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A family villa in Vallpineda

— Newly built house in the hills of Sitges.

Year of project 2017

Surface 380 m²

Intervention New construction



We conceived this house as terraced spaces that would make the most of this plot with a strong slope. Built as summerhouse, its owners wished to have a sense of outdoors in every level.

From a structural point of view, our challenge was to fit a garage underground unlike the most obvious location at the street level as it is commonly done.

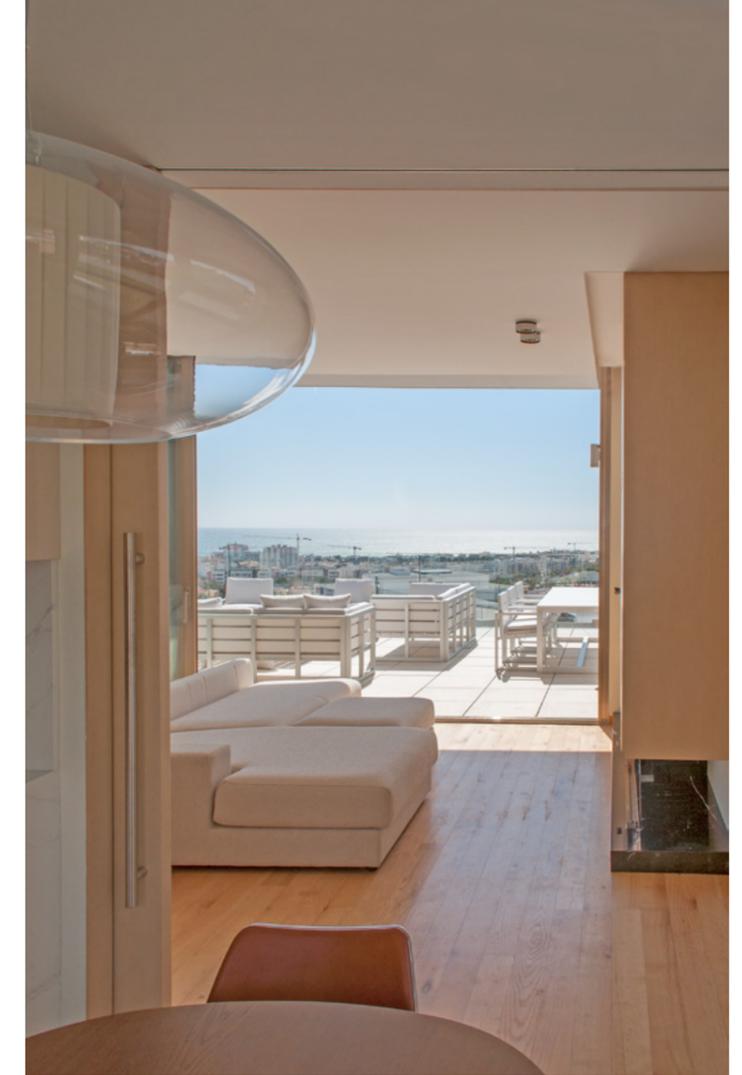


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We designed the interior architecture of all three floors, improving the use of the environments with special effort in reconnecting the house with its exterior spaces.

On the upper level, we created the the day time space of the house with an entrance, kitchen and dining, and lounge spaces directly linked to the roof of the bedrooms below, which acts as an large terrace space.





The Mediterranean inspired us to design a house full of natural light. From the outset, the clients professed a series of emotional and functional requirements: they wished to have new dynamic and fluid living spaces, and able to adapt to everyday life.



“Amazing experience with RARDO-Architects team. They combined fabulous creativity with the practicalities of materials and local and reliable contractors. We cannot recommend them enough! Very happy with our new home, it was designed to perfection.”

– Rebecca, London



They wanted to have a nice place to cook, share and enjoy life outdoors. That is why we designed a kitchen with fluid connection towards the dinning area and the lounge.

We implemented natural materials such as marble and solid oak along with a fireplace to create a comfortable environment.

