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Similarly to most fields, architecture often fluctuates between particular styles which remain prevalent for vast periods of time. These styles typically remain in place until either the society undergoes change or the means of production begin to grow and evolve. Contemporary architecture is no different as buildings both formally and tectonically have largely remained similar for the past half of a century. This stagnation is particularly evident in residential architecture as the majority of citizens in the United States reside in either a conventional suburban home, large apartment blocks, or residential towers. In modern society and in the suburbs, the traditional gabled facade has become the embodiment of the house typology which conveys a sense of conformity and uniformity while maintaining marginal latitude for individual expression. In this project, I offer a contrasting proposal for residential architecture; speculating on a new form of residential architecture that manipulates and deviates from an existing suburban residence.

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