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# RESEARCH

# HISTORY

## MAASSILO ENSEMBLE

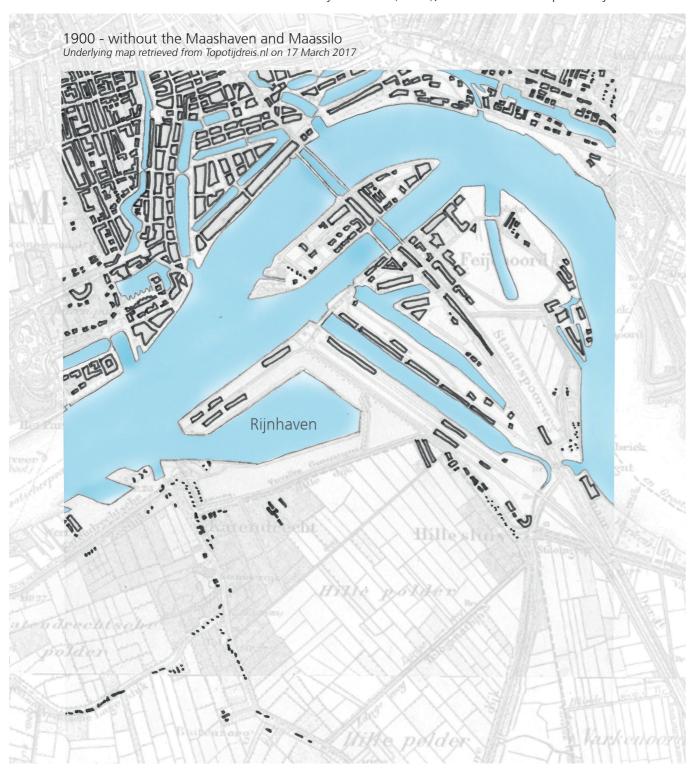


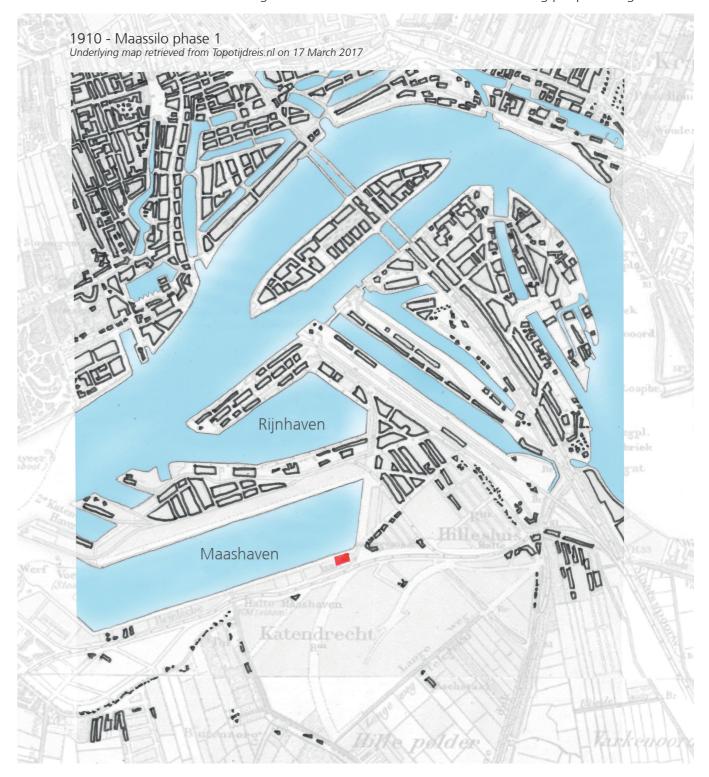
## HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT

#### **BUILDINGS AND WATER**

The following maps show the development of water and buildings in Rotterdam, focussed on the southside of the Maas and the areas around the Maassilo. The four analysed times show the area before the Maashaven was dug (1900), after the first phase of the Maassilo by Stok was built (1910), after the second phase by Brinkman & Van

der Vlugt was built (1930) and after the third phase by Postma & Postma was built (1951). On the maps we see that the Maassilo was one of the first buildings in the south of Rotterdam and that with its expansion in building volumes and in harbour activity, the surrounding neighbourhoods attracted working people and grew as well.

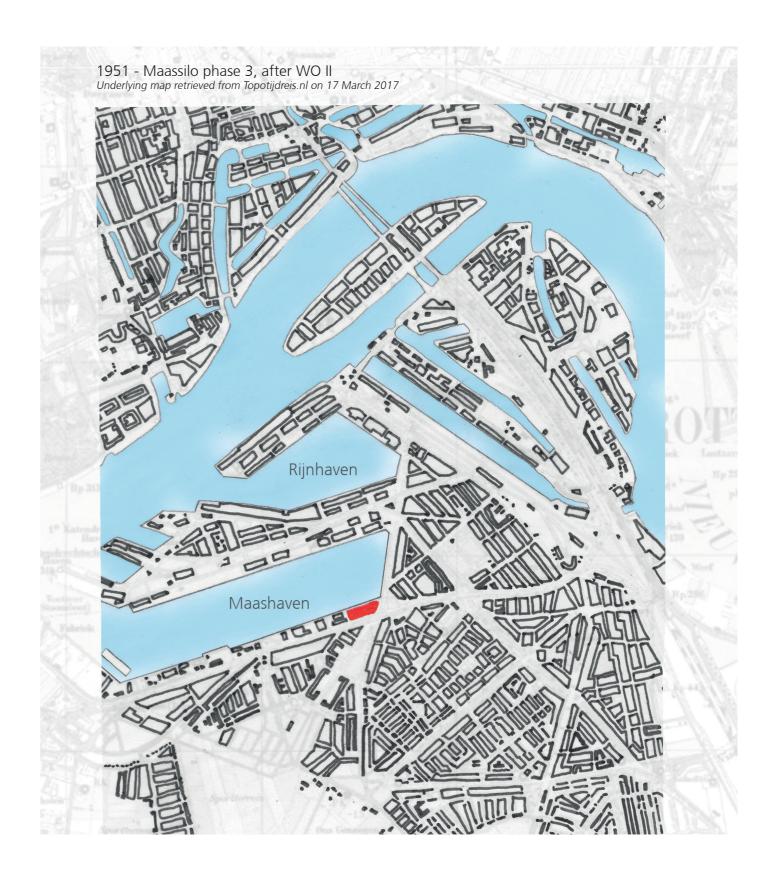


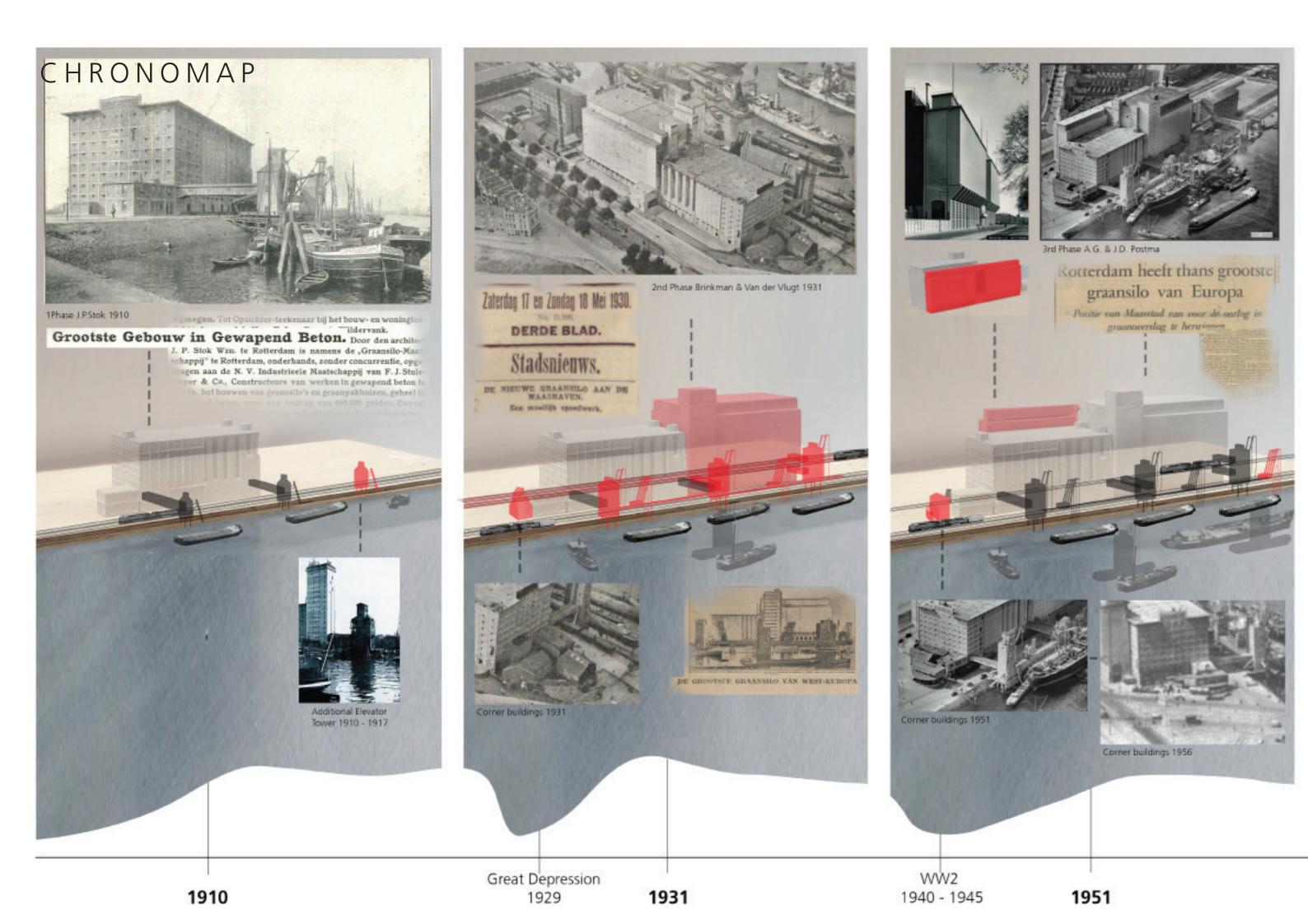


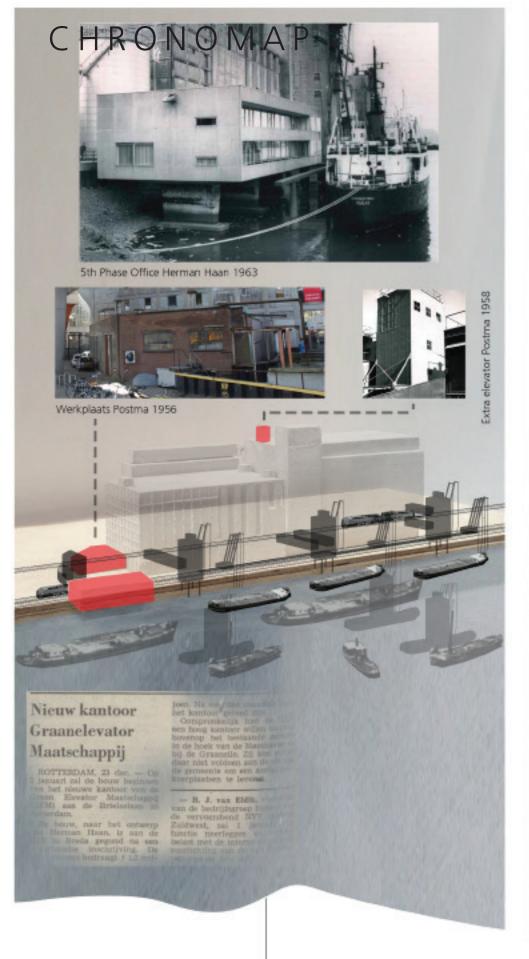
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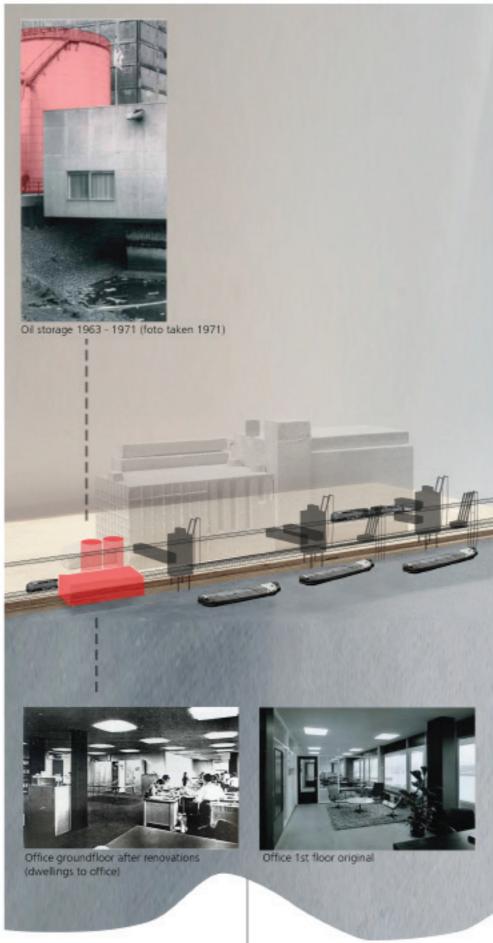
BUILDINGS AND WATER

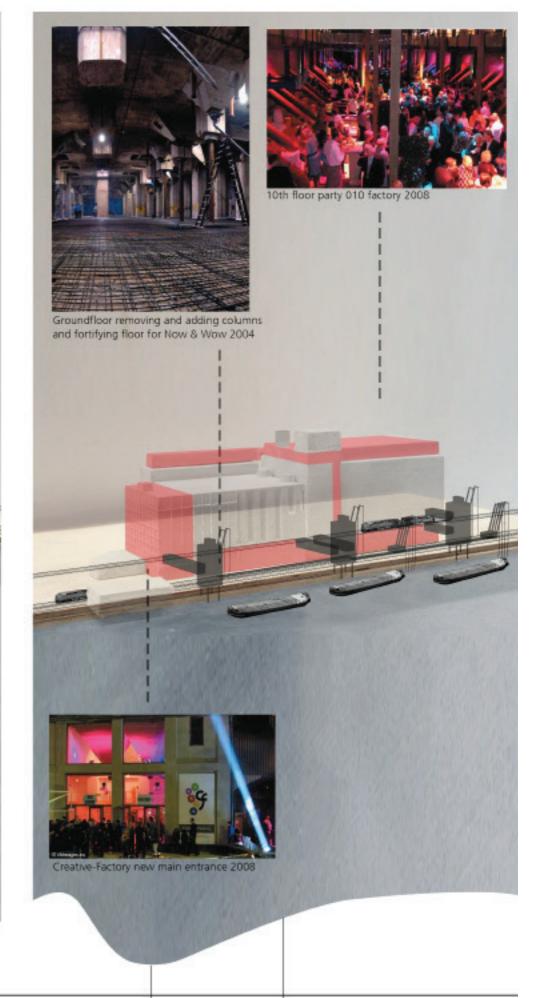










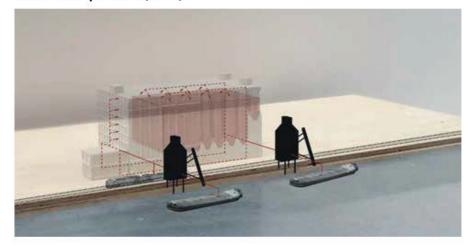


Global Financial Depression 2007 - 2008 **2008**  On the pictures on this page, the movement of grain and workers through the building is made visible per building phase. In the first phase, the grain was transported into the building using mostly the west grain elevator. Two

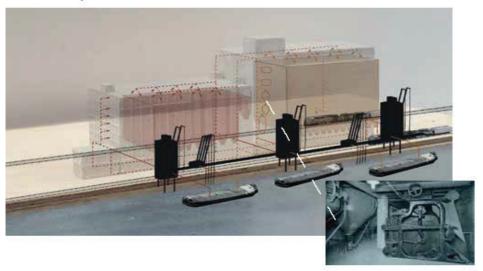
elevators transported the grain to the attic, where the grain was distributed among the silos. In the east part of the building the grain was weighed and cleaned. The former entrance was located at the north facade. This entrance is not present anymore. In the second building phase, the horizontal transport was connected to the first phase, so the building worked as a whole. In the machine tower, machines were placed to weigh,

filter and dehumidify the grain. An extra entrance with a rounded wall was added, an interesting detail that is not present anymore. In the third phase, two extra silo clusters were added.

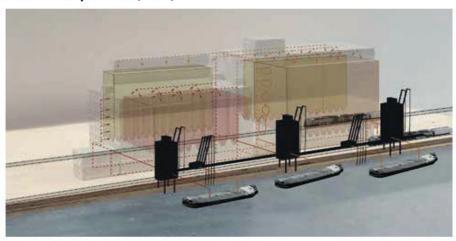
#### Grain flow phase 1 (1910)



#### Grain flow phase 2 (1931)



#### Grain flow phase 3 (1951)

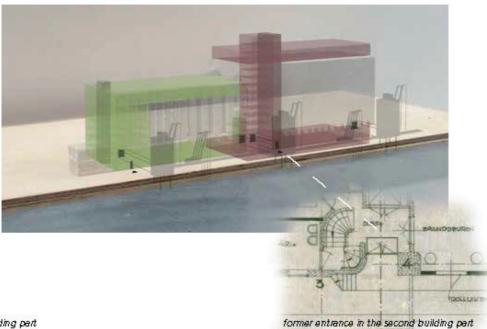


dehumidifyers and automatic weighing scale in the machine tower

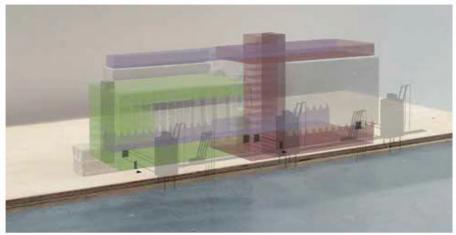
#### Workers flow phase 1 (1910)



Workers flow phase 2 (1931)



#### Workers flow phase 3 (1951)



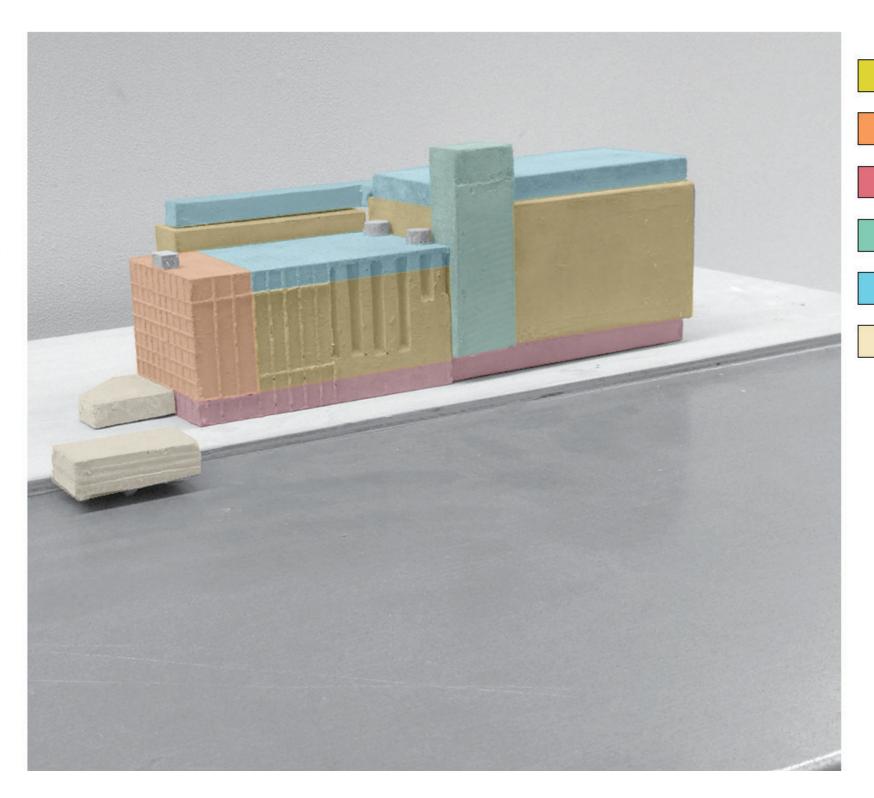
former entrance in the first building part

## ACTIVE ENSEMBLE



#### BUILDING FUNCTIONS

The functions within the Maassilo are pretty much all build up the same way in each phase. The basement and groundfloor of the buildings are used to transport grain horizontaly as well as allow workers to move about and have access to the funnels, machines and train tracks. The middle 'floors' of the building or in the case of the Maassilo the silo's take up the most space in the building. The top floor of each building phase gives room to distribute grain to the silo's and also for workers to adjust the grain pipes and have access to the machines. As for the two vertical exceptions, they are used as rising cores for the workers as well as storage and other activities such as washing grain. The office and former dwelling were situated over the water due to the lack of space on the site.



