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PROJECT TICINO HOUSE, SWITZERLAND ARCHITECT DAVIDE MACULLO ARCHITECTS

A simple square plan defines the main living areas of this hillside house, which is pierced on each side by the landscape to form protected courts, breaking up the building into small monolithic volumes. This grouping reflects a cluster of typical rural structures that once stood on the site and the new house follows the footprint of the original building. The cave-like entry below is sheltered by the landscape, with service spaces set into the hillside. A modular, formal arrangement of copper mesh panels protects the timber envelope and screens large areas of glazing. Other building elements are clad in copper sheet as part of a restrained palette of sustainable materials.

The judges were impressed by this sensitive design, responding to its beautiful rural setting and making the most of a sunny hillside and outstanding views. A sensible plan-form is broken up to suit the scale of other buildings in the valley.

This is an excellent example of copper used in different ways to 'wrap' the house and the screens will animate the building as they are moved in different light conditions.

