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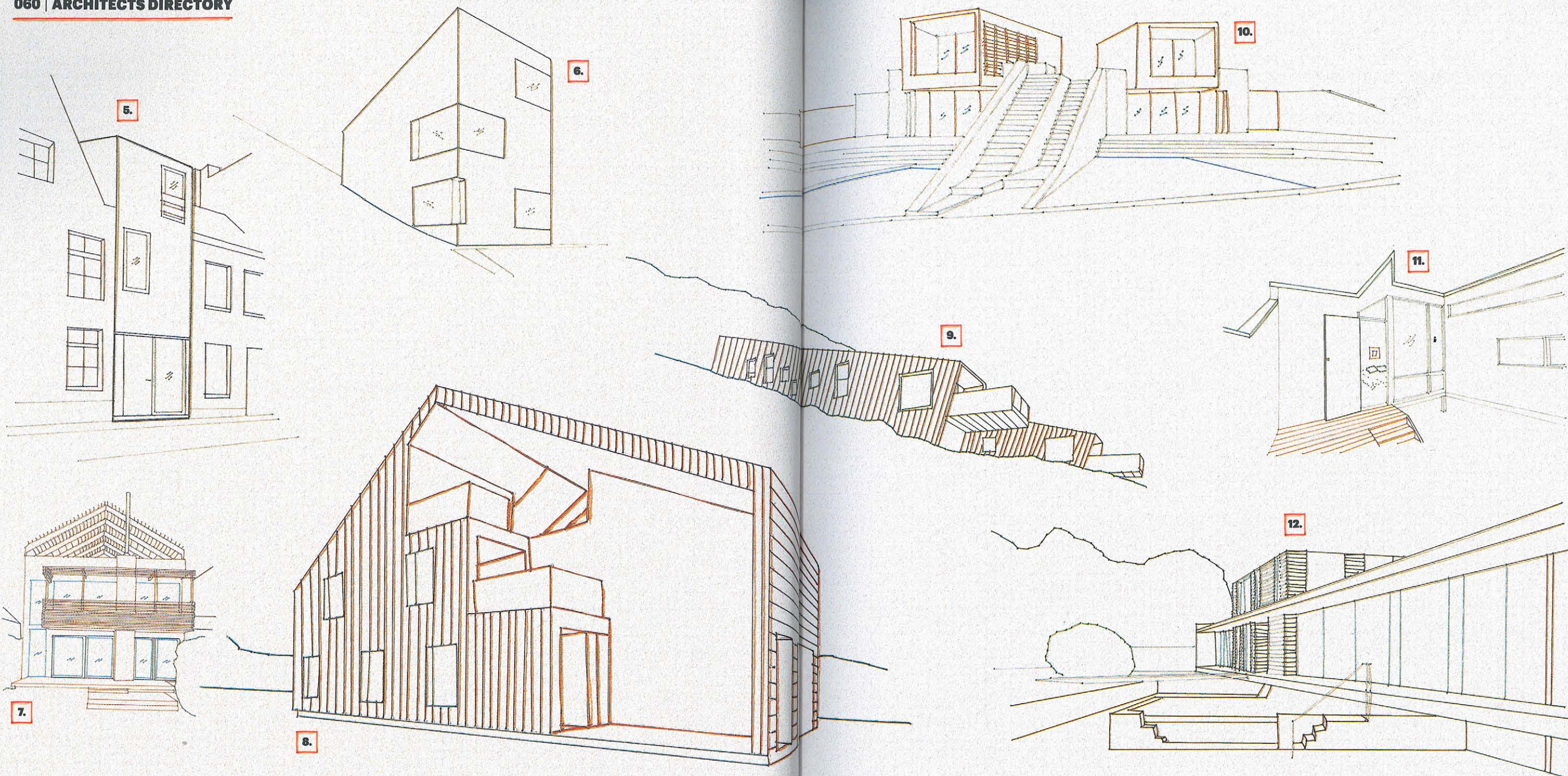
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##### 5. DIERENDONCKBLANCHE ARCHITECTEN Belgium