We opened large windows towards the garden to take full advantage of the incoming natural light and sea views

Refurbishing an apartment in a listed building

— Listed building from 1862, old city centre

Year of project 2015

Surface 110 m²

Intervention Full-scale refurbishment



For an Englishman based in Hong Kong, his dream of a home on the sunny Mediterranean has come true.

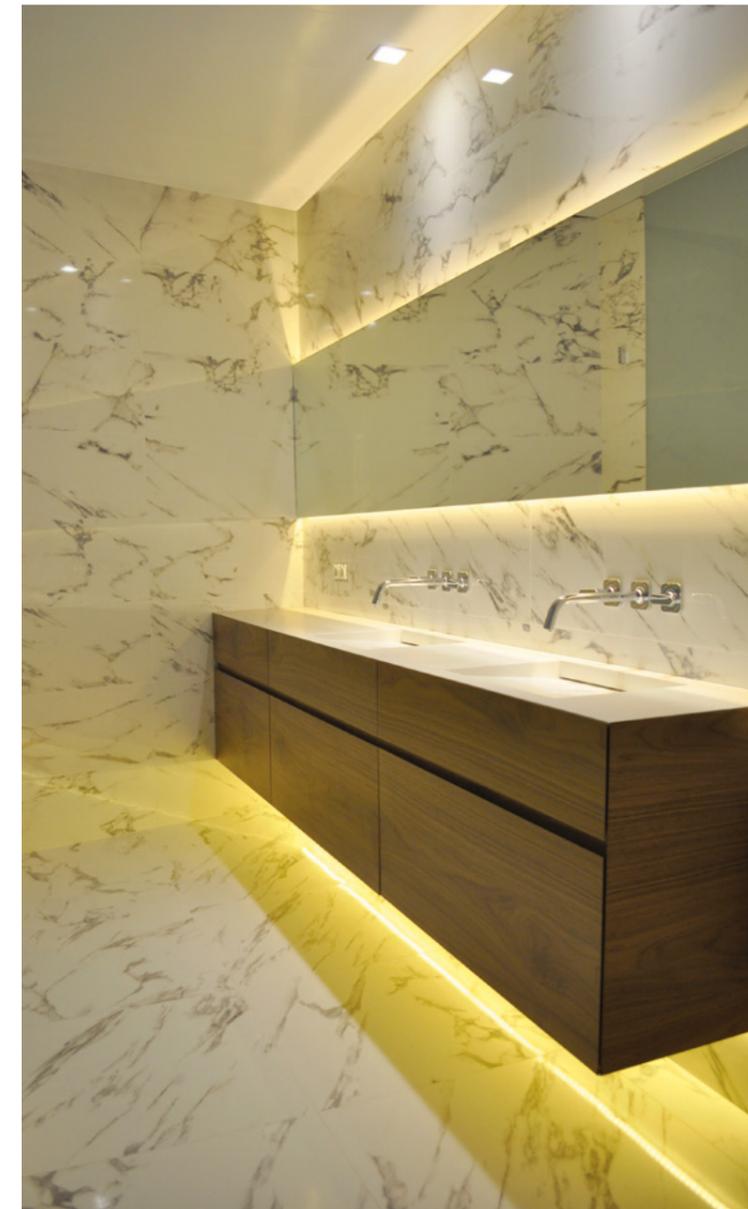
After falling in love with an apartment situated in the "principal" of a period building, he was faced with two major challenges: how to create an open and sunny space out of the labyrinth of small and dark rooms very common in old buildings ?

How to oversee all that from Hong Kong while not speaking a word of Spanish?

From dealing with local authorities and craftsmen to developing a new layout that would meet his wishes, Rardo Architects took care of the challenging project, always staying closely in touch with him via phone, skype and email.



The south-facing space was transformed into a sun-bathed living and dining area, perfect for hosting dinner parties or just sipping a glass of wine on the terrace. An Italian lighting system accentuates the beauty of the art collection, bringing together international design and Mediterranean warmth in one cozy interior.



At the other end of the apartment, a quiet secluded area for the bedrooms and bathrooms was created to allow for sleep and rest. That was made possible only by elevating the floor to accommodate the new high-tech features that gave the home a modern standard of development.





