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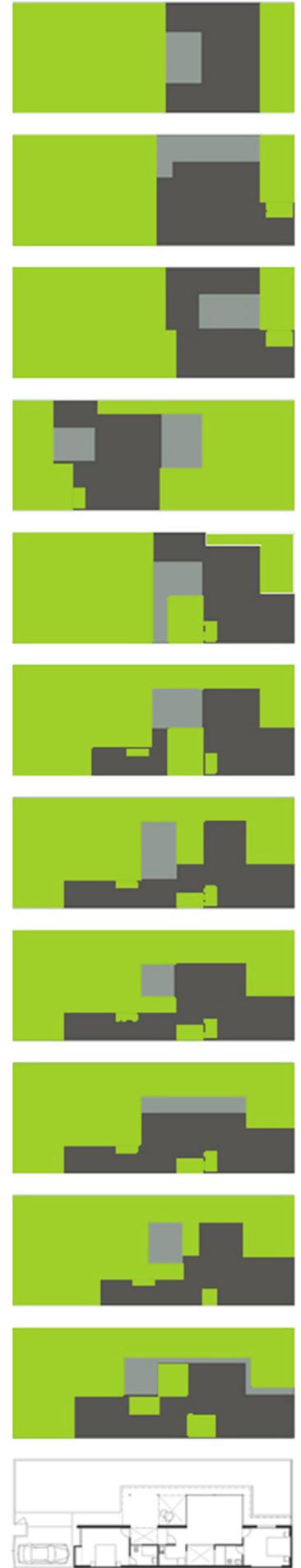


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The brief for a client, also an architect was to create a weekend pavilion on a piece of land purchased primarily as an investment. A tight budget of Rs. 5 lakhs was defined for construction, with no constraint in the design process.

Undertaken as a research project to introspect contemporary architectural design for a residence, the building was conceived around first principles of climate, simplicity of materials and construction, with an innovative take on what a modern spatial configuration for a home should be. The plan was organized around 3 basic spaces - the requirement for a large garden, a minimal amount of enclosed area to function as a weekend home, and most importantly, the space that served as the transition between the first two. The transition space was envisaged as a large, shaded extension of the living space that would make it eminently usable, when the weather was not too harsh.

The resulting parti is that of a thin, linear block on the party wall that accommodates the enclosed spaces. A projecting slab on a series of thin, almost invisible, supports defines the four living areas - completely open, a roof with no walls, walls with no roof, a roof enclosed with glass. These four spaces will allow for usability in all of Delhi's weather moods. The flooring is Kota, the walls are in brick, and the 2 concrete slabs define the horizontals - the lower one acting as both the foundation and the floor.

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