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The Alsop House

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The Alsop house occupies a little island on the western edge of the Lower Mill Estate.

Its main body - a timber-clad arch structure - is mirrored in a fully glazed winter garden to the south, which, with its open end, acts as connecting element between inside and outside.

You enter the building on the north side. A double height sculptural freestanding concrete structure separates the entrance and reception area visually from the otherwise open plan ground floor. It accommodates a WC and cloakroom, a utility (and 'flower arranging') room, a larder and a walk-in fridge. This way it also becomes an integral part of the kitchen. On the upper level it houses the en suite and main bathroom.

The one-lane swimming pool alongside the eastern façade of both the main body and the winter garden is separated by a full height glass screen and therefore remains a visual focus throughout the house.

The three individual bedroom pods are suspended from the main structure and thereby appear to be hovering above the living spaces. A gallery running along the glass screen on the upper level allows access to the bedrooms as well as to the main bathroom.

On ground level the part of the floor hosting the living areas (dining/playing/reading) is constructed in a way that allows it to slide out entirely into the winter garden or even beyond that - out onto the lake in a pier like manner. By doing so the living space becomes a fully furnished outside space.







