VILLA VALS, Holiday home
Vals, Switzerland 2005-2009

Shouldn’t it be possible to conceal a house in an Alpine slope while still exploiting the wonderful views and allowing light to enter the building?

Surprised that it was permissible to construct a pair of dwellings so close to the world famous thermal baths of Vals, the client seized the opportunity to develop the site, without disturbing the bath's expansive views. The introduction of a central patio into the steep incline creates a large façade with considerable potential for window openings. The viewing angle from the building is slightly inclined, giving an even more dramatic view of the strikingly beautiful mountains on the opposite side of the narrow valley.
The surrounding landscape is virtually untouched since the entrance is via an old Graubündner barn and an underground tunnel.
ground floor
The compact setup of the bedrooms upstairs creates unexpected spatial effects with bunk beds, elevated bathrooms and raised podiums with king-size beds.
first floor
second floor