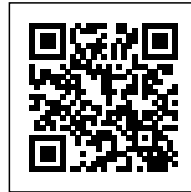




## CASA EM MONSARAZ: A PROTECTED COURTYARD EMBRACING THE WATER

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Facing the boundless expanse of Alqueva Lake, the house requires a center: a protected courtyard embracing the water.



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It uses the terrain to cast a dome that covers the social areas and is the center of life in the house.

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An inverted dome intersects it and creates an opening that lights the space, shaping its precise geometry and limits.

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The bedrooms open onto circular patios. Amid a wide natural landscape, the scale of the house is that of the patios and dome above.

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They are the sole visible elements, painted in radiant white.



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