This Miami Home Lifts Daily Life Above the Garden

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In a leafy Miami suburb, STRANG reworks how a family home meets its site. The design places communal rooms on an elevated level while reserving the ground floor for private use. Two interlocking rectangular forms guide this arrangement, allowing the house to respond to climate, light, and an elongated suburban plot. The result is a clear structure shaped by materials, shade, and outdoor connection.

The house is organized as two rectangular volumes that interlock along the length of the site. This move defines how the home is used and how it sits within its surroundings.

Wood panels and louvers wrap the upper level, providing sun control while introducing natural texture to the exterior.

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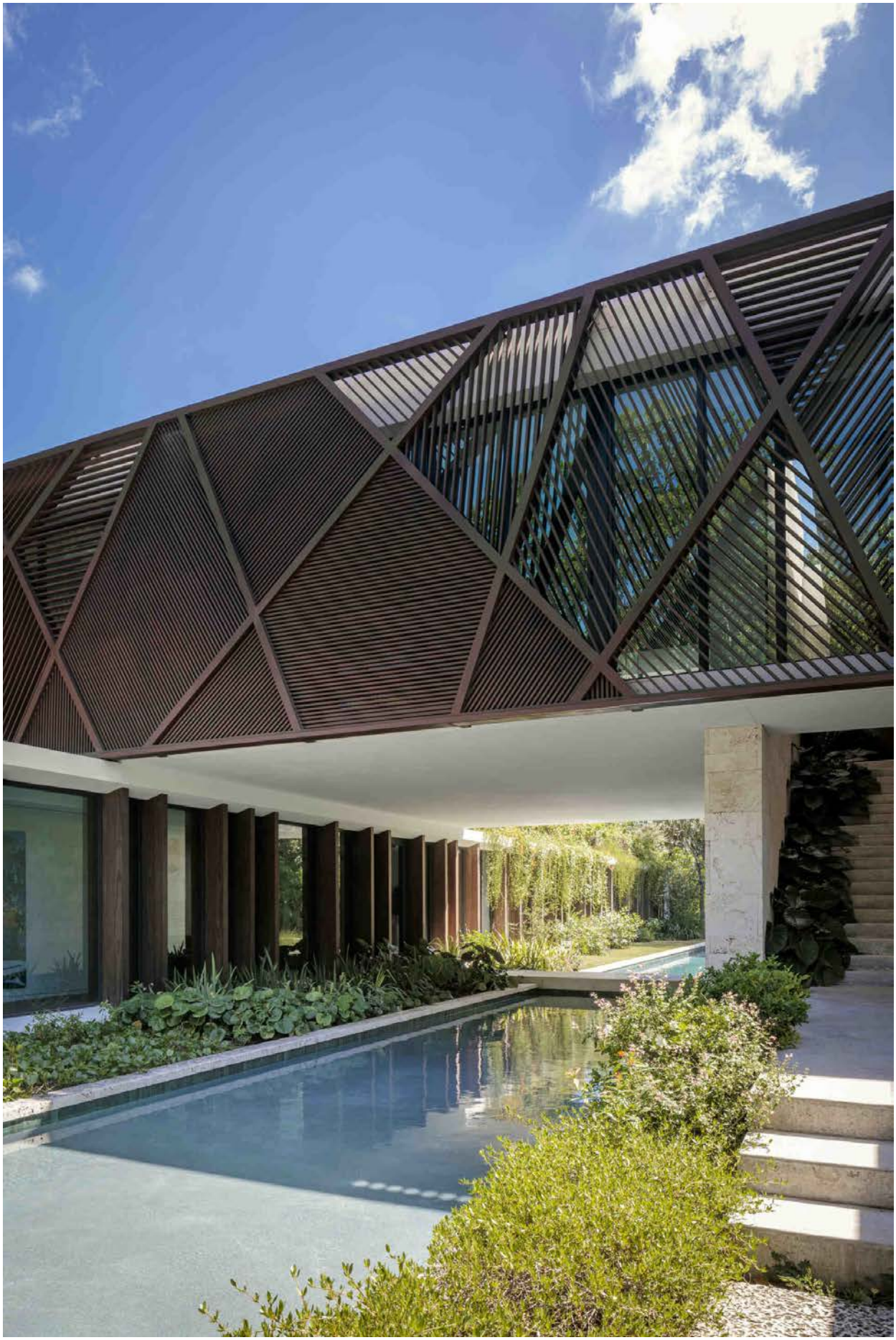