Silo's / grain storage

washing/drying area for grain

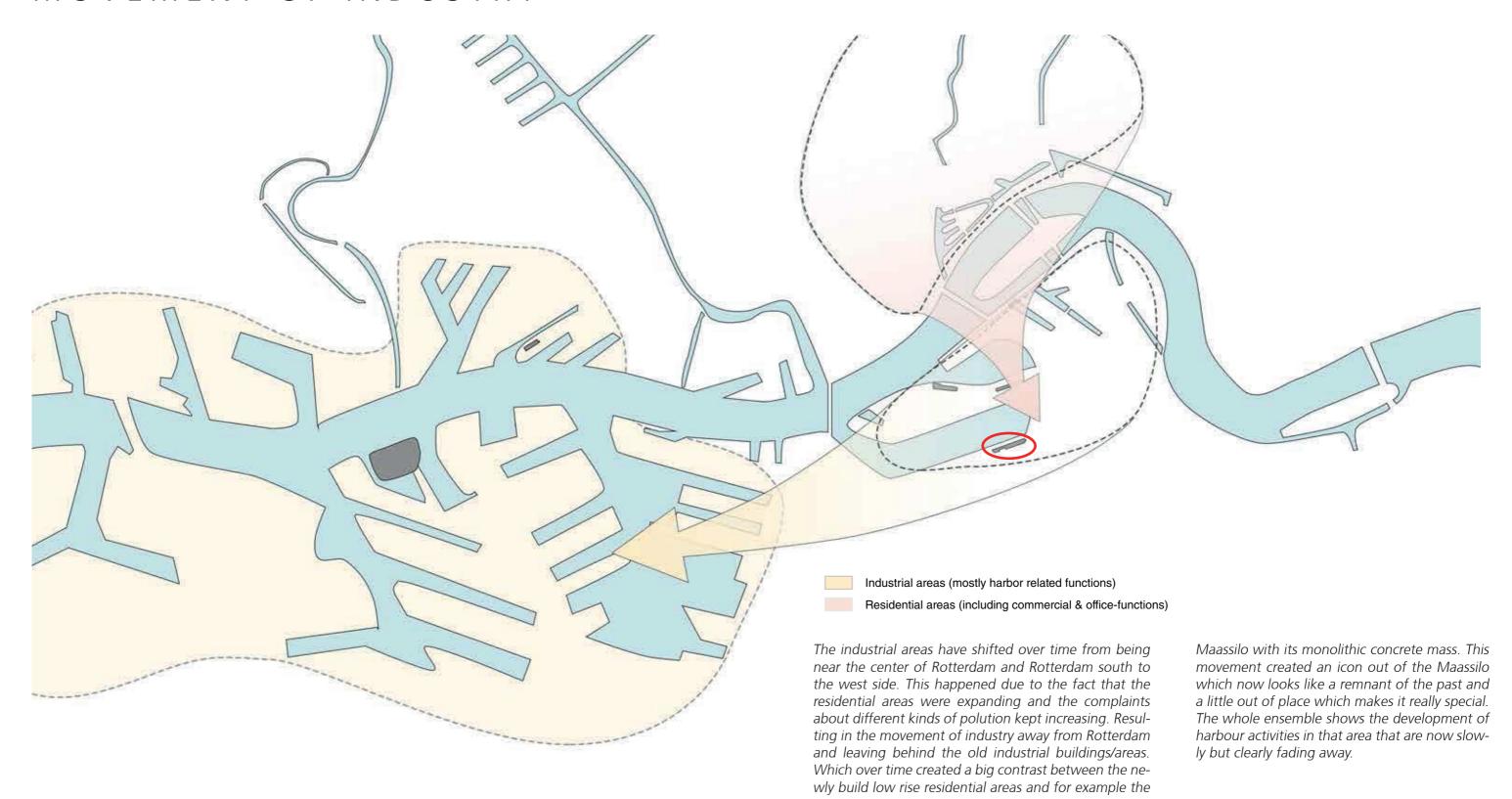
worldloor/transportfloor

machine storage/tower

office / dwelling

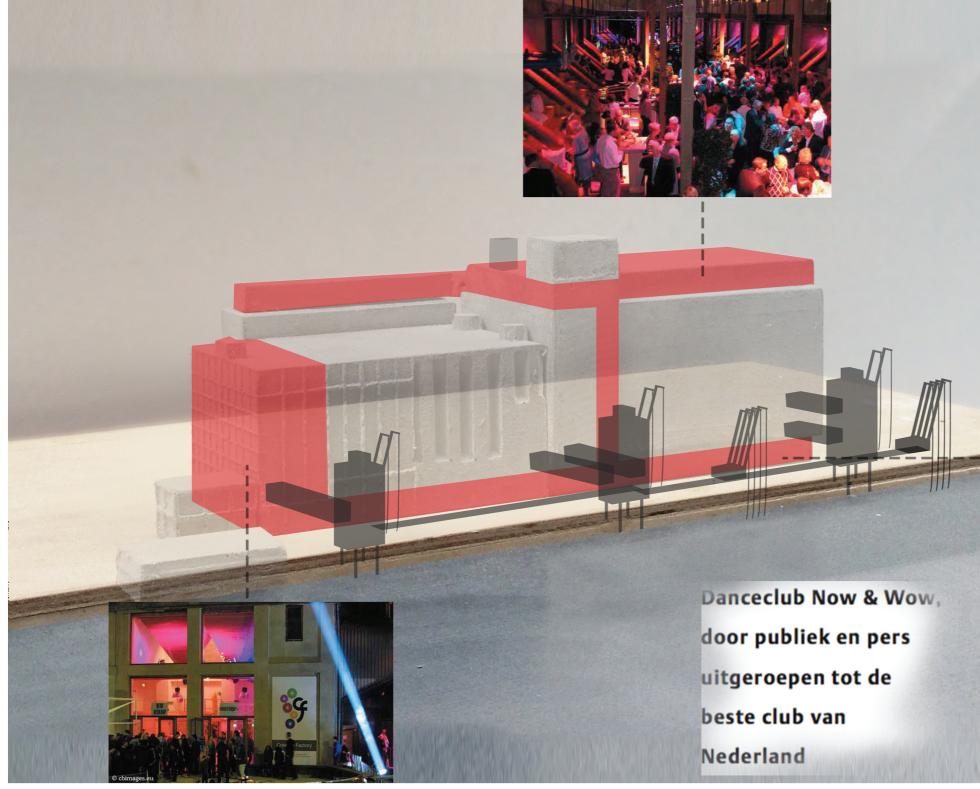
grain distribution rooms for silo's

#### MOVEMENT OF INDUSTRY

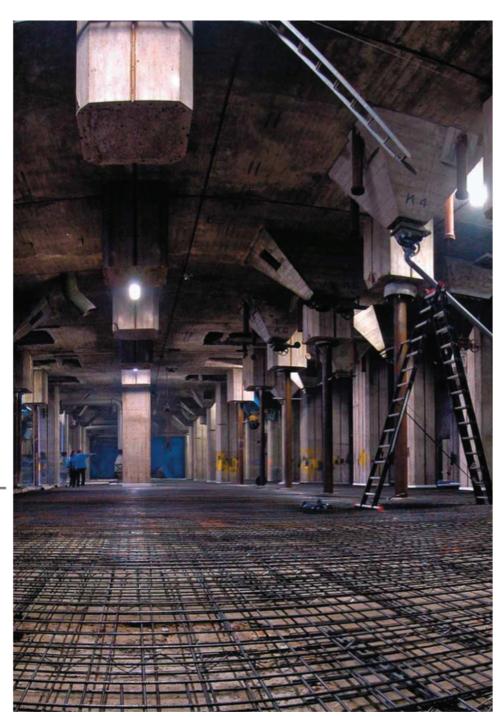


#### CHRONOMAP - 2008









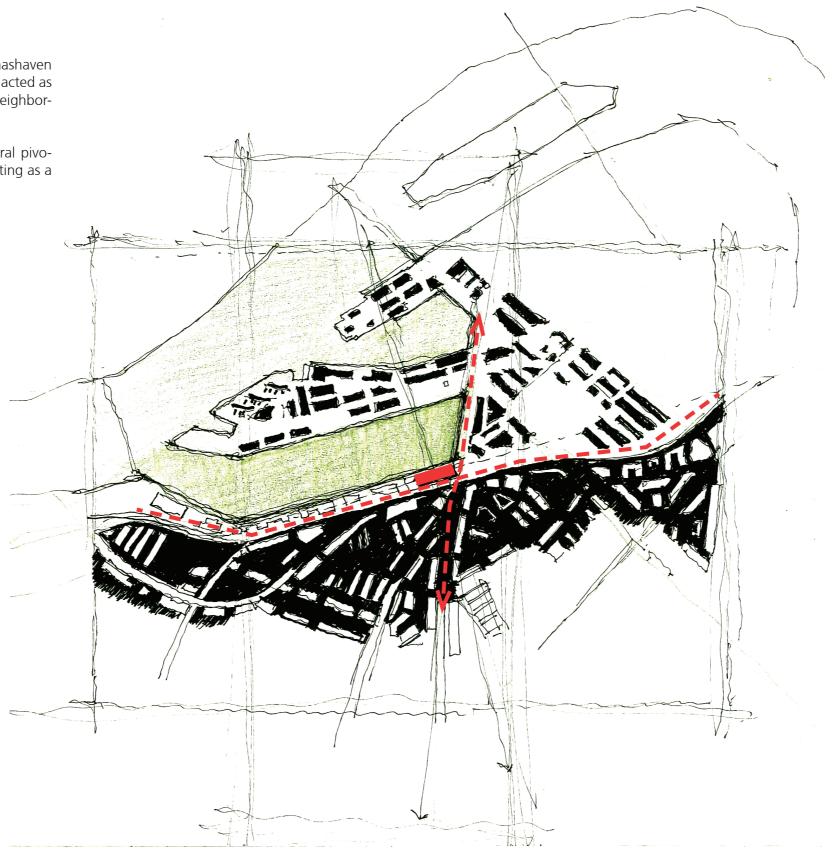
Groundfloor removing and adding columns and fortifying floor for Now & Wow 2004

# ANALYSIS

## URBAN CONFIGURATION

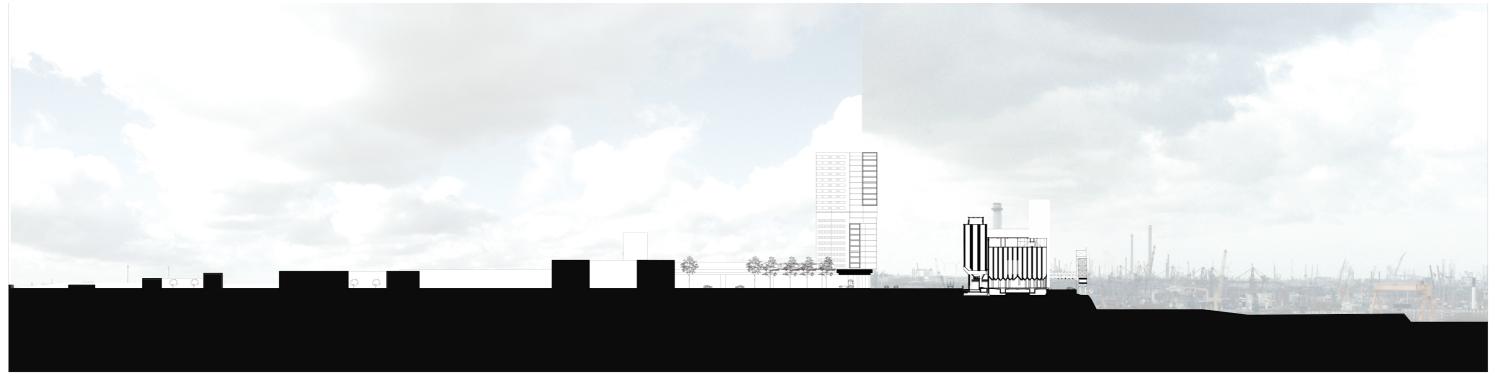
Directly connected to the creation of the Maashaven and defining its southern edge, the Graansilo acted as the generator of the southern working class neighborhoods of Tarwewijk and Bloemhof.

In this context, the building assumed a central pivotal role towards the city and harbour, also acting as a 'gate' between north and south.



## RELATIONSHIP TO SURROUNDINGS

Being stricly defined by the arteries of Maashaven Oostzidre and Brielselaan and bordered by the railway, the building becomes clearly separated from the eastern neighborhoods of Bloemhof and acts as a northern terminal (yet abstracted) for the southern district of Tarwewijk.



Sectional relationship with Tarwewijk



Maashaven Oostzijdre and waterfront profile

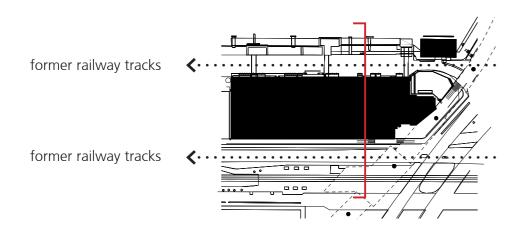
#### TWO-FACED

The main lineair layout of the building is closely related to its position towards the Maashaven and the former railways. The result is that the building has two long facades, each with a particular relation to the public space. The public space on the south side (left in the section above) has a strong lineair character and is enclosed from both sides. The repetition of concrete columns in the facade enhances this linearity. In terms of scale, the building has an ambivalent relation to this public space. On the one hand, the human scale is introduced through the so-called "plofroosters", the concrete ornament tiles in the lower part of the facade. On the other hand, the devision in two parts, mirrored in the high bridge in the middle, imposes a colossal scale.

The north side of the building is perhaps a more challenging public space, mainly because of the distance to the water. The space is narrow, certainly in relation to the hight of the building, and is completely cast in schadow. The original elevator constructions block the view towards the Maashaven, and so the space is now used for parking. The facade does not have an articulated expression of the human scale as the south facade has. The result is that the building becomes inconceivable. Its totality disappears because of its swallowing scale in relation to the narrow public space.

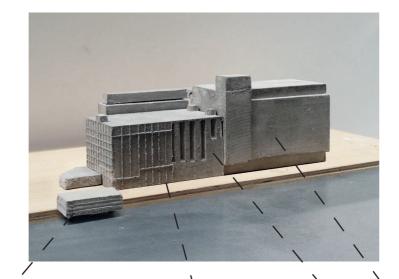
Both facades have one thing in common, they completely conceil their interior. The relation between inside and outside is almost non-existent in the Maassilo, certainly in this section.



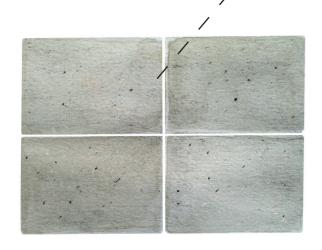


#### CONCRETE APPEARANCES

From the urban and site scale, the building is conceived as a monolithic mass of concrete. At a closer look however, the concrete has multiple appearances in the Maassilo. These appearances point to the developments in the economy of the building, the different stylistic choices of the architects and the development of the material itself. All these appearances have their own texture, scale, and relation to the observer.













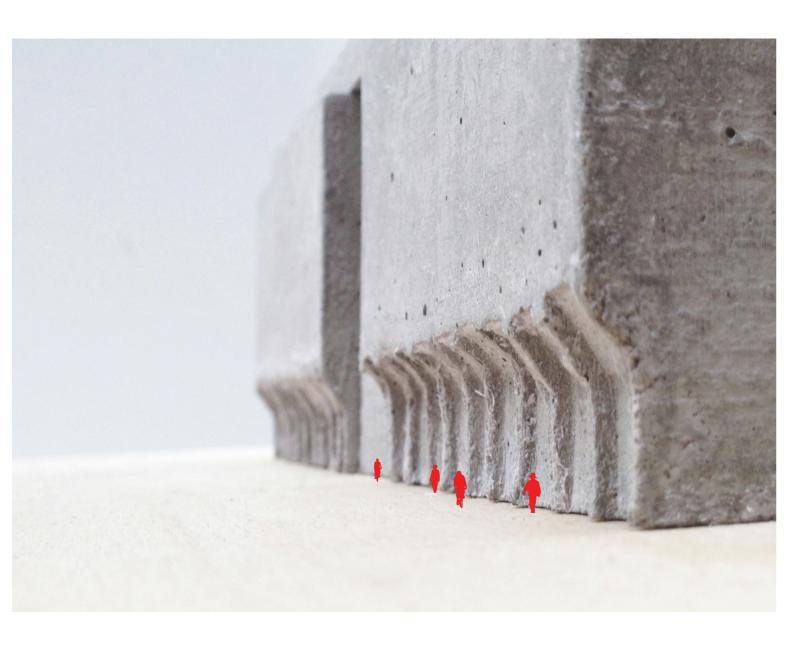
concrete tiles - part 4 (Haan) - rational - indifferent - sober

hollow concrete stones - part 1 (Stok) - tactile - human scale - contingent

plastered concrete surface - part 1,2,3 - damaged - inconceivable scale - worn

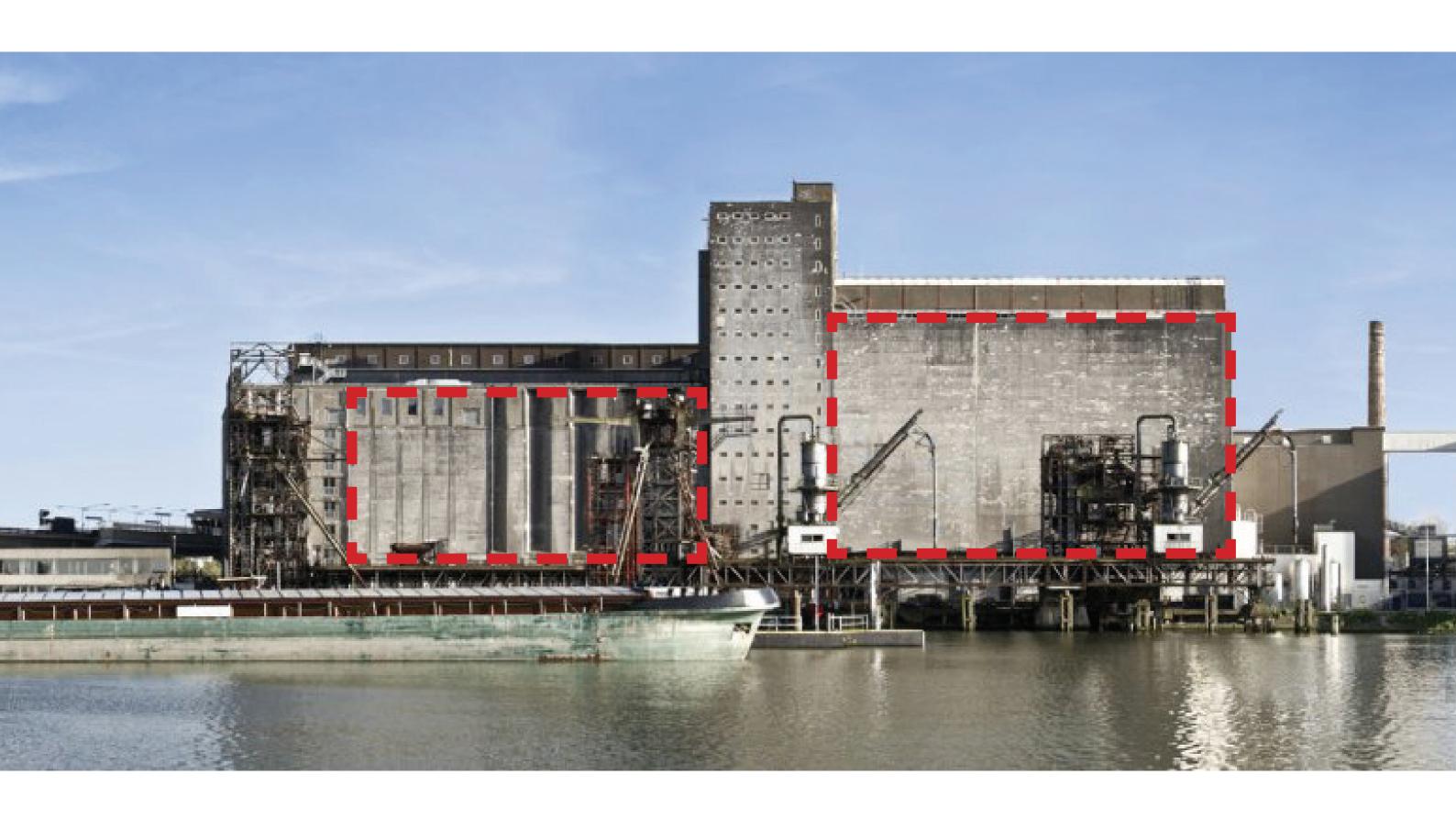
plofroosters - part 3 (Postma) - lively - human scale - active - transparant

## LACK OF HUMAN SCALE





# CONCRETE MOLOTHIC FACADES

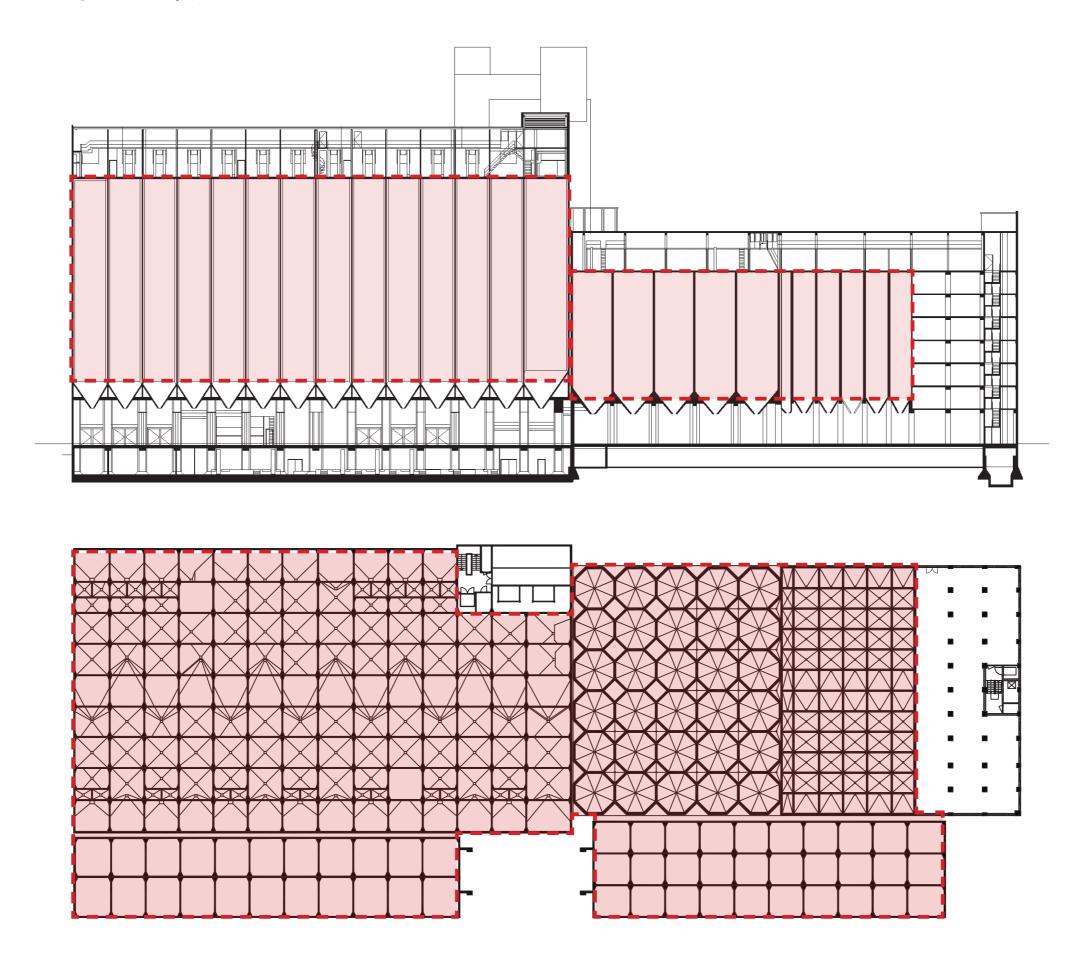


## CURRENT DAYLIGHT ENTRY



daylight current situation

#### SILO VOLUMES 71%



# URBAN CONTEXT

#### STATEMENT OPPORTUNITY

#### NORTH / SOUTH

#### conflict

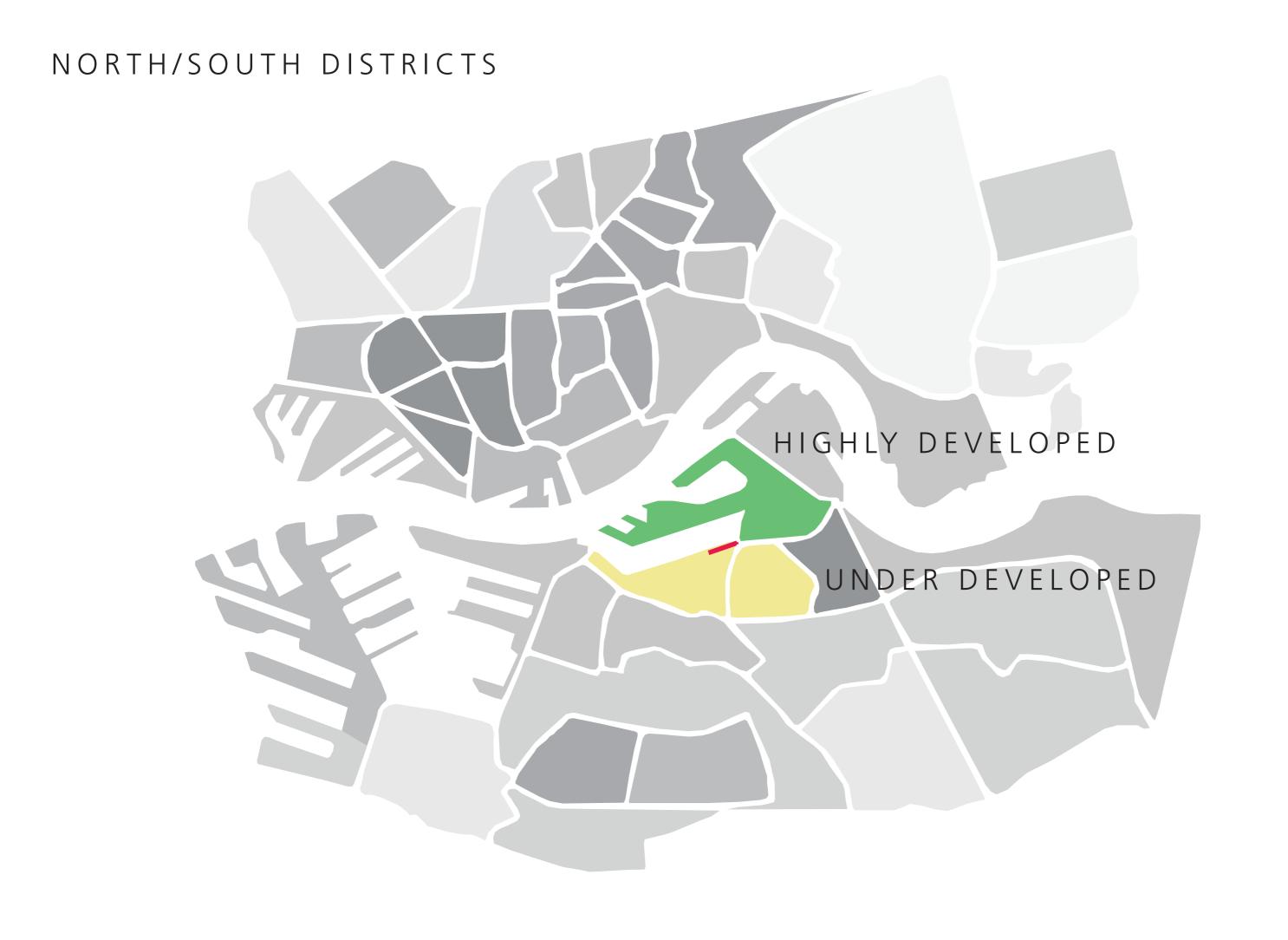
The two-faced character of the Maassilo and its historical relation with the public space and infrastructure have historical significance. On the other hand, they form a barrier that makes it difficult to connect the southern districts to the harbour area north of the building.

#### opportunity

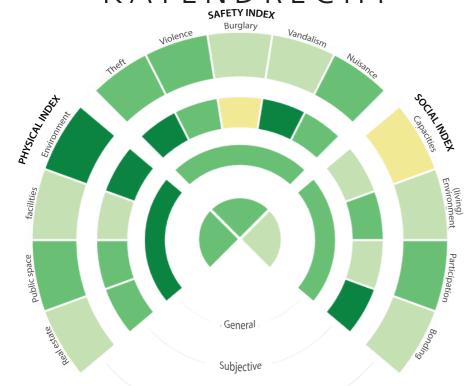
The Maassilo could be treated as a gate, mediating between two different stages of development and help gentrify the districts with a low social standing.

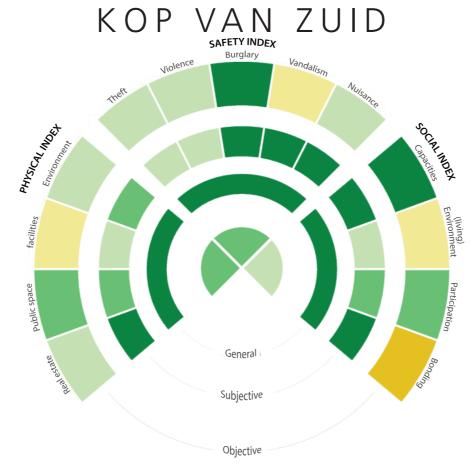
#### **OBLIGATION**

The areas north and south of the Maassilo have completely different characteristics and show opposite states of socio-economic development. If the aim is to develop the workers' districts to the harbour area, the right balance must be sought between connecting the two neighborhoods and respecting their historical seperation. The Maassilo, historically connected to both the districts and the border itself, plays a key role in this respect.



