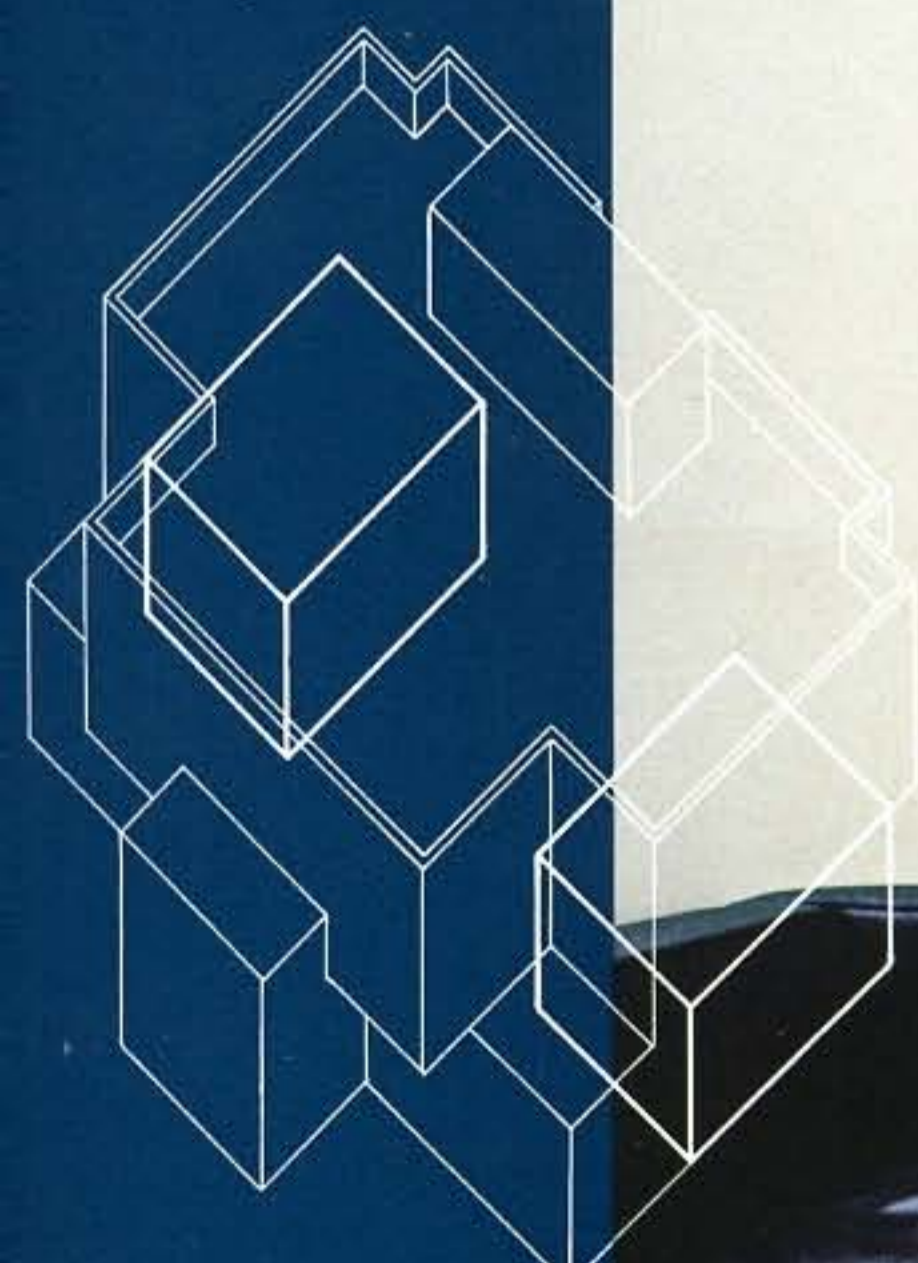# LIVING PLANS

New Concepts for Advanced Housing

