

XTEN Architecture

CASE STUDY 2.0
REBUILDING LOS ANGELES



COMPANY / FIRM SUMMARY



Approach

XTEN Architecture is an award-winning international architecture firm based in Los Angeles, California and Sissach, Switzerland specializing in custom residential, cultural and commercial buildings. The full-service firm is led by President and Founding Partner, Monika Haefelfinger and Principal, Scott Utterstrom. Founded in 2000 by Monika and the late Austin Kelly (1966-2015), XTEN approaches architecture with Swiss precision and rigor along with the progressive and experimental spirit of Los Angeles.

Through thoughtful design analysis, our architects distill the parameters of site and project brief into meticulously structured plans that are then developed into distinct sculptural forms. Interior and exterior spaces flow seamlessly, creating a strong connection to the landscape and the buildings' immediate environment. Our designs are developed using innovative and refined materials implemented at the highest level of craftsmanship; we design with the ideology that advanced structural strategies and sustainable technologies are key in creating buildings for the future.

XTEN Architecture has received numerous architectural awards from American Institute of Architects, the Chicago Athenaeum/ European Centre for Architecture, the National AIA Housing Award, the IV Miami+Design Bienal Architecture Award, the Los Angeles Architecture Award, the Bloomberg Luxury Property Award among others.

The work of XTEN Architecture has been published extensively appearing on the covers of Architectural Record, Architectural Digest, Elle Décor, Architektur & Wohnen and across top-tier media outlets including but not limited The New York Times, Wallpaper, Interior Design, FORM, Interni and AD Mexico.

Monika Haefelfinger, President

Born in Basel, Switzerland, Monika Haefelfinger's interest in art and design deepened during an apprenticeship with her father's architecture firm in Sissach, Switzerland. Shortly after, she moved to Los Angeles to attend the University of Southern California, and graduated with a Bachelor of Architecture Degree and Robert Allen Rogaff Award in 1992; two years later, she completed her Master of Science Degree in Advanced Architectural Design from Columbia University. Following her studies, she worked for Basel architectural office Herzog and de Meuron in Basel, Switzerland, and played a key role in the building several award-winning buildings including the Institute for Hospital Pharmaceuticals Rossettireal in Basel, Switzerland. Monika returned to the US to work for DMJM/ Keating on notable high-rise building projects in Asia before establishing her own design studio. In 2000, XTEN Architecture was born in partnership with her partner and late husband Austin Kelly. Monika Haefelfinger currently lives in Los Angeles where she leads the firm with XTEN Principal, Scott Utterstrom.

Scott Utterstrom, Principal

Scott Utterstrom joined XTEN Architecture in 2007 and has since played key a role the firm's many award-winning projects. Born and raised in Portland, Oregon, Scott graduated with a Bachelor of Architecture from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo in 2003. During this time, he spent a year abroad studying architecture in Copenhagen, Denmark. From 2003 through 2006, Scott worked in the Los Angeles office of AGPS Architecture to support the firm in building nationally recognized projects including the Portland Aerial Tram. In 2006, he received a fellowship to attend the University of California, Los Angeles Graduate School of Architecture and Urban Design and finished one year later with a Master of Architecture. In 2015, he was named Principal at XTEN. Scott Utterstrom currently lives in Los Angeles where he leads XTEN with Founding Partner and President, Monika Haefelfinger.



PROJECT NARRATIVE



Project Information:

Lot Area: 6,500 sf (50' x 130')

Building Area: 3,095 sf

- 2,525 sf Single Family Dwelling
- 570 sf Additional Dwelling Unit (ADU)

Project Description:

X1.5 is a cost-effective prototype available to homeowners looking to rebuild their homes that were lost in the recent fires. The design is guided by an efficient open plan layout while providing a resilient and sustainable housing model for high fire severity zones.

