

Project: 404 Residence

Team: Office Sugurufukuda

Size: 50 m²

Location: Tokyo, JAPAN



Feature:

Project - The project is located in an apartment unit with north-south balconies. Facing the limited renovation dimensions, the designer creates a spatial experience of "containing fictions" to make people feel more expansive than the actual size. To connect the north and south balconies and utilize natural light, the designer opened up the space in the north-south direction to form an open corridor-like great hall. Bedrooms and other functional spaces are arranged around the great hall. The great hall is linear and tunnel-like, with the interior walls painted in cherry red to echo the exterior facade color. By playing multiple roles such as walls, fixtures, decorations and furniture in unified details, these cherry red walls blur the boundaries between elements and unfold people's spatial imagination. In addition, the designer flattened the spatial proportions through a virtual 16:9 ceiling to enhance the horizontal extension. This familiar yet strange spatial experience inspires reflection on everyday living spaces.

Design Team - Suguru Fukuda is a Japanese architect born in Niigata Prefecture. He graduated from the Department of Architecture at Tohoku Institute of Technology in 2011 and obtained a master's degree in architecture from Tohoku Institute of Technology in 2014. His career began at KIAS and later joined JP Architects Studio where he worked for many years. In 2022, Suguru Fukuda founded two design studios, SAUNaiDEA and OFFICE SUGURUFUKUDA, dedicated to creating higher quality living experiences through architecture. Suguru Fukuda's design style pursues novel spatial and formal imaginations. He is skilled at using delicate treatments of materials, proportions and light/shadow to inspire people's reflection on daily environments and uncover the richer possibilities of space.