



SMALL GARDENS

AN ELEGANT, CONTEMPORARY STYLE GARDEN



Project Name: 'Tamed Jungle'
Location: Milan, Italy
Size: 50m²

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Design Concept

Città Studi, East of Milan; in a cottage district of the thirties, with backgardens surrounded by a delimiting gate, it arises a house bought few years ago by a lawyer, who completely renovated it. The result is an elegant, contemporary style house, with two plus. A small terrace, at the first floor, and a garden at ground floor, designed as an intimate space, a 'gentle' urban jungle, with a british backtaste, dedicated to relax and conviviality. Visible beyond the large windows, the garden catches the eye as soon as you cross the home entrance, creating a lush background.

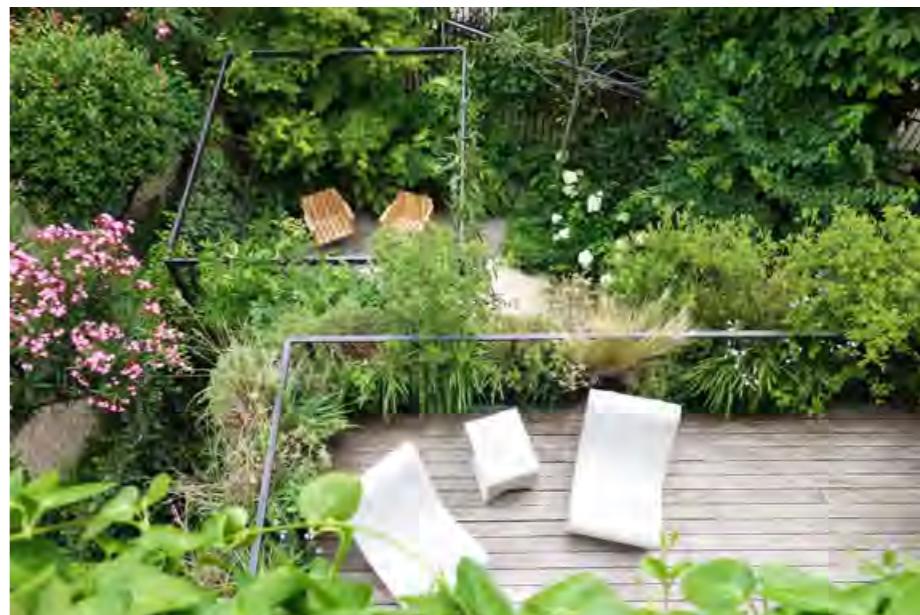
Multiple were the client requests, to be synthesized in a 50 square meters, as a natural interior extension: a dining area, with a BBQ and a sink, a relax area surrounded by plants, finally a bicycle parking place. Some limiting factors to face were the irregular shape of the lot and the presence of an acute angle, a passage for residents along the perimeter and the impossibility to dig the ground in some points.



Plan



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The use of different materials allowed to define functionally multiple small 'rooms', visually linked one to the other: for example, the natural cream colored stone in the dining area, where stands a large table closed to a BBQ and a sink of the same material; instead, the gravel in the living and in the parking area, accessible through a small arbor.

The plant choice arises from the North garden orientation, affecting white flowering, shade lover plants; this color that not only enhances the minimalist elegance of the place, but makes it bright in the evening and at night. Privacy, with respect to the perimetric passage, is guaranteed by evergreen climbers, associated with ferns and Hydrangeas. Acer palmatum 'dissectum' and underwood plants soften the sharp angle, giving rise to an intimate and secluded setting.

Furthermore, a cubic metal structure, delimiting a three-dimensional space, defines the boundaries of the sitting room, with wooden furniture and a bamboo

