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FOUNDED IN 2012, Japan-based seki.design specialises in the planning, design and construction management of architecture and interiors. The company has a particular expertise with residential and retail projects.

Crevasse Haus in Kobe, Japan, represents an ingenious use of a compact plot with a considerable change in elevation across its width. Seki.design's solution is a split-volume home with floor levels staggered by 70cm on each side of the building to account for the steep landscape. These volumes are separated by the glass 'crevasse' that brings more light to the staircase connecting each level, illuminating the entire house. From this crevasse, windows open to the green scenery of a park opposite.

This gap between volumes opens the home to view, playing with vision and movement while still creating different areas and sections of the property. Teak flooring throughout is durable while bringing natural beauty to each room; the exception is the bathroom that has been geometrically tiled in a clean, monochrome theme.

The lower level accommodates a shuttered garage five metres from the road, reminiscent of a mountain cave and allowing parking for both owners and visitors. A gentle staircase to the side provides access to the property, climbing through a landscaped corridor resembling a leafy plateau. As a modern home, energy conservation is key, with heat shield paints, films and high-performance insulation ensuring efficiency.



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