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LOFT ON BUFALINI STREET

FABBRICANOVE FLORENCE, ITALY In the heart of Florence, under the barrel-vaulted, frescoed ceiling of a former music hall, Fabbricanove architects have designed a residence for a family of three. Revisiting Le Corbusier's concept of the house as a machine for living in, the scheme is defined by the 8 m [26 ft] tall 'core' that serves as a double-height, double-sided storage system, and much more. Its plywood walls form a bespoke, Mondrianesque matrix of compartments and drawers.

variety of domestic functions, including a home office, without dividing the space into traditional rooms. Aesthetically, it is a strong contemporary element set inside a respectfully preserved historic setting. On the ground level, 'the core' encloses the pantry and the library/wine bar, while its exterior 'façade' lends itself to the kitchen and dining room. The glass-floored upper level contains the study and the playroom, but also provides storage for the adjacent master bedroom.