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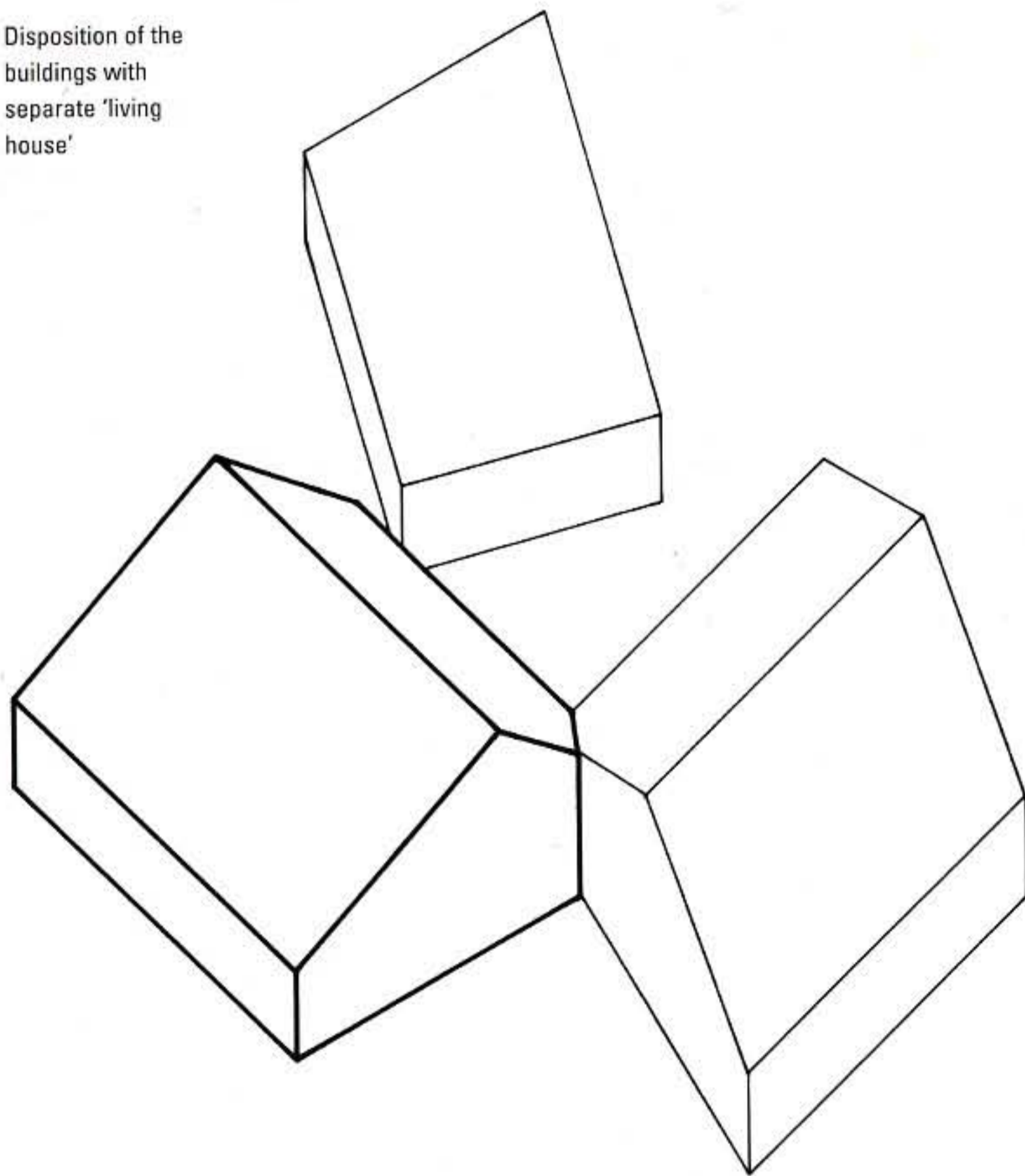
Birkhäuser

