



Tropical Modern House - North Addition

Parque La Fevre, Panamá 2007

The project is a substantial addition to a classic tropical modern house designed by Guillermo Trujillo in 1963. Trujillo is considered to be among Panamá's most significant modern painters. In addition to his art, he produced design for a few buildings which are superb examples of Latin critical regionalism. The house was built for elegant tropical living. Its hilltop siting provides effective cross ventilation and views to both the cordillera and Pacific Ocean. OPA developed several design iterations for additions to the house which defer to Trujillo's aesthetic and site organization.

Additions include a new kitchen, indoor and outdoor entertainment areas including a pool, creative studio and additional bedrooms, service and garage space. The new spaces are climate controlled, while the original spaces maintain the capacity for natural ventilation. The additions maintain and update the features of tropical modernism--adapted so ably to the Panamanian environment by the original designer--by including sustainable features such as shading overhangs, cisterns, and solar energy production.

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