

Monaco House

Melbourne, Australia

This four storey building is located in a largely pedestrian lane at the east end of Melbourne's CBD. Dominant in the lane is the historic Melbourne Club wall and large plane trees emerging from the Melbourne Club garden.

A ground level entry and cafe are followed by two levels of office. The top level contains a small reception area to facilitate the client's role as Honorary Consul of Monaco. Within the office, large apertures to the west are shaded by deep balconies and the adjoining plane trees. Outdoor balconies and the 'green-roofscape' provide areas of release from the office desk. The building is an essay in fine-grained urbanism, it seeks to talk about its consular role as well as to enhance the pedestrian experience of the city.

Its exterior walls are made of black granite aggregate with black cement and Polished Stainless Steel.

Environment:	urban
Use:	panel façade
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