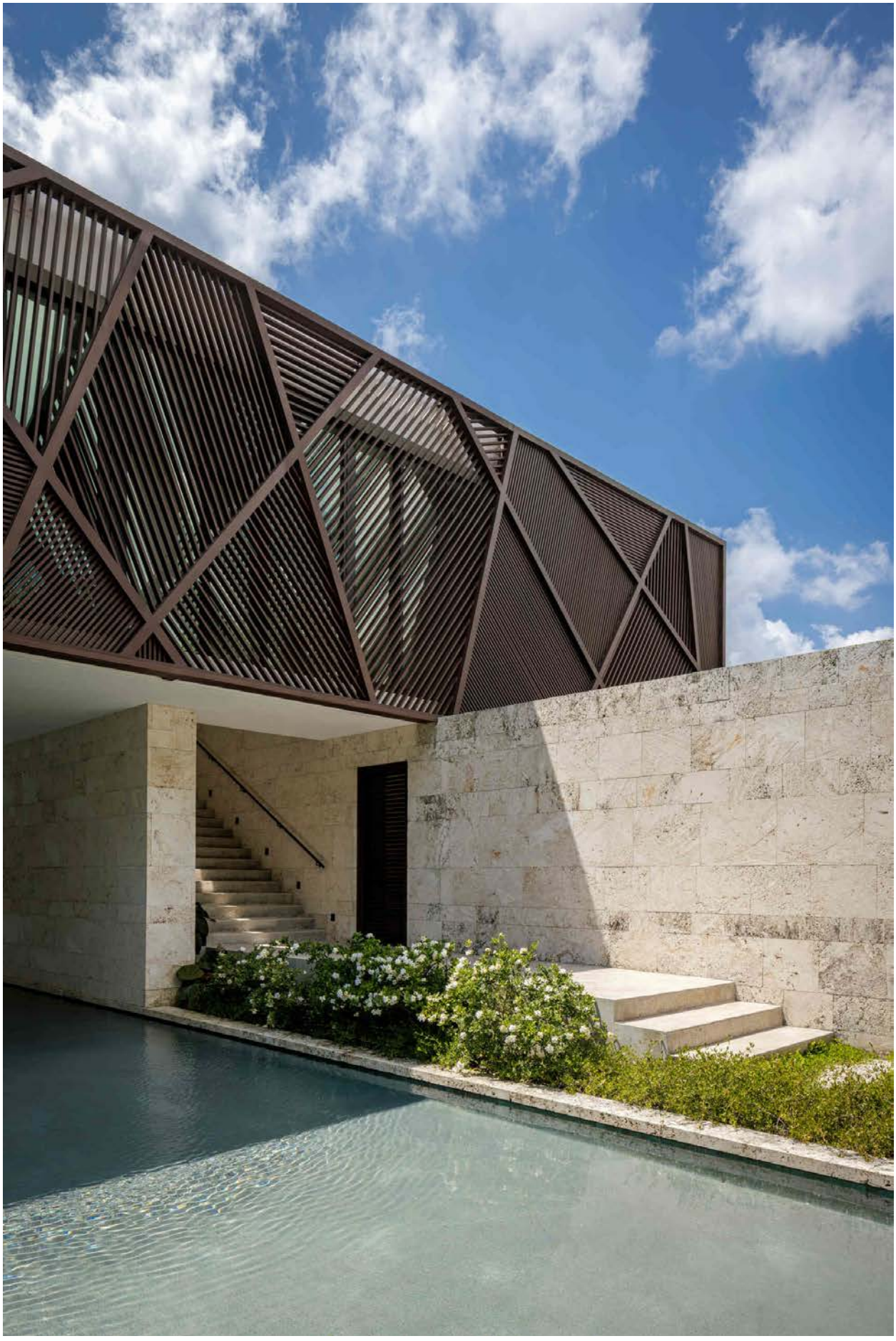

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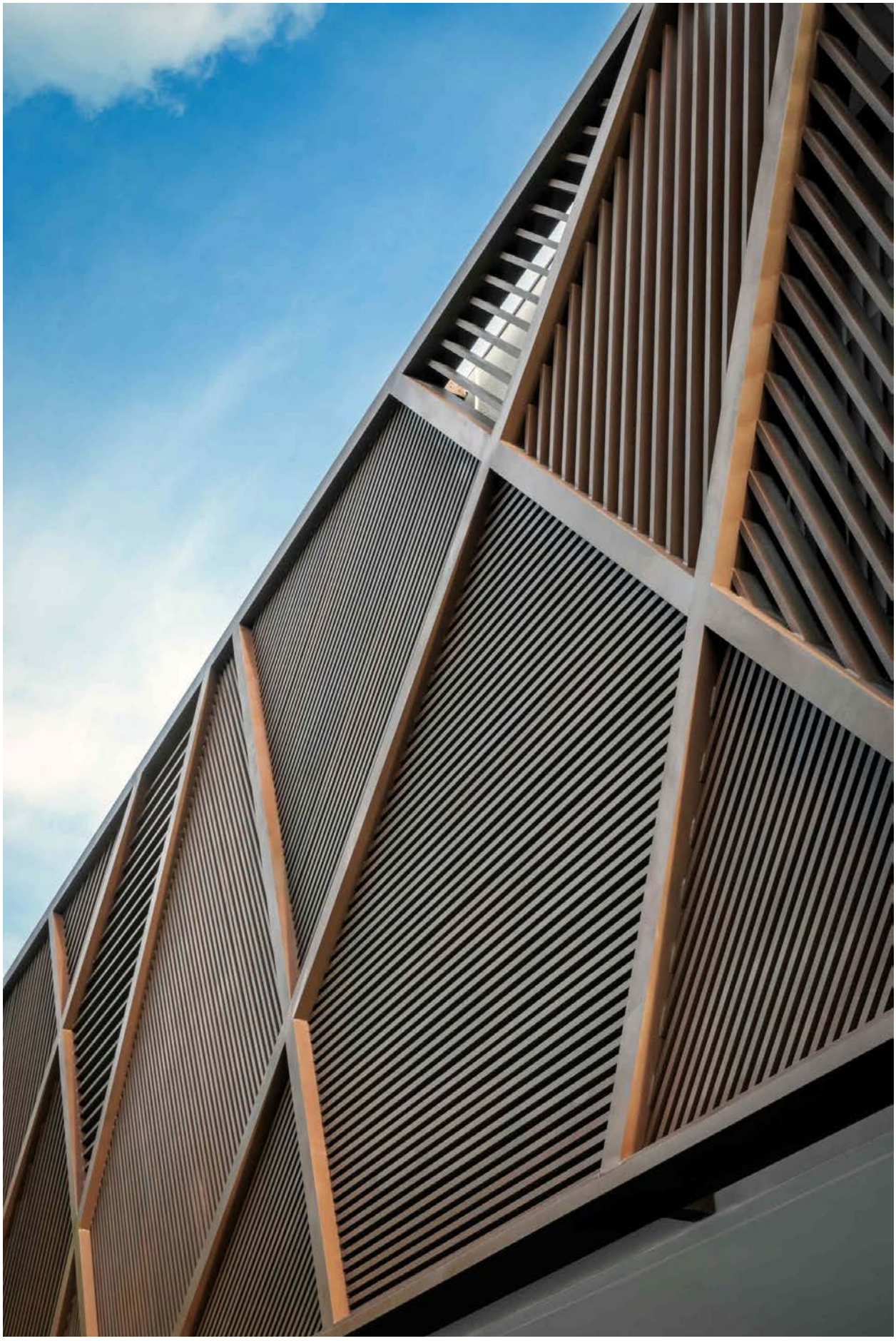

