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The client wanted an extensive renovation to accommodate the needs of an expanding family that required both proximity and privacy. Demolishing the structure to begin afresh was ruled out since local byelaws stipulated that any new building on the site would need to accommodate a parking floor, which would detract from the sense of a single family home and make the structure appear like a series of stacked apartments. The existing 2½ storey building was therefore completely rebuilt from the inside out, with only the exterior walls retained as part of the building footprint.

An additional staircase and lift core was inserted at the rear corner of the building, mimicking the staff annexe towards the main driveway, providing additional access to each floor. The ground floor was completely gutted, including removing the 40yr old load bearing walls. These were replaced by a complex system of structural steel that now holds up the building. This enabled the ground floor to be completely transparent to the exterior and this is reflected in the flooring - a single material extends from within the building to the edge of the site, expanding the view from within, blurring the boundaries between the interior and exterior space.



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