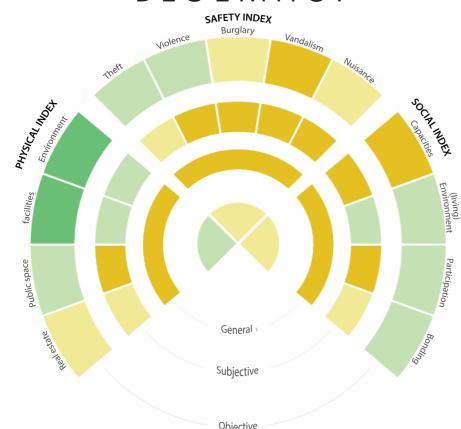
# INDEX COMPARISON KATENDRECHT



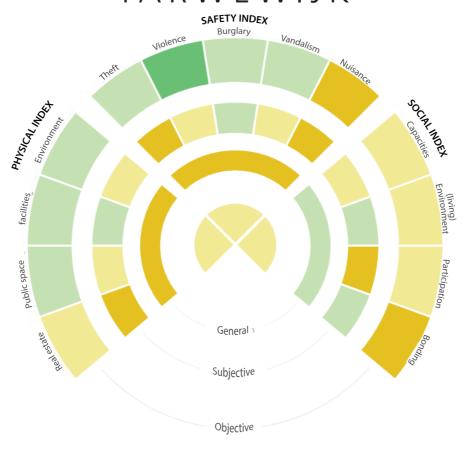


#### BLOEMHOF

Objective

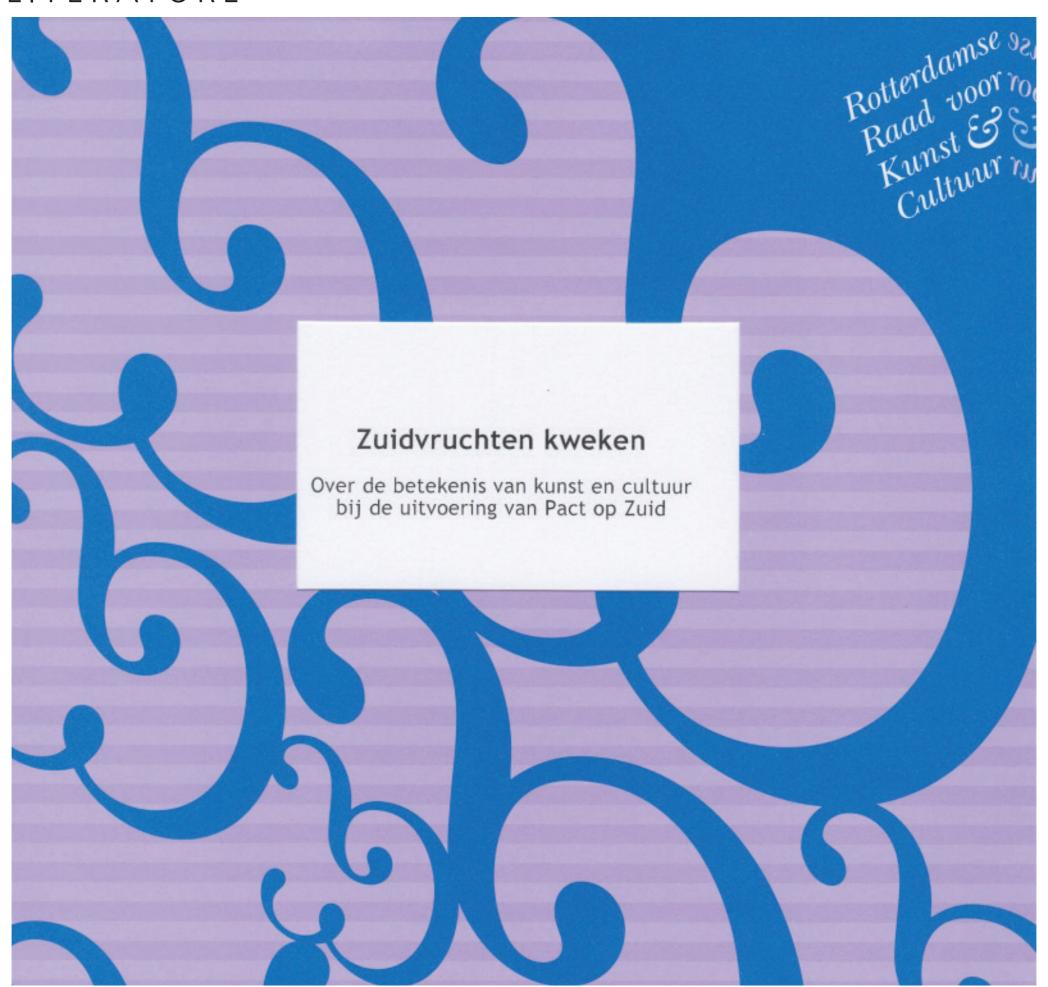


#### TARWEWIJK



- far above the average of Rotterdam
- above the average of Rotterdam
- around the average of Rotterdam
  - below the average of Rotterdam
- far below the average of Rotterdam





# Research Questions

How to redesign the Maassilo into a museum?

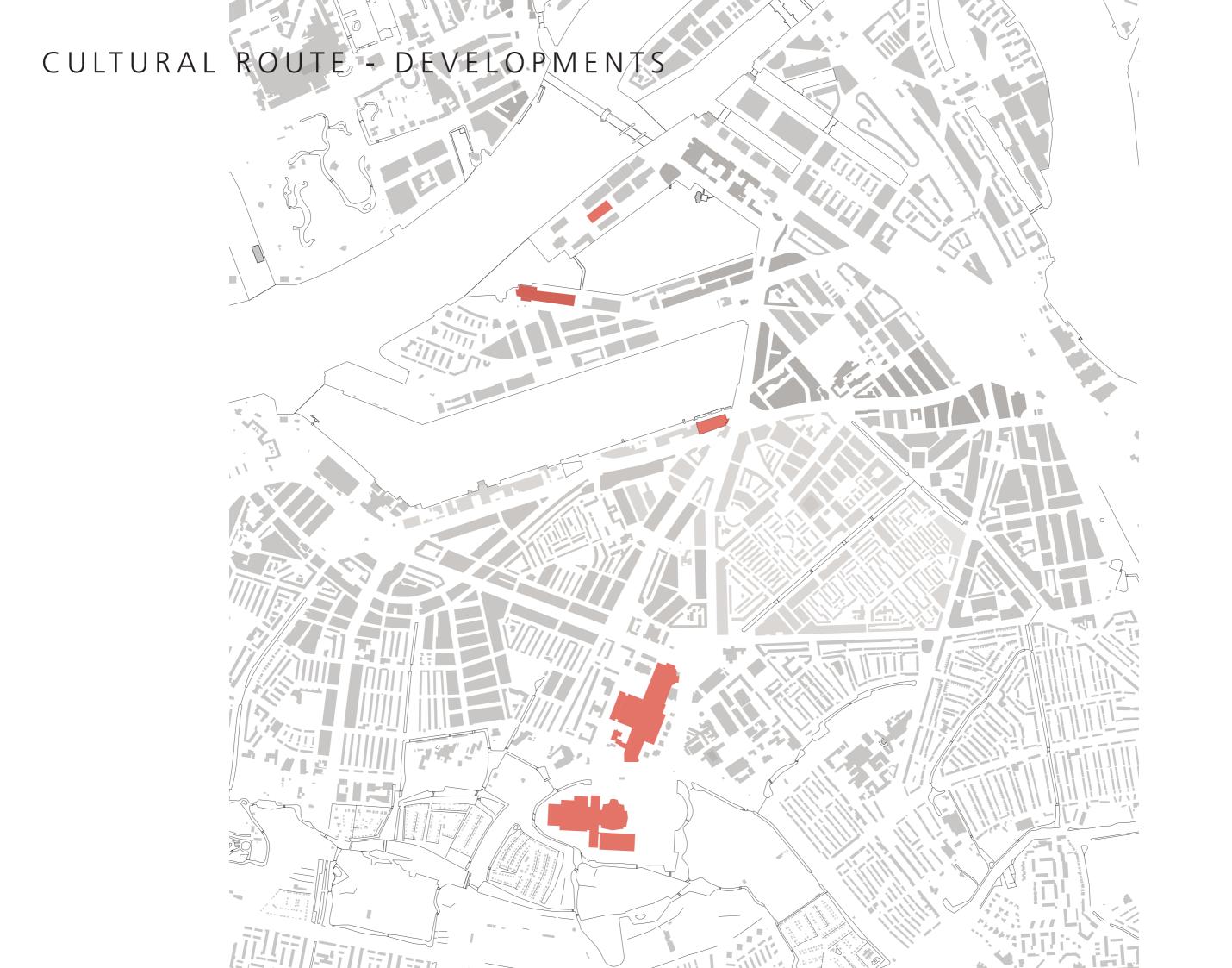
How to cope with the lack of daylight without decreasing the cultural value of the facades?

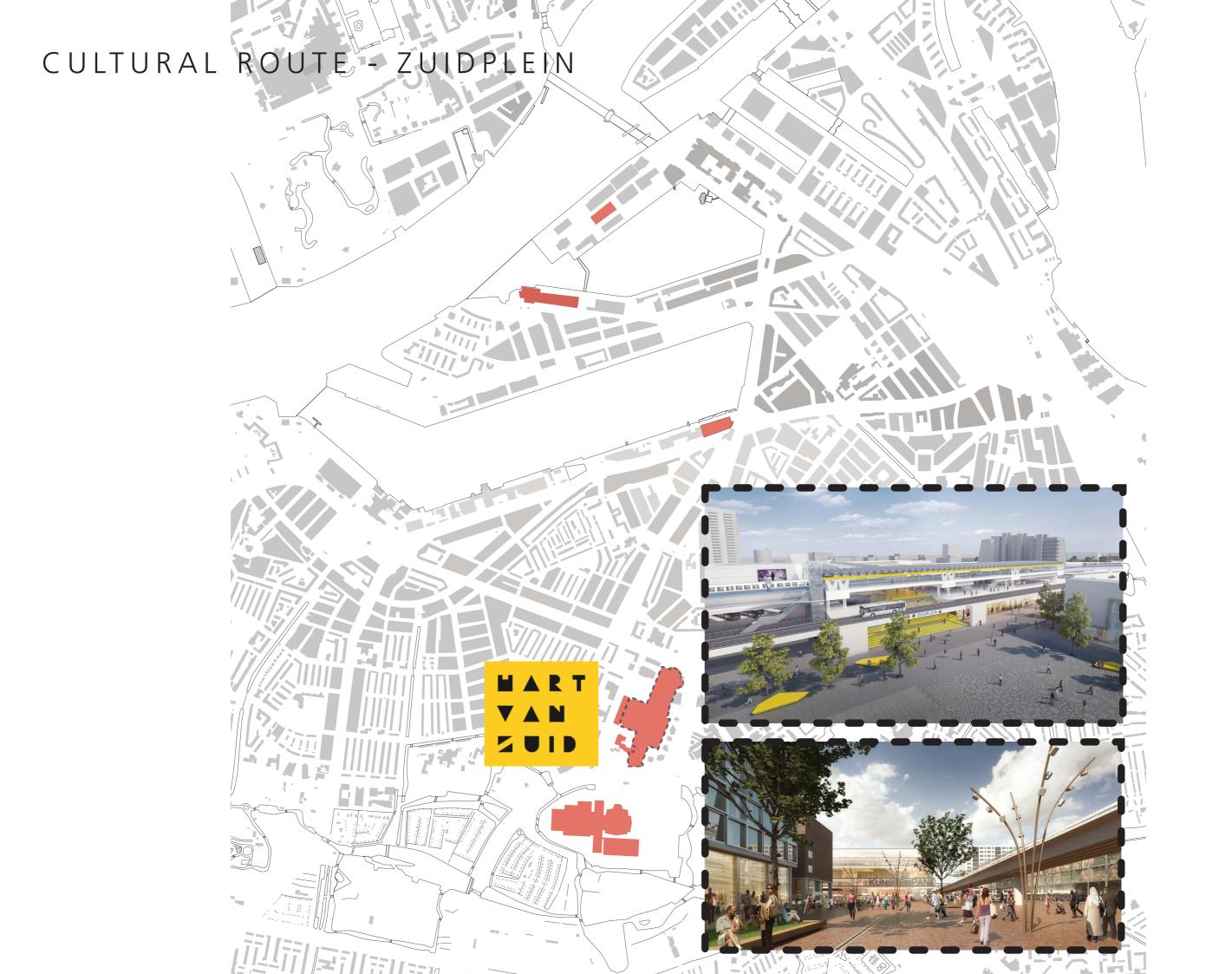
How to deal with the silo structure and potentially enhance its architectural value?

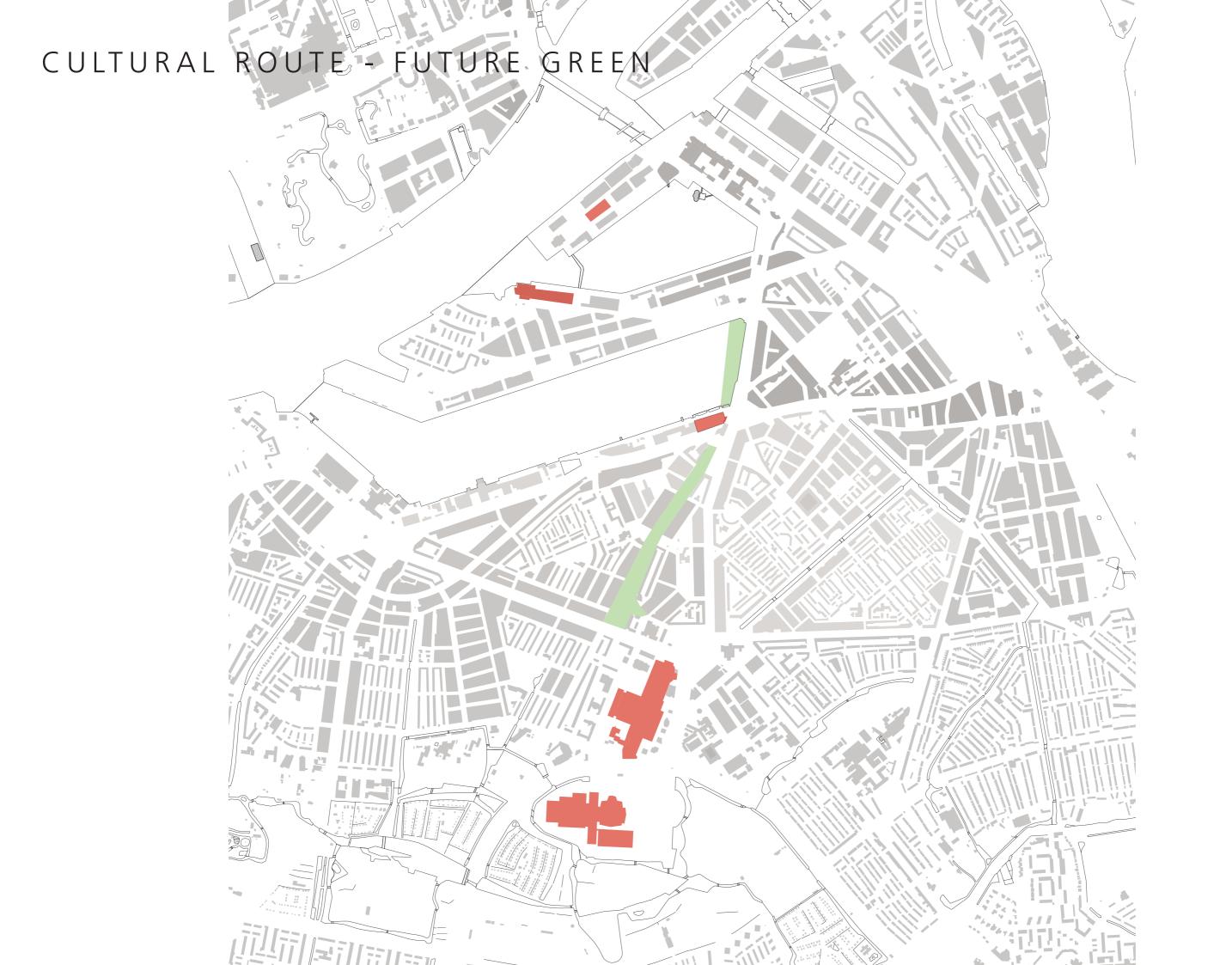
How to use Art&Culture as an instigator for urban social growth?

# CONNECTING NORTH AND SOUTH

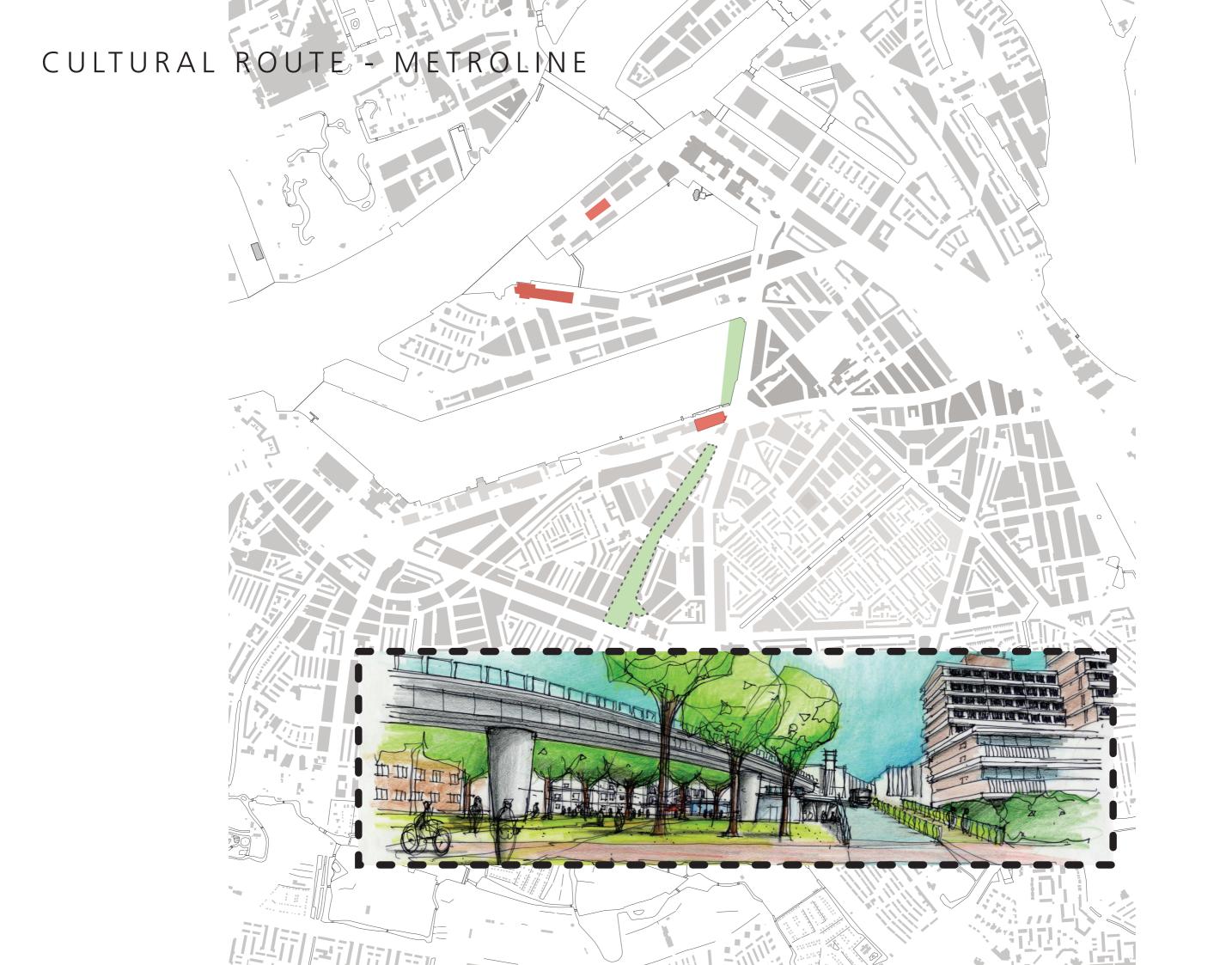


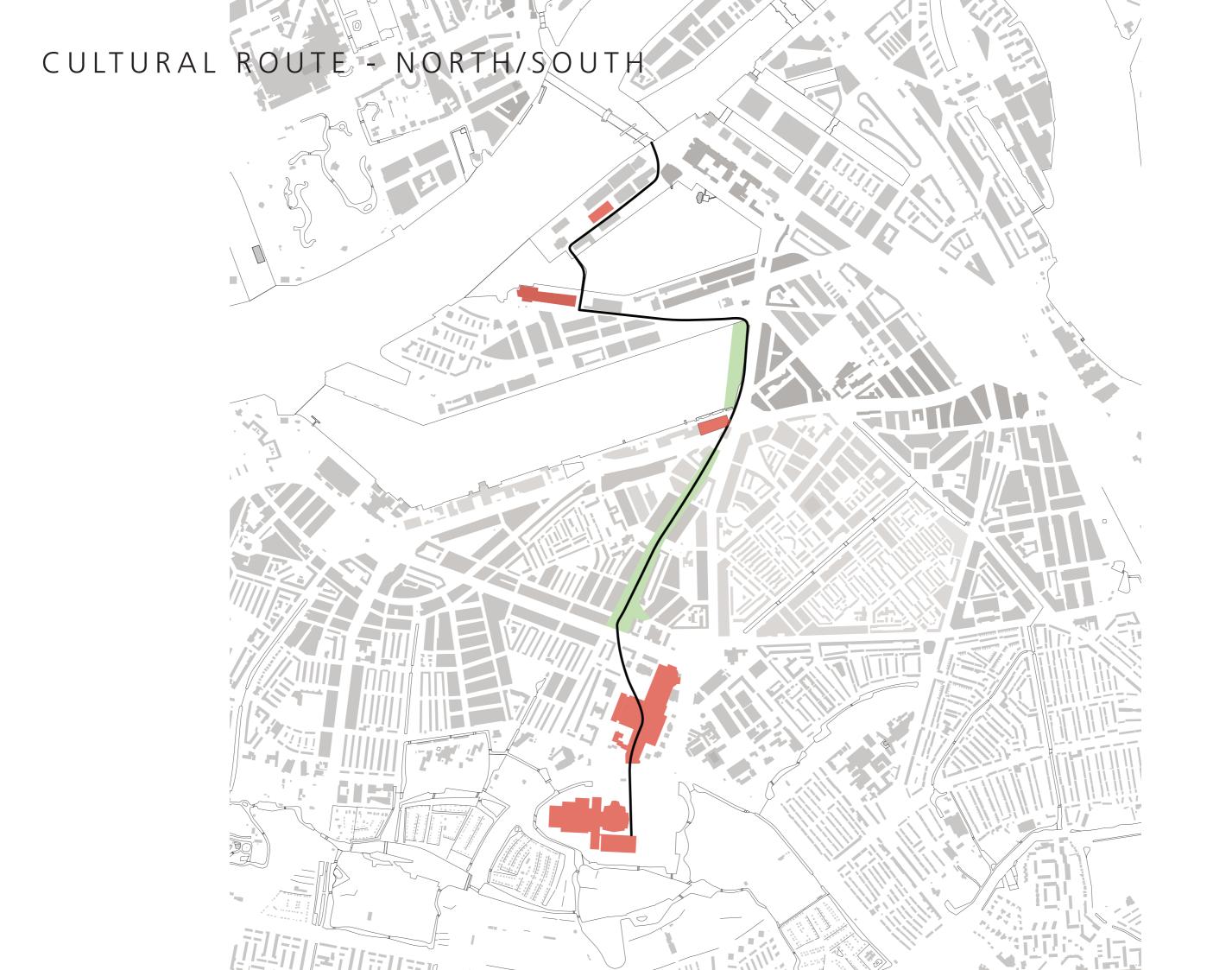








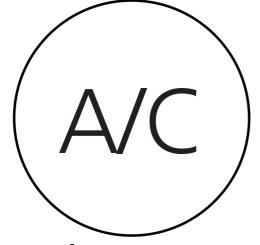




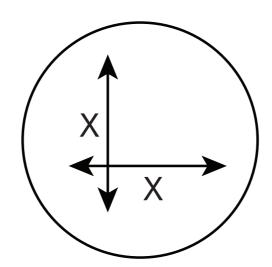
# PROGRAM

# Museum needs





climate control



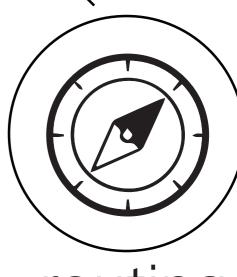
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user experience



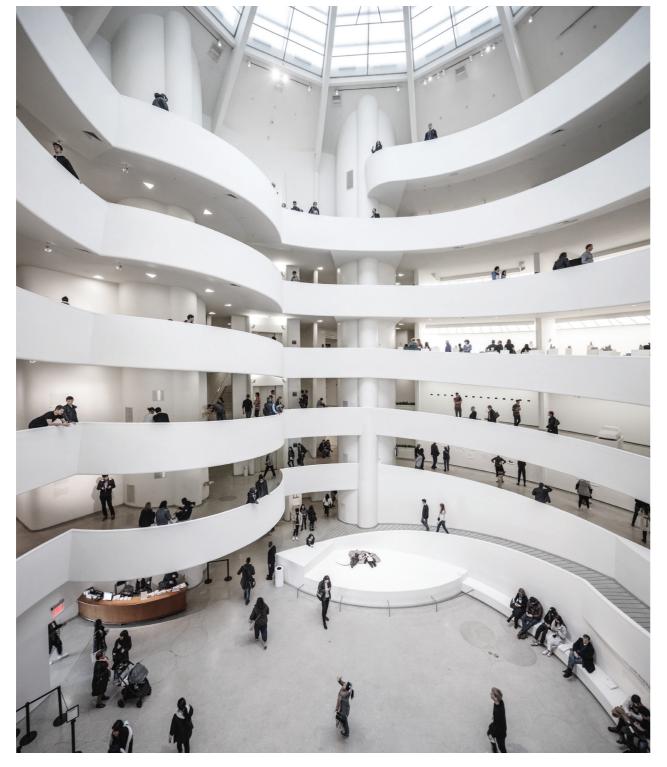
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routing

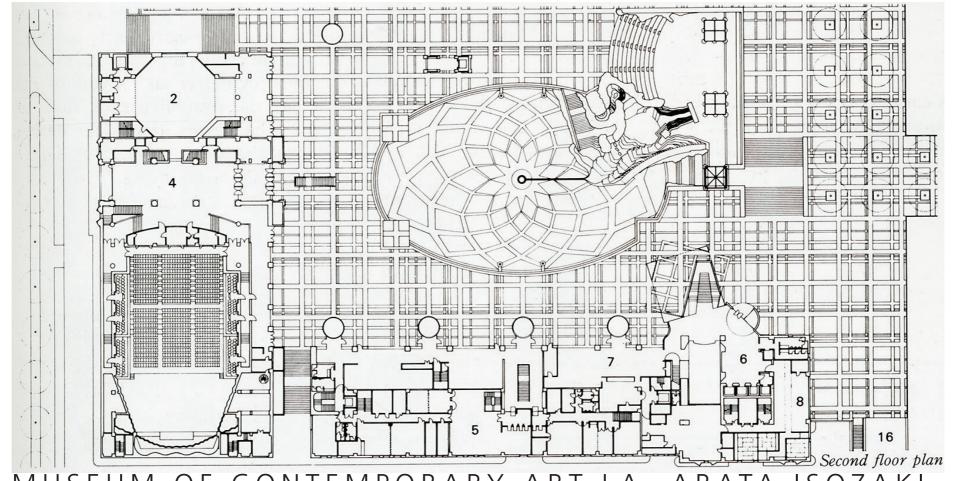
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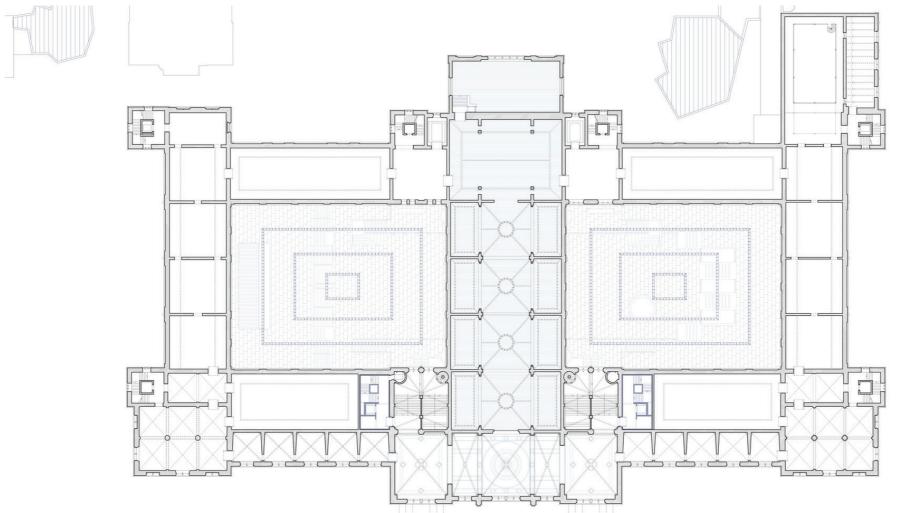




