

Strata House

LOCATION: NELSON, NEW ZEALAND

Sitting high on a hillside overlooking the city the house embraces the tilted stratum rock on which it is built. Tall elegant spaces have created a living experience that allows you to enjoy the expansive views while maintaining sheltered and private living spaces.

Entry is gained under a canopy braced into the rock face. The double height foyer is visually connected to the internal atrium garden. Red beech floors extend through to the living spaces contained by the atrium garden on one side, and the long pond that extends out to views on the other. Elliptical posts, with feet in the water, frame the view and give reference of scale and containment.

An upper gallery over the atrium gives access to the sleeping quarters. Separate external access takes you to the self contained guest accommodation, a double volume space at the western end of the building.