paul mcaneary architects: tex-tonic house 1

‘tex-tonic house 1’ by paul mcaneary architects in london, united kingdom
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london-based practice paul mcaneary architects has completed ‘tex-tonic house 1’, a double-height penthouse apartment in an existing post office and art auction house in victoria, london, united kingdom. influenced by the ‘post box component-concept-element’, the design is conceived as a series of large boxes of natural materials that accommodate private programs.
featuring an outdoor terrace that runs along one side of the unit, the main level hosts an open-concept communal space that gains abundant natural daylight from a line of floor-to-ceiling glazing. Flexibility and versatility is ensured, allowing the client to host a variety of multipurpose events and parties. Accommodated under a pitched ceiling form, an elevated catwalk clad in glass runs over the space and provides housing for a floating wine cellar.
three large bedroom boxes are placed within the double-height space, providing private sleeping accommodation within the open apartment. the compartmentalized rooms display a natural material - sand-blasted oak and cast bronze timber - and are illuminated from below to highlight their texture. the resulting effect applies distinct identities and atmospheres to each box, offering a dynamic finish within the open penthouse.
(left) textures of boxes
(right) cantilevered staircase to mezzanine