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Mountain Chalets



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Chalet La Petite Sœur

Saint-Donat-de-Montcalm, Canada

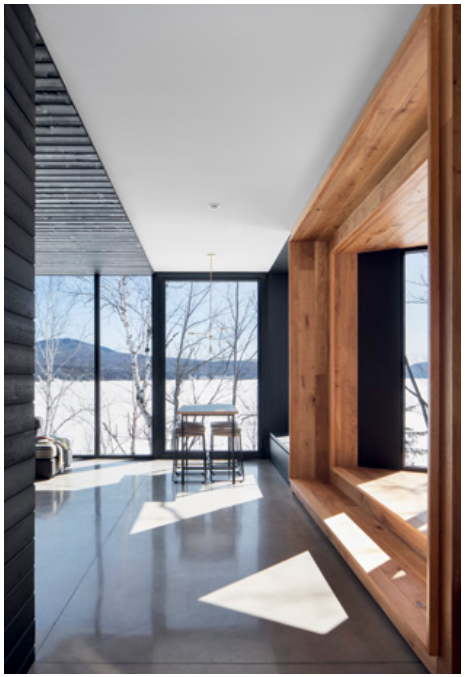
Blending the old with the new can involve more than just preserving an old exterior structure while renovating the interior. In the case of this chalet, the architects at ACDF Architecture came up with the idea of expanding a traditional family house by designing an adjacent building that perfectly aligns with the shape of the original construction. The white walls of the new structure give it a subtle presence, allowing it to blend more easily into the snowy landscape and highlighting the old building. A glass-walled corridor connects the original chalet to its "younger sister" (*Petite Sœur* in French), offering a panoramic view of the surrounding landscape.

The interior design of the new chalet is resolutely contemporary and minimalist, yet it still incorporates certain elements from the traditional style of the old chalet. This is evident in the exposed beams, hardwood floors, and delicately retro-rustic furniture that can be found throughout the rooms. In the living-dining room, some walls are painted black, creating a contrast with the whiteness of the exterior walls. However, this dark touch does not take away from the rooms' bright and airy feel.











The design of the new spaces emphasizes brightness and an open, flowing layout. The black-painted walls of the common room, which serves as a kitchen, dining room, and cozy living area all in one, draw attention to the light wood of the floor, staircase, tables, and fireplace trim.