View of the buildings
with existing trees
and extensive lawn
plot

Liverani/Molteni

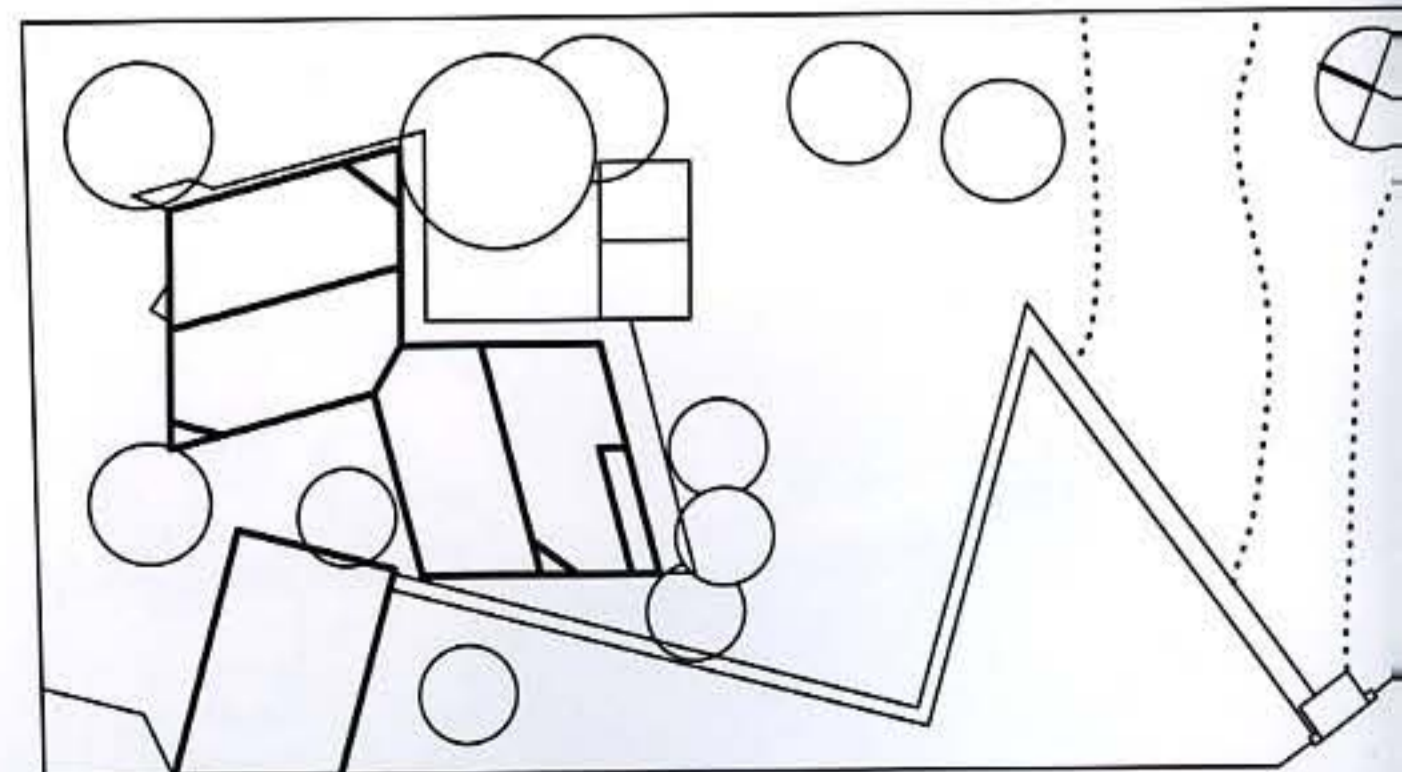## ST