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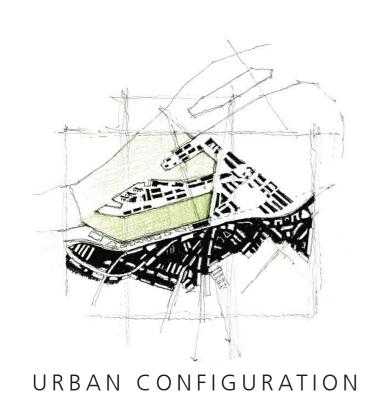


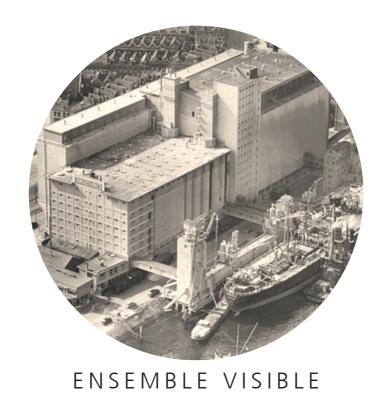
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# VALUES

#### MAIN REDESIGN ASPECTS TO CONSIDER

#### BOLD STATEMENTS

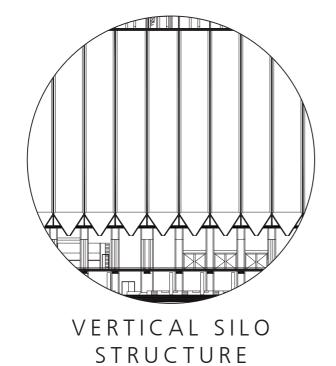


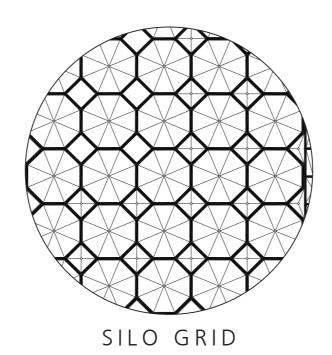






#### ESSENTIAL ARCHITECTURAL ASPECTS







WEATHERED CONCRETE FACADES



INTROVERT CHARACTER



NO HUMAN SCALE



ORIGINAL FUNCTION

# MASTERPLAN

#### CURRENT MAIN ENTRANCE

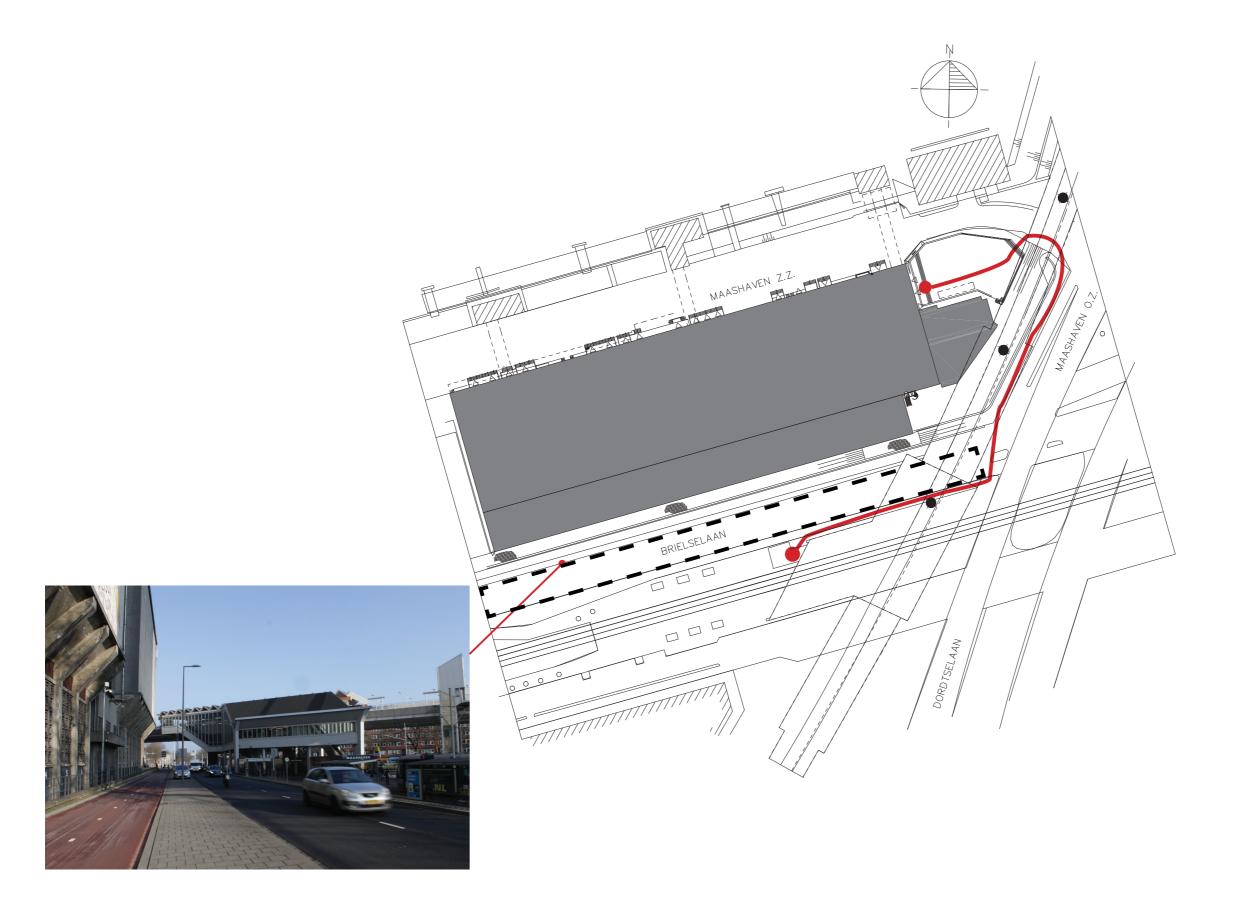






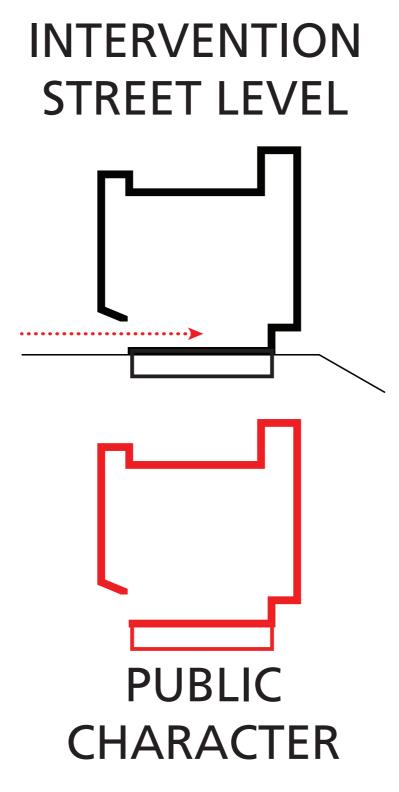


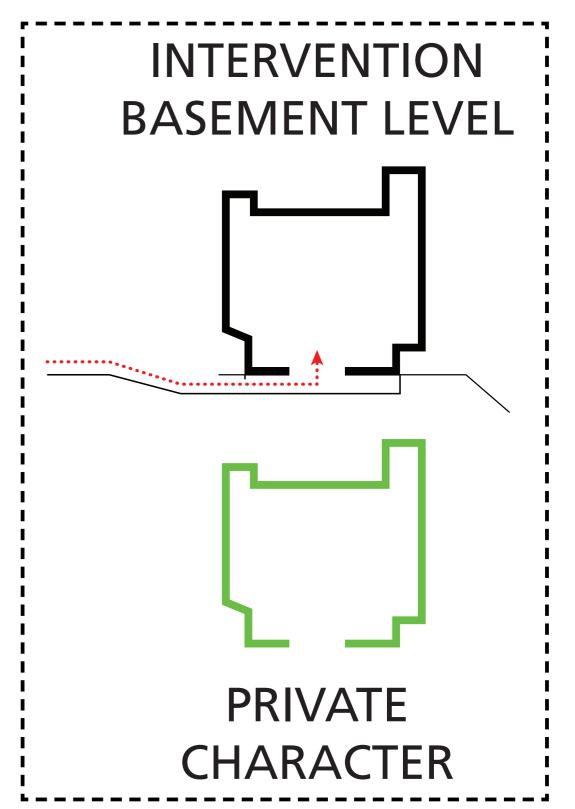
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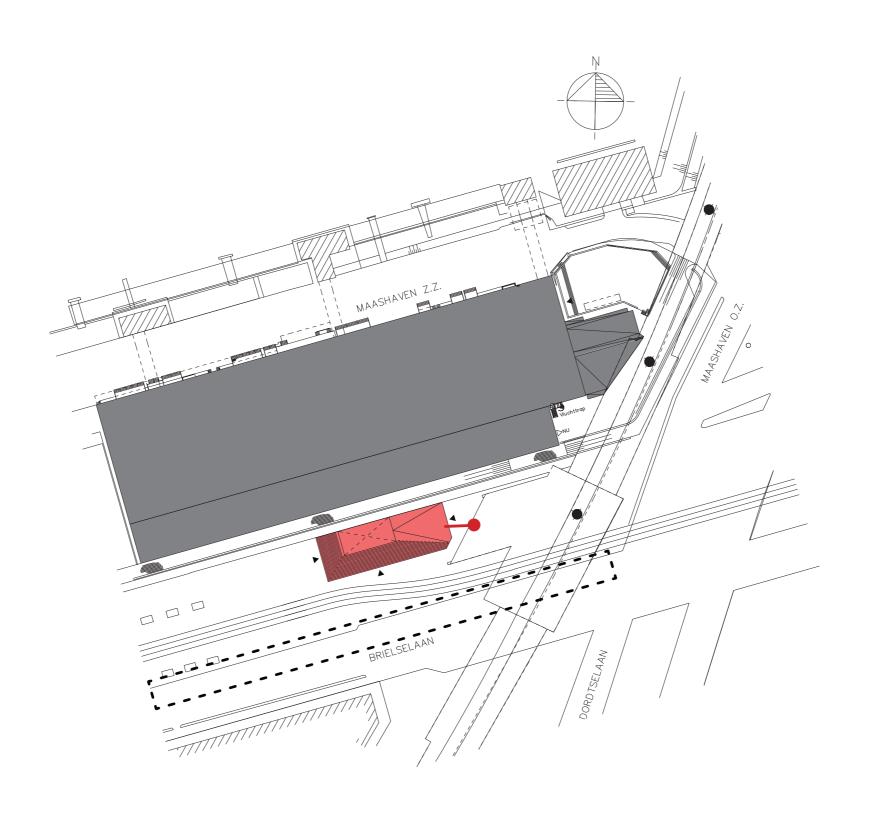
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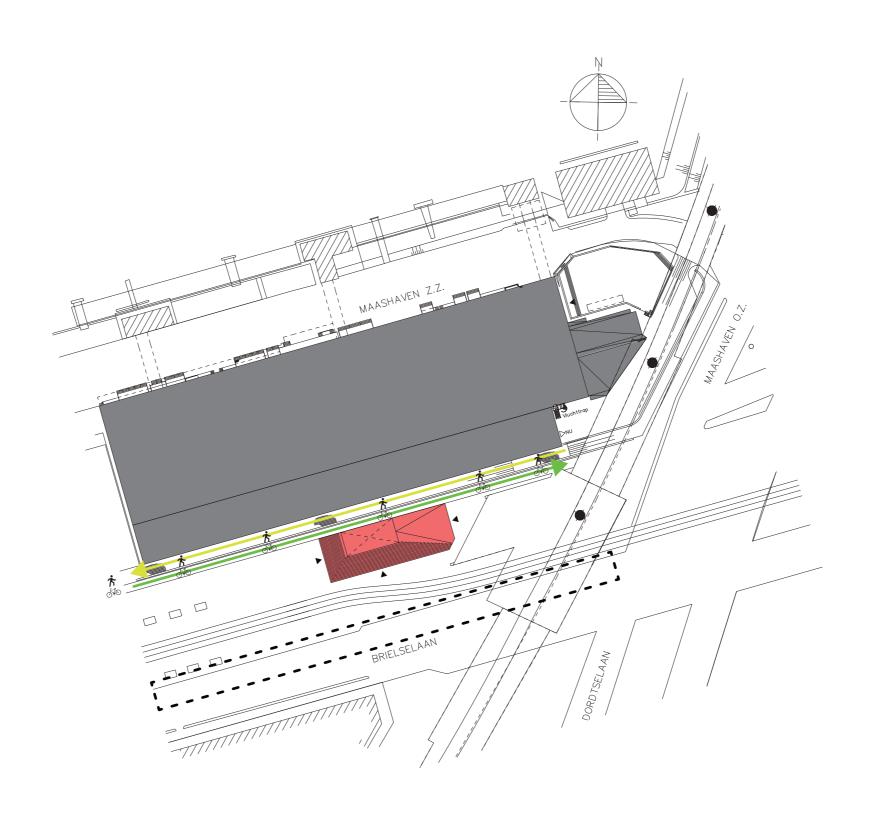




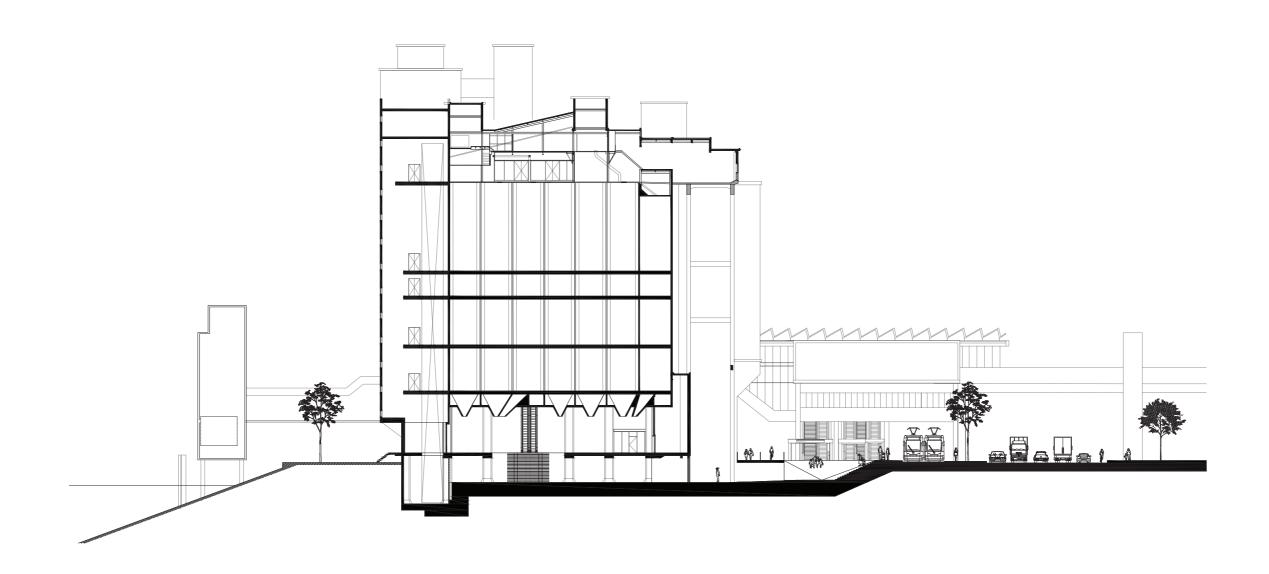
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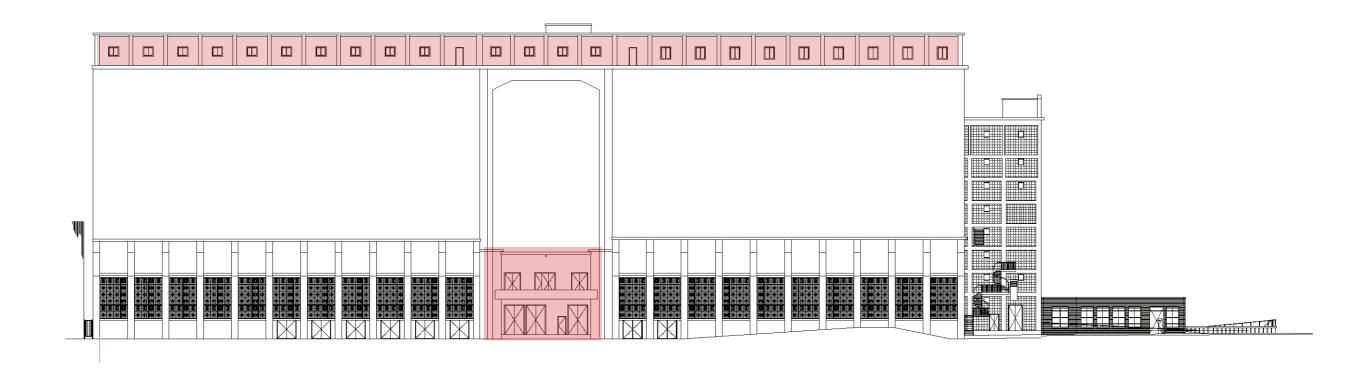
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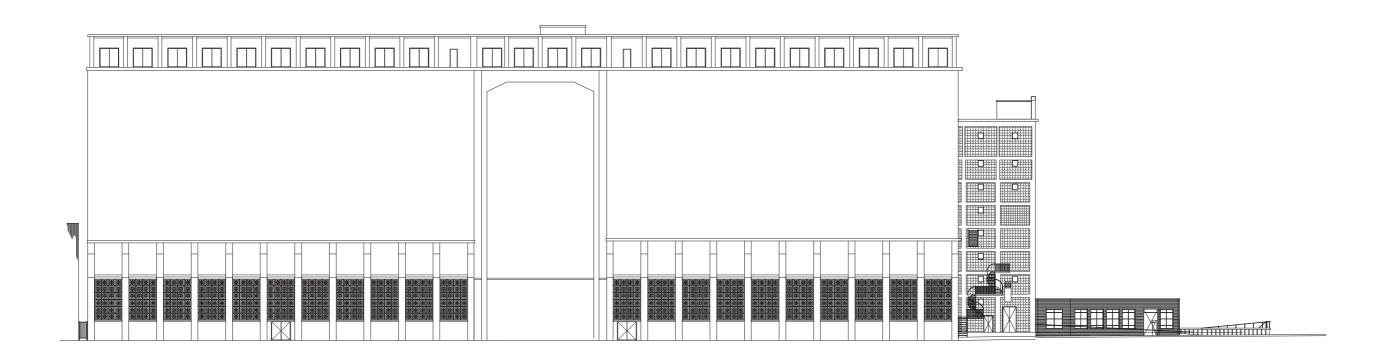






#### SOUTH FACADE CHANGES





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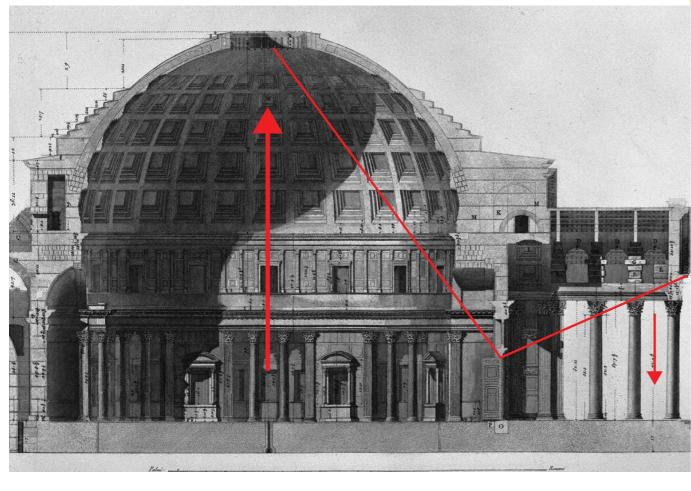


