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Delroy Lindo Residence extends a traditional house in Montclair, New Jersey for this respected actor and his family. The existing pitched roof of the upper floor is replaced with a flat roof in order to extend the single bedroom master suite into a master bedroom, two bedrooms, one bathroom and a painting studio upper floor. The existing 'T' shaped plan becomes square with an open floor lower level surrounding a service island for kitchen, services and utility space. The basement is reconfigured into a screening room and children's play area. The square footprint of the lower level is mimicked in the upper level but the volume is shifted to allow for terraces off of the master bedroom and painting studio while providing an overhang for the deck at the rear of the house. Façade studies were undertaken to reflect the interior - exterior relationship of the program spaces while crafting an iconographic reading for the house. A transparent upper level over a largely opaque lower level proved counter to the privacy imperatives of the upper level program and the public nature of the lower level. A composition of transparent, translucent and opaque surfaces on both the upper and lower levels lacked a strong iconographic presence. A largely opaque upper level and transparent lower level proved to be the appropriate response with the challenging necessity to admit light and views through surfaces rendered opaque and mitigate solar gains and thermal transmission through surfaces rendered transparent. This series of additive operations adds fifty percent more area to the existing house while rendering it unrecognisable.