House

Home in a rural area of the urban outskirts
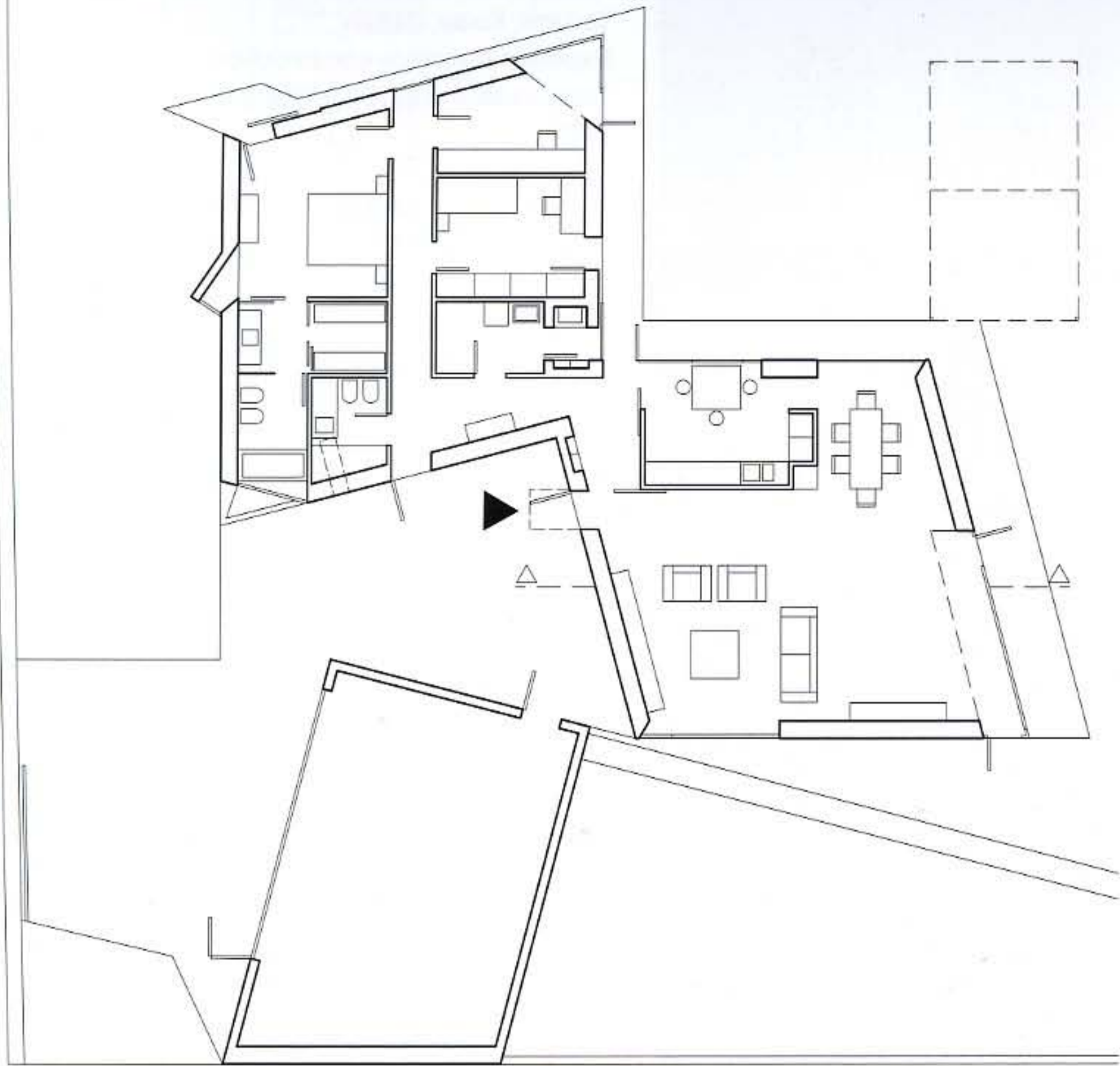Barlassina, Milan, Italy
