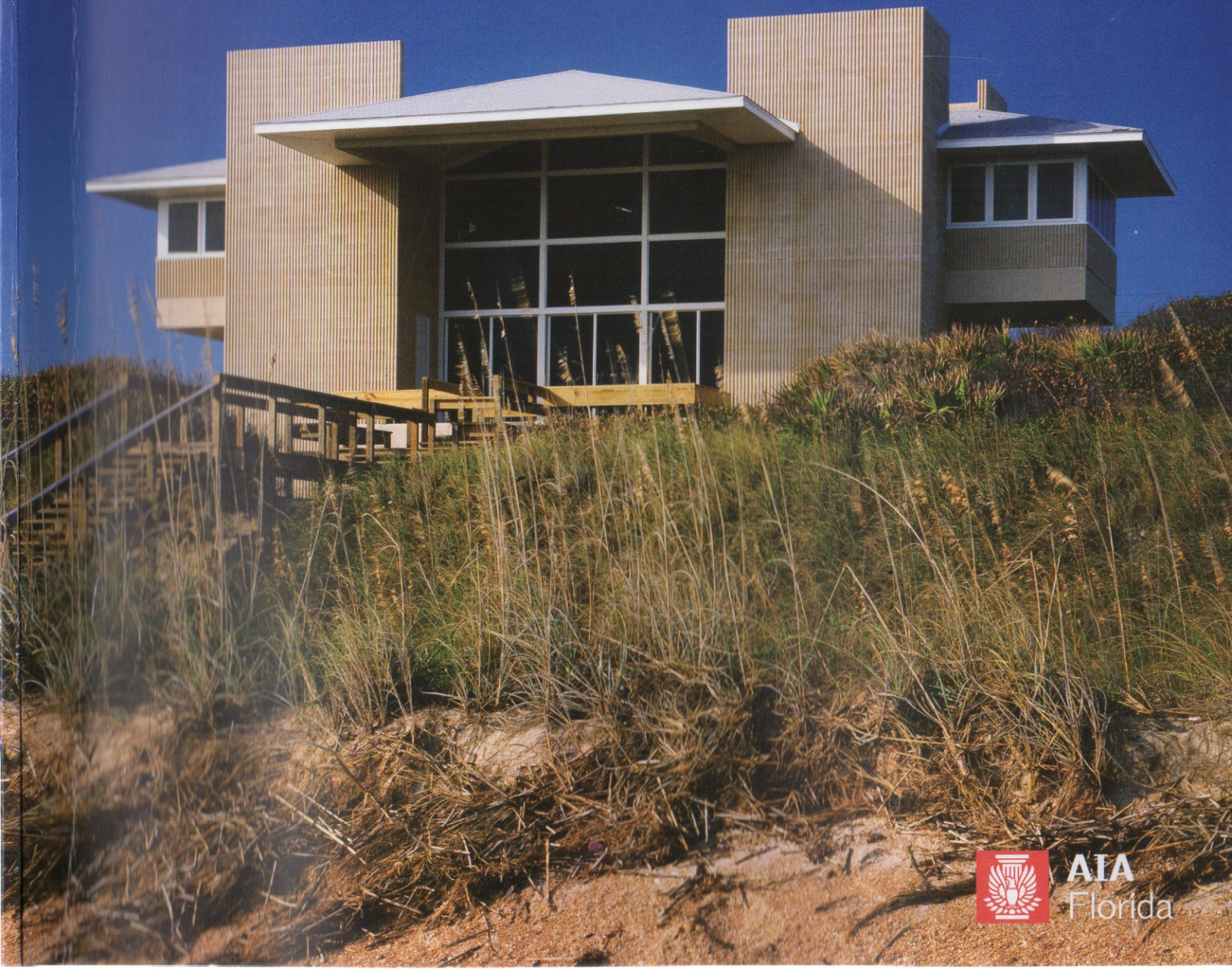



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Italian Farmhouse Renovation

Morrovalle, Italy

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Built circa 1870, this historic farmhouse is located in the Le Marche region, which along with Tuscany and Umbria, makes up nearly all of central Italy. The farmhouse adhered to the traditional archetype, including a ground floor used as a barn and storage, with the living quarters located upstairs. An exterior staircase was used to provide access to the front door of the home and the second floor.

After photos courtesy of Vincenzo Izzy

The ancient brick and rough wood beam ceilings provided character to the space while the renovation exhibits a simplicity that respects the existing volume and materials.



Above: New windows were added to the stairwell, and the sills of existing windows were dropped to create better views and bring in light. Below: The parking area was reimagined to create a feeling of calm around the house and connect the user to the outdoors.



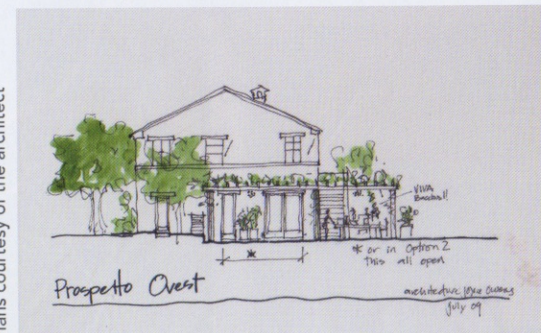
The challenge for the architect was to not only renovate the existing home but also reimagine the space and provide a master plan that serves as a guide for the owners and their young children into the next decade.

The master plan reconsidered vehicular entry into the property as well as the siting of an orchard, vegetable garden, play area, shade and a future pool. Because outdoor living was paramount for the owners, the

renovation included the conversion of the ground floor from a barn to a living space that complemented the outdoor proposals of the master plan, as well as maximized light and views to the exterior. This provided the owners with a new kitchen, powder room, living room, office space and storage. The renovation also provided updates to the general condition of the structure, including repointing, new windows and roof repairs. ■

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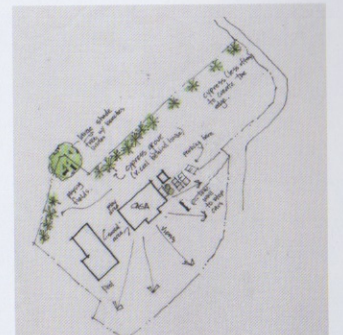
Plans courtesy of the architect



West elevation proposal



South elevation proposal



The ground floor was transformed into living and dining areas that feature easy access to outdoor dining, providing both function and sociability to the new space.