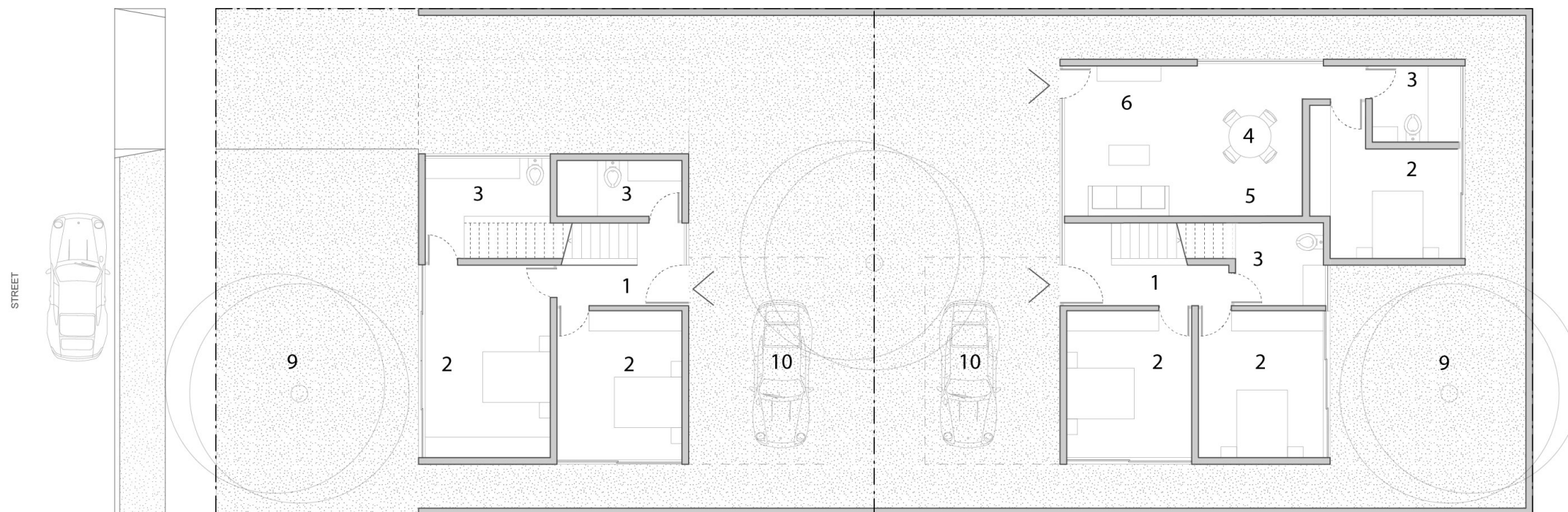
X1.5 is expressed as two offset stacking volumes, breaking down the overall massing of the home. The compact plan accommodates a generous garden allowing the living at the lower level to completely open to the outdoors, creating a seamless connection between the indoor and outdoor living spaces. The upper volume contains the bedrooms which enjoy vaulted ceilings culminating in a large clerestory window in the primary suite.

X1.5 provides an optional Pool and ADU either creating a discreet rental unit/granny flat or a flexible space to accommodate additional program needs for the family.

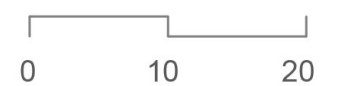


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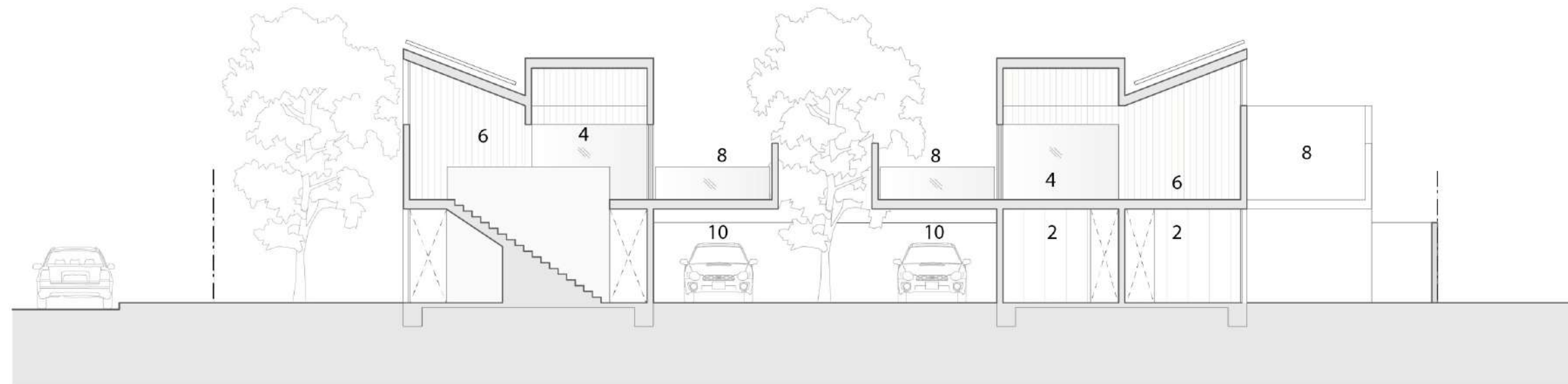
UPPER LEVEL PLAN



