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Located in a residential area in Kuwait City, Mop House’s rectangular site can be accessed from either side of the surrounding streets, allowing for a residence with both private and public entrances. The form of the house is reminiscent of the movement patterns of a mop, from which flexible volumes are organised diagonally around a central axis. This axis twists upwards to generate spaces that channel views into different directions, including the front of the house, the side gardens and angles of the back street. Originally planned as a residence for one family with two small children, AGi architects designed Mop House to respond to both current and future needs - the client plans on dividing the residence into two individual units at a later date.
The ground-floor facade is clad in dark brown natural sandstone, while the upper levels were finished using white plaster to visually differentiate the lower portion and upper volume of the house. Bamboo is the main material present in the interior spaces, covering many of the curved walls and creating continuity and uniformity between separate areas. It also dominates the flooring on the first and second floors, providing private spaces with texture and warmth. On the ground level, both the interior and exterior feature the same dark stone flooring, which contrasts the swimming pool’s lighter coloured tiles, and creates a sharp and refreshing aesthetic. The interiors of Mop House were designed by AGI architects in collaboration with Gunni & Trentino, a Spanish furniture manufacturer and supplier.