

# U125 by Archetonic

Area: 6,501 sq ft  
Location: Lomas de Chapultepec, CDMX

As architects, we are inspired to make the most of the pre-existing infrastructure of our city. This led us to design U125, which recycles a house located in Lomas de Chapultepec and was originally built in the 50s.

We saw the potential of this building and had the vision to convert it into our firm's headquarters; we preserved the house, giving it added value and a cutting-edge look.

The house that originally contained 300 sqm in 3 levels was intervened, transformed and extended. Today it hosts an office program with 604 sqm in 4 levels plus a terrace.

To consider the heritage value of the house was the guideline for our design process. We respected the proportions, openings, access and volume preserving its original essence, achieving harmony between the pre-existing space and our intervention.

Three metal-plate roofs refer to the proportions of the house below, and a metal mesh, tensioned between these roofs, give the building its discrete, clean and elegant look, while at night time, the lighting reveals its more complex characteristic—its history.

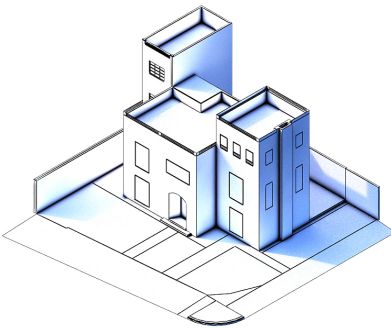
Inside, at every level, we selected different pieces of art concerned with the fact that we wanted our work space to exhibit the talent of several artists, specifically Mexican.

In the first level and upper levels we created terraces for the coexistence and recreation of our team. These spaces are used daily to eat, live and work in open spaces overlooking the city.



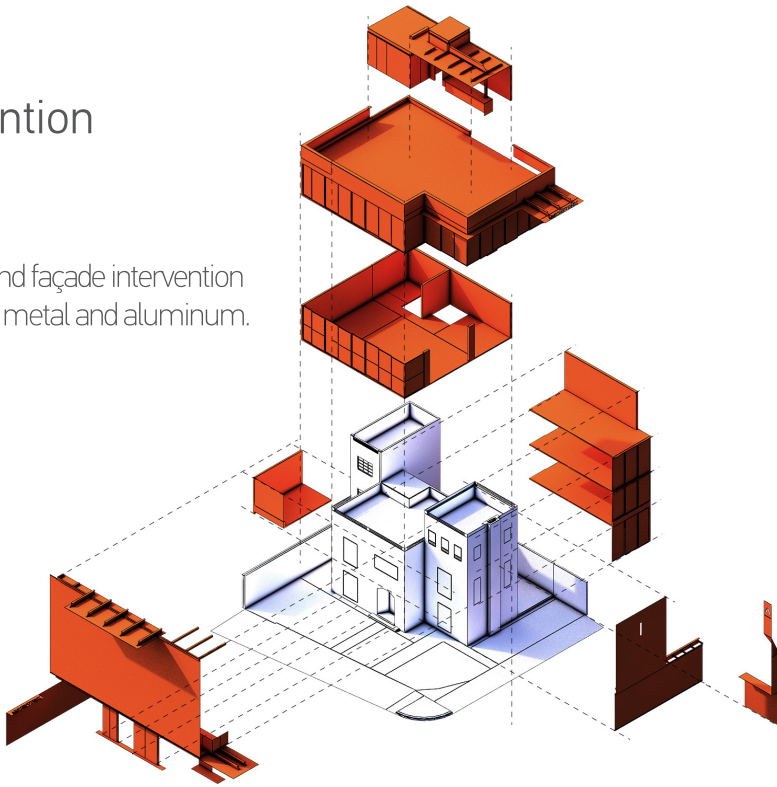
## 1. Pre-existing Construction:

3 level/350sqm pre-existing house built in the 50 's.



## 2. Intervention Project:

Level addition and façade intervention mostly in glass, metal and aluminum.



## 3. Final Product:

4 level/604sqm office building.

