

Metroca



Client: private

Contractor: Nomura Kensetsu Kogyo Corporation

Site area: 399m²

Total floor area: 499m²

Structure: RC

Main use: apartments

Location: Shibuya-ku, Tokyo

completion: 1989

award: Newcomer Prize, Japan Institute of Architects

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- 1 Exterior view from the west. The volume is properly set back for preparing parking space for visitors.
- 2 In Metroca, natural daylight from a sunken garden floods into mezzanine room at basement.
- 3 Exterior view from the south. 5m vertical stainless steel plates are rhythmically arranged, which leads natural light into sunken garden.
- 4 spiral stairs of mezzanine room and sunken garden behind.
- 5 sky view looking from sunken garden.

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Metroca, situated at a fine residential area at Jingumae (Omotesando), Tokyo, is an apartment house which accommodates relatively compact and typical with-loft type rooms. Its extraordinary roomy spaces are provided with concrete roof frame without ceiling, maisonette with stairwell in solid composition, high-rise door and large sash frame. Every unit of the apartment faces a lovely courtyard located at the second basement, where white screen and stainless panels of fence reflect diffusely and, despite the bottom area, bring a bright and open atmosphere which makes the feature of the space. The building is so popular among designers and artists as to keep them waiting for additional vacancies. Metroca has been introduced by numbers of Western and Japanese journals and magazines.