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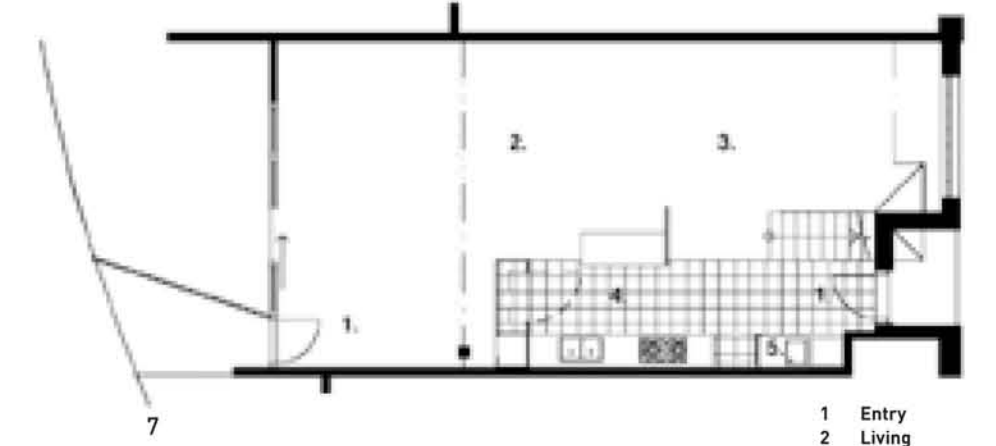
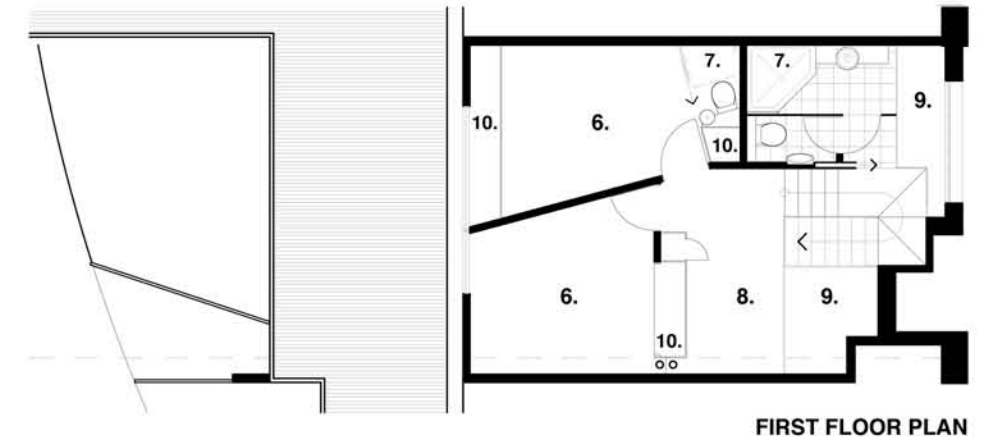
- 1 Sculptural stair hovers in shimmering reflectivity
- 2 Landscaped internal courtyard provides an urban oasis
- 3 Urban renewal: a derelict warehouse transformed
- 4 Translucent glass adds mystery and light to the floating bathroom
- 5 Light filled, open-plan living articulated by texture, colour and form
- 6 First floor plan
- 7 Ground floor plan

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ROSE SPRING APARTMENTS

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Built before 1920, the existing building was a textile manufacturing plant until its functional shift began in 1999. • The redevelopment is a skilful, sensitive integration of the old warehouse shell with a more contemporary interpretation of industry. Key to this purpose was to create apartments that were energy efficient and used low embodied energy materials. • While the evidence of the new life of the building does not readily reveal itself to the outside viewer, it is on the inside – where the remnants of the building’s past reflect upon the new spaces within – that a rich and unique sense of place and time is created. • The newly formed airy apartments are centred around a bright white courtyard. The light and joyous courtyard was created by the removal of a section of the existing roof, providing the residents with an internal/external oasis. • Limestone partition walls separate the apartments, providing an aesthetic, low-maintenance backdrop to the spaces. The emphasis is upon large, well-defined, functional spaces punctuated by existing structural elements and floors that ‘float’ into the volume, forming heights from a cosy 2.1 metres to a soaring 6 metres – a vitality of scale and space at every turn. Stairs hover as functional sculpture – glass balustrades offer function and visual dynamism, counterpointed by the recycled Australian blue gum treads. Translucent glass walls and black steel offer fineness and strength to define the upper bedrooms and bathrooms from the living spaces below while allowing light to shimmer throughout.



- 1 Entry
- 2 Living
- 3 Dining
- 4 Kitchen
- 5 Laundry
- 6 Bedroom
- 7 Bathroom
- 8 Gallery
- 9 Open to below
- 10 Robe



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