



ARCHITECTS
AT HOME

INTEGRATED
WITH SITE

PAOLO CARLESSO





My trees are still twigs, my sons are still
children, my house is not finished yet,
there is still a little something to be done,
everyday life is magic.

Paolo Carlesso





Architect Paolo Carlesso designed and constructed Casa CM, his own home, in an innovative and anti-cyclical way, in an attempt to radicalize techniques of architectural design. His design decisions were dictated by the use of sustainable materials and construction practices, with substantial financial benefits coming from the personal build, which was funded by the architect himself.

The modest house has a very simple design, with sophisticated and interesting elements precisely positioned throughout, including strong internal and external visual lines and juxtaposing blocks of raw materials. With gray external boards and an interior of rendered concrete and wooden paneling, Carlesso's design is both thoughtful and considered, and integrates beautifully with the site.







The structure features a steel frame covered by a ventilated exterior façade made from eco-fiber cement. The home's walls consist of interlocking timber panels, which have been assembled without the use of any adhesives. The history of the site has been purposefully enhanced by the architect's refusal to embrace the contemporary vernacular consistent with the region's urban expansion.

The organization of the site, the economy of the materials selected, and the self-construction of the building are all factors congruent with the period of re-colonization of the land that occurred at the hands of the immigrants in the mid-1990s.

