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VILLA OUSIA by Paly Architects

Architecture, BIG SEE Architecture Award 2026 – Winner, Greece, Residential – houses





Three clear, distinct volumes, connected by transparent glass necks, form the residence. The central, tallest volume is made of stone, while the two adjacent, equally tall volumes are coated with an “earth”-colored plaster. The first volume contains a bedroom with an en-suite bathroom, an office, and a shared WC. The central volume includes the entrance and the shared living areas – kitchen, dining room, and living room – in a single, open-plan space.

The third volume houses the master bedroom with an en-suite bathroom, which opens onto a planted courtyard. Between the three volumes, and in front of the central one, a large pergola is constructed, extending to the swimming pool, effectively “expanding” the living space to the outdoors. Large sliding glass panels on the north and south sides of the central volume create a seamless transition from the natural hillside to the swimming pool, offering views of the settlement, the plain, and the sea, while enabling natural ventilation and cooling when opened.

The entrance to the residence is located at the rear side of the volumes. Together with their offset positioning, it creates a wind-protected backyard. The design of the outdoor area is completed by an independent pergola at the pool area, a circular stone staircase leading to the outdoor shower, large freely placed stones marking the plot boundaries, landscaping, and a gravel-paved entrance and parking area. Natural materials from the region were used: local stone, rust-colored metals,

Details

Architecture

Paly Architects;
Nikos Lykoudis,
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Irene Tricha, Olga
Koutroumanou,
Ileana Toli,
Filopoimin Lykoudis

Client

Grit Klabuhn and
Michael Karsten
Brieske

Year of completion

2026

Location

Crete, Pitsidia,
Greece

Total area

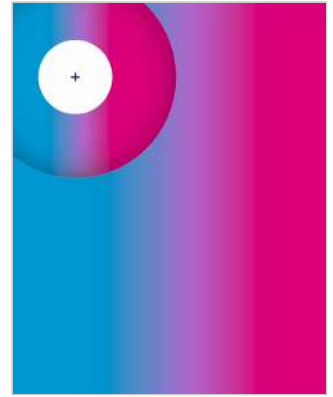
180,49 m²

Site area

3.501,68 m²

Photos

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