

Robinson House

Auckland, New Zealand

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This major transformation grew from an original brief that included adding a pool pavilion adjacent to the existing pool. Added to the brief were a transformation of the exterior presentation, reconfiguring the interior spaces, and re-presenting and re-planning the grounds around the house. The main house now features black stained board and batten gabled “sheds” in homage to the rural setting, and to blend more with the natural aspects of the site. Internally the house was completely re-planned and finished giving more appropriate priority to the size and layout of individual spaces.

The new pool pavilion is designed as a roof plane sitting lightly on a stone landscape wall at one end and an oversized steel frame at the other. The stone wall steps and continues around the pool area, containing the space. The pool is centered in the courtyard and appears to have scooped out of the stone. The water level of the pool matches that of the surrounding stone tiles, while the pavilion floor hovers slightly above to provide housing for the pool cover.

The three glazed walls of the pavilion can be completely opened up, allowing maximum flexibility in the usage of the space to suit weather conditions.