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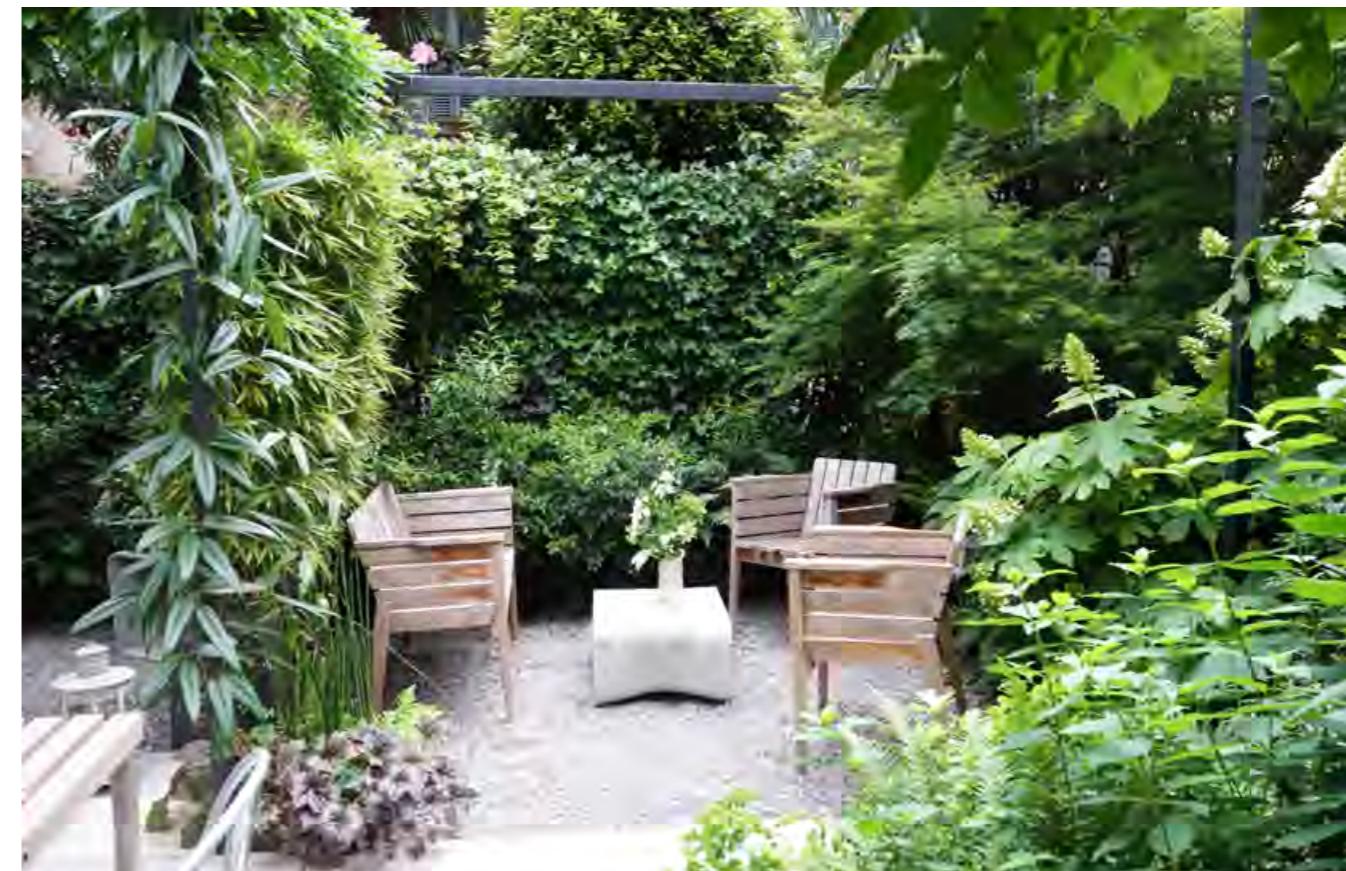


hedge. The color choices give a sense of continuity: in addition to the natural and neutral tones, the anthracite colour links internal elements of the house with both the pergolas and the planters, including those on the first floor terrace.

The latter, thanks to the presence of the sun, host an evergreen Mediterranean vegetation that surrounds a small and elegant space, paved with teak and decorated with minimalist and sophisticated furnishings. The favorable environment surrounding the house, as a small urban green oasis, is exploited by borrowing the trees scattered in the neighboring houses, which become both a screen for privacy and an artifice to generate visual depth.

The project involved also the external facade: in correspondence of each window a planter with drooping plants has been placed, which originate an unusual green curtain of this lush courtyard garden in Milan.

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Plant list

Garden
<i>Polystichum polyblepharum</i>
<i>Gardenia jasminoides radicans</i>
<i>Sarcococca ruscifolia</i>
<i>Anemone 'Honoreine Jobert'</i>
<i>Carex Everest</i>
<i>Euphorbia amygdaloides 'Purpurea'</i>
<i>Epimedium 'Orange Konigin'</i>
<i>Clematis armandii 'Apple Blossom'</i>
<i>Heuchera 'Palace Purple'</i>
<i>Equisetum hyemale</i>
<i>Wisteria longissima Alba</i>
<i>Amelanchier ballerina</i>
<i>Lagstroemia indica 'Muskogee'</i>
<i>Acer jap. dissectum viridis</i>
<i>Hibonobambusa tranquillans 'Shiroshima'</i>
<i>Hydrangea quercifolia 'Pee Wee'</i>
<i>Hydrangea paniculata 'Lime Light'</i>
<i>Phyllostachis aurea</i>
<i>Pittosporum nanum</i>
<i>Trachelospermum jasminoides</i>
<i>Hedera helix hibernica</i>



Terrace

<i>Molinia caerulea Heidebraut</i>
<i>Stipa tenuissima</i>
<i>Rosmarinus officinalis prostratus</i>
<i>Vinca minor alba</i>
<i>Ceratostigma plumbaginoides</i>
<i>Agapanthus Bluestorm</i>
<i>Deutzia gracilis Nikko</i>
<i>Chasmanthium latifolium</i>
<i>Stipa tenuissima</i>
<i>Euphorbia amygdaloides Purpurea</i>
<i>Miscanthus 'Morning Light'</i>
<i>Pittosporo heterophyllum</i>
<i>Nandina domestica</i>
<i>Malus Evereste</i>
<i>Erysium variegatum</i>

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