

TREE HOUSE

Single Family Residence



About the project: Located in Austin, Texas.

From the beginning design was to incorporate a giant pecan tree that was situated in the middle of the property. Other geographical restraints required for us to divide the project into two halves. The first part of the house was at street level and the other began at the bottom and back of the property so we literally bridged the two ends and created the core of the residence, which is the center of the tree.

East Austin began to be gentrified a couple of years before the design of the tree house began, and so the program was to create a comfortable home, with modern aesthetics and requirements. So the challenge was to do a custom residence that would blend with the scale of the vernacular, and so we created a low profile hundred foot ramp-roof that followed the slope of the hill, so as to be inconspicuous in a neighborhood whose houses were an average of a thousand sqft.

Green construction and new light gauge steel construction building systems were used in the building of this house. making it - at the time, one of the only projects of its kind in Austin.

Credits: Architecture - JAIR and Alan Gonzalez with Sago International Corp.
Development - Sago International Corp.
Landscape - Florabundi, Austin Texas
Hardware & Furniture - JAIR