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A long pool is positioned beneath the upper volume and runs parallel to the private areas of the home, while overhanging plants soften the architecture.

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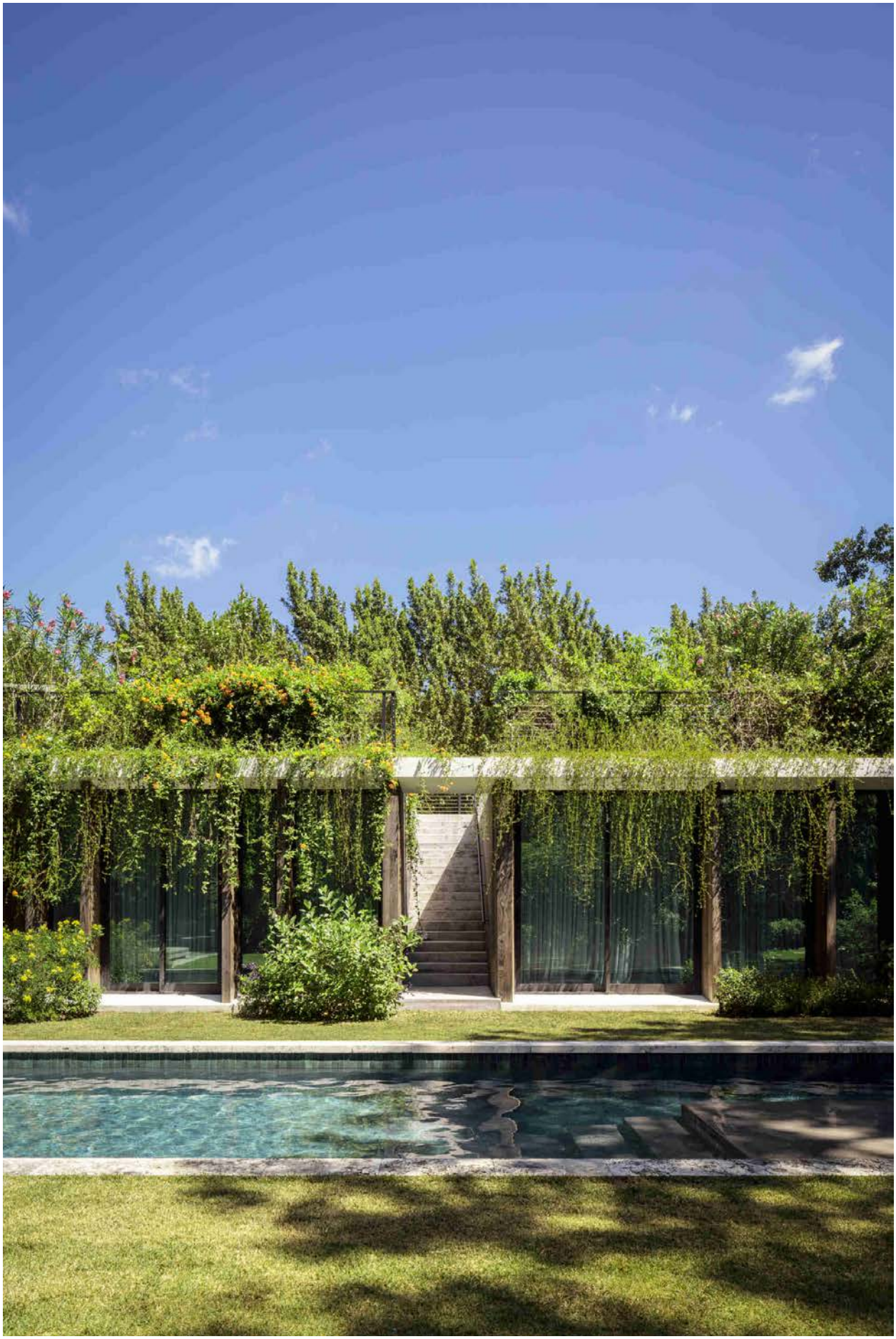

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The entry stair feels simple and striking, with pale stone walls and wide concrete steps leading upward. Soft daylight filters through a skylit slot, while tropical greenery along the side adds a natural touch. A slim black handrail and tall wood door complete the minimal, welcoming approach.

