Wrap House

Location: Surrey, UK
Architects: Edgley Design

This project involved the renovation of a 1960s house which had fallen into disrepair. The interior was re-designed, the house was extended and re-insulated, and parts of its exterior were clad with reflective polished 316L stainless steel, contrasted with dark zinc fascias. The resultant design creates a strong connection with the beautiful countryside.

The material selection forms a colourful, shimmering envelope, constantly changes and reflecting the seasonal and daily changing colours and tones of the environment to create a dynamic façade. The material was also selected for its durability and recyclability, with a potential recovery rate of 100%, emphasising the sustainable ethos of the project. Large expanses of glass and a promenading corridor were inserted to the garden elevation to internally improve the connection to the landscape.

The stainless steel clad forms were designed to make optimal use of a standard stainless steel coil width. The vertical strips were intentionally installed with an ‘oil-canning’ effect to prevent mirror-like reflections and to abstract the colours of the landscape. This design feature also considered the long-term maintenance of the building ensuring that accidental damage would not have an adverse impact on the aesthetic of the building.