

OPPOSITE HOUSE

CLIFFCREST AREA
SCARBOROUGH BLUFFS
CANADA

Project Credits

Client: Private
Program: Residential, Single Family Dwelling
Location: Cliffcrest, Scarborough, Canada

Structure: Steel & Wood Framing
Lot Area: 1.093 ha.
Size (GFA): 596 m² (6415 sqft)

Design: 2014-2015
Completion: Summer 2016

Architects: Atelier RZLBD / Reza Aliabadi
Interior design: Julia Francisco
Structure: Egbert Engineering
Mechanical: McCallum Consulting
Septic: Gunnell Engineering
Construction: Caledon Building & Design
Architectural Photography: Borzu Talaie



The Opposite House is a spacious live-work space for a young professional couple, designed with a possibility of a growing family in mind. Despite its massive size (146-feet long, as long as an Airbus A321) it feels quite human in scale. Both outside and in, the Opposite House is at once familiar yet different, spectacular yet comfortable, private as well as public – presenting a study in subtly rendered juxtapositions. It emerges lightly from the ground, becoming part of the undisturbed landscape. The structure’s conceptual formation and the program are centred around the dynamic interplay of the opposites: the contrast between the north (servant) and the south (served), rendered in black/white, textured/smooth, closed/open, opaque/transparent, and shadow/light.