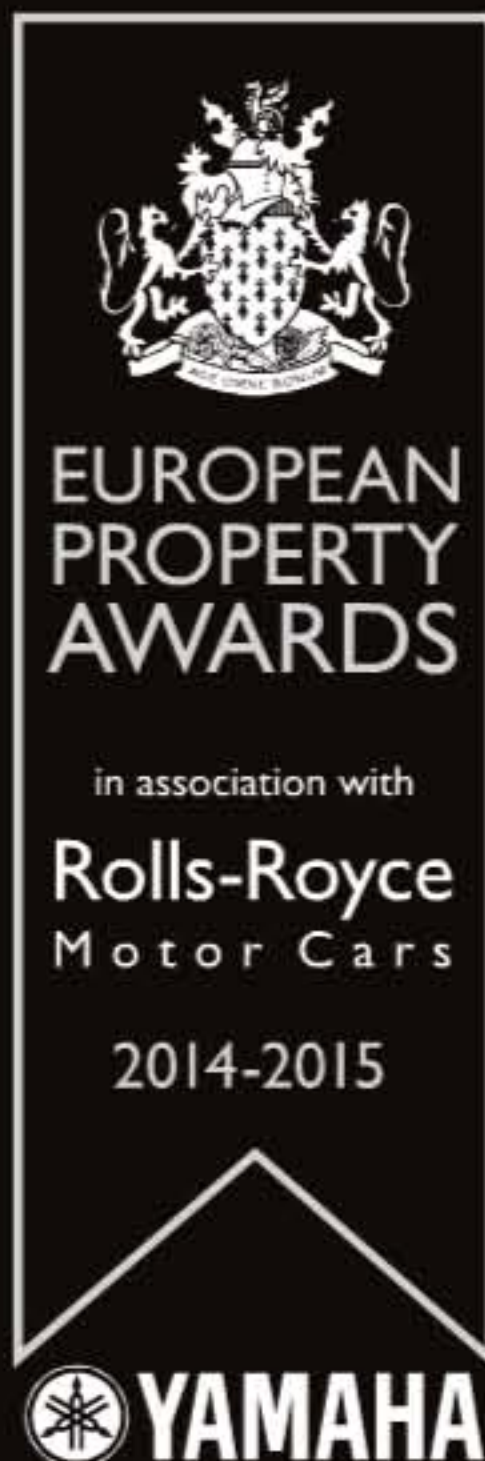


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The Split House
by Roula Kotsilati Architecture

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Founded in 2004, Roula Kotsilati Architecture is an award winning architecture firm with international distinctions of identity projects such as residences, offices, industrial buildings and commercial spaces. The practice focuses at the innovation of form with highly crafted designs and specific emphasis in sustainable architecture.

The Split House on Chios Island, Greece is a spectacular, five-bedroom vacation home specially designed for a couple and their daughter. Their detailed requirements were for a hospitable house close to the beach with privacy so that they could relax, meditate, read and enjoy fabulous sea views with family and friends.

The clients were delighted with Roula Kotsilati's concept of designing the

house as a journey through a medieval village, as those still seen on Chios Island. It was to convey a mystic, fairytale-like atmosphere through a unique type of Greek architecture. Interpreting this historical typology, the house combines the four strong elements of a medieval village: the wall, entrance, bridge and central plaza.

The open living room featuring a fireplace and dining area has fabulous panoramic views and connects beautifully to the garden, barbecue and swimming pool. This symbolic and clear separation of the home's different functions and the strong dialogue of the interiors with the existing landscape have combined to bring the family much closer to the island they love so much.

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