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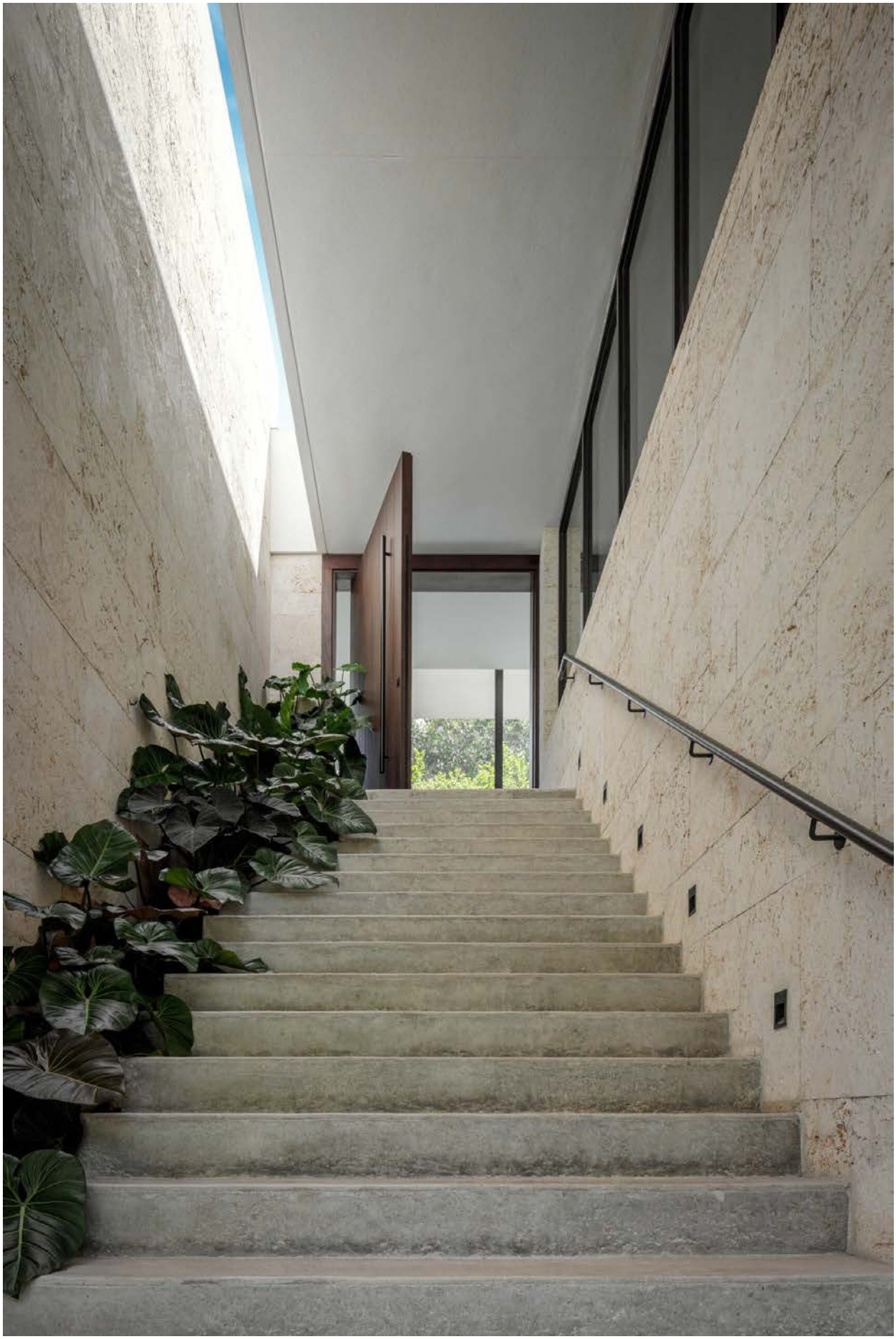