“From the beginning they were extremely professional, very aware of taking into account my needs. I couldn’t have done it without them, including because I live overseas. I have to say: Beyond my expectations – I would highly recommend them.”

– Sean, Hong Kong



The "before and after" of the floor plans.

The apartment during construction showing the structural reinforcements put in place to create the new opening on the supporting walls.



A duplex by the sea

— Penthouse on two levels in Sitges

Year of project 2015

Surface 220 m²

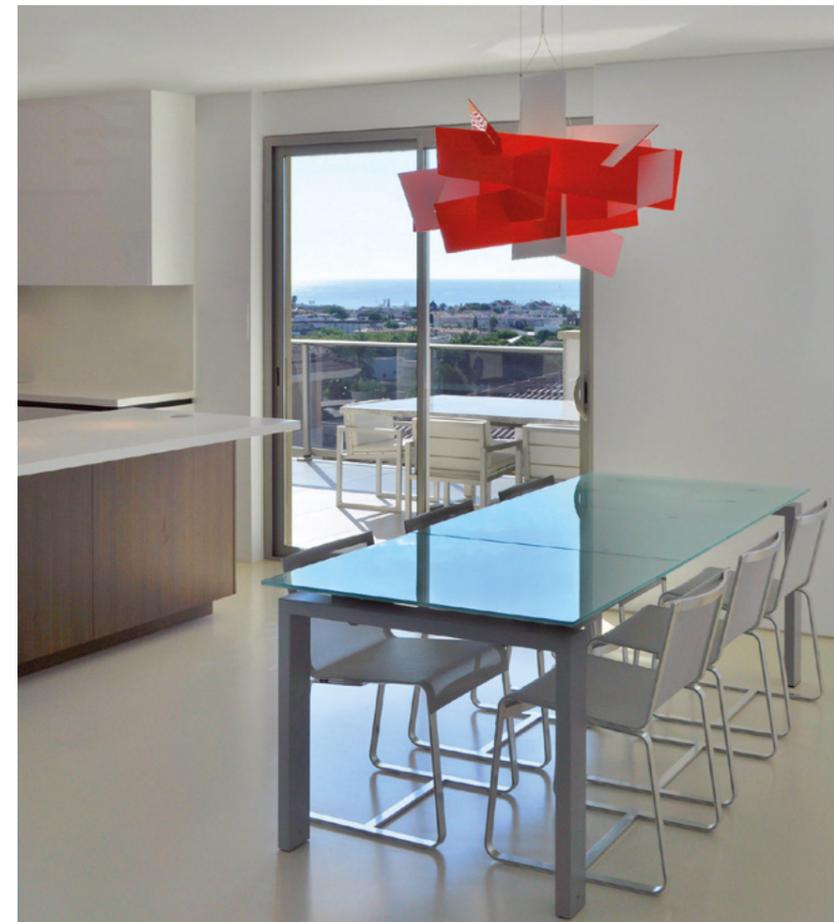
Intervention Full-scale refurbishment



Having visited Barcelona and Sitges regularly for almost a decade, this French-British couple decided that the time had come to leave grey and rainy Paris behind and move to the Mediterranean.

In the evenings the spacious lower terrace becomes the belvedere which frames the views of the city by night.

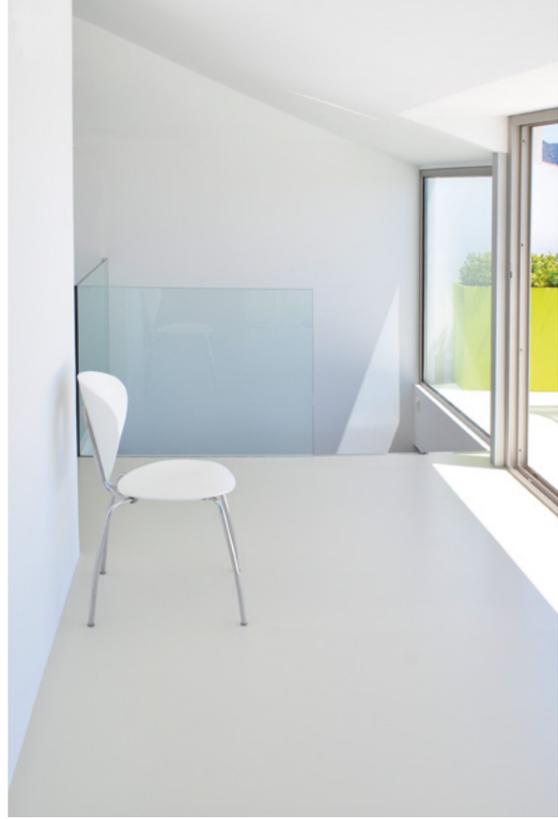
Great sea views and the possibility to work from home made them choose a penthouse in the residential area of Sitges, right next to Barcelona. There was just one problem: how to transform the small rooms and gloomy corridors into a luminous open space big enough for a large office and four double bedrooms.