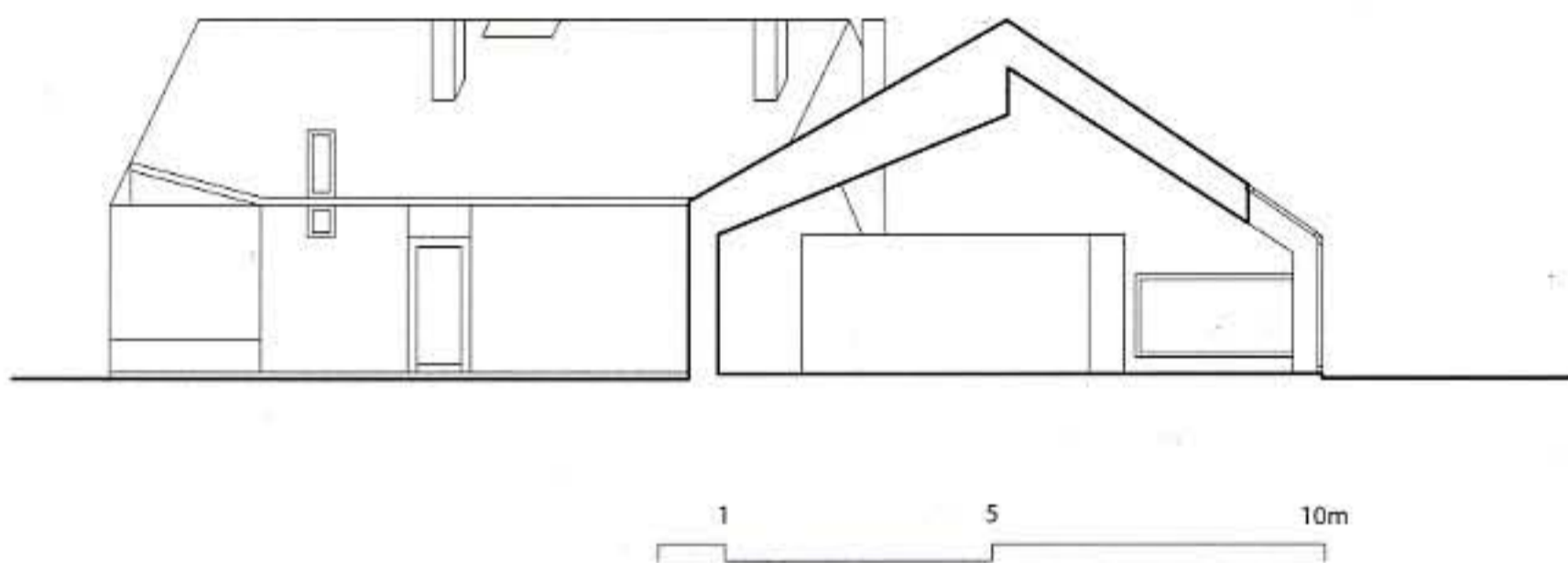Brickwork and brick cladding
Total usable space: 235 sq. m.
2003

