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TOPIC: 1st PRIZE AT THE ARCHITECTURAL AWARDS 'DOMES 2015'

Prestigious Award won for our project 'Villa Melana'.

Valia Foufa and Panagiotis Papassotiriou designed and implemented a holiday home in Pera Melana, Tyros, Arcadia for a family from Athens. **Our project received in the Architectural Awards 'DOMES 2015' the first prize (equal scoring) in the category 'Best first building by a young architect of the years 2010 - 2014'.**

The ceremony took place on March 18, 2015 at the Benaki Museum where we presented our work and received the award.

Jurors in 'DOMES 2015' were the acclaimed international academics and architects Messrs:

- **Benedetta Tagliabue**, Head Architect, Miralles Tagliabue EMBT, Barcelona, and Member of the Pritzker Price Jury.
- **Mirko Zardini**, Director and Chief Curator, Centre Canadien d' Architecture, Montreal
- **Dimitri Fatouros**, Professor of Architecture Emeritus and Former Rector, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki



Receiving the Award at the Ceremony at the Benaki Museum from the Curator G. Panetso Professor of Architecture at UPatras.

THE PROJECT: A FEW WORDS ABOUT 'VILLA MELANA'



It all started as a simple snapshot; At a very steep site with clear view towards the sea a holiday retreat protects its inhabitants from the sun and the strong winds while soothing the senses under the moonlight.

White render reflects the sun, the stone cladding offers its thermal mass connecting the building with the surroundings and together protect the inhabitants from the weather conditions.

We have placed the building at the only available naturally formed plateau in order to avoid unnecessary groundworks that could spoil the relief. Simple elements to deal with a difficult and very unstable and steep terrain. The endless sea view and the enormity of the open horizon is overwhelming and therefore no great attempt is needed to frame the views.

Project Team:
Civil Engineer: Antonis Kratimenos
Mechanical Engineer: Nikos Kabilis
Consultant Engineer: Giorgos Taraviras