#### 3D IMPRESSION - ENTRANCE BASEMENT



#### TRANSITIONS TO ENHANCE THE DIFFERENCE



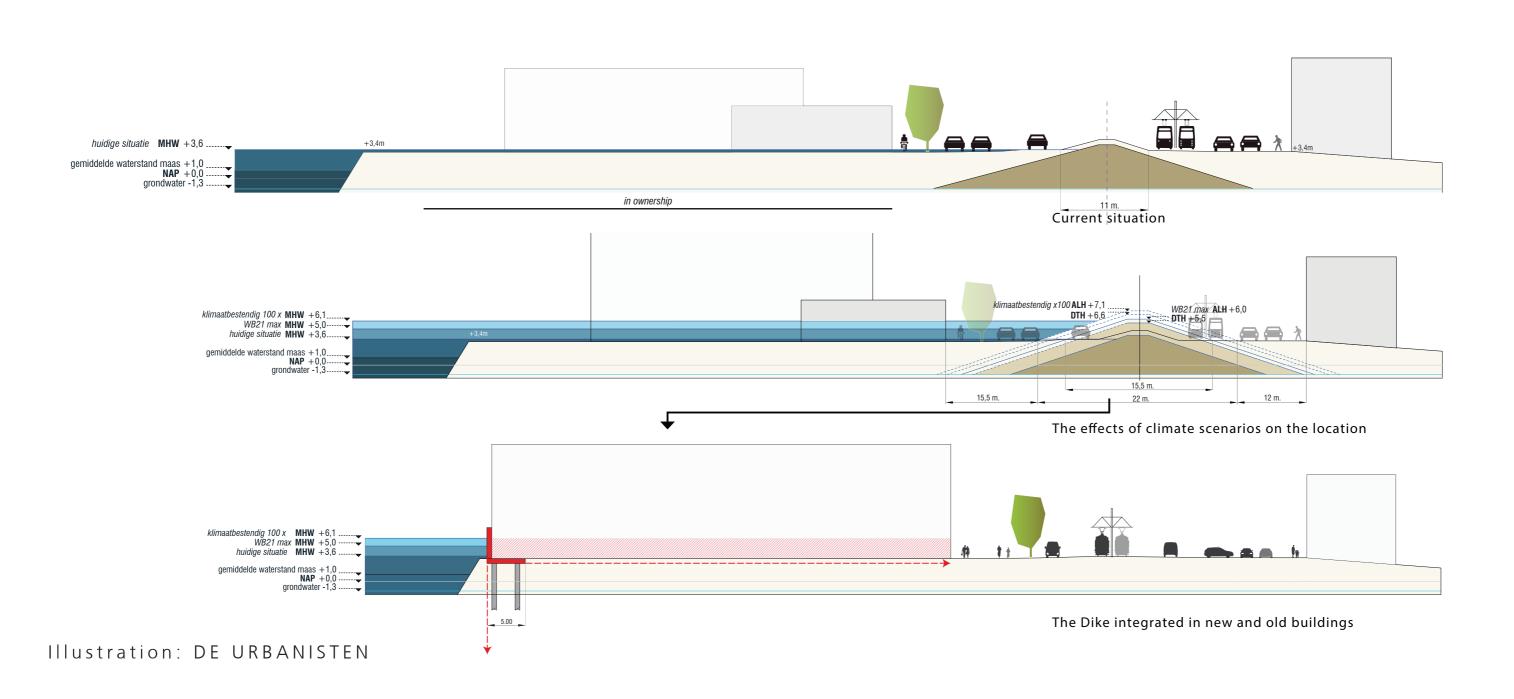


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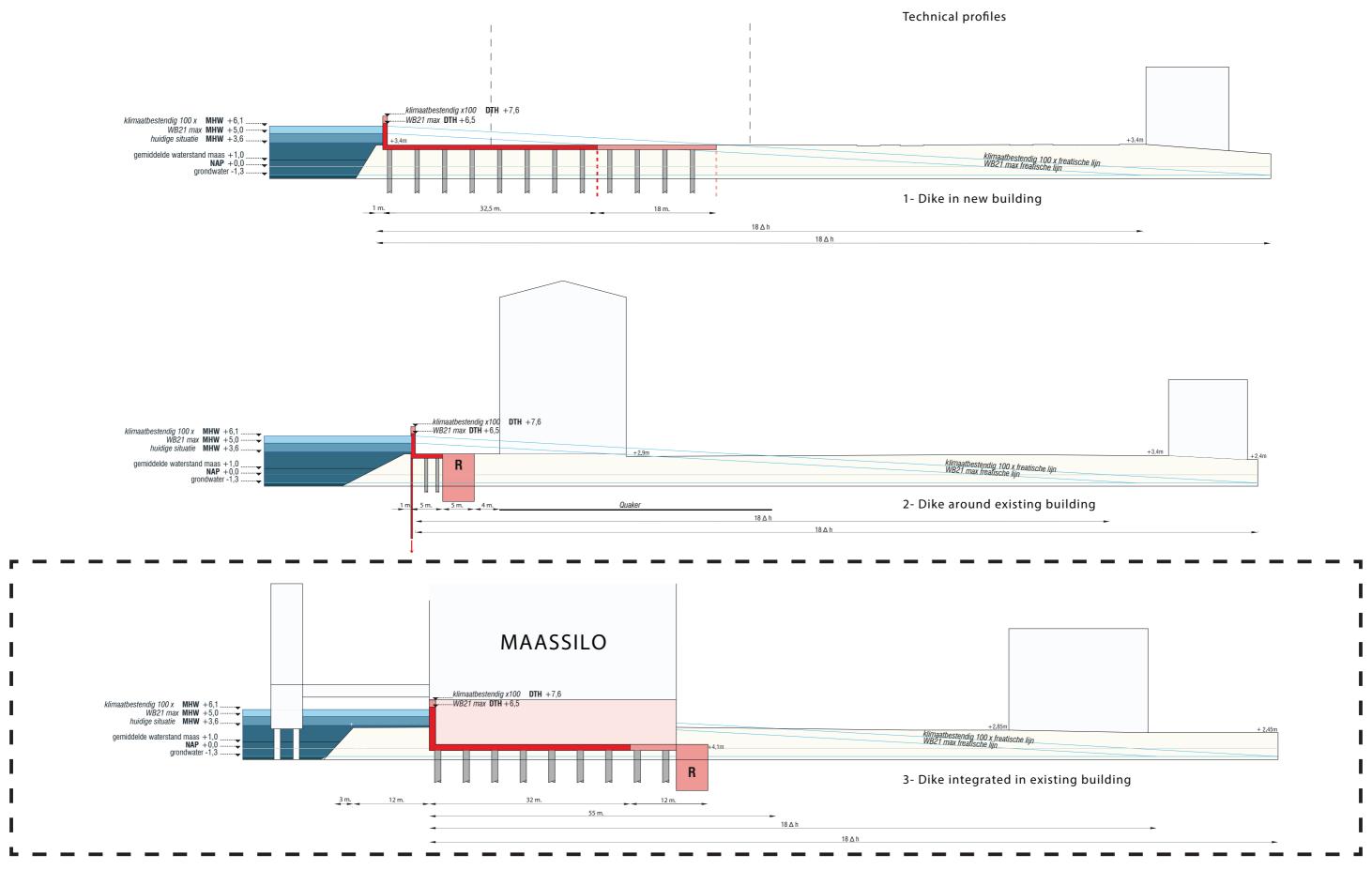
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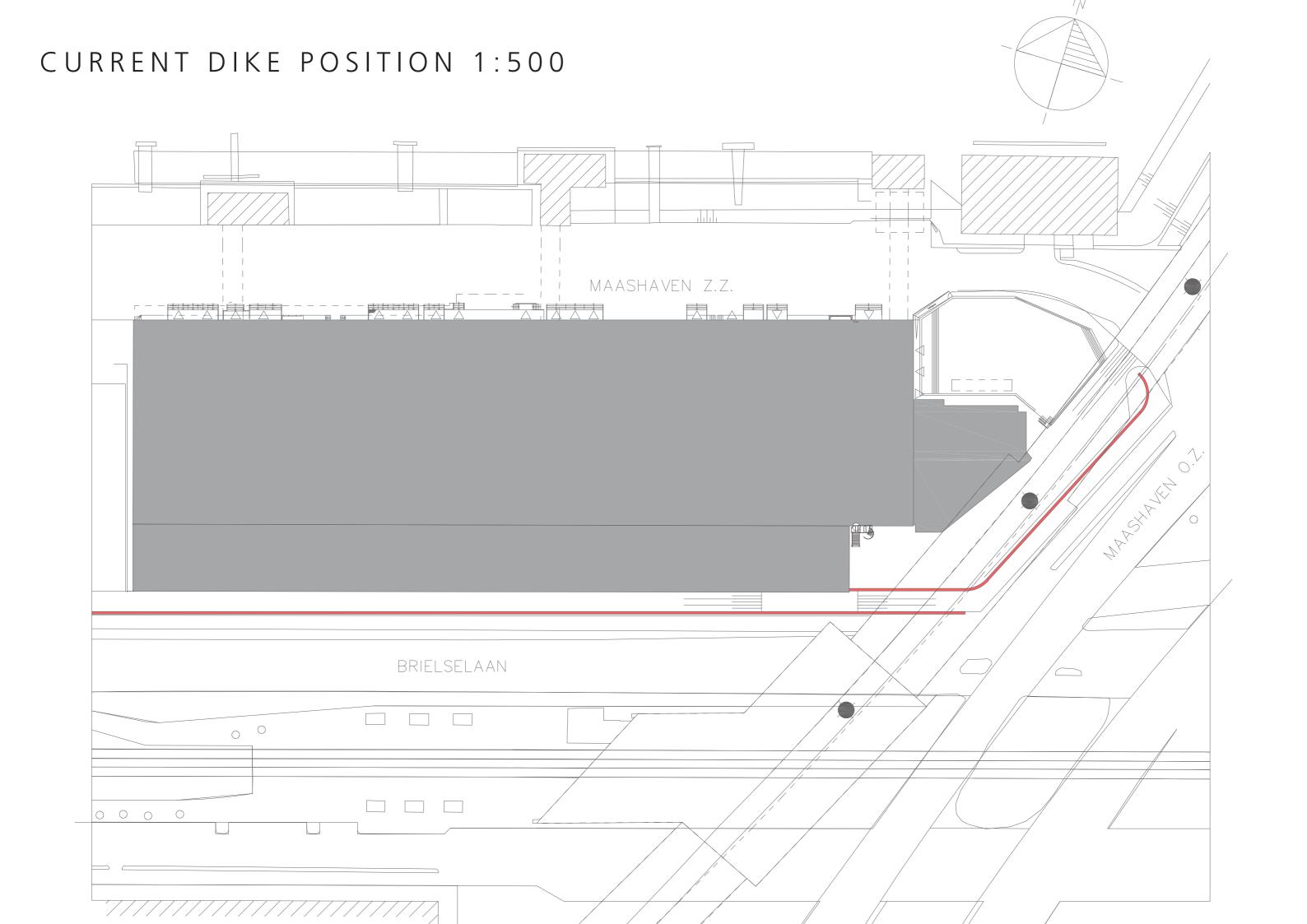


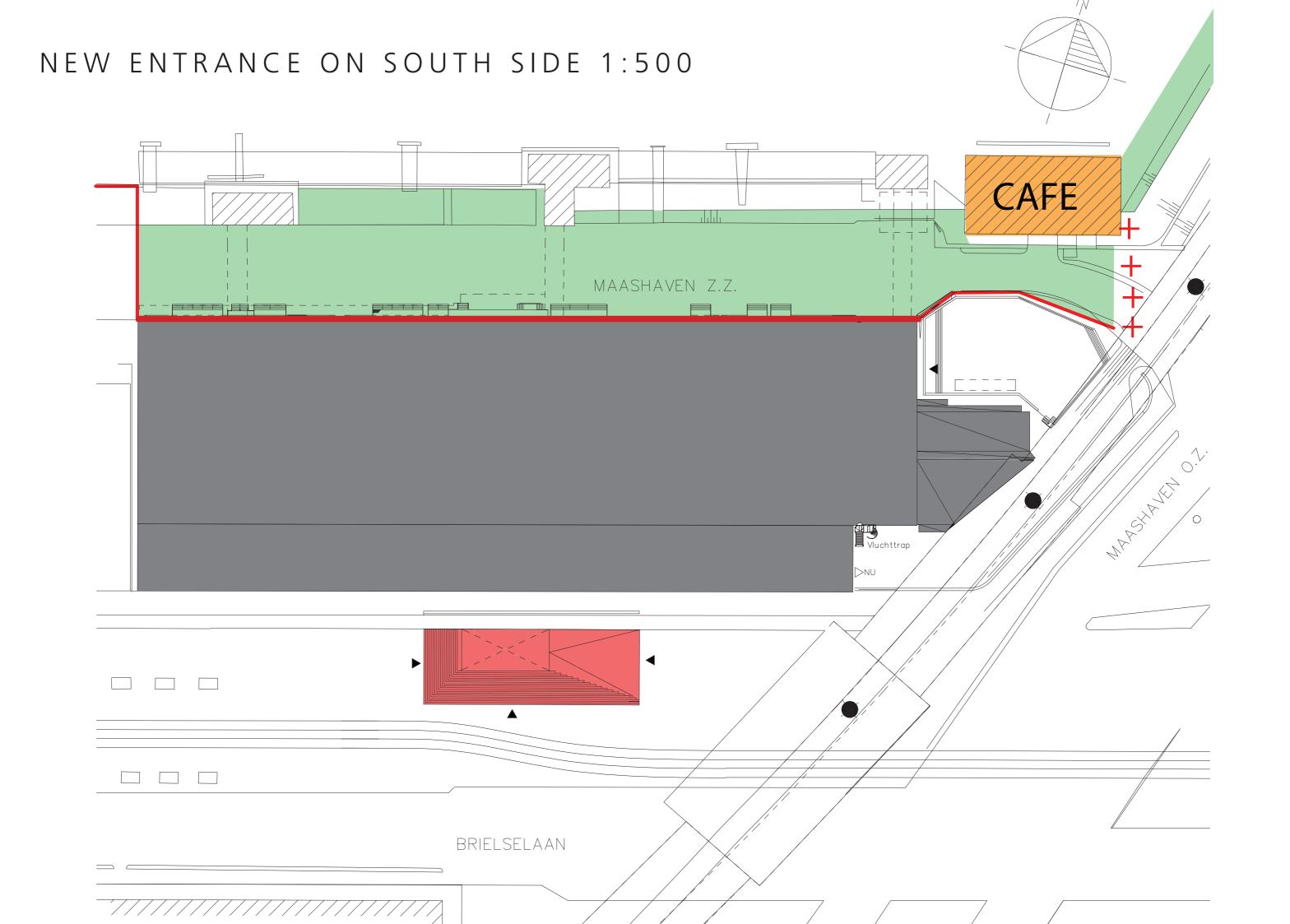
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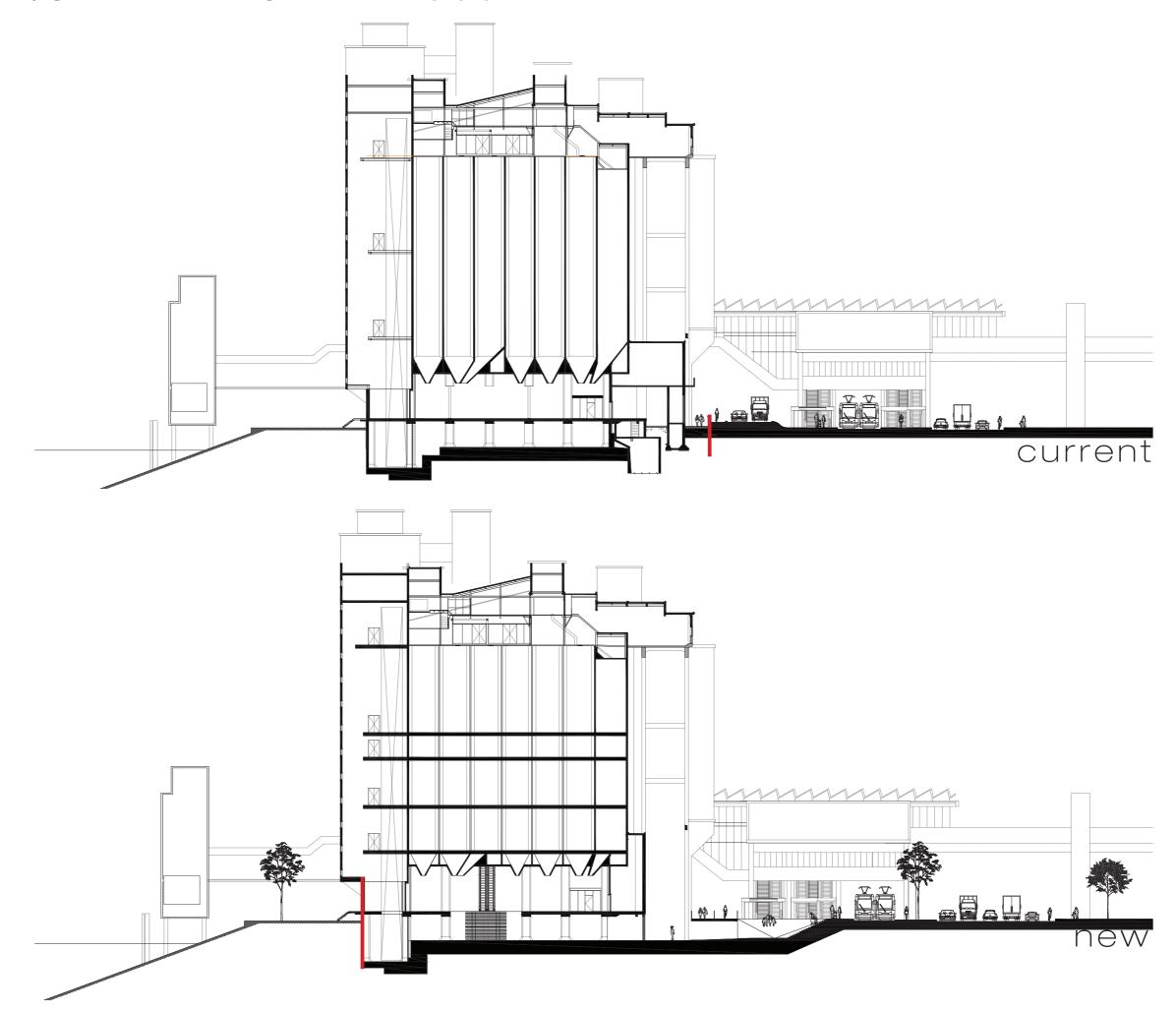
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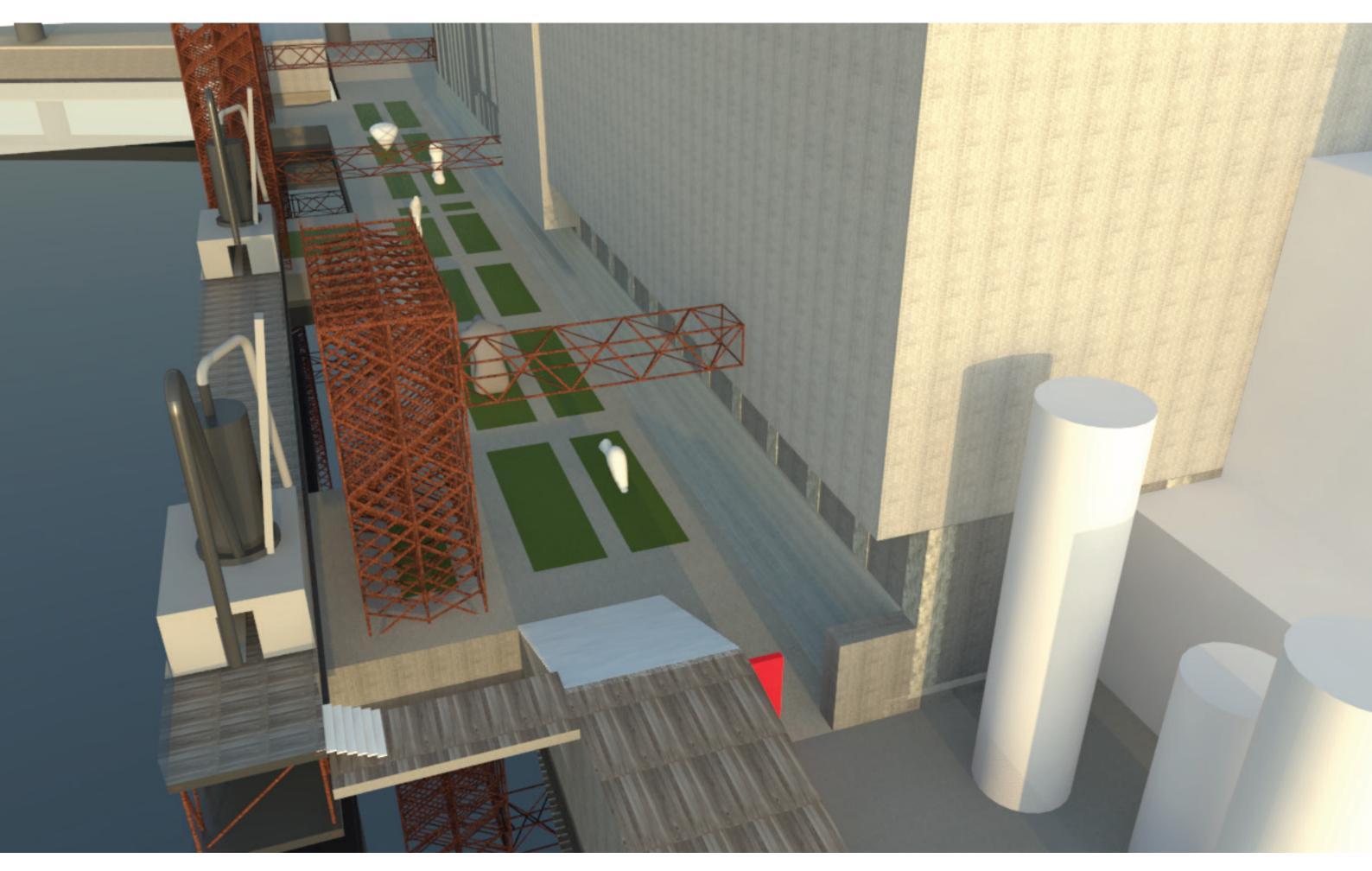




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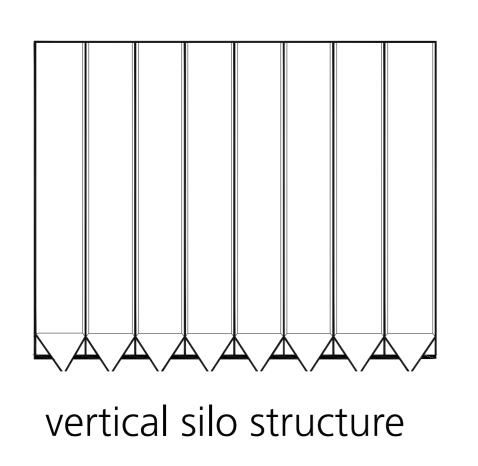


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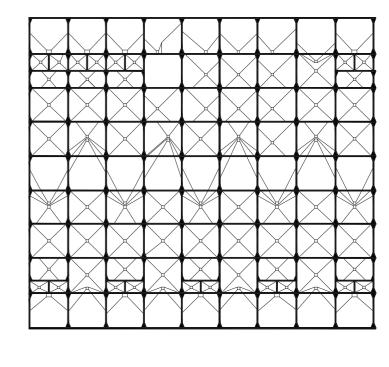


