

Tobogán House (TB_House) is located in Aravaca, a residential area on the outskirts of Madrid that straddles the city's urban density and the neighboring El Pardo Woodlands, an ecological and biological reserve. This context informs the design of the house, which blends into its landscape while serving as a spectacular home. Built across three cylindrical stories, the basement and first floor feature gardens and courtyard-like living spaces that merge with the outdoors, where different species of tropical plants thrive.

The landscaping of TB_House combines a mixture of open and more private gardens. Different wild granite rocks were placed between a series of plantings that mix perennials and grasses. There is an earthy path to access the house and small pedestrian paths embedded in the landscape, as well as local pebble gravel and wooden sleepers. More than 50 plant varieties were used, providing color, texture, and movement in the garden, as well as attracting many insects in spring and summer. The private gardens are more sheltered—grassy personal spaces for the resident family's daily life. All the gardens include plants adapted to Madrid's climate, which is characterized by temperatures that fluctuate dramatically between winter and summer. The fluidity of the gardens contrasts with the expressive high-tech nature of the house architecture, where steel beams and trusses are displayed proudly amid the rocky landscape.



The high-tech architecture expressed through steel beams and trusses (right) is on proud display at TB_House, which blends into its landscape.

