



"Monastery House" Pyrgos, Panagiotis Voumvakis

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ETSI Architects is an architecture studio based in Kardamyli and Athens. Founded by Eleni Tsigarida, the studio focuses on projects that blend contemporary design with a deep respect for local identity, memory, and landscape. Its mission is to create spaces that are authentic, sustainable, and meaningfully connected to their place and people.

The studio's work includes private residences, cultural buildings, restorations, as well as larger-scale masterplans and rural regeneration strategies. Particular attention is given to the use of natural and local materials, construction quality, and architectural detail.

ETSI's projects have been featured in international publications, exhibitions, and conferences, and have received notable distinctions. In 2024, the studio was awarded the GRAIL prize for best architecture office in Greece, while "Teloneio" project has been shortlisted for the EUMies Awards 2026.

For the ETSI team, every project is an act of care — a way of creating architecture that lasts, matters, and belongs.

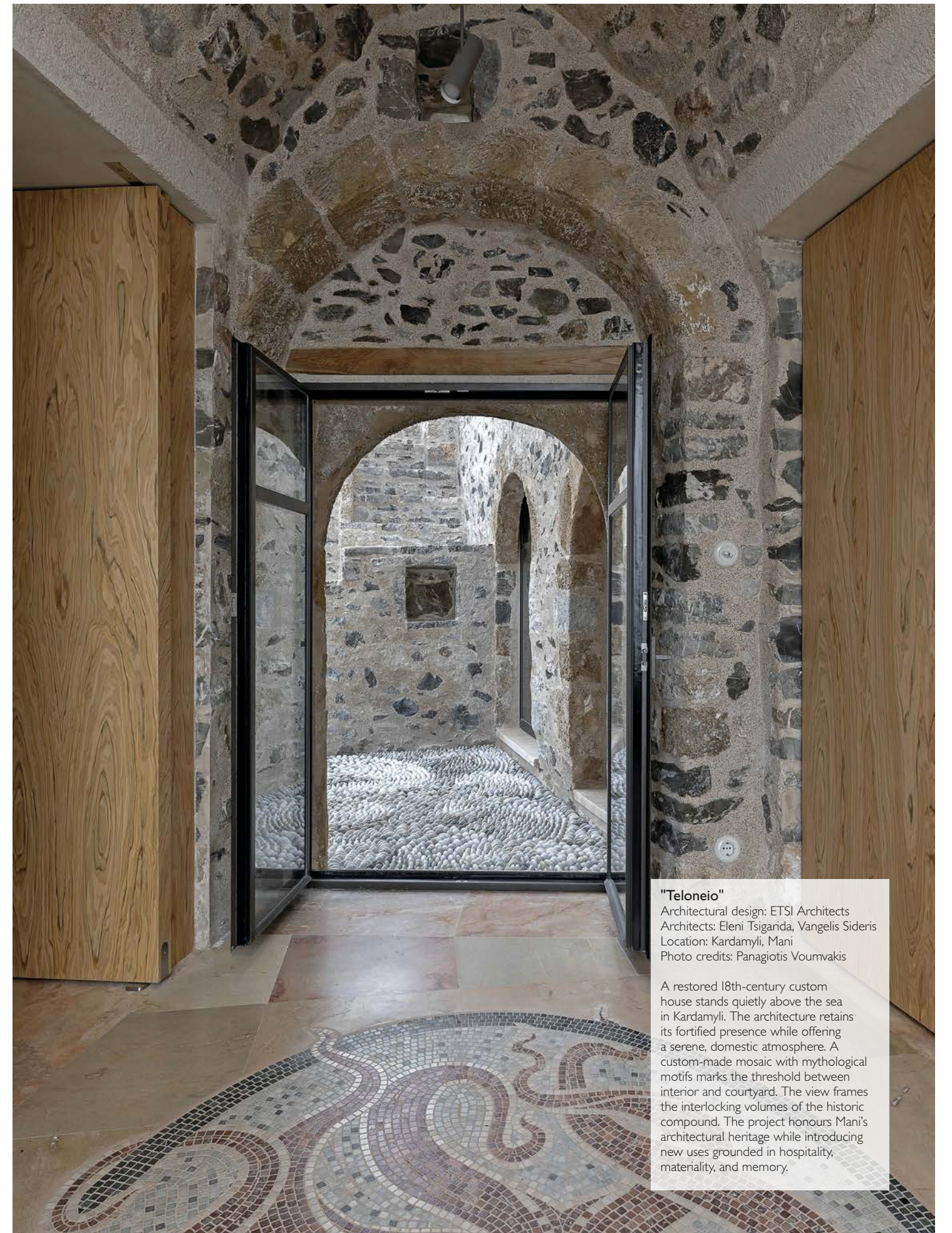
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**"Monastery House"**