# INTERVENTION

#### SILO CHALLENGES



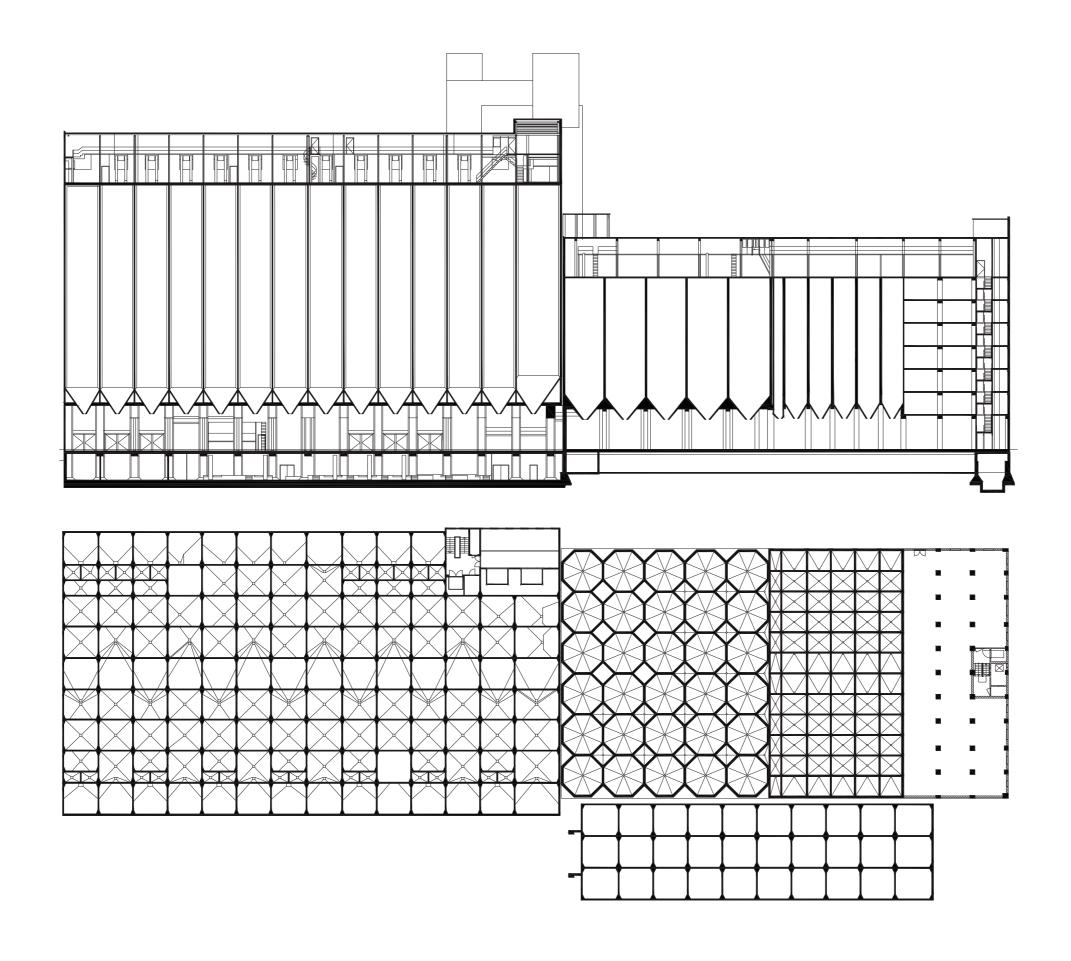


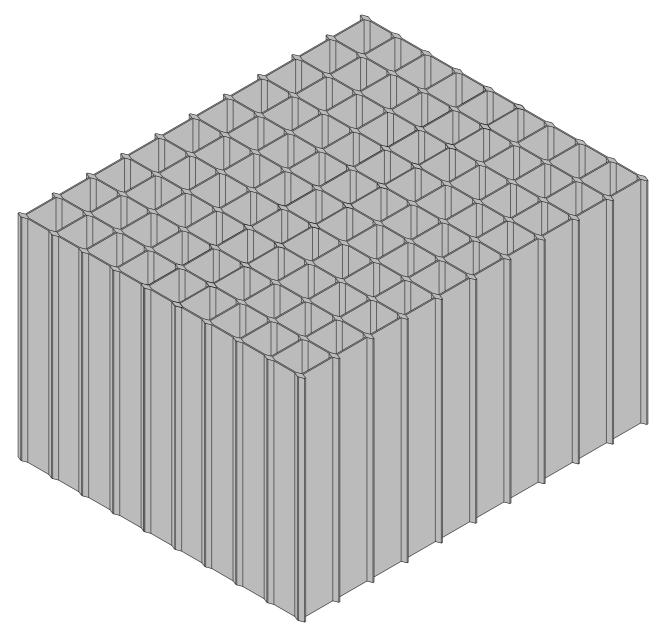


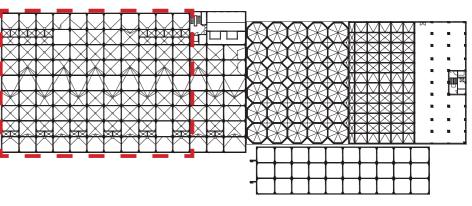
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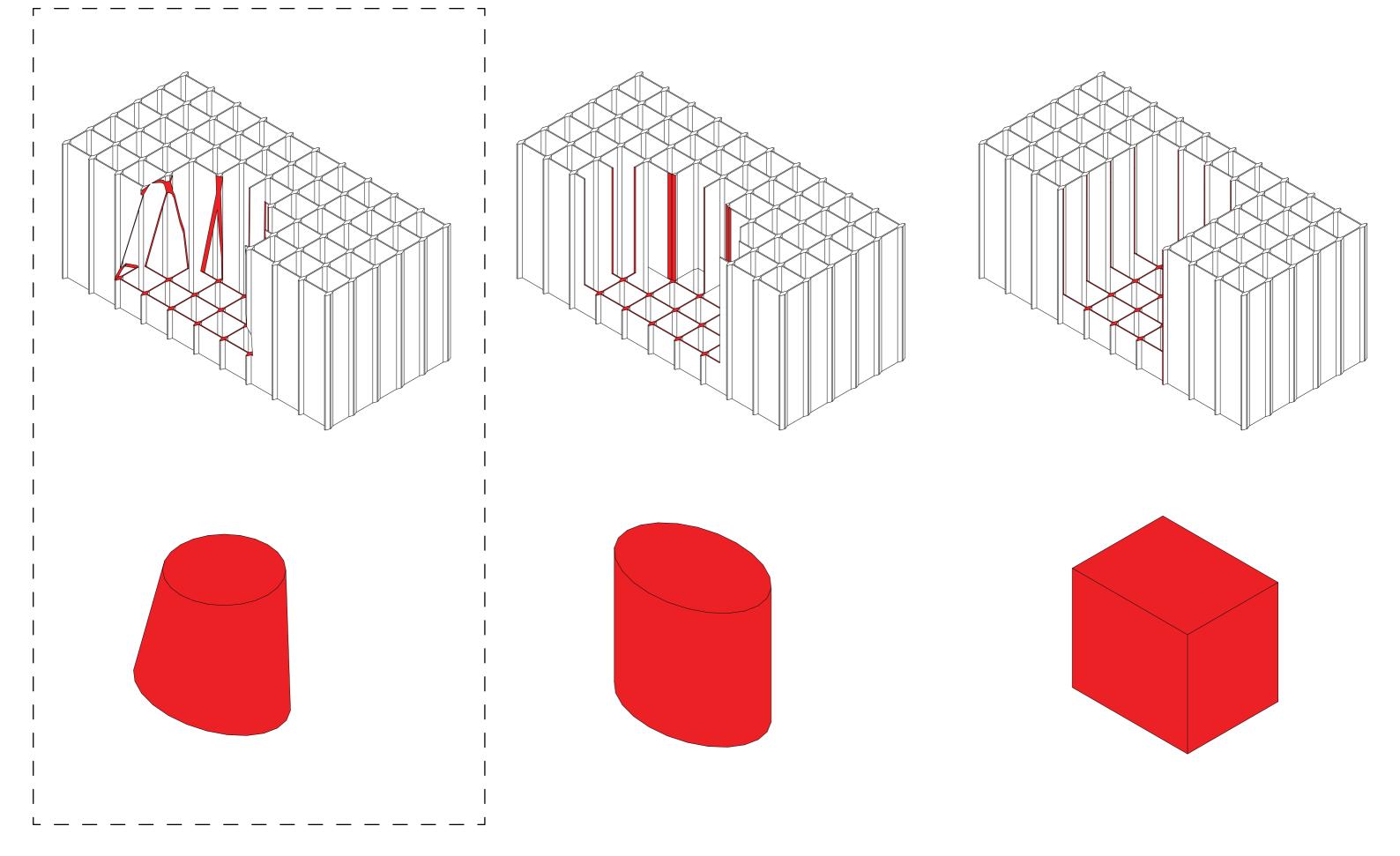
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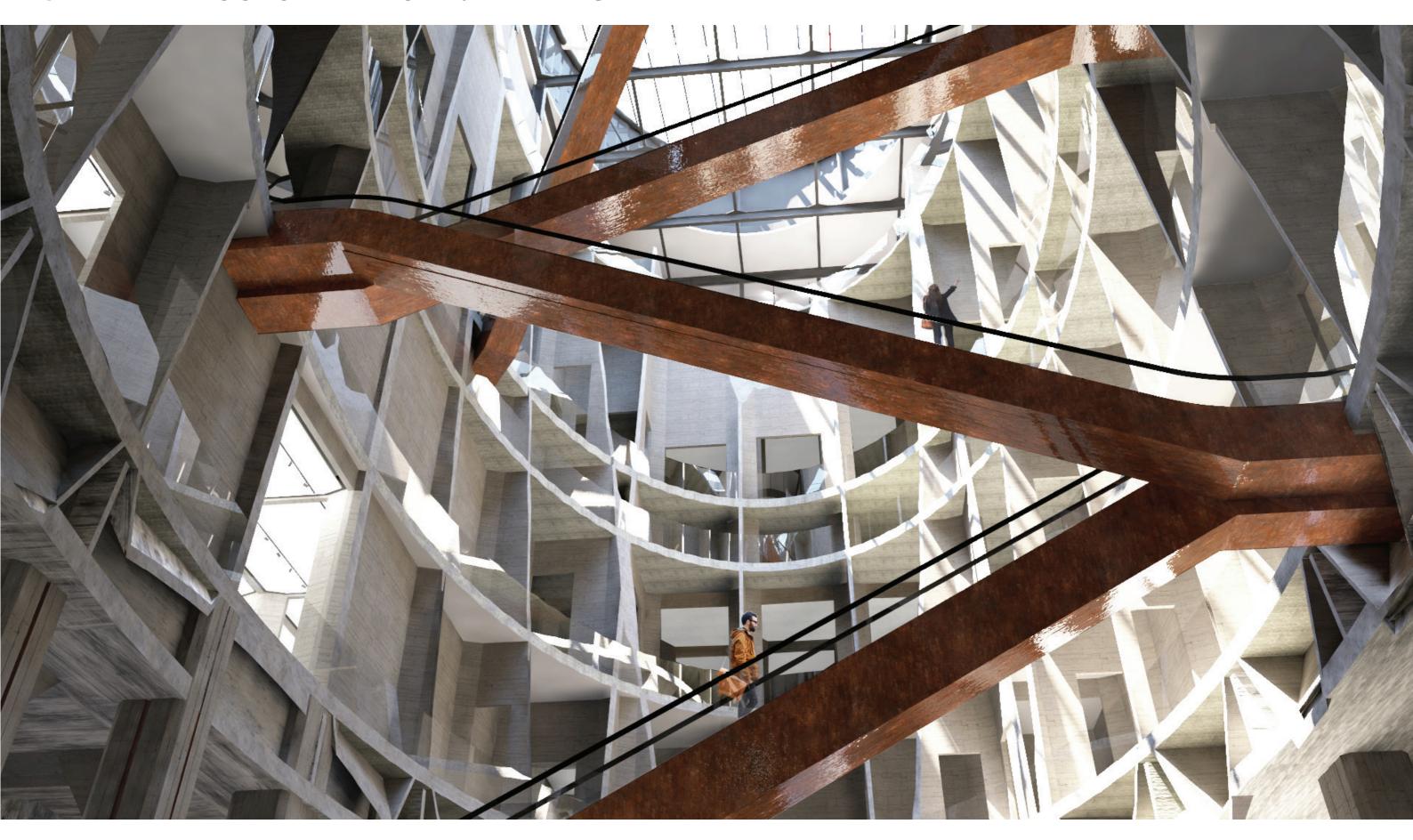
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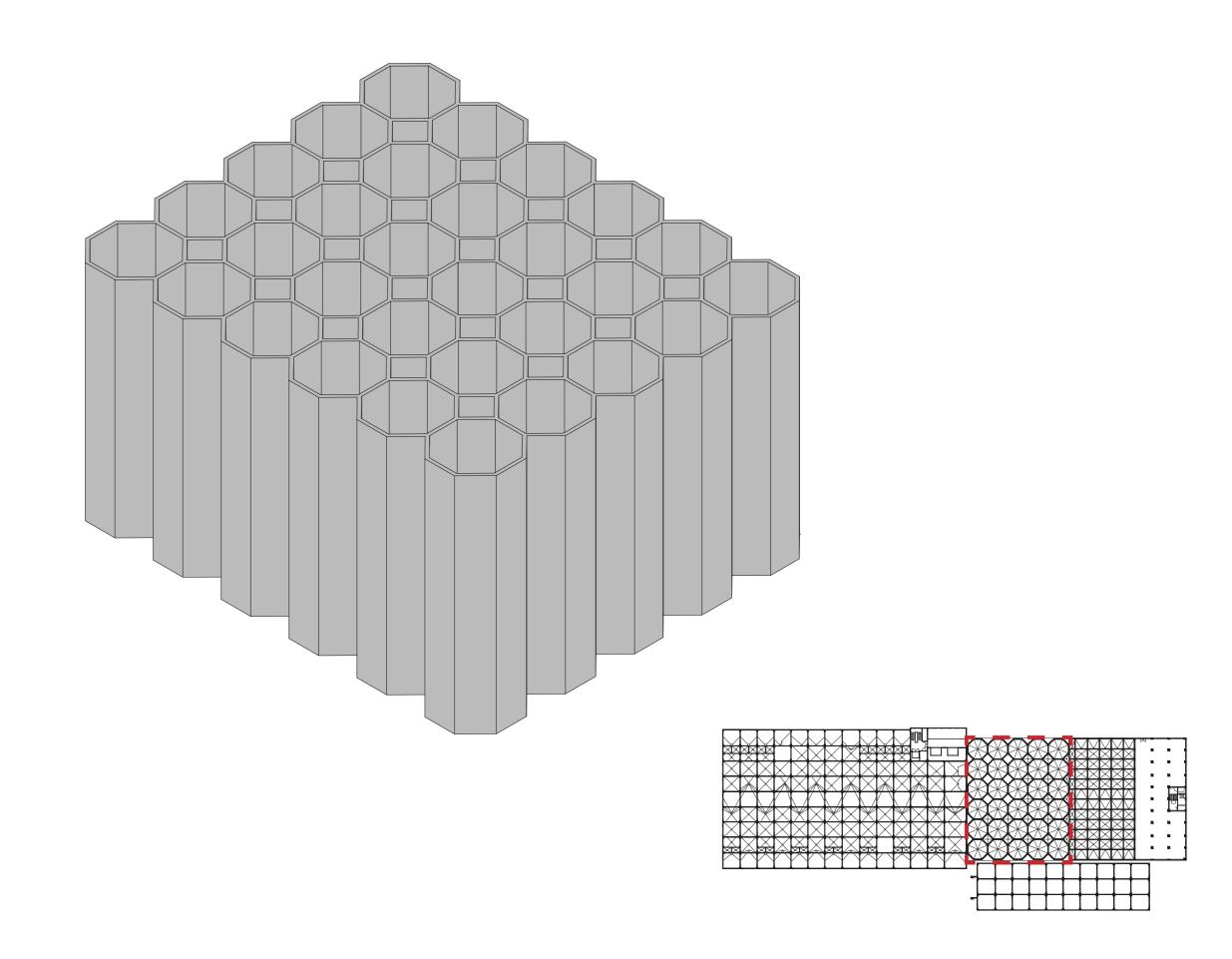


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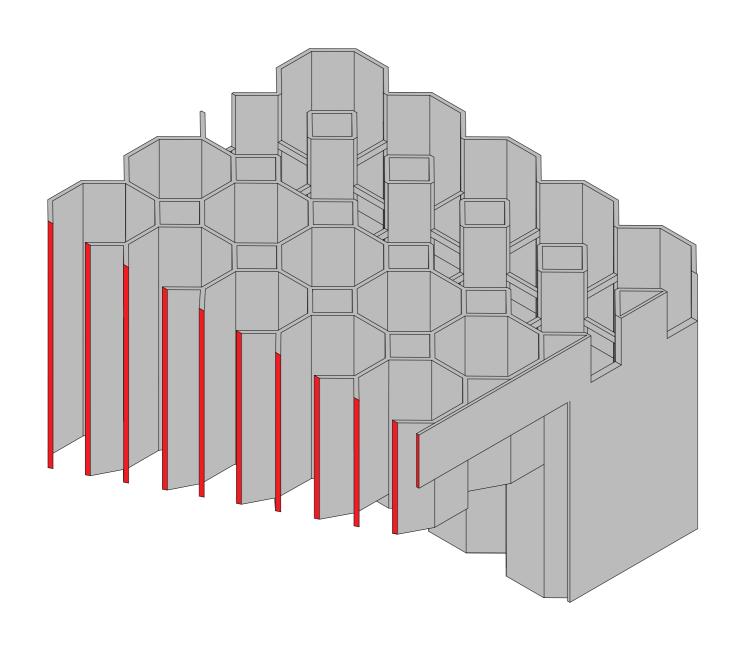


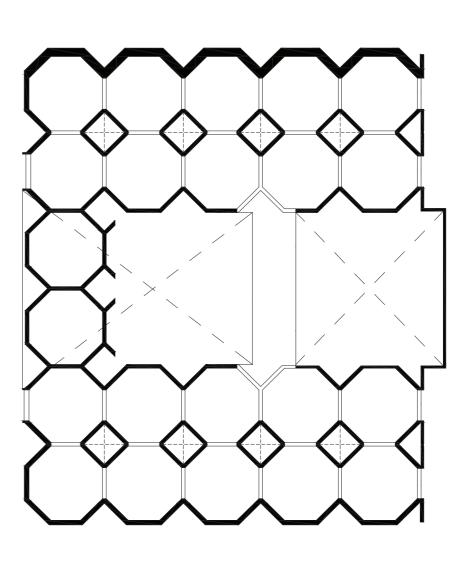
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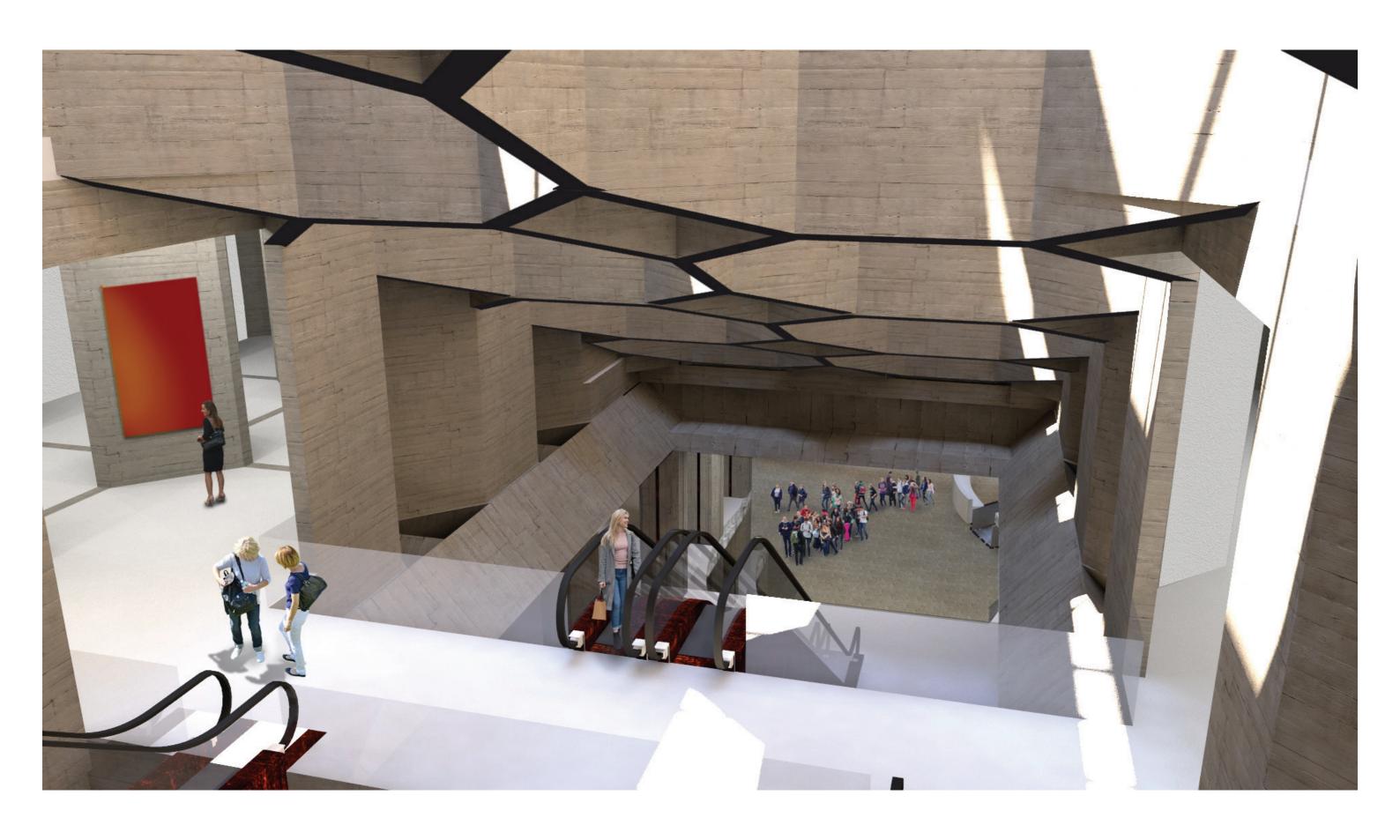


#### HOLLOWING OUT THE STOK SILOS - APPROACH





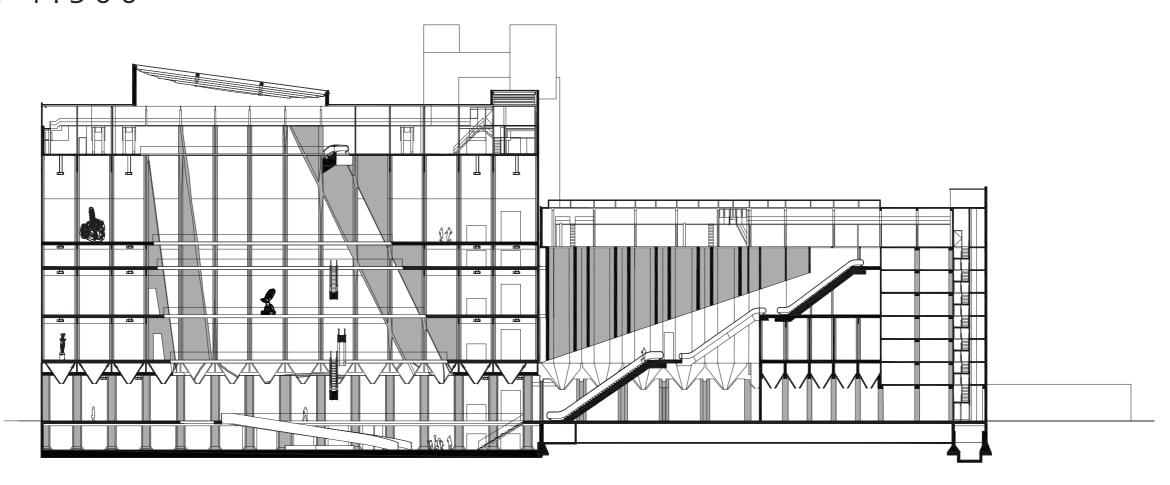
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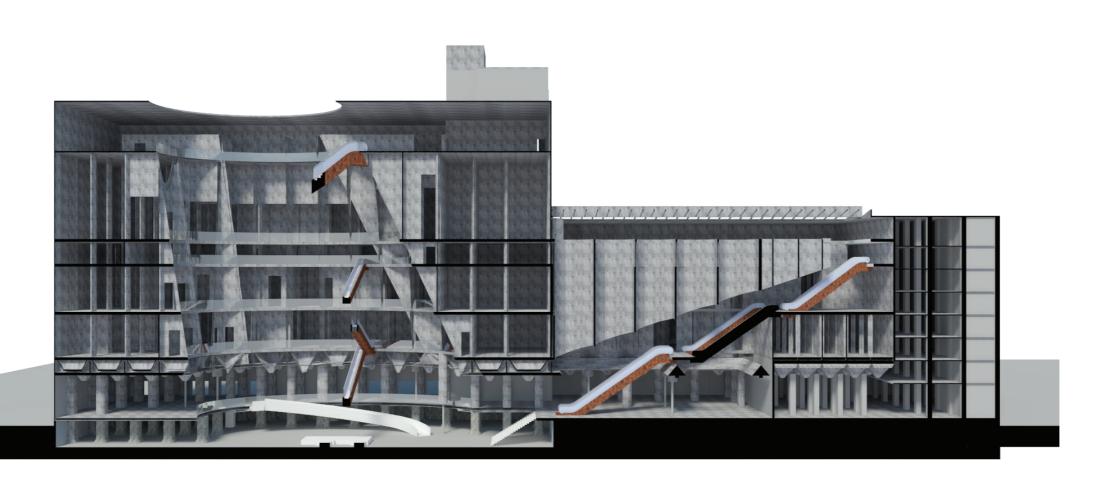


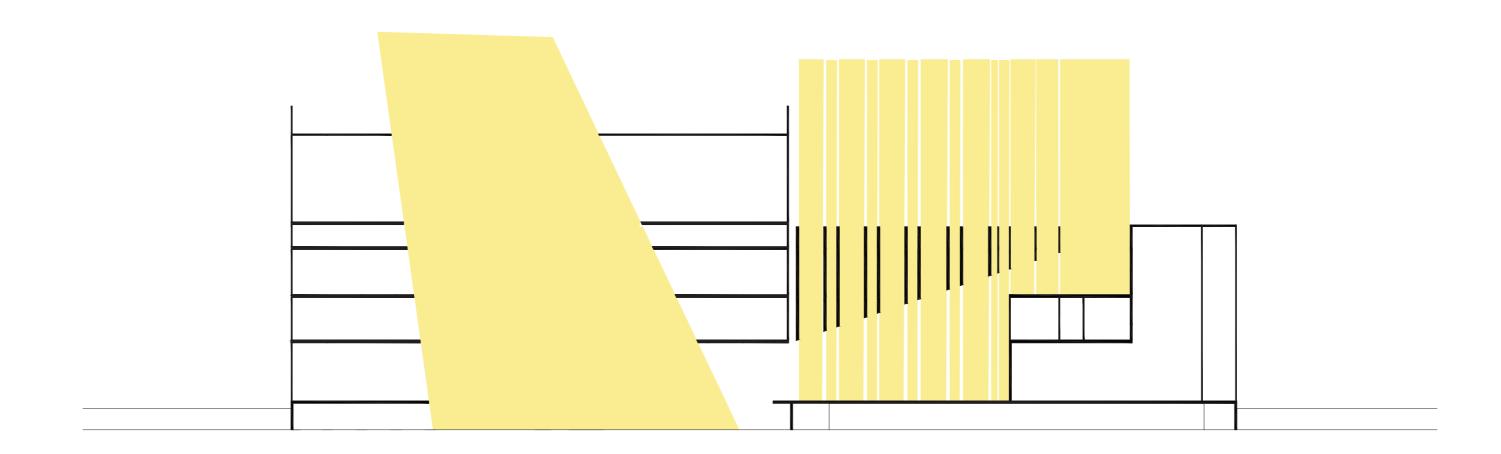
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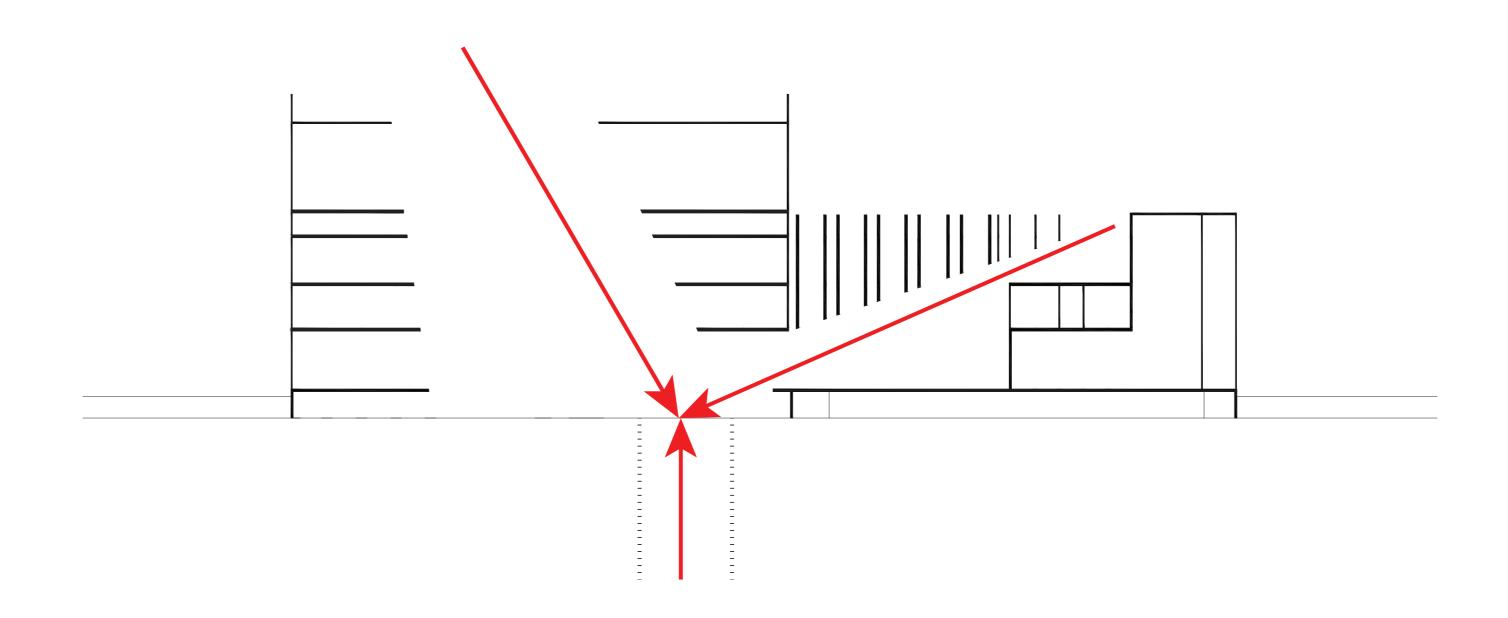
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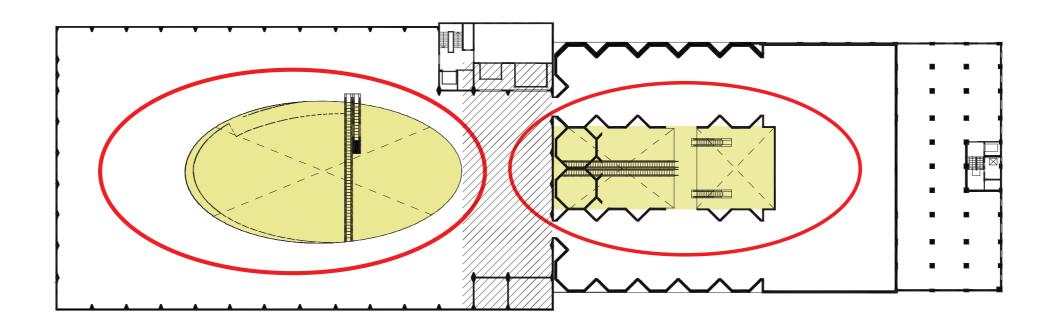




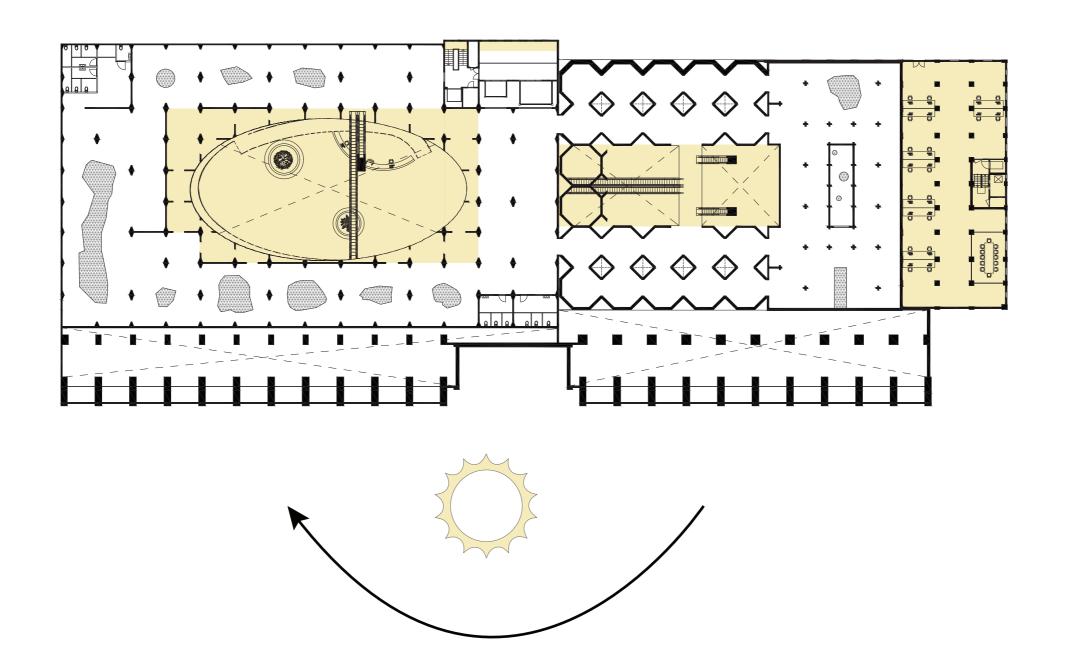
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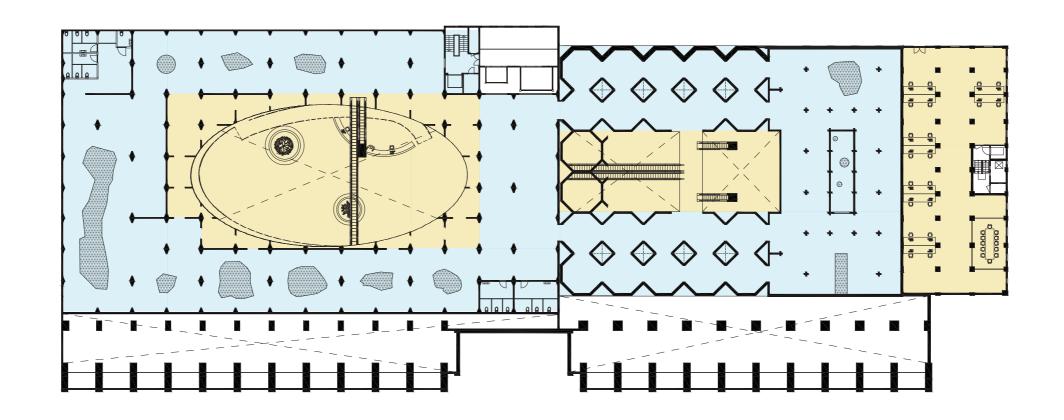
#### SIMPLIFIED ROUTING DIAGRAM



