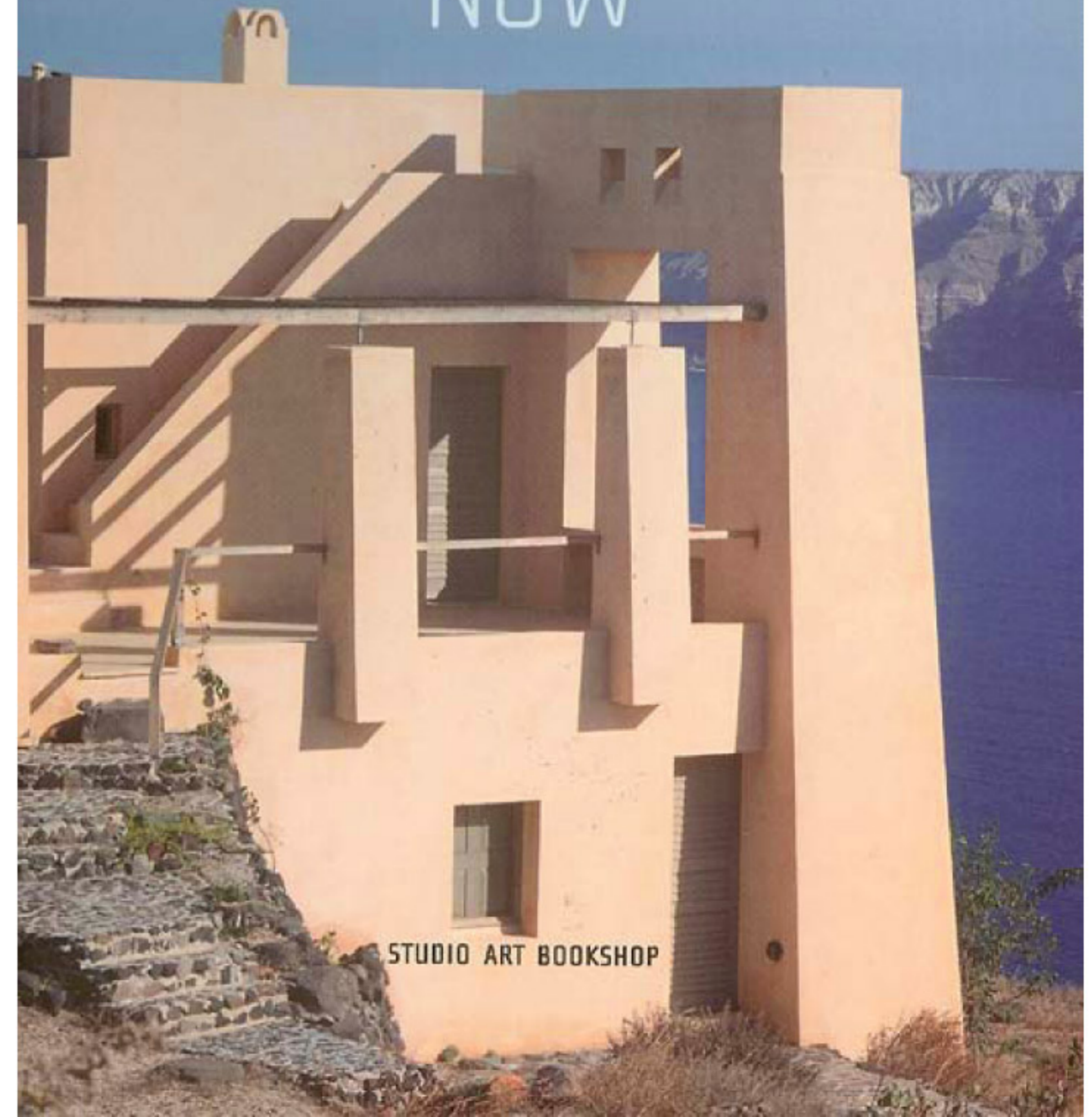


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# GREEK ARCHITECTURE NOW



STUDIO ART BOOKSHOP



**Workshop  
combined showroom & shop**

Address: 22, Sorou St., Maroussi, Athens N.

Architect and owner: Dionisis Sottovikis in co-operation with his partners of the drawing office and gallery, 2003-2005.

This new combined showroom, art-gallery, furniture-shop and drawing office is the realisation of the architect's dream of sharing his great interest and collection

of design, furniture and art with a greater public. The building is a new construction – a 3 storey building including a basement with a lowered light-atrium and an open roof-garden rendering the building its proportional balance and inviting character not least by night. The building has to convey a message of its existence and value, which also means that its out-door setting presents a landscaped art collection as well.

"Workshop" serves as a kind of pioneer breaking the waves in a quite pragmatic



suburban quarter. It will undoubtedly contribute to the Maroussi area adding new interesting dimensions. Maroussi came into focus of development qua the OAKA Olympic centre's position here.

The spaces are consciously emphasised as different situations in a continuous promenade also offering changing lighting conditions and functions. The composition of the spaces are directly inspired by the art and design objects to be combined and presented. This does not mean that the interiors once and for all are determined – on the contrary the basic and new idea is that the exhibition should

maintain an ever changing and open approach to the public. As a visitor you will see the staff sitting at the drawing desk and if you like his/her chair you may try it and buy it right away.

You may also visit the spaces as a free gallery without the intention to buy any art pieces, or you may visit the café and study art & design-books and collections there. The idea is in the broadest sense to install the place in the mind of the public as a cultural centre, where you may also experience special events, but first of all to let the visitor feel at home and welcome to a hand on experience of modern art & design.

The Workshop house is designed to look inviting also at night.

The interior spaces radiate a refined and scenic simplicity.

Designed furniture, art objects and spaces make up unified artefacts.

Even stairs and other functional elements act like sculptures.

