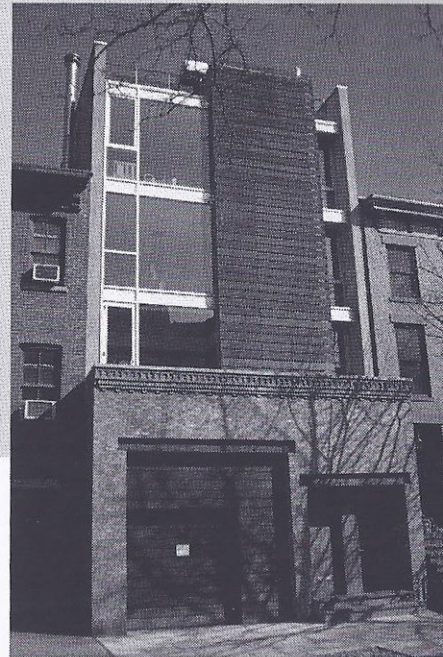


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This adaptive reuse project transformed a 1930s garage into an elegant two-family townhouse. The owner, Marc Appelbaum of Radius Construction Group, originally planned to tear down the existing building and start anew. The design architect, who was sufficiently inspired by the garage's aesthetic possibilities, eventually persuaded the owner to retain it. Originally trained as an architect, the owner contributed to the project's design and also performed construction.

The designers successfully navigated the conservative design aesthetic prevalent in the Boerum Hill neighborhood, much of which is an historic district. The new upper floors exude a bright, contemporary feel. They feature horizontal wood screening, which imparts quiet warmth and blends the addition to the garage and adjacent nineteenth-century houses. The lower unit is essentially on one level below grade, but includes a double-height living area which "pops up" in the middle of the building. The upper unit is a triplex.

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