

Glass House Mountains Residence

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The Glass House Mountains Residence celebrates its site, perched on the edge of the remnant rim of the Glass House range, as well as the essence of its place – sky and mountains. Translated into a place of ‘glass and stone’ inextricably connected to its landscape, it has qualities of being anchored, robust and earthbound as well as being transparent, light and floating.

Memorable to the experience is the ‘sanctuary’ of the courtyard space, whose edges are defined by ambiguous indoor–outdoor thresholds of the transparent internal spaces, sitting between the refuge

of a monumental basalt ‘garden wall’ and the broader natural volcanic landscape. Engaging with existing topography, orientation, views and vegetation, the house balances economy and fine craft. Surfaces, finishes and details exhibit the Japanese concept of *wabi sabi* – the beauty of things imperfect, impermanent and incomplete, allowed to weather and evolve with time.

Sustainability starts with natural cooling and lighting, harnessing available breezes and winter sun, using locally sourced hardwood, plantation-grown plywood

cladding and lining, recycled Blackbutt timber floors, local quarry rock and endemic garden species.

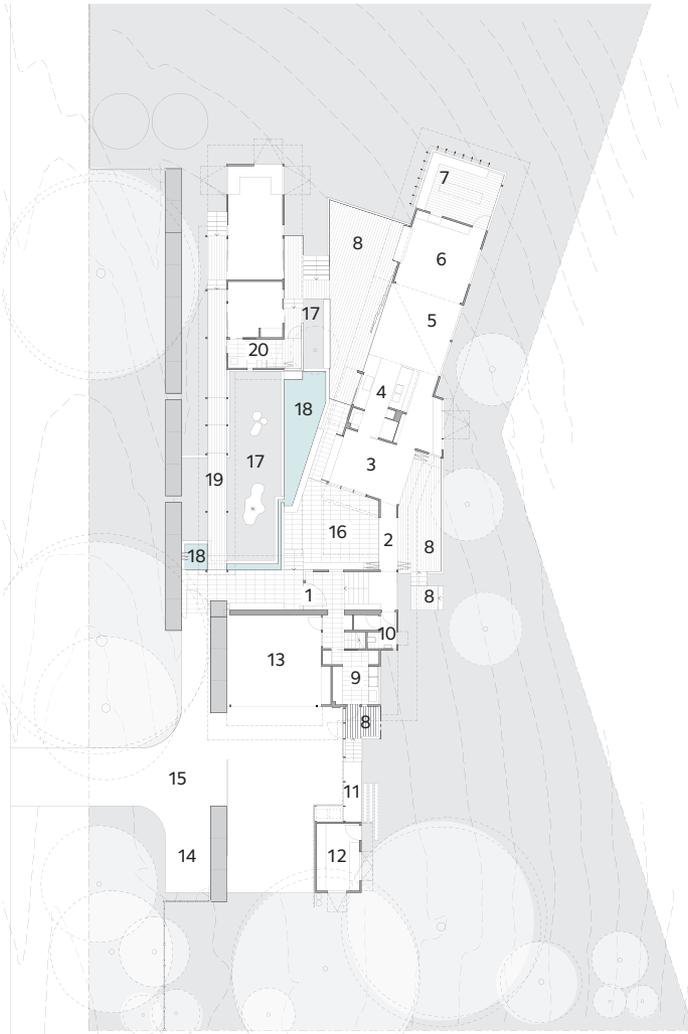
The house is separated into distinct spatial zones; and the feeling of pavilions connected around the edges of the courtyard creates the loosely connected village feel of a mountain lodge. Essential to the character of site is the landscape architecture, particularly the embued Gabion stone wall, which evolved into a personally placed element by the stonemason, and the crafted timber joinery.

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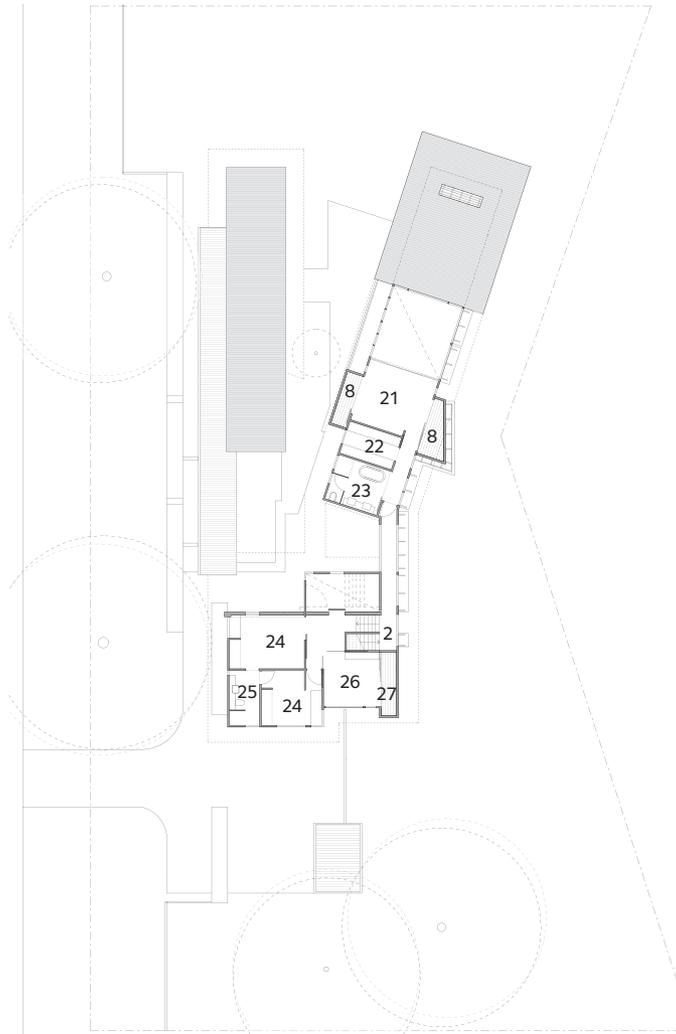








Ground floor



First floor

- 1 Entry
- 2 Hall
- 3 Dining area
- 4 Kitchen
- 5 Living area
- 6 Lounge
- 7 Covered deck
- 8 Deck
- 9 Laundry/utility room
- 10 Powder room
- 11 Drying area
- 12 Workshop
- 13 Carport
- 14 Visitor parking
- 15 Driveway
- 16 Covered terrace
- 17 Garden
- 18 Pond
- 19 Covered walkway
- 20 Bathroom
- 21 Master bedroom
- 22 Walk-in wardrobe
- 23 Master ensuite
- 24 Bedroom
- 25 Ensuite
- 26 Media lounge
- 27 Balcony