Here the rural and suburban area on the outskirts of Milan co
mainly of well-spaced family homes with lavish plots. The arc
opted for the classical-archaic type: a relatively shallowly incline
gable-roofed house whose form is reminiscent of anonymou
buildings, like barns. By simply dividing the programme int
halves, living on the one hand and sleeping on the other, two vc
of the same type were created, a 'day house' and a 'night hous
gether with a third garage section they form an ensemble who
position clearly brings rural farmsteads to mind: buildings gr
around an inner courtyard with an existing tree at the access
polygonal contours for the buildings, 'rhomboids' in this examp
sections running together at their corners as the only conr
between the function areas. These measures aesthetically en
in fact declare as an architectural motif, a form and combina
rural domestic buildings that is mainly justified in terms of fun
A courtyard at the back, framed by two old trees and a pergola
rates part of the garden from the rest of the green lawn. The
ty of the formal concept lies in a skilful blending of polygor
orthogonal forms that avoids the impression of random assoc
Courtyard outlines and the simple internal structure of the h
form right angles, with outlines and the roof joints of the ridg
rooms contrasting with this in a lively composition. Genius loc
consistent aesthetic concept produce an impressive spatial str
crowned by the 'barn' as a generous living hall.

Disposition of the
buildings with
separate 'living
house'

Position of the
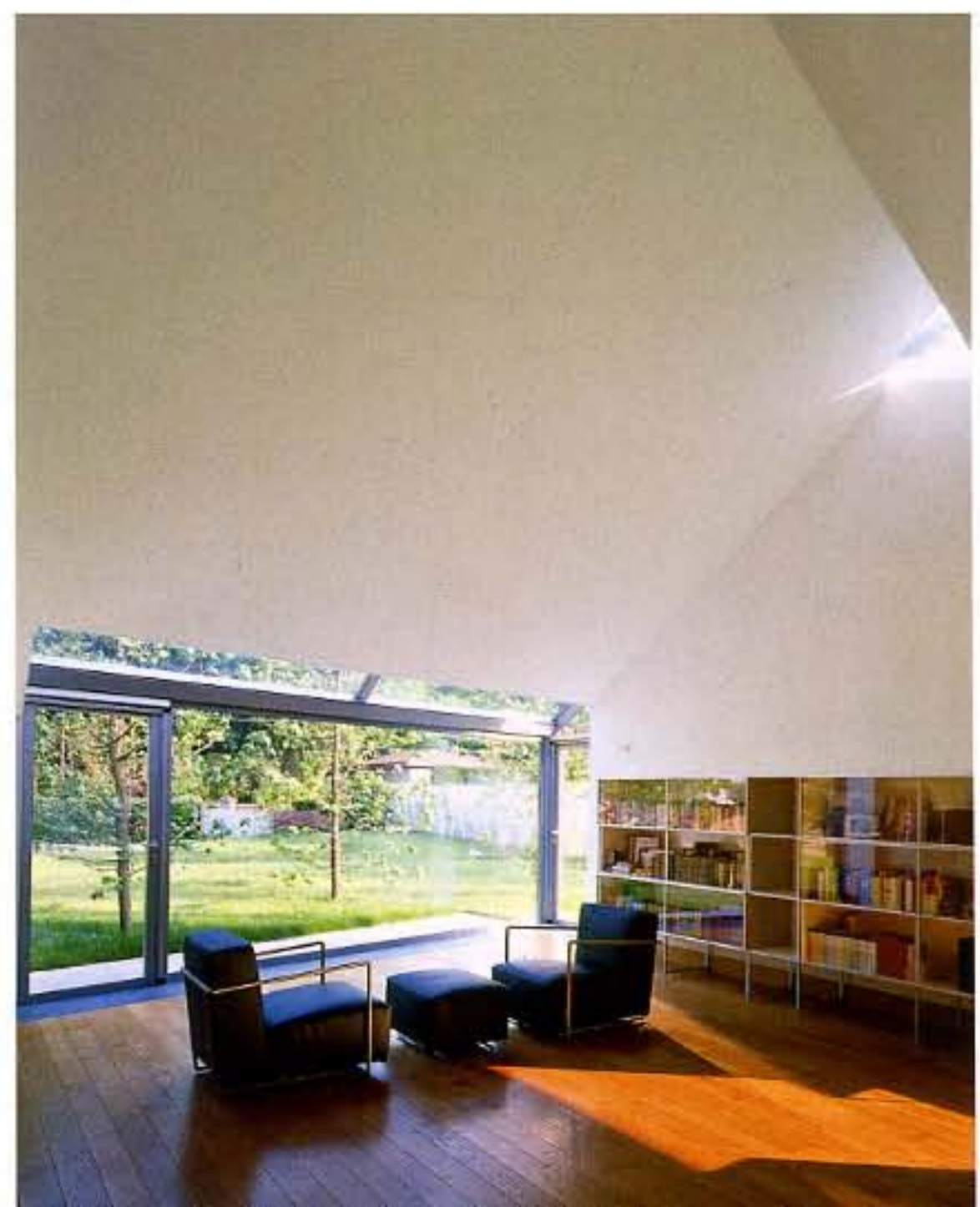house on the plot
with separate

'Day house' with
living, cooking and
dining area and
'night house' with
bedroom and bath-
room area

Section through the
'day house' with
ridge-high room

1   5   10m

urtyard
zone

Living room

CLASSICAL LIVING   Village