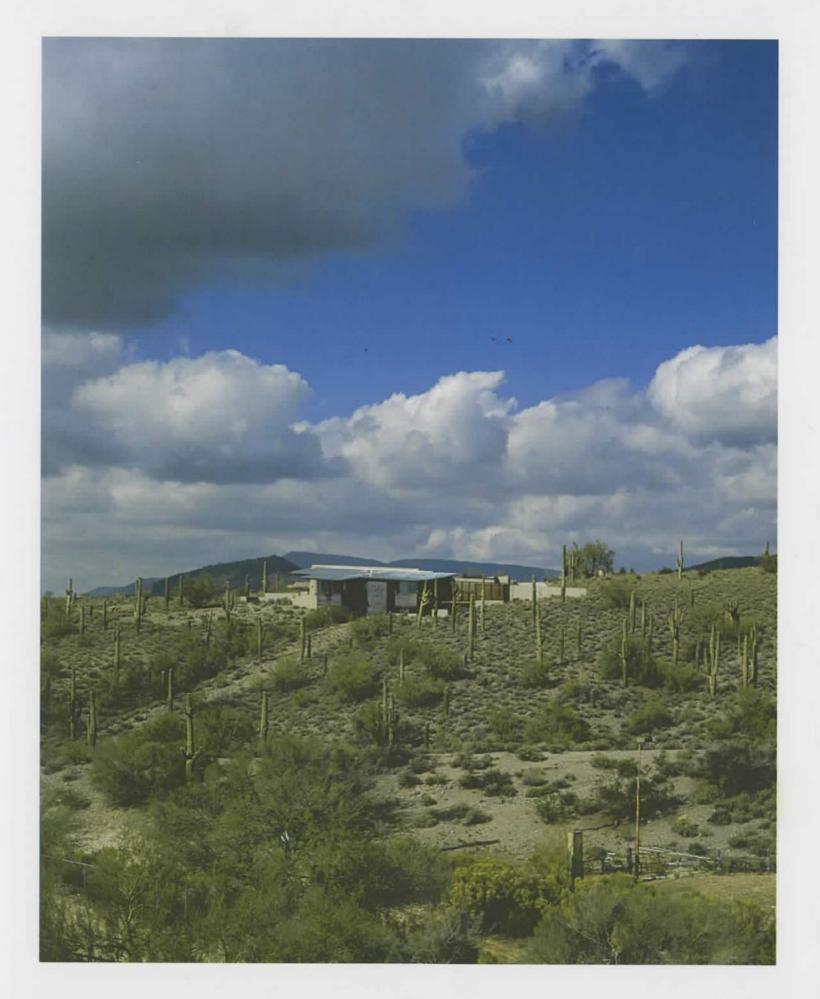
The house is incorporated into the natural slope of the site's north-east corner, allowing the building's basic functional needs to develop on two levels. As it is placed on the site, the lower level is buried into the grade with a primarily south-western view exposure. The angular orientation of the structure, running parallel to the natural site contours, enhances the relationship with the terrain, while optimising the distant view opportunities of all the living spaces on the main level.

Laid at a three-degree slope from the horizontal concrete foundations and leaning at varying angles from vertical, the beautifully crafted masonry walls are ever-changing in the desert sun. In order to maximise these effects, the main roof is raised 4 " above the supporting wall by skylit sculptural steel brackets which allow the sun to energise the interior as well. To complement the contrast with the dominant concrete masonry wall of the design scheme, wall and fascia elements are clad in blue/blackened copper and acid-etched galvanised metal.

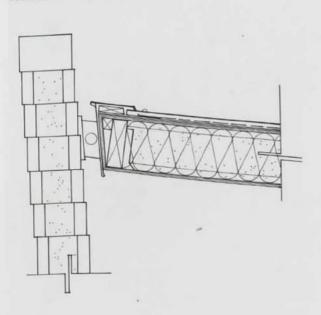
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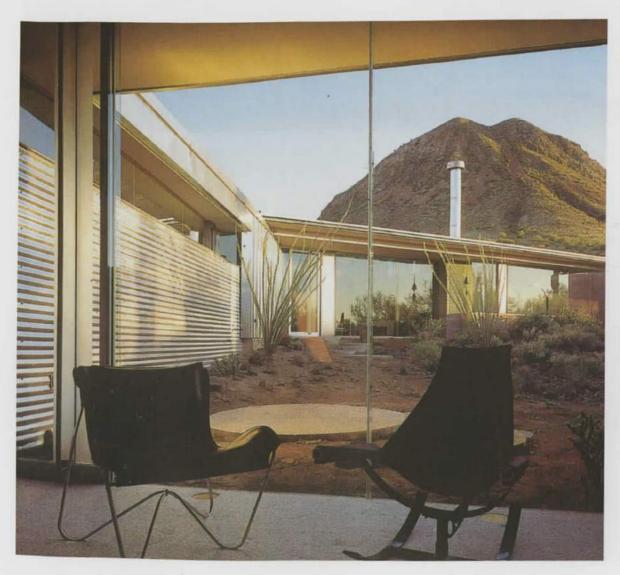




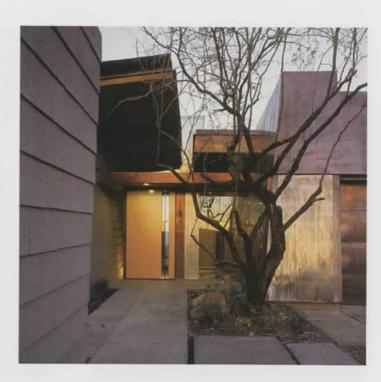
Construction detail of intersection between the wall and the roof



















Given the characteristics of the site of the dwelling, a desert landscape in Arizona, it was fundamental to achieve a complete mastery of natural light. It was not a question, as in other cases, of maximising the light but of being able to graduate it according to the needs of the inhabitants. The careful placing of the windows and an emphasis on top lighting transform the interior of the dwelling into a very intimate and welcoming space.