GROUND LEVEL PLAN

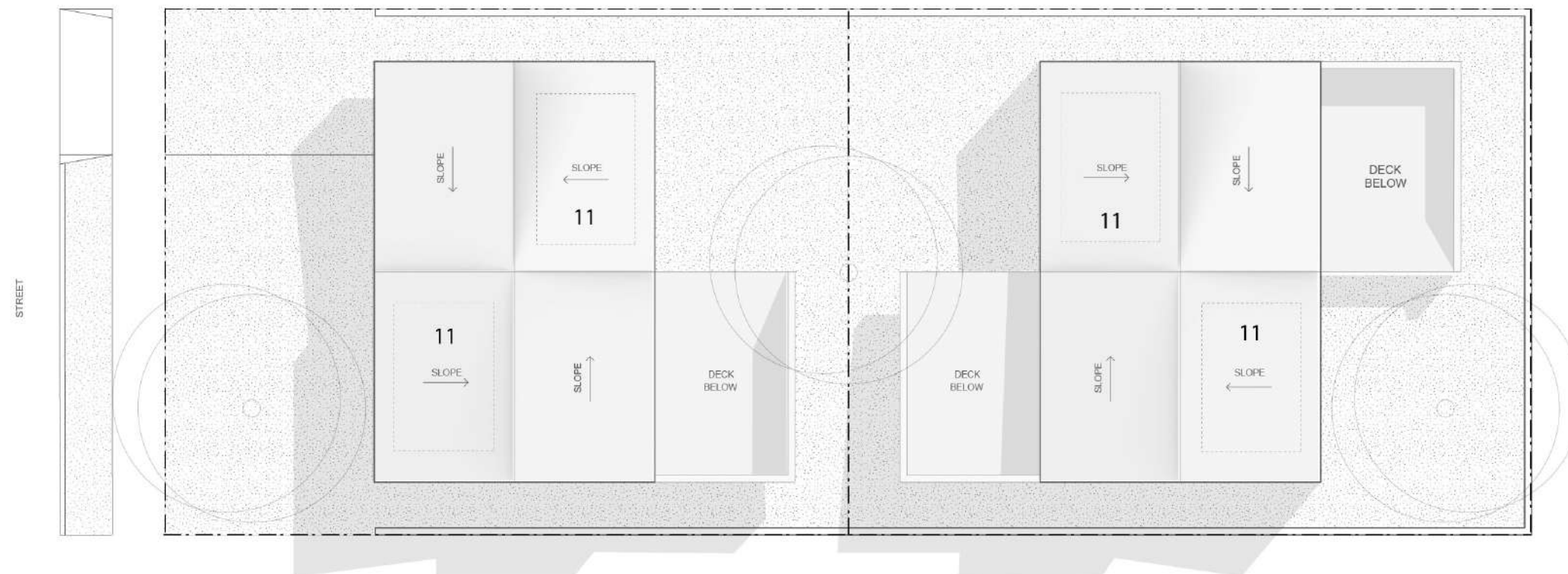


SECTION & ROOF PLAN



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SITE SECTION



SITE PLAN