## DAYLIGHT ENTRY



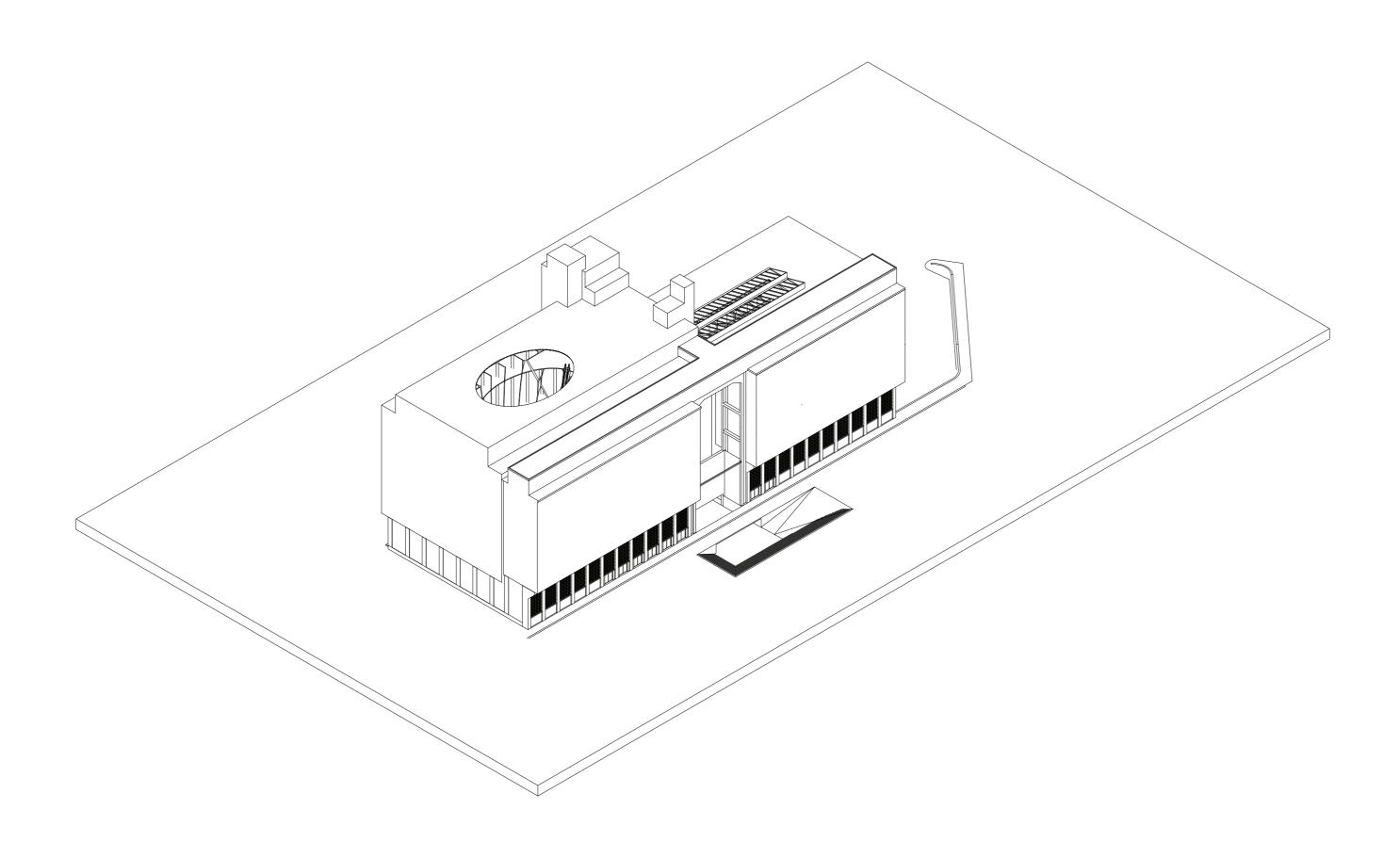
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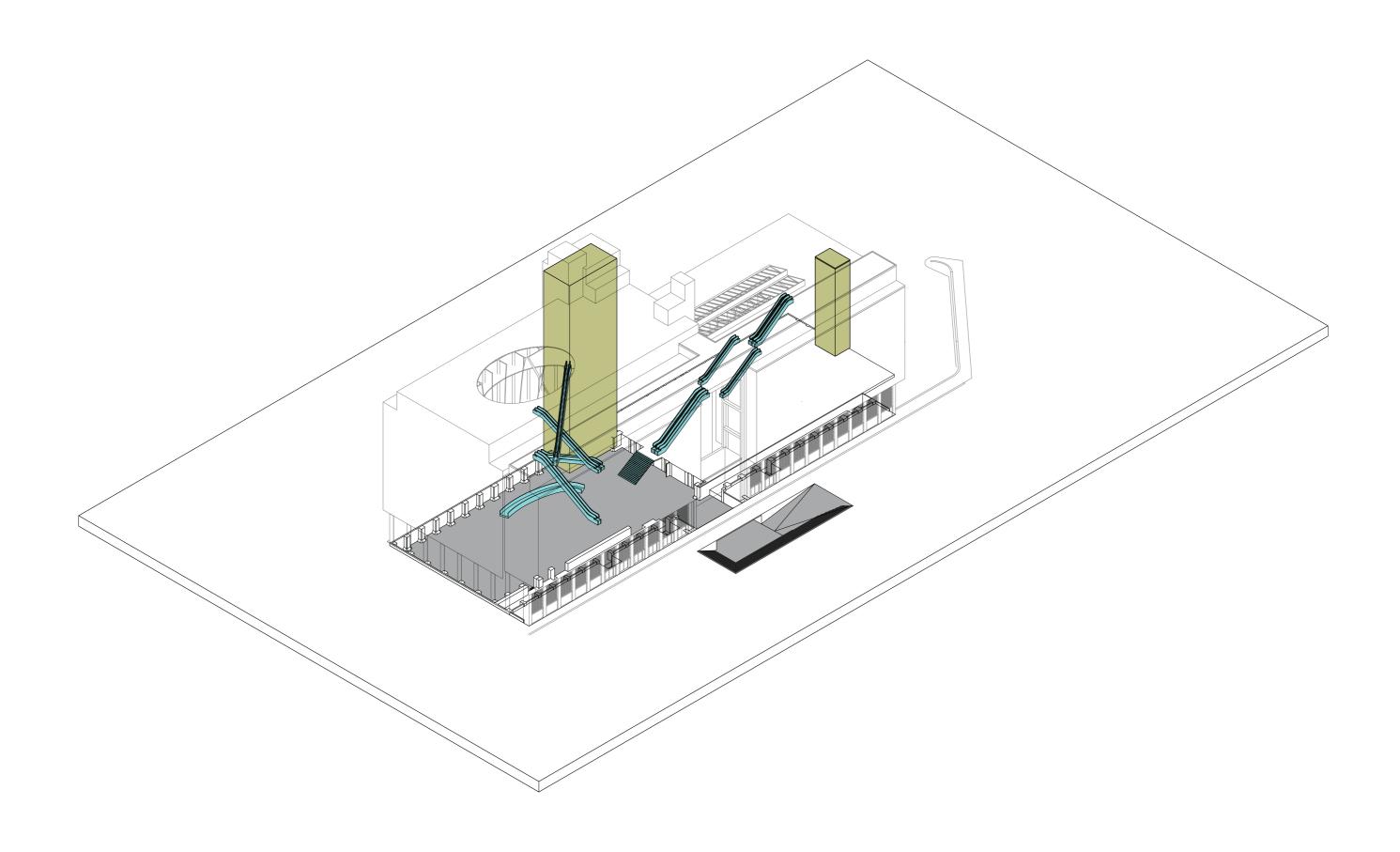




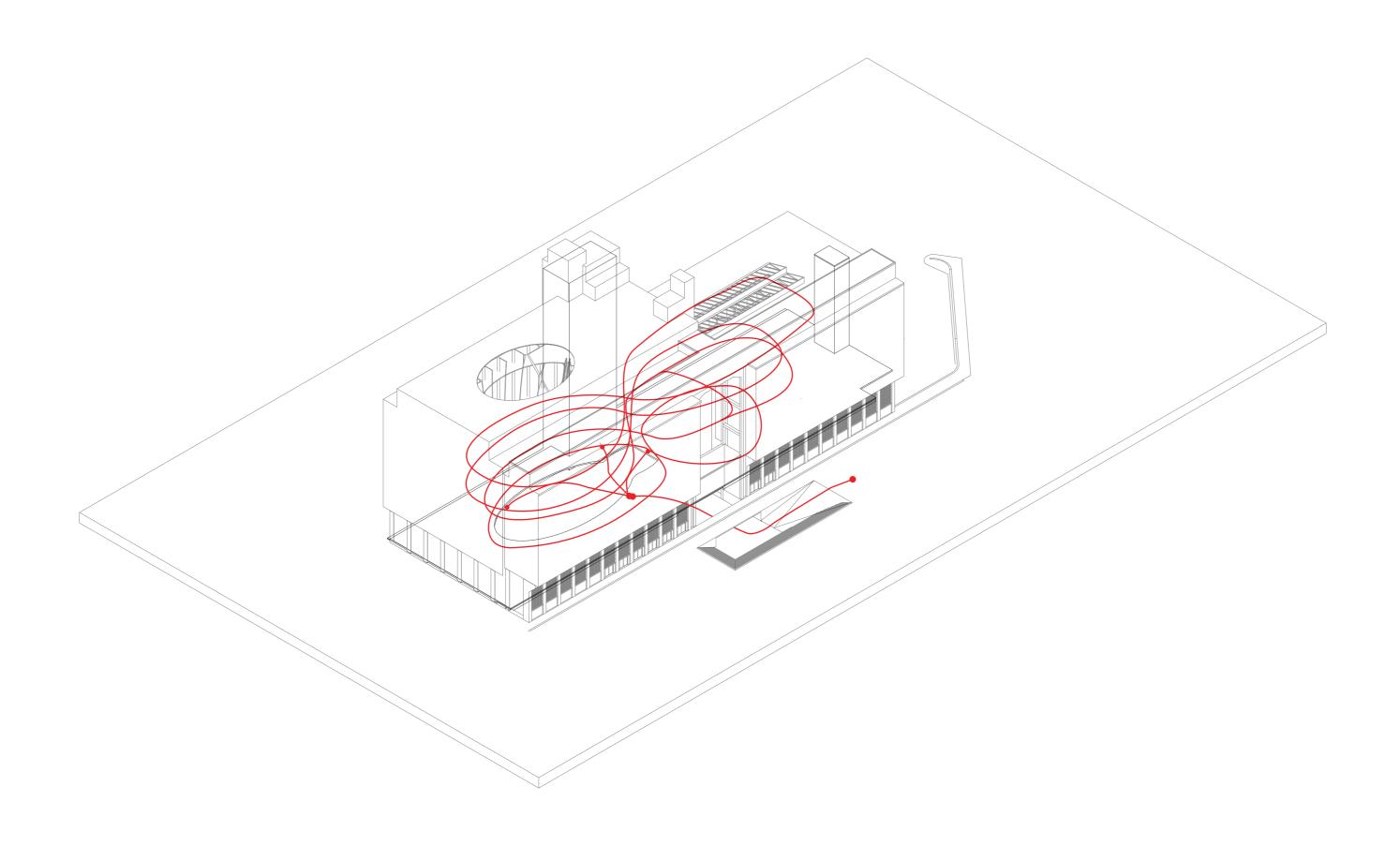
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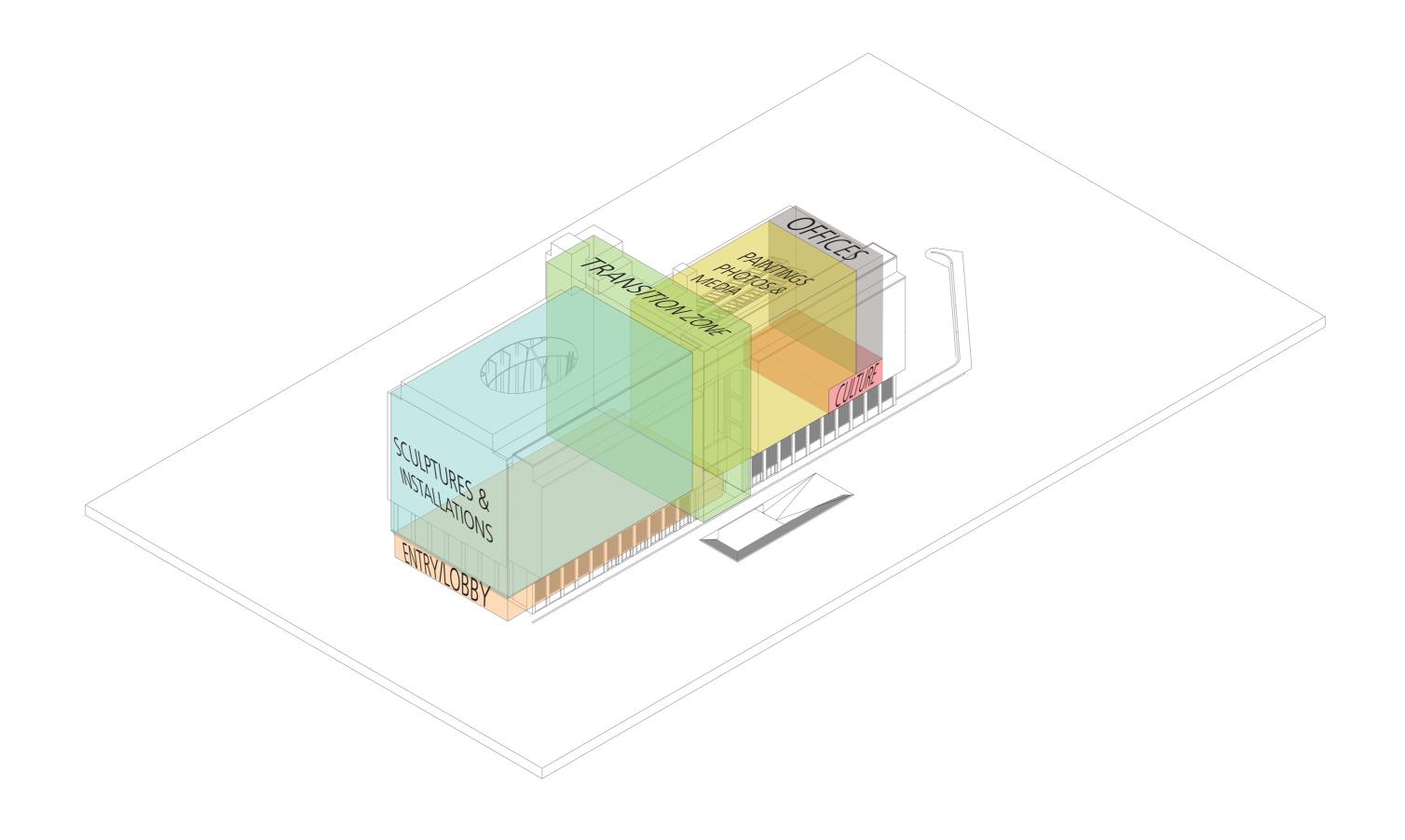
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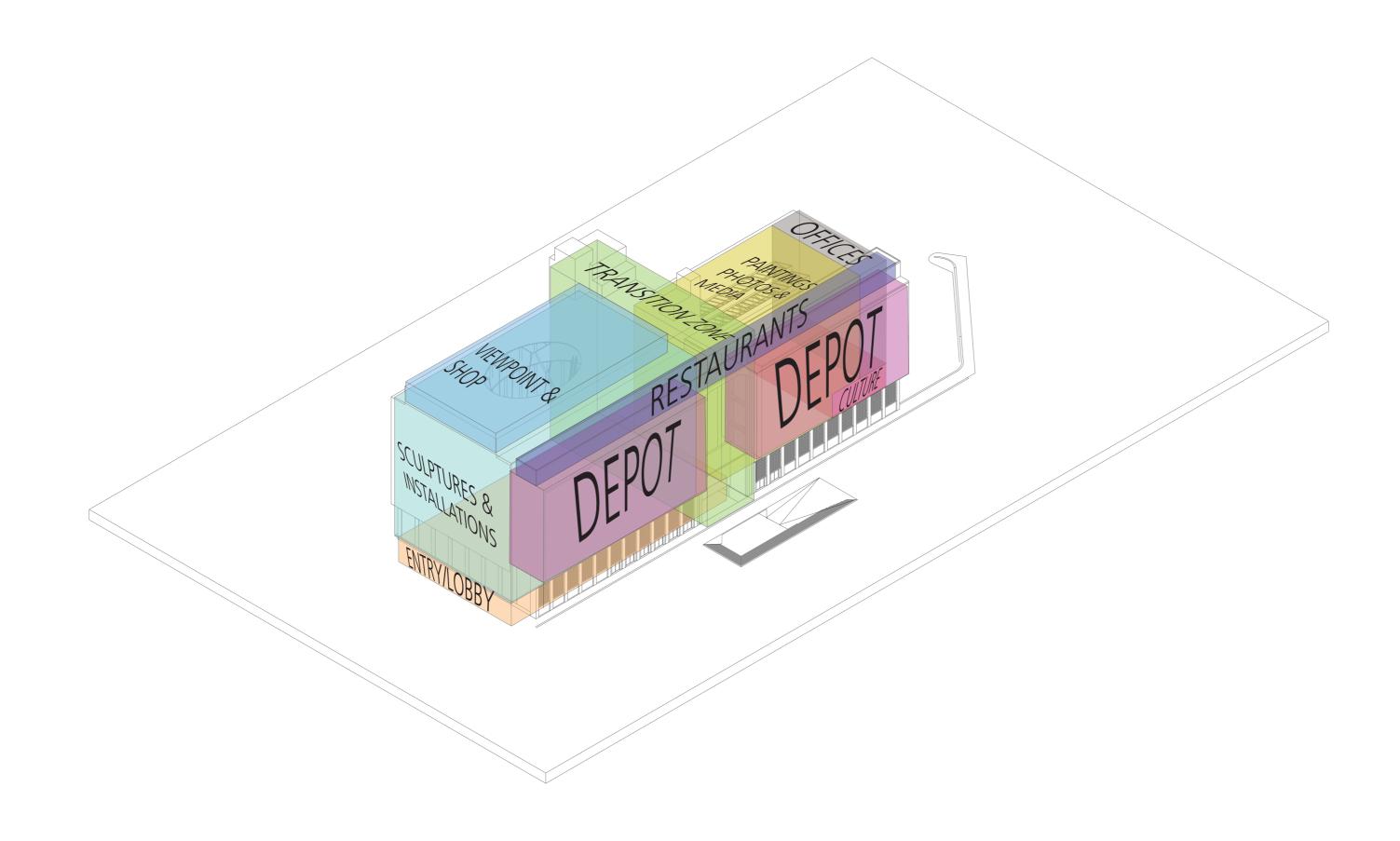
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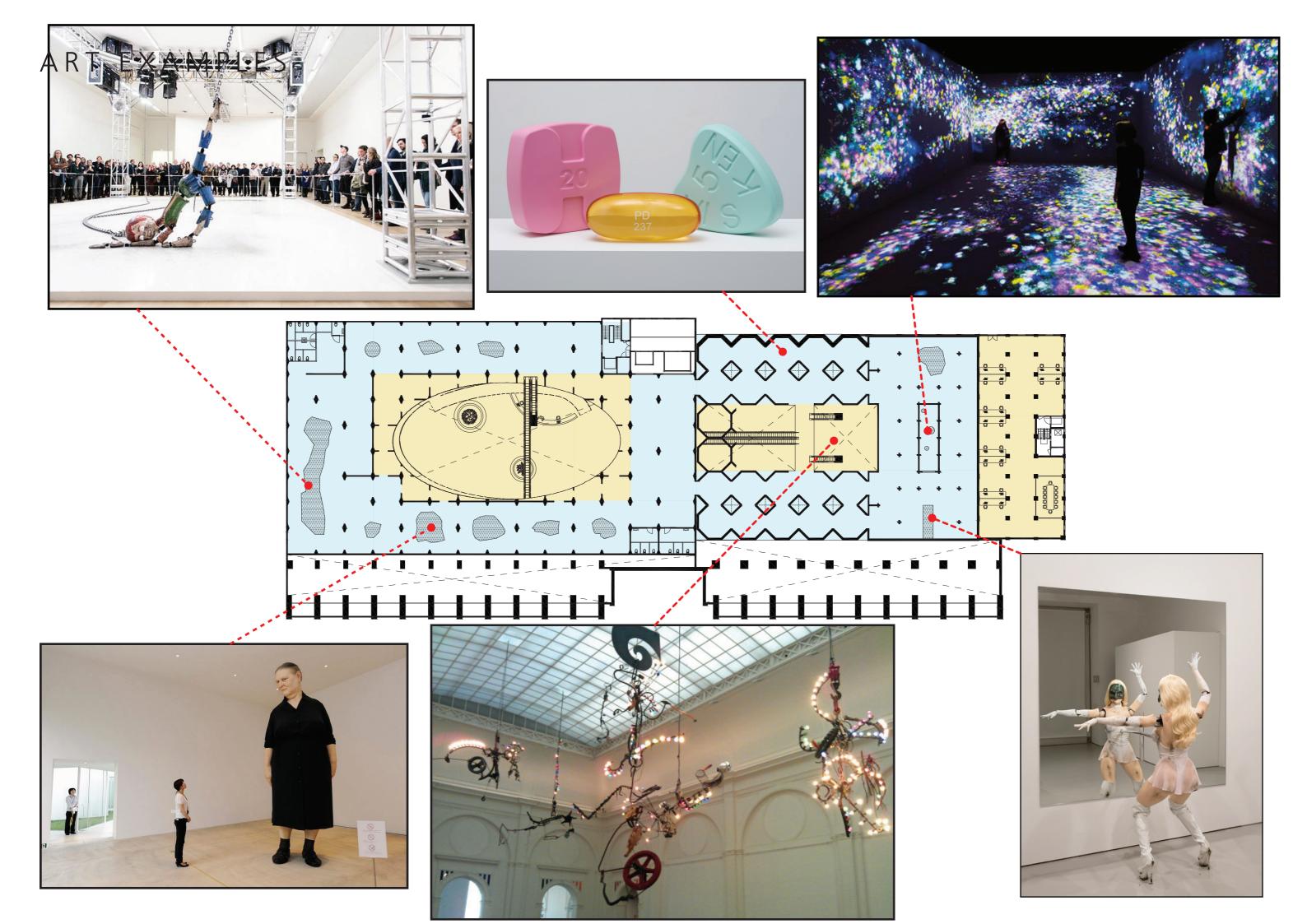


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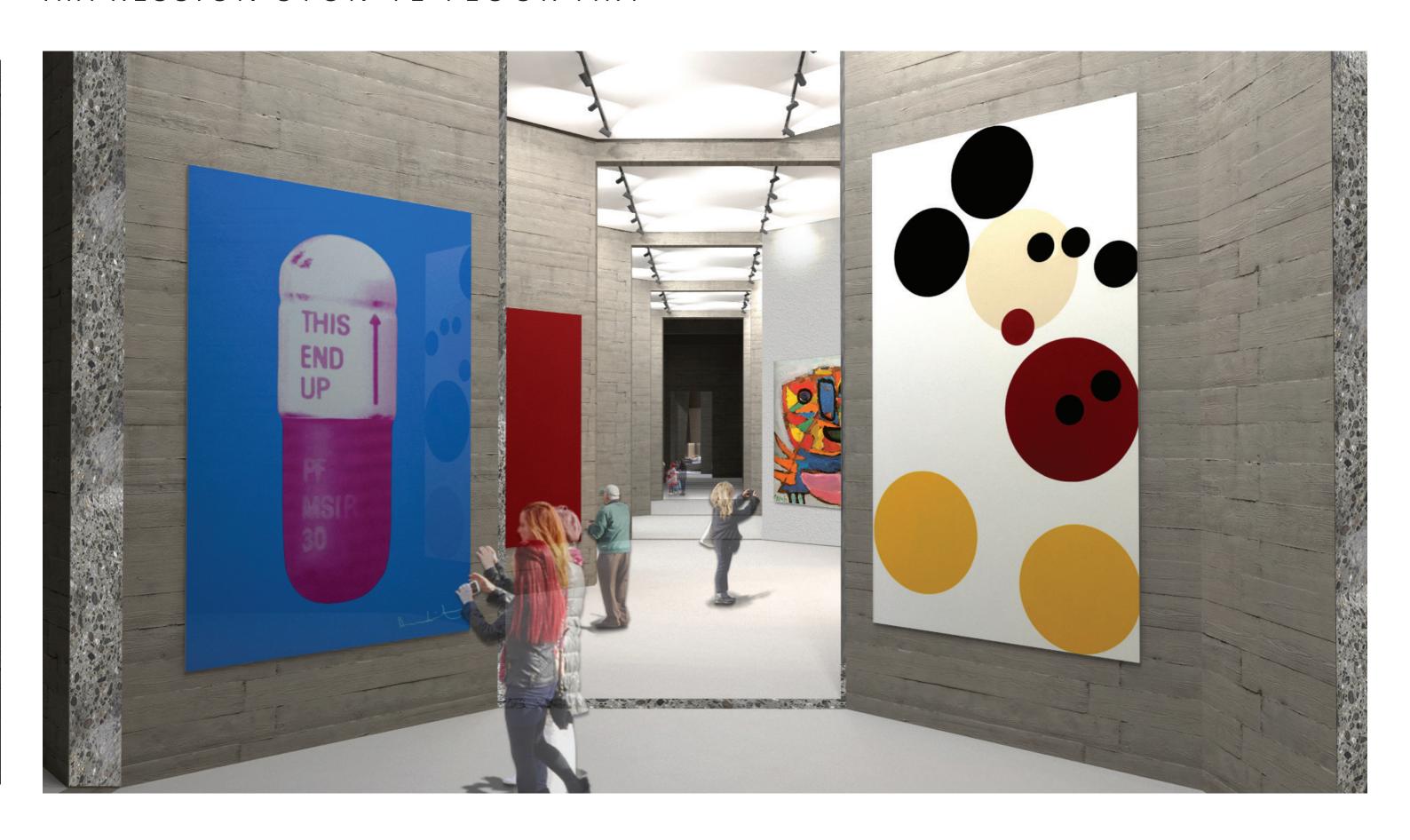