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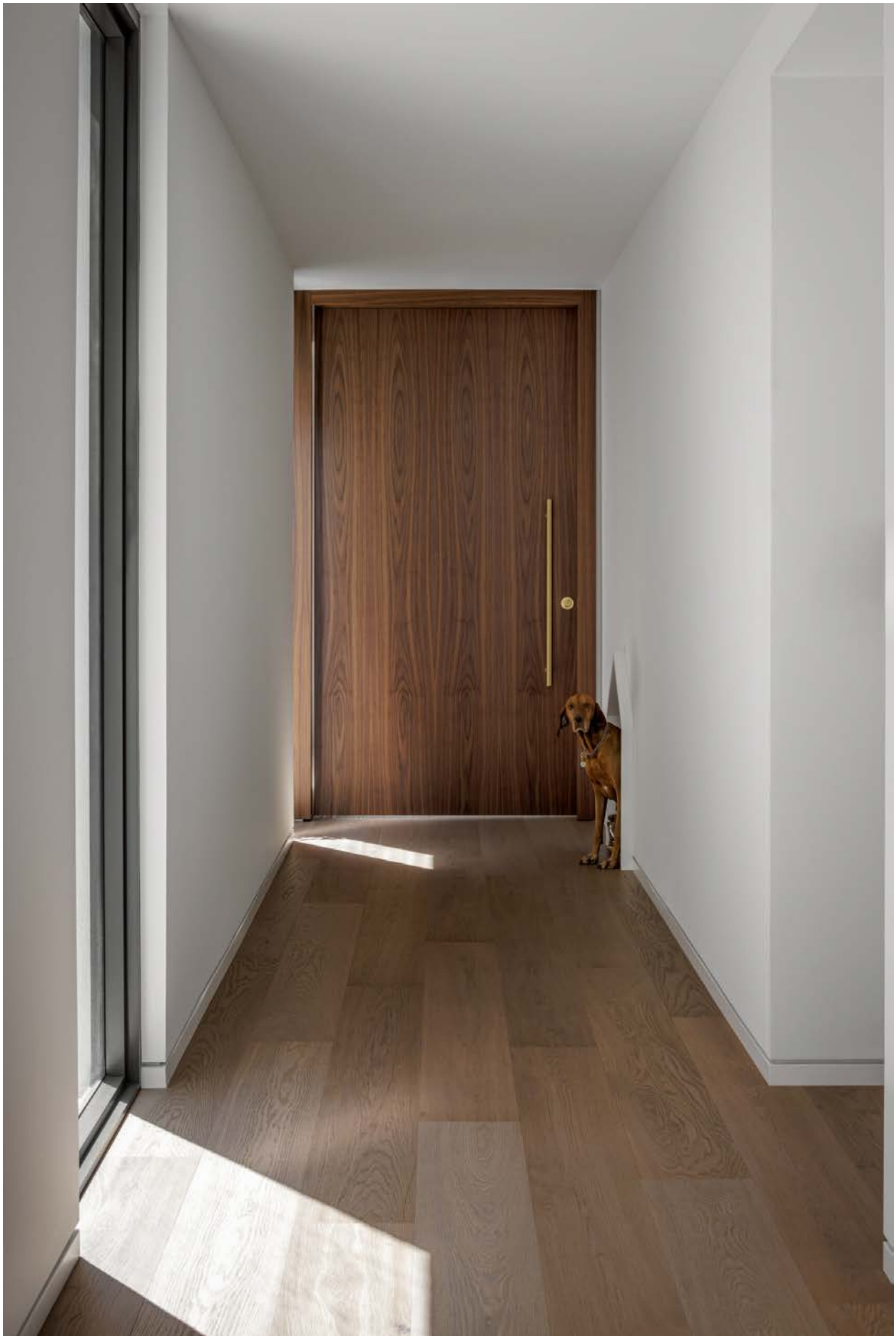

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The living room feels light and composed, with creamy walls and a concrete floor that highlights the furniture's forms. Curved sofas and plush chairs in soft caramel and cinnamon tones bring warmth, while layered rugs, wood elements, and sculptural side tables add subtle texture, and oversized artwork adds subtle color.

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The dining room feels like a modern gallery, warmed up with rich wood and quiet texture. A long, substantial table anchors the space, paired with sleek wood chairs that keep the lines clean but still inviting. The slatted wood ceiling adds depth overhead, while the oversized artwork brings just enough color to soften the minimal palette.

The kitchen feels grounded and uncluttered, with deep wood cabinets, a smooth concrete floor, and a marble island at its center. Simple pendant lights hang above, casting soft light over the counter and warm wood stools. Wide windows frame leafy views, while a brass range hood adds a metallic accent.

The media room feels calm and comfortable, with tufted seating in soft taupe and warm wood floors. A slatted wood wall and a long floating console keep the space clean and organized. Tall windows bring in garden views and natural light, while a simple sculptural ceiling fixture adds a modern accent.

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Another living space opens seamlessly to the patio, turning outdoor areas into part of the room. A caramel velvet sofa and boucle chair add warmth and softness, while an oversized artwork adds color, and the shaded outdoor area invites relaxed meals and casual lounging surrounded by greenery.

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Back inside and the hallway feels like a bright, modern art walk, with clean white walls that let the colorful pieces stand out. Warm wood columns and big windows line one side, bringing in dappled daylight and glimpses of the garden as you move through the space.

