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Kasimoğlu Residence

Beykoz, Turkey



A little over ten miles from central Istanbul, a modernist glass box functions as a quick sanctuary for an urban couple, Sinan and Sevtap Kasimoğlu, and their two grown daughters. The glass-enclosed, flat-roofed cabin was designed by the architecture firm Siska to blend completely with its surroundings, from house to garden to forest. The 800-square-foot layout is simple—one living space with an open kitchen, plus one bedroom—and the materials are unfussy. Hundred-year-old oak reclaimed from a former flour depot clads the interior. (Craftsman Gursan Ergil had to remove more than a thousand nails from the wood before installing it in the house.) The same oak was used for the custom kitchen cabinetry, bookshelves, fireplace, and dining table. Contemporary touches—like B&B Italia sofas, Flos lighting, and Eames chairs—round out the mix. □