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Casa Lino Gaspar [Lino Gaspar House]

Portugal

Rua Paulo da Gama 3
Lisboa 2760-107 Oeiras (Caxias)

Commission

1954

Completion

1955

Original name

Casa Lino Gaspar [Lino Gaspar House]

Original use

Housing/house

Current use

Housing/house

Architects

João Andresen

Concrete by reinforcement

Reinforced concrete

Construction method

Cast-in-place concrete, in-situ concrete, Precast concrete, precast element

Architectural concrete

Colored concrete

Structural types

One-dimensional/concrete frame

Description

The privileged location of this detached house with respect to the landscape, with views towards the mouth of the Tagus River, was a determining factor in the decisions regarding its layout and its relationship to the surroundings. Located on a plot with a gentle slope, its broad terraces, elevated above the sloping terrain, extend the house out towards the landscape. The roofs also stretch beyond the edges of the house, breaking up into a series of pergolas that incorporate nearby trees, blending the house into the garden and the landscape. The roofs and terraces, with an independent layout in plan, take on a strong presence due to the treatment of their perimeters, with sharp white concrete edges, outlining the space of the house between the topography and the sky. The combination of the expressiveness of exposed concrete and the ceramic materials from the Portuguese tradition – including bricks, lattices and tiles – recalls some of Le Corbusier's residential buildings, like the Maisons Jaoul.

The design process for the house benefited from the close relationship between client and designer, who were both cultured and well-educated men. As a result, the house drew inspiration from the most avant-garde theories and ideas of the moment. With respect to the interior layout, the architect opted for a modular structure and a clear separation between functions, influenced by the architecture of Marcel Breuer.

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