On the advice of Rardo Architects, the couple decided to open up and connect the living spaces to the terrace making the most of the natural light. The kitchen island was moved from the rear of the apartment into the dining area closer to the terrace, creating the perfect gathering place for the couple and their friends.

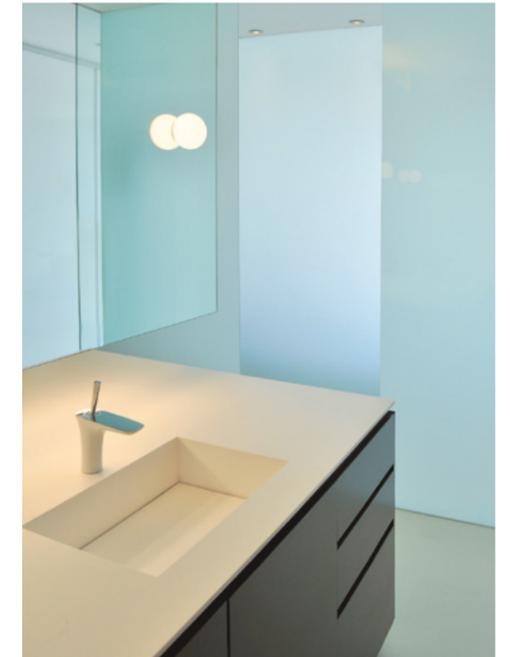
On the top floor, what used to be a dark and neglected attic was transformed into a large and luminous office.

The new staircase incorporates bookshelves, making another design feature of the renovation.



“Gerardo and his team are very creative. What interested me the most was the ability to listen, the power of reflexion and the dynamism of this agency – and, of course, Gerardo’s fluent French.”

– Jean Michel, Paris



Each of the four bedrooms has a private bathroom. The furniture was custom designed and the glass partitions give privacy as well as allow fo the natural light to flow from the outside.



Restoration of a 1850 apartment in the old town

— Ground floor transformed into an apartment with office space.

Year of project 2017

Surface 165 m²

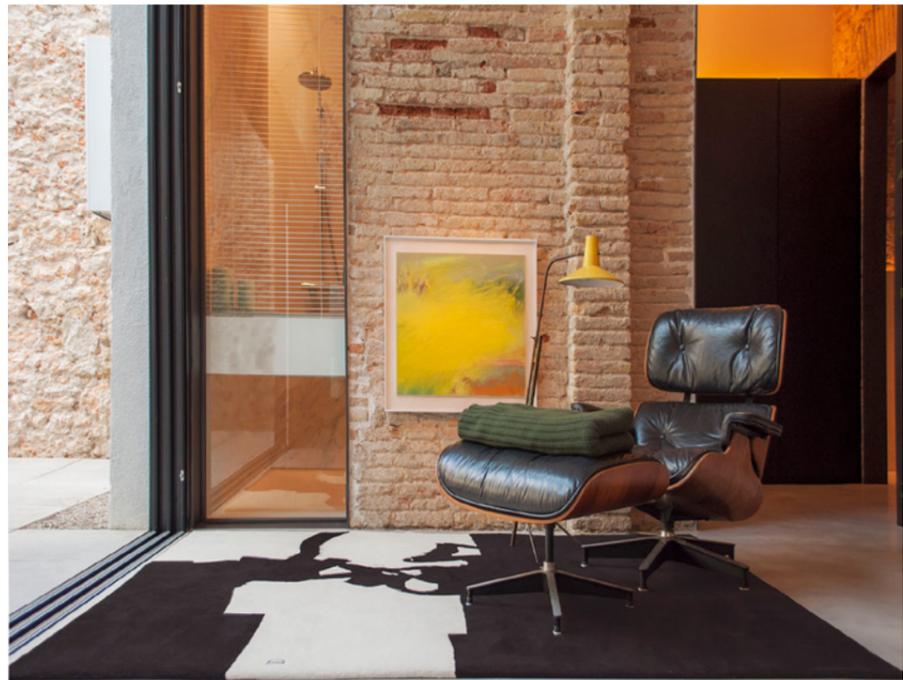
Intervention: Full-scale refurbishment and preservation of the original structure