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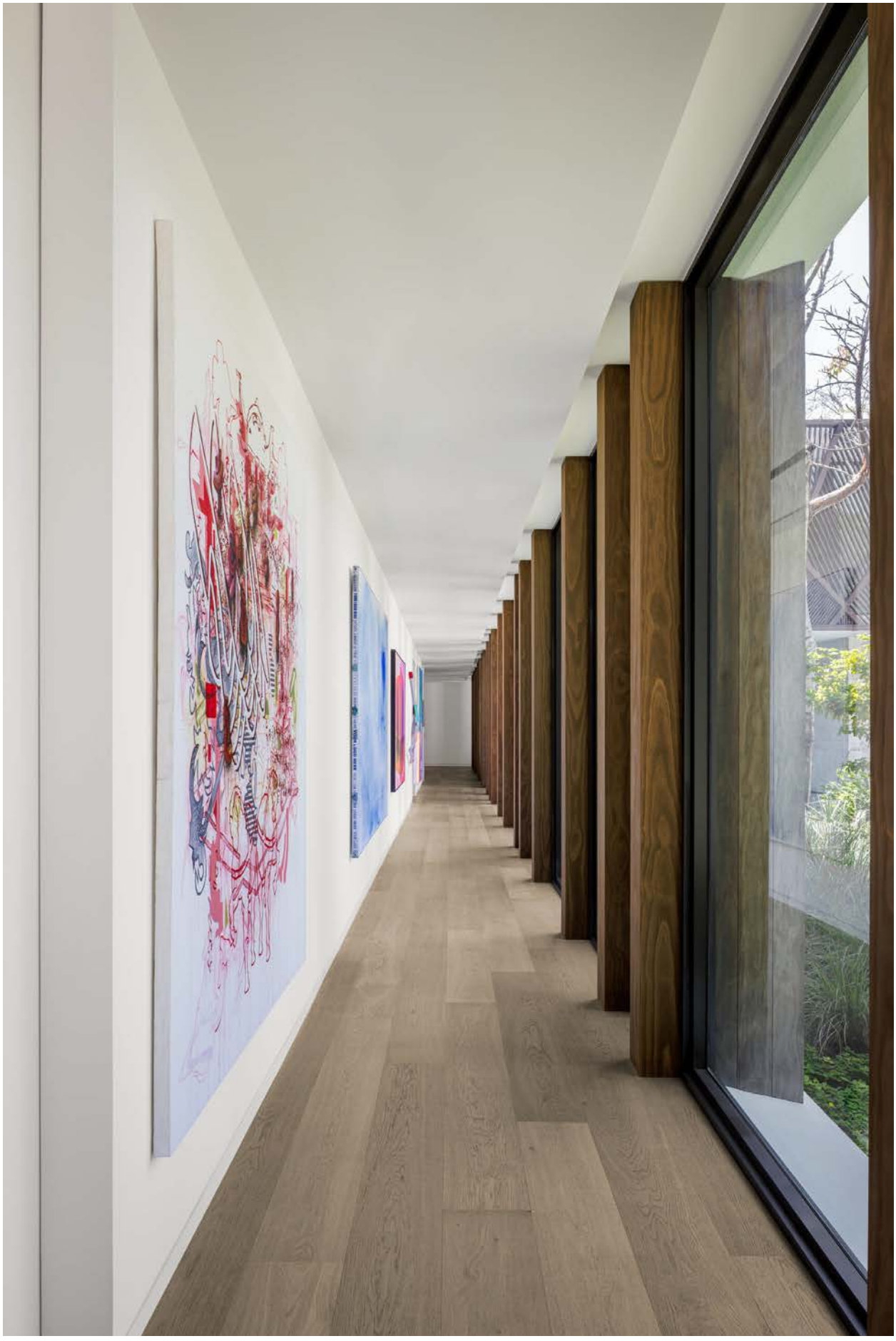