Isabelle Blancke joined Alexander Dierendonck's practice in 2009, after they had collaborated on projects such as the 2007 Spikkerelle community centre, nominated for the Mies van der Rohe Prize in 2009. Since then the pair, both graduates of the Sint-Lucas School of Architecture in Gent, have gone from strength to strength, and are working on several residential and public commissions, with a focus on functionality. The now 13-strong practice recently completed this family house in Gent, cleverly negotiating a small and narrow plot. [www.dierendonckblanche.eu](http://www.dierendonckblanche.eu)

##### 6. KUEHN MALVEZZI Germany

With a portfolio including projects for the likes of Documenta and the Friedrich Christian Flick Collection, exhibition and museum design is the bread and butter of this Berlin firm, set up in 2001 by Simona Malvezzi, Wilfried Kuehn and Johannes Kuehn. However, it was the practice's residential work that caught our eye. Designed as part of a hotel complex, this family house in Austria merges effortlessly with its Alpine setting. 'We are especially influenced by conceptual art,' they say. 'We admire Ludwig Mies van der Rohe and Adolf Loos for their use and perception of space.' [www.kuehnmalvezzi.com](http://www.kuehnmalvezzi.com)

##### 7. DJURIC TARDIO ARCHITECTES France

Mirco Tardio and Caroline Djuric started working together in 2004 after stints at Ateliers Jean Nouvel. Their Paris studio works on a variety of scales, keeping environmental performance at the heart of its work. 'Wood inspires most of our projects,' they say. 'It's sustainable and hugely satisfying for the building's users.' This commitment to timber is apparent in this recently completed house in Antony, in the Paris suburbs. 'The house shows our ideology, with flexible living areas that exploit all the available space, including the attic, roof and garden.' [www.djuric-tardio.com](http://www.djuric-tardio.com)

##### 8. NARCHITECTS US

Since its debut in 1999, Eric Bunge and Mimi Hoang's New York-based multidisciplinary studio has worked on reinventing and repurposing public spaces, and creating 'exciting experiences and engagements' in the private realm. Ongoing projects include a department store in Beirut, a linear park at the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus, cultural projects and more. Pictured here is the Double-Ex House concept, an adaptable kit house that combines domestic familiarity with unconventional elements, and was designed to be bought online. [www.narchitects.com](http://www.narchitects.com)

##### 9. WALDEMARSON BERGLUND Sweden

Founded in 2001 in Stockholm by Jonas Waldemarson and Paulina Berglund, this practice works on everything from urban design to private residences. 'Our method comes from a mix of curiosity and experience,' the architects say. 'We always focus on the poetic dimension of architecture.' They cite BIG and Erik Gunnar Asplund as being especially influential. Their Åre Solbringen project in Björnånge, completed this year, consists of three houses on a steep site: 'The buildings give the impression of sliding down the mountain without disturbing it.' [www.wbarkitekter.se](http://www.wbarkitekter.se)

##### 10. K-STUDIO Greece

Brothers Dimitris and Konstantinos Karampatakis' ten-year-old Athens practice has six staff and a portfolio of residential projects ranging from London apartments to restaurants to remote island retreats. 'Every proposal is an opportunity to tell a different story,' they say of their work, which has a warm, crafted aesthetic in which wood, stone and other natural materials are placed in a contemporary context. The firm's ongoing BCH House is designed to bridge the transition from beach to mountain with its own landscape of stone steps and walls. [www.k-studio.gr](http://www.k-studio.gr)

##### 11. BLACK LINE ONE X Australia

After working in both France and Japan, Anthony Clarke set up Black Line One X (BLOXAS) in 2009 in Melbourne. He describes his approach as 'an exploration into the fundamentals of multidisciplinary design', and is currently working on a variety of 'landscape-inspired' architecture projects. His Dual Court House wraps around two courtyards, offering views across the internal space without compromising privacy. Reclaimed materials were used wherever possible, contrasting with the translucent plastic and glass panes. [www.bloxas.com.au](http://www.bloxas.com.au)

##### 12. STRÖM ARCHITECTS United Kingdom

Swedish architect Magnus Ström moved to the UK to study at Portsmouth University, and worked for British practice John Pardey Architects before going it alone in 2010, setting up shop in the New Forest. 'The client and the site or environment inspire our designs and how we create spaces. We seek a holistic and tectonic approach,' says Ström, whose current projects include several renovations. This newly built holiday house in Suffolk has a contemporary feel that aims to engage with nature, water and its surroundings through design. [www.stromarchitects.com](http://www.stromarchitects.com)