This project covers the intervention and rehabilitation of a neglected property in a 150 years old building, preserving it and giving it a new use as office and residence for a young professional.

The intervention's main feature was to remove layers of plaster and false ceiling that were put over the original structure to leave only the original raw materials.

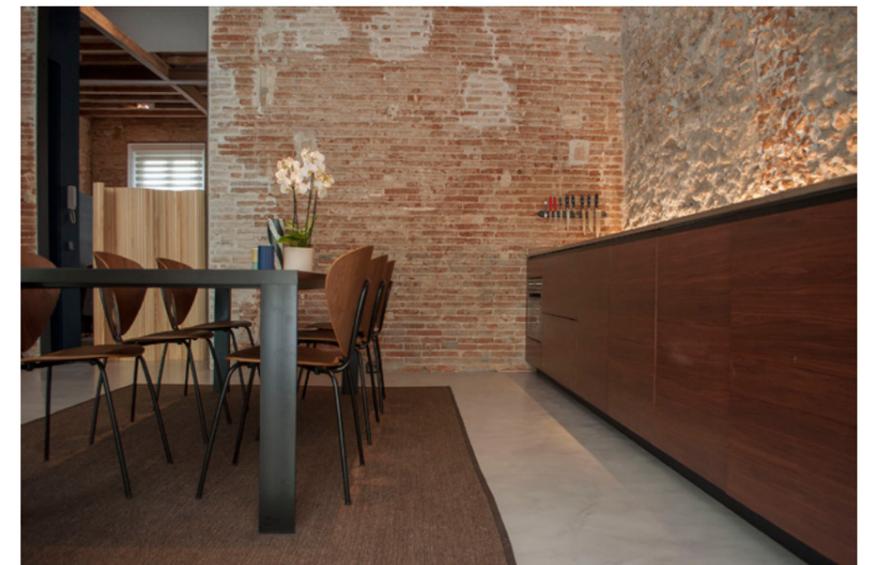


The space was divided in two different parts: the office part is situated in the public area, in the first corridor, acting as a barrier of privacy for the residential part, that opens to the interior courtyard.



