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See more details about this project

- [http://www.home-review.com/2015/05/the-wild-child/](http://www.home-review.com/2015/05/the-wild-child/)
- [http://www.trendir.com/house-design/energy-efficient-forest-home-has-suspended-net-lounge.html](http://www.trendir.com/house-design/energy-efficient-forest-home-has-suspended-net-lounge.html)

Stakeholders

- **Function**: Designer
- **TECTO Arhitectura**
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- [http://tecto.ro/](http://tecto.ro/)

Contracting method

- Other methods

Energy

Energy consumption

- **Primary energy need**: 89.00 kWhpe/m².year
- **Primary energy need for standard building**: 111.00 kWhpe/m².year
- **Calculation method**: Other
- **CEEB**: 0.0001

Envelope performance

- **Envelope U-Value**: 0.11 W.m⁻².K⁻¹
- **More information**:
  - Exterior insulation to ambient air: 0.11W/(m²K)
  - Exterior insulation underground: 0.12W/(m²K)
  - Windows: 0.63W/(m²K)
  - External doors: 0.10W/(m²K)
- **Building Compactness Coefficient**: 0.32
- **Indicator**: n50
- **Air Tightness Value**: 0.40

Renewables & systems

Systems

- **Heating system**:
  - Condensing gas boiler
  - Low temperature floor heating

- **Hot water system**:
  - Condensing gas boiler

- **Cooling system**:
  - No cooling system
Ventilation system:
- Natural ventilation
- Double flow heat exchanger

Renewable systems:
- Heat pump

Environment

Urban environment

The construction fits into a special site: a mature forest inside a northern Romanian city. The building keeps all the existing trees on site and also recovers the existing lawn in the shape of the green roof.

Land plot area: 1285.00 m²
Built-up area: 15.00 %
Green space: 1000.00

Products

Product

Proclima Membranes
Proclima
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Product category: Structural work / Carpentry, cover, tightness

High performance vapour retarding and airproofing system for maximum protection from structural damage and mould. Highly permeable, roof lining and sarking membranes that actively manage moisture, 3-4 ply, suitable for temporary covers.

Both designers and workers.

Costs

Contest

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Building candidate in the category