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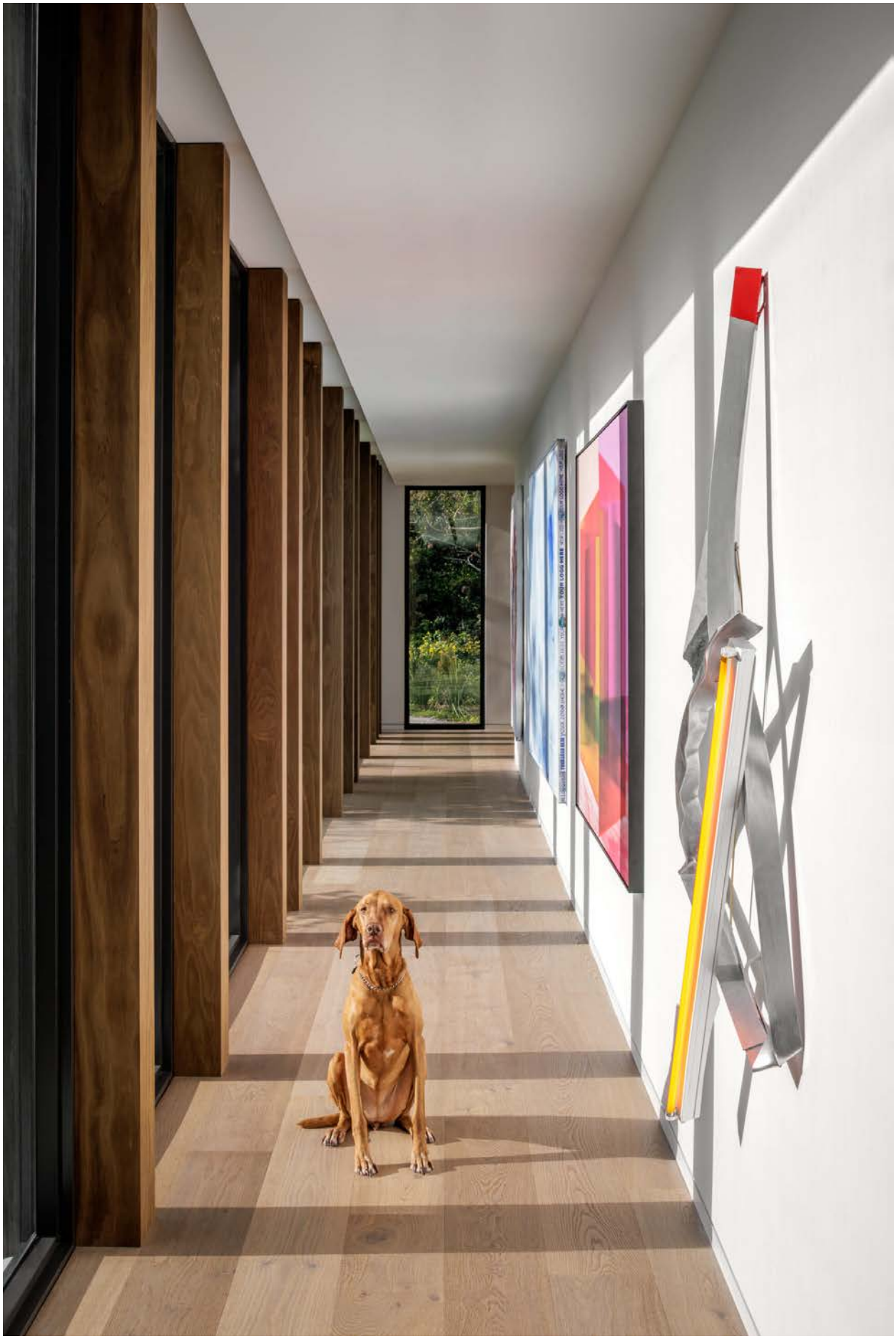

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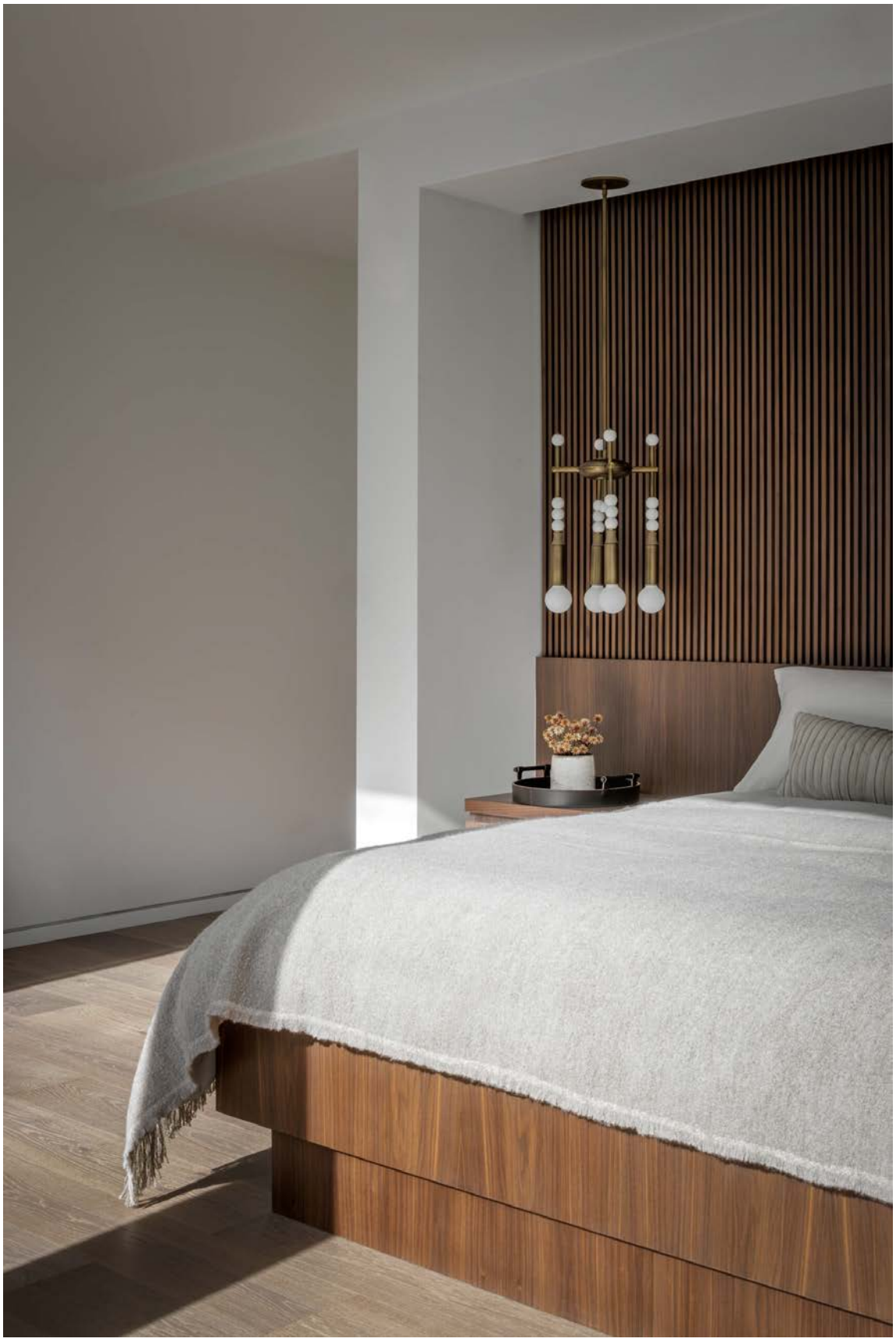
The bedroom feels calm and simple, with warm wood and soft neutrals setting a serene tone. A wood slat wall adds subtle texture behind the bed, while white bedding and a woven throw keep the space fresh and inviting.



