HOUSE OF ARCHES

*House of Arches* is a residential project located in Hamrun, designed for, and adapted to, the needs and likes of a middle-aged couple and their teen. The initial concept evolved from attempting to relate the design to the outlining shape of the assigned site, having a protruding ‘sharp edge’ which is resonated in the final form of the dwelling. To balance this, the smooth outline of arches was introduced throughout both facades. These openings in turn are segmented with vertical wooden slats, installed for privacy and to control sunlight, wind and rainfall, while also framing the view and providing a new perspective of the locality’s surrounding built environment.

The user, after entering the arched doorway, is greeted by a front garden. Such a space serves to stimulate the imagination with an ambience that is free-flowing, boundless and peaceful. This erases the division between the outside and the inside, providing an area of transition. The dining room is characterized by its double height, opening up the space more while also providing access and the ability to reach to all the main rooms inside the house, making it a space fit for social interaction between both the spaces, and the family members residing inside the house. Above all, this house was created as a reflection of the clients, making it the optimal space for them to live in, a space to call home.