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Border Crossing House in Polverigi (Ancona, Italy)
Simone Subissati Architects

Set on a ridge, between the city and the Italian countryside, Border Crossing House is a building traversed by the landscape, exploring the theme of the border and searching for new forms of permeability in space and time. (Shown) metal enclosures and apertures.