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The bathroom is calm and restrained, pairing terrazzo with warm wood elements that keep the space grounded and light. A sculptural soaking tub and full height glass shower sit alongside tall windows that pull in garden views, while mirrors and clean surfaces keep the room feeling open and uncluttered.

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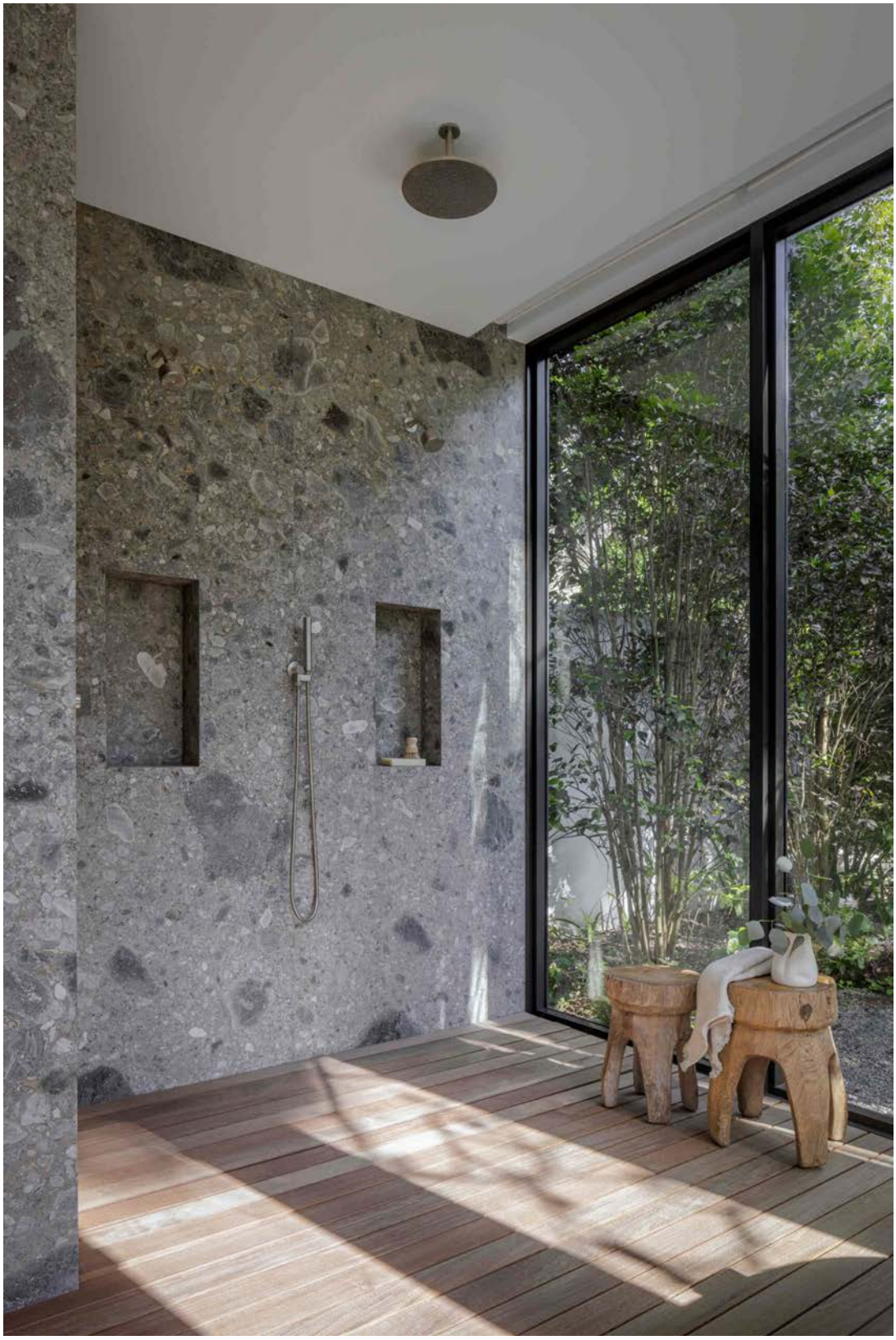

By dividing daily life across two clearly defined levels, this Coconut Grove home offers a measured response to site and climate. STRANG's use of geometry, natural materials, and shaded outdoor space creates a calm balance between structure, landscape, and modern living.

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