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Taking Precedents: A hangar form evokes an earlier time and achieves ahead-of-the-curve performance.

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Today, the Hamptons are largely synonymous with mega-mansions clad in cedar shingles, and Long Island as a place of neotraditional suburban homes. But the weekend destination was once a proving ground of modernism, while the larger island was characterized by potato farms and airfields. For a couple with a grown son in legendary East Hampton, architect Maziar Behrooz combined both precedents with an eye to 21st-century sustainability.

Behrooz, who founded East Hampton-based MB Architecture in 1996, has long romanced the arcing airplane hangar as a building type with multiple applications. He had imagined operating his office inside of one, and more recently he had researched the large sheds as structures to deploy during disaster relief. The industrial vision also resonated with the East Hampton client, whose site sat directly underneath a flight path and near a train track. Husband and wife okayed the geometry without hesitation...

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