

**Project:** Rift House

**Team:** LJI Architects

**Size:** 772 m<sup>2</sup>

**Location:** SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA



**Feature:**

**Project** - Tucked into a hillside in the heart of Seoul, Rift House masterfully balances privacy and views through thoughtful orientation and facade articulation. Designed by LJI Architects for a family seeking respite from typical apartment living, the three-story residence divides into distinct zones catering to parents, children, and shared communal space. Strategically positioning the main volume along the southern road shields the interior courtyard and its majestic persimmon tree from sightlines. This north-facing outdoor room connects the ground floor living spaces and captures panoramic views of Namsan Mountain.

Rather than over-ornamentation, the monolithic brickwork massing projects the program to the exterior, with horizontal windows offering glimpses of surrounding urbanity. Inside, voids between floors enhance vertical connectivity, while the double-height living room acts as the home's nexus - linking parents, children, and nature. Terraces and courtyards interject throughout provide ample opportunity for the children's play and activity. Rift House demonstrates LJI Architects' adeptness at sculpting space, form, and light in response to clients, site, and context. The resulting residence artfully balances privacy, community, and views within the dense urban fabric of Yongsan-gu.

**Design Team** - Founded in 2019, LJI Architects demonstrates a thoughtful, humanistic approach to architecture under founding partner Seungjin Lee. A graduate of Kyonggi University and Hanyang University's architecture programs, Lee honed his skills at Samoo Architects before establishing his own firm. Alongside partners Joohyoung Lee and Gyoungnam Kwon, LJI creates spaces that foster meaningful connections between people and their surroundings.

Guided by close client collaboration, the Seoul-based studio explores spatial possibilities to craft authentic, everyday architecture. Notable projects include the Iljuk CC Clubhouse, Banmilak The Market, and KLITZ, earning honors like the Prime Minister's Award at the 2022 Korea Spatial Culture Awards. As an emerging voice, LJI Architects' public commissions, academic roles, and award-winning work signal the firm's growing impact. Though only a few years old, LJI has established its commitment to community-oriented designs that resonate with users.