

A Future-Proof Home for Flexible Lifestyles

SIZE 30 m² (323 ft²) ▽ 1-2 residents



BEIJING, CHINA ◊ Located in Baitasi, this reconstructed traditional wooden “hutong” house has been reworked to become what its creators, *Dot Architects*, call the “House of the Future.” The experimental project was completed for a tech company specializing in smart homes and was designed to cater for the future lifestyles of young people.

Cohabiting and flexible living were the inspirations behind the concept, which features a 30 m² (323 ft²) layout that can shift from a three-bedroom home to an open-plan office. The key to this is a series of movable modules, all controlled by smart television—which also operates the lighting, window blinds, and other home appliances. “Technology should serve people, not the other way around,” say the architects. “Although the House of the Future has many smart devices, we wanted it to be warm and cozy, so all the technology is hidden away.”