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 Architects: Eleni Tsigarida, Vangelis Sideris  
 Location: Pyrgos, Mani  
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Set on a steep hillside in Mani with expansive sea views, the house draws inspiration from the typology of monasteries —places of enclosure, simplicity, and spatial independence. The design consists of a series of volumes arranged around a walled courtyard, allowing each room to open to the landscape while maintaining privacy. Local stone, bamboo ceilings, and soft plaster surfaces blend tradition with restraint. This is not a house that dominates its land, but one that quietly inhabits it.



**"Teloneio"**

Architectural design: ETSI Architects  
 Architects: Eleni Tsigarida, Vangelis Sideris  
 Location: Kardamyli, Mani  
 Photo credits: Panagiotis Voumvakis

A restored 18th-century custom house stands quietly above the sea in Kardamyli. The architecture retains its fortified presence while offering a serene, domestic atmosphere. A custom-made mosaic with mythological motifs marks the threshold between interior and courtyard. The view frames the interlocking volumes of the historic compound. The project honours Mani's architectural heritage while introducing new uses grounded in hospitality, materiality, and memory.



**"AS House"**  
 Architectural design: ETSI Architects  
 Architects: Eleni Tsigarida, Vangelis Sideris  
 Location: Mantinea, Mani  
 Photo production: Mia Dorier  
 Photographer: Mirto Iatropoulou  
 Set stylist: Sissy Rousaki

The house emerges quietly from the olive groves of Mantinea, its form rooted in the land and oriented toward the Gulf of Messinia. Bamboo, light wood, and soft lime surfaces meet under a pitched roof. The kitchen reflects the simplicity of Greek rural life, reimagined with precision. A shaded outdoor room blurs the boundary between inside and out—the house extends toward the grove, embracing the rhythm of Greek summer life.



**"Horizon House"**  
 Architectural design: ETSI Architects  
 Architects: Eleni Tsigarida, Vangelis Sideris  
 Location: Katafigio, Mani  
 Photo production: Mia Dorier  
 Photographer: Mirto Iatropoulou  
 Set stylist: Sissy Rousaki

Perched on a steep hillside with panoramic sea views, the house follows the natural topography through a series of clean, geometric volumes. A cactus courtyard carved into the bedrock serves as the home's center, while a small plunge pool and planted roofs blend discreetly into the surroundings. The architecture aims to balance local austerity with contemporary refinement—a calm, elemental space deeply rooted in its context.





### "Isna - Παρατηρητήριο"

Architectural design: ETSI Architects  
Architects: Eleni Tsigarida, Vangelis Sideris  
Location: Isna, Mani  
Photo Production: Mia Dorier  
Photographer: Mirtó Iatropoulou  
Set stylist: Sissy Rousaki

Perched on a cliff in Messinia, this restored complex reclaims its place as a visual and cultural observatory. The vivid ochre façade marks a timeless presence in the mountainous olive landscape.

Once a rainwater reservoir, this vaulted space was transformed into a plunge pool, retaining its rough stone character while reimagining the function with minimal additions.

What was once a low chicken coop is now a serene bedroom. The floor was excavated and the window enlarged, creating light, height, and a powerful sense of reclaimed stillness.