

CHARCOAL HOUSE

EAST YORK
TORONTO
CANADA



Project Credits

Client: Private
Program: Residential, Single Family Dwelling
Location: East York, Toronto, Canada

Structure: Wood Framing
Lot Area: 302.44 m² (24' x 125')
Size (GFA): 191 m² (2100 sqft)

Design: 2009
Completion: Summer 2010

Architects: Atelier RZLBD / Reza Aliabadi
Construction: Maxamin Homes
Architectural Photography: Borzu Talaie

Charcoal House is deceptively presenting a raucous box. The randomly patterned square windows on its façade and the hidden entrance door at the corner of the building are elements that not only make it difficult to associate the building with a single family house, but they also trick the eye to an extent where the scale of the house is distorted and one might not be able to guess the number of floors inside. Although the monolithic façade, the black brick cladding, states an asperous architecture, the airy spaces within the black box reveals the true identity of its functional spaces. The house resembles a coconut which is dark and hard on the outside, white and delicious on the inside.