



## Minimum space, maximum impact

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An arrestingly simple presence on the streets of Seoul, this exposed concrete monolith is immediately notable because it is extremely narrow. The exterior features a covered entryway that forms an adjoining terrace, and the translucent polycarbonate curtain walls on the side facades add to the dramatic impression created by the street-facing elevation. Inside, the space is just as uncompromising, with surfaces limited almost entirely to concrete and plasterboard. The simple, linear layout proceeds from the ground floor, up past the minimal kitchen, and on to the bedroom and study on the top level.

On a site just 13 feet (4 meters) wide, with a section only 6.5 feet (2 meters) wide available for construction, the possibilities were undoubtedly constrained. In response, the architects focused on light and movement through the site. The incorporation of details like the cutout volumes in the exterior and balcony areas incorporated into the footprint show that human experience can be privileged even in a restricted space. The architects explain that the fixtures and fittings are muted to promote a “sense of space.”