LAUTARO HOUSE

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The imaginary behind the house with pitched roof, fence and front yard – current in Chilean intermediate cities – is completely disrupted through this remodeling. By transforming the original tiles (rain protection) into the masonry of the wall that replaces the gate (privacy protection), the project suggests a new domestic imaginary: an open, bright interior along a blind enclosing wall facing the neighbors and the street.

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Buildings not only convey their physical characteristics, but also symbolic values attributable to experiences and memories, including what we imagine and what we know. In the case of a house, the bond between the user and the building represents a relationship that gains in symbolic value with everyday use.

This small house reform explores its user's connection with the built environment, the meaningful link between materials and its attachment to memories. Therefore, preserving a certain state of affairs would become a disguised way of keeping hopes already dashed by reality, to the detriment of any possibility of improvement. Through architecture, the intention is to give the house a new order, allowing memory and its daily presence to express in a subtle, less concrete way.

The project's first step is clearance: the decision of establishing what remains and what is removed. This seeks to preserve the original structural matrix (double band) and, in turn, reusing certain materials that connect with preexistences as, for example, some wooden decorations or the old roof tiles as masonry for the façade.

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Ubicación / Location

Lautaro 860, Linares, Chile

Cliente / Client

Particular

Ingeniería estructural / Structural engineering

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Instalación eléctrica / Electrical system

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Sistema constructivo / Construction system

Estructura metálica / Metal structure

Materialidad de terminaciones interiores y exteriores / Interior and exterior finishing materials

Planchas de acero decapado, placas de terciado, tejas reutilizadas / Steel plates, plywood boards, reused tiles

Superficie construida / Built area

104 m²

Superficie terreno / Site surface

160 m²

Año de proyecto / Project year

2014

Año de construcción / Construction year

2015

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Casa original / Former house

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Elevación poniente / West elevation
E. / S. 1:125

Corte AA / AA Section
E. / S. 1:125

Corte BB / BB Section
E. / S. 1:125

Planta primer piso / Ground floor plan
E. / S. 1:125

Planta segundo piso / First floor plan
E. / S. 1:125

LEYENDA / LEGEND

1. Acceso / Entrance	6. Cocina / Kitchen
2. Sala de estar / Living room	7. Lucernario / Skylight
3. Comedor / Dining room	8. Clóset / Closet
4. Baño / Bathroom	9. Dormitorio principal / Main bedroom
5. Logia / Utility room	10. Dormitorio / Bedroom

In addition, the slanting volume supported by the original structure together with a storage volume magnify the house's interior void, providing fresh air and new light. A long window at the top of the volume allows indirect southern light sky to slide through the curved ceiling formed by the structure's inverted trusses, integrating a previously missing element: the sky. **ARQ**