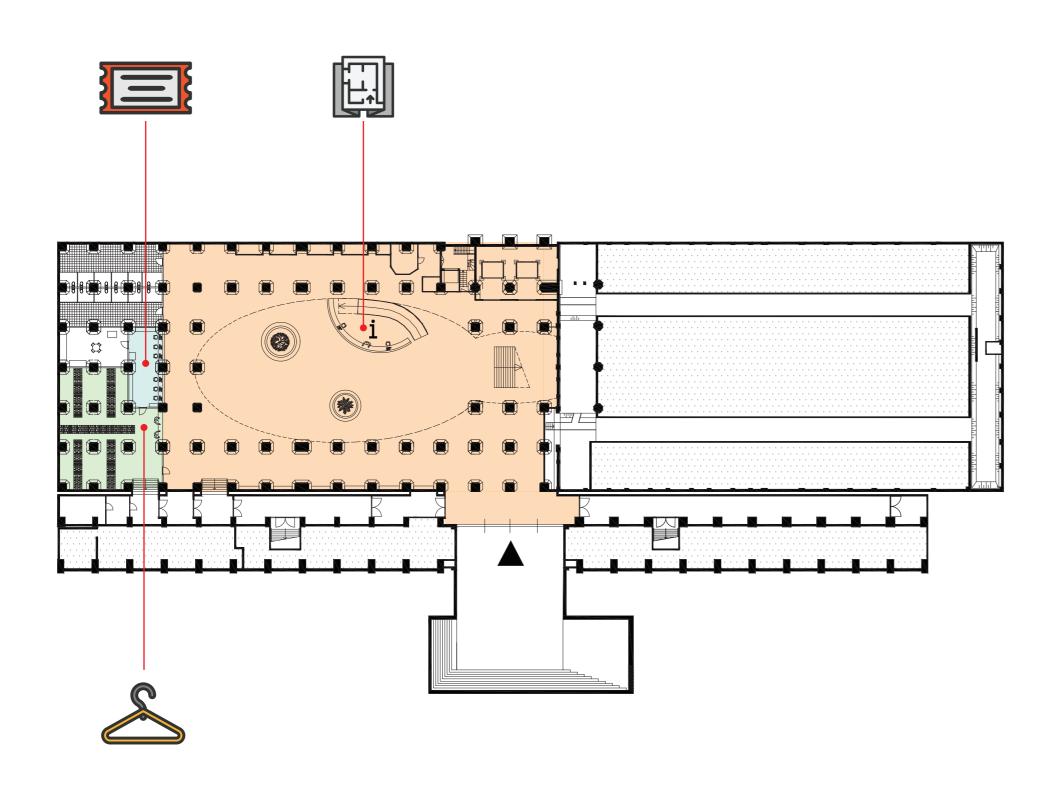


# IMPRESSION BRINKMAN 1E FLOOR ART

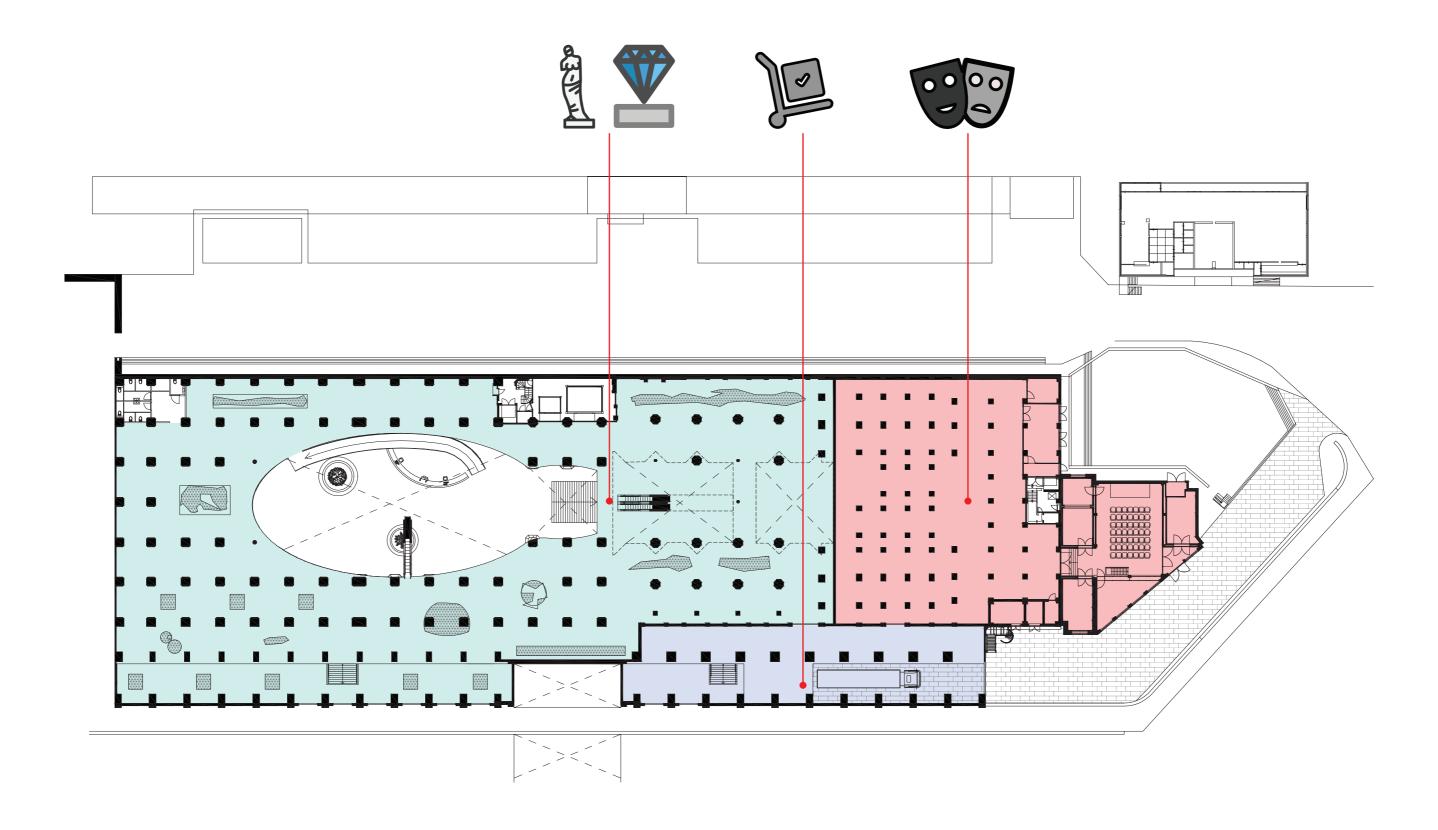


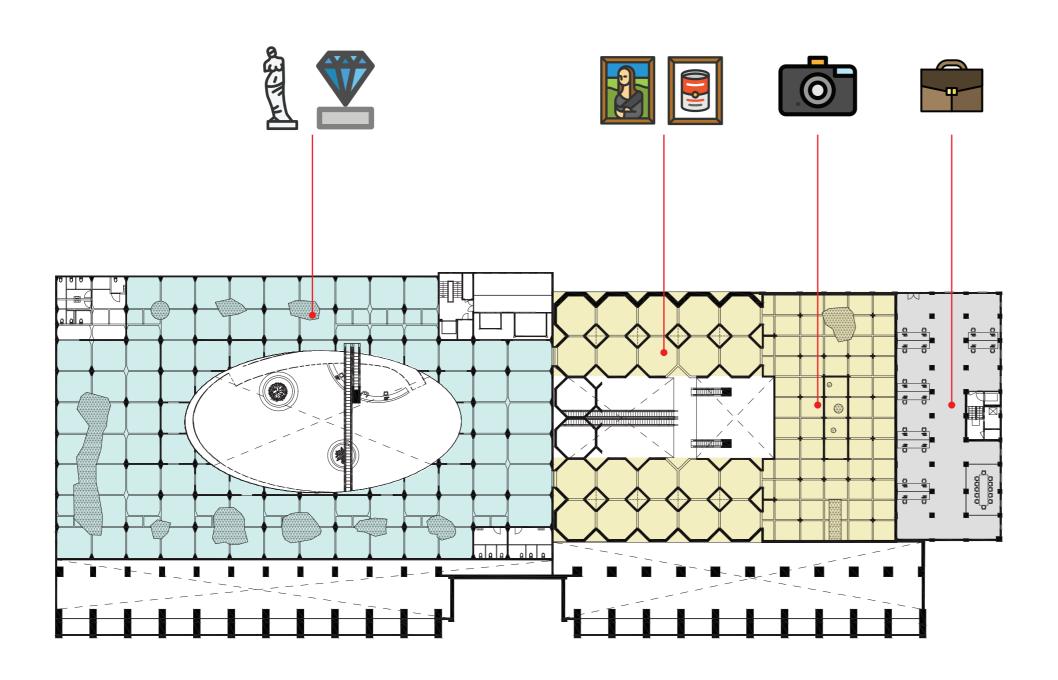
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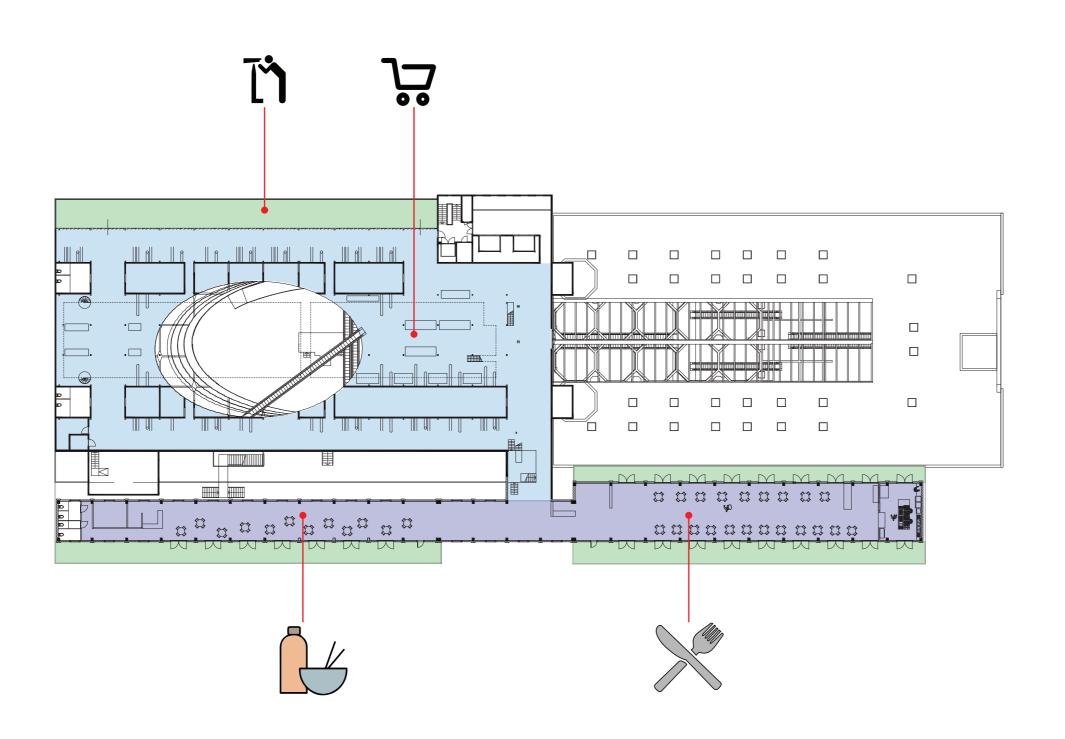




#### GROUNDFLOOR FLOORPLAN 1:500





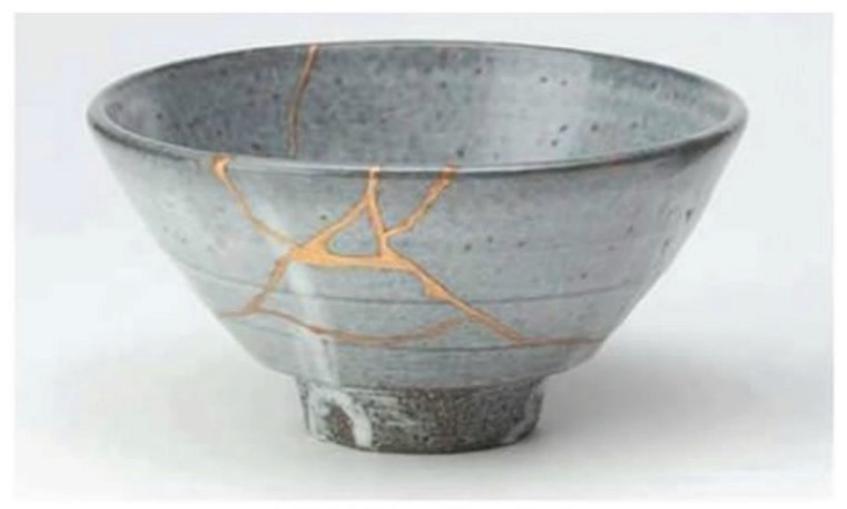


#### VIEW FROM TOP NORTH FACADE TO KOP VAN ZUID & KATENDRECHT



# BUILDING TECHNOLOGY

#### BEAUTIFUL IMPERFECTION



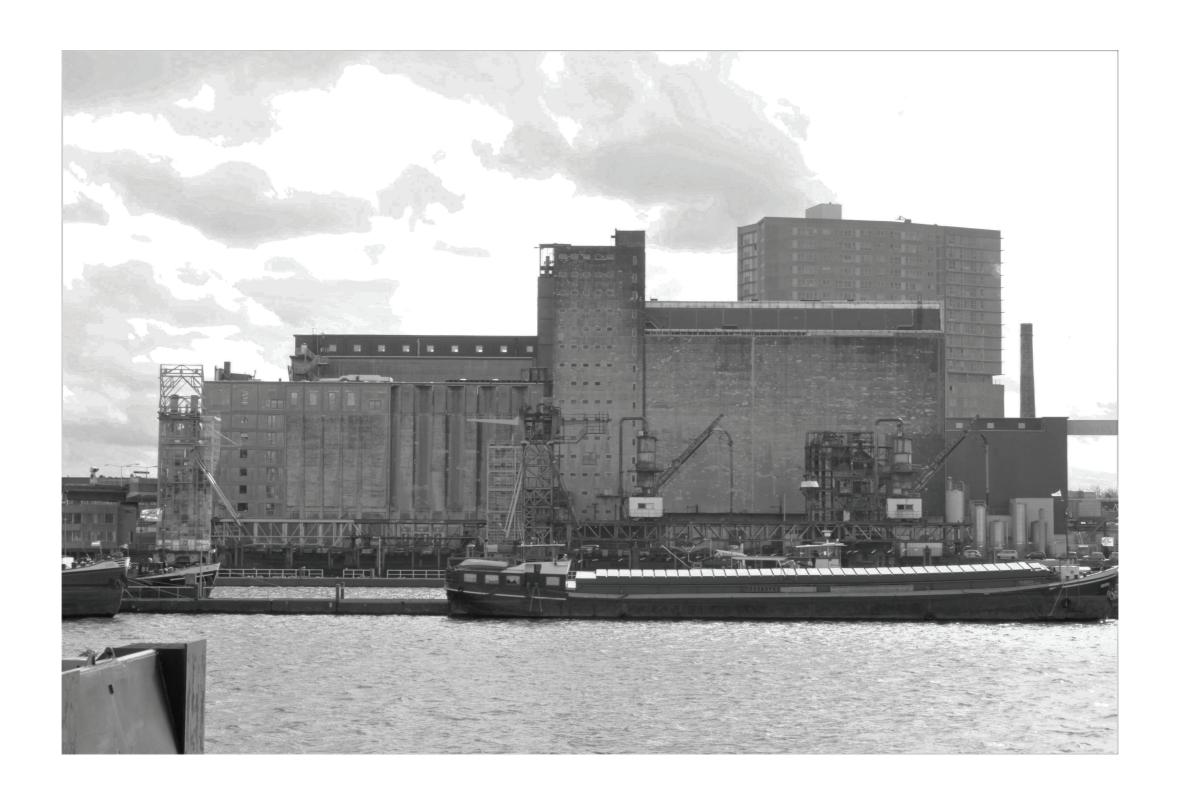


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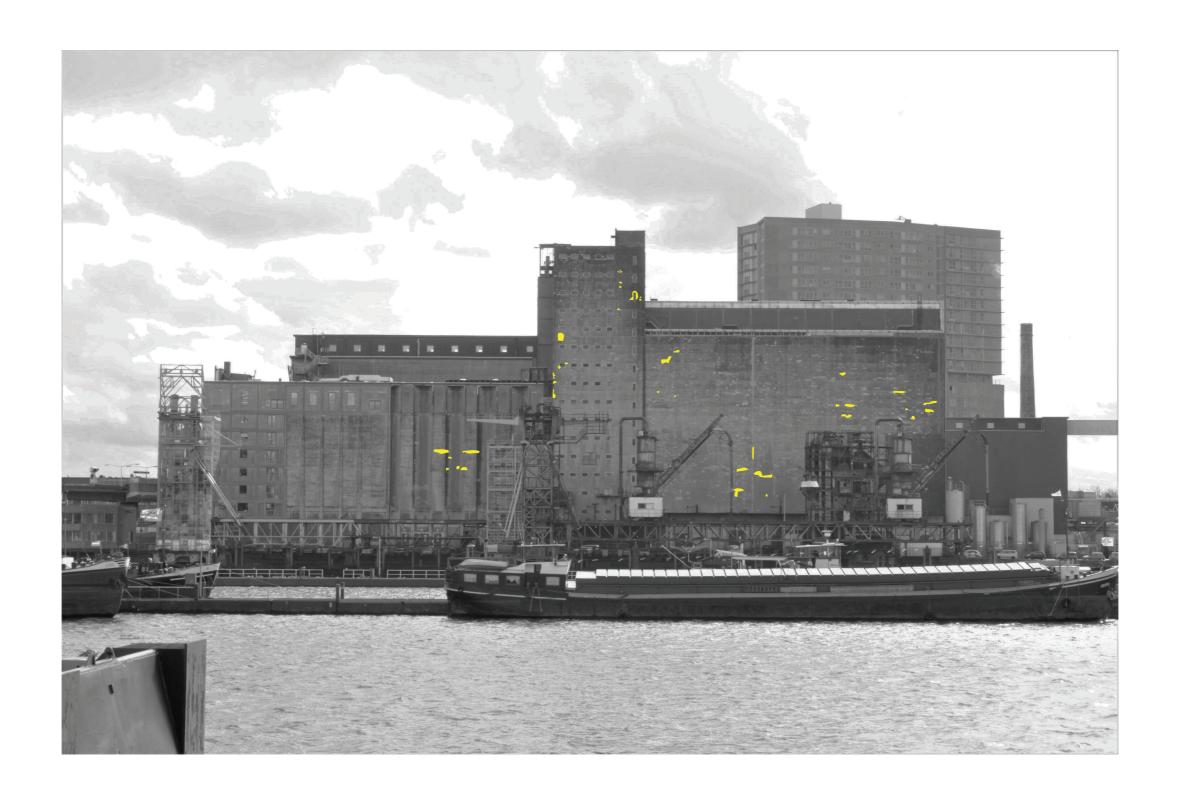
(n.) (v. phr.) "to repair with gold"; the art of repairing pottery with gold or silver lacquer and understanding that the piece is more beautiful for having been broken



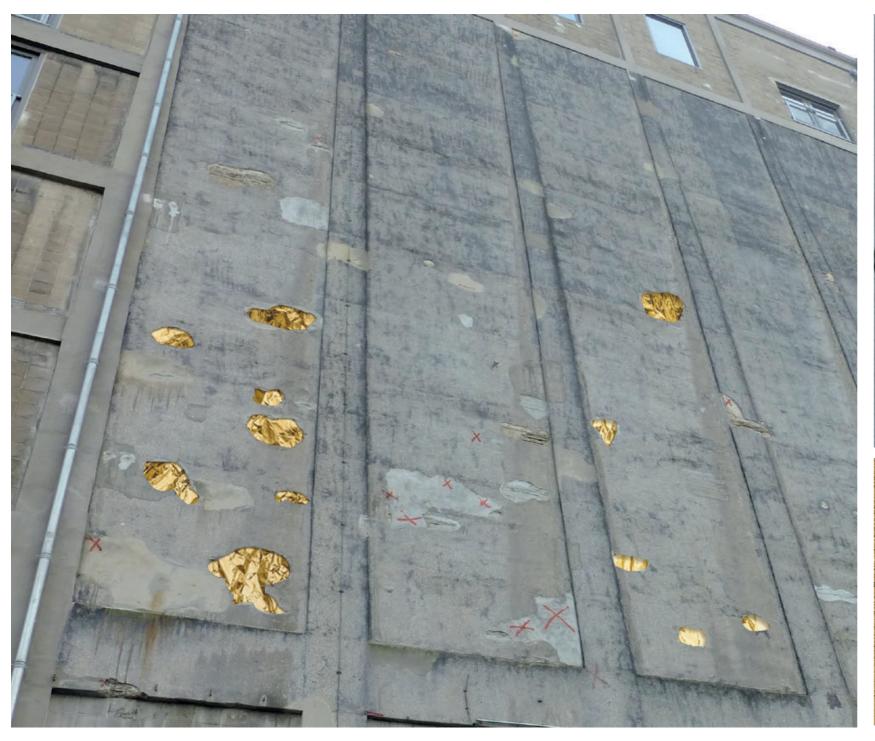
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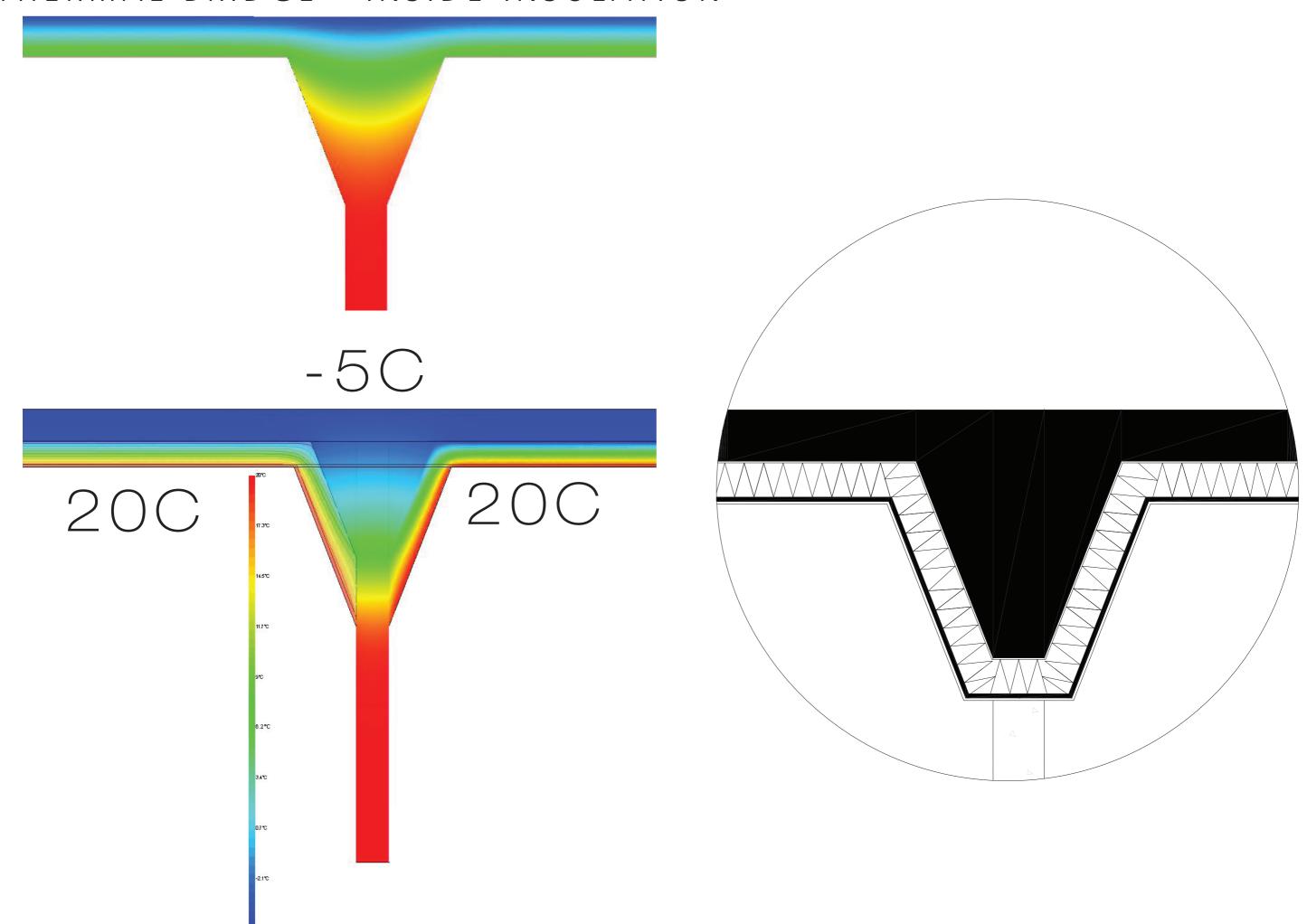
## EXAMPLE KINTSUKUROI NORTH FACADE

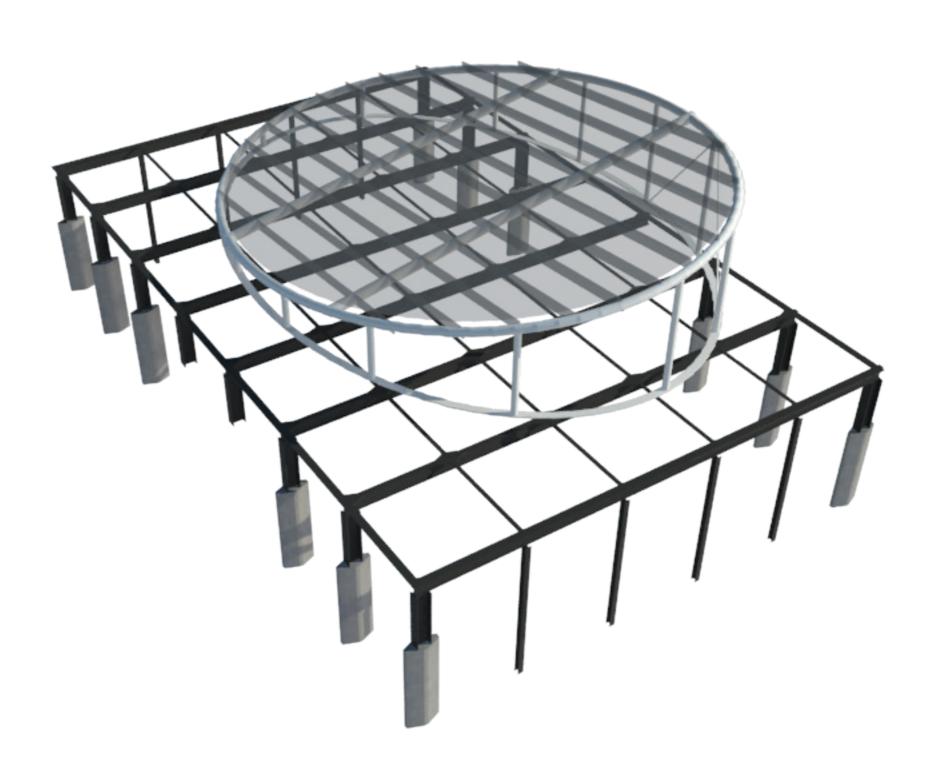




