

**CASA DO MÉDICO**

**Sines - Portugal**

The “Casa do Médico de S. Rafael” facility is located in the town of Sines, Alentejo province, on the southern coast of Portugal.

The property was acquired by the «Ordem dos Médicos Portugueses» (Portuguese Medical Association) in 2005.

This institution made this purchase to develop a social project which would consist of creating a facility for doctors of retirement age in need of support, on a premises also used for other purposes, such as organising events (in the medicine and general health fields), restaurant, library and others. A further aim is to provide assisted residence services to members residing in the vicinity.

This proposal was governed by some key ideas or assumptions, such as the reconstruction of the eighteenth century manor house in its original form and its articulation with the new buildings.

The old Casa de S. Rafael farmhouse’s external architecture (external walls and roof) was rebuilt and the interior completely renovated, tailoring it to its new role but using materials and an architectural language appropriate to the typology of the former building.

The other building is entirely new, located roughly in the place where the outbuildings of Quinta de S. Rafael used to be, connected on the first floor by a covered overpass, leaving a pedestrian footpath between the two buildings, thus maintaining the existing path.

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