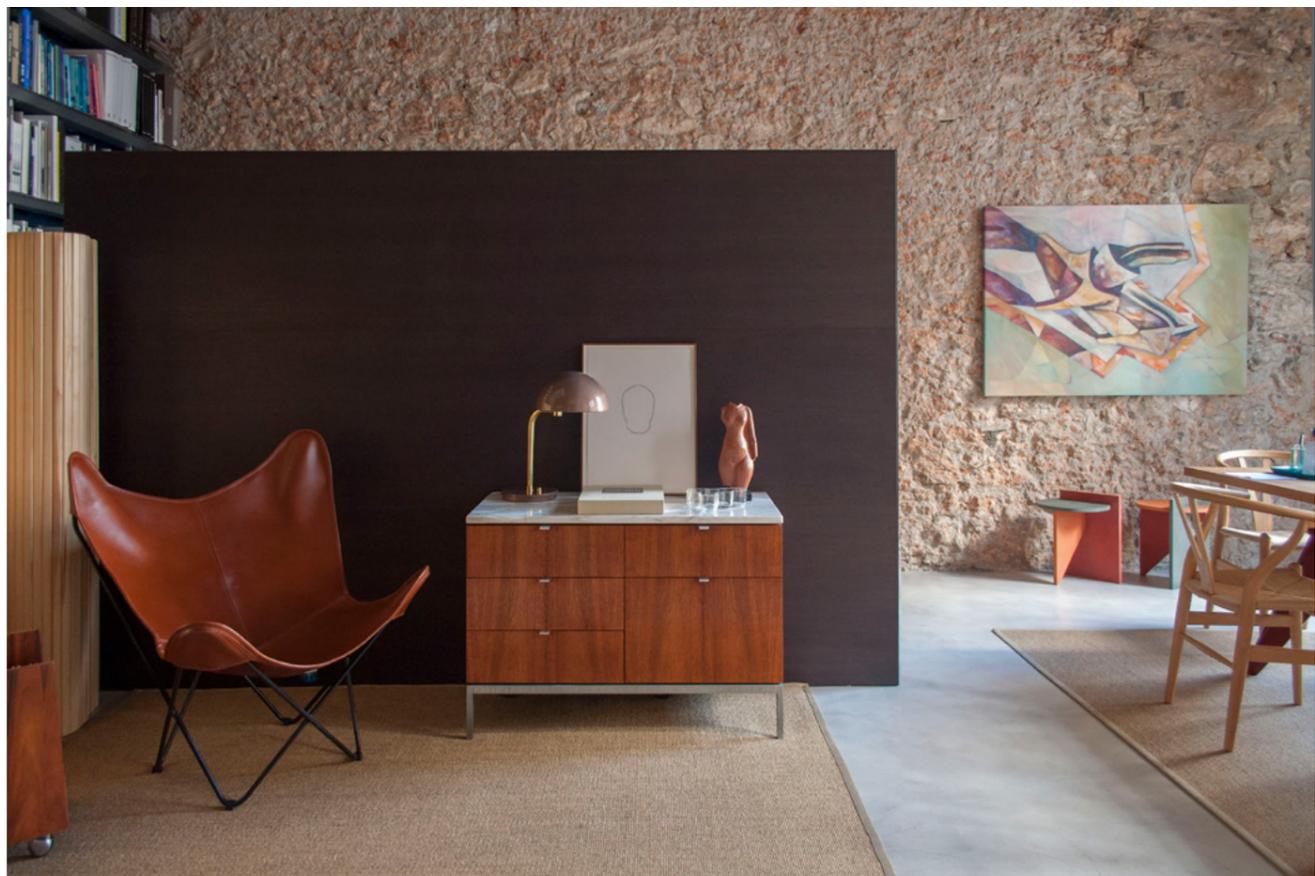


The residential area is complemented with a kitchen that opens to the dining room; a bedroom separated of the rest of the house with a massive furniture that contains the wardrobe and the kitchen appliances; a high-end bathroom and a living room.





The living room is closed with a big panel windows that opens to the courtyard, making a soft border between interior and exteriors. The pavement combines ceramic tiles and gravel to delimitate the spaces.





New layout to create a luxury penthouse

— Penthouse with views towards the nearby golf course.

Year of project 2016

Surface 180 m²

Intervention Remodel & structural intervention to add a private elevator

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Maria and her family have been living in this penthouse by the sea for more than a decade.

However, they never liked the dark living room which – facing north – was starved of sunshine. Worst of all, they felt that the original kitchen was too small to be the central place where they wanted to gather family and friends.

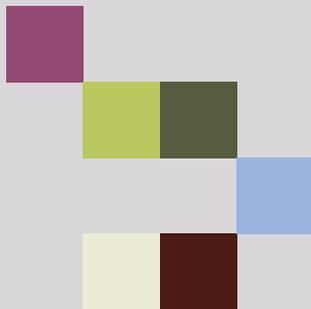


Rardo Architects came up with the solution: the small rooms and corridors were opened up to create large and luminous spaces that flow from one room to the next creating a beautiful visual continuity between the different areas of this home.





The upper floor space was stylishly rearranged to include the master bedroom, a bathroom, a walk-in closet and a private entertainment room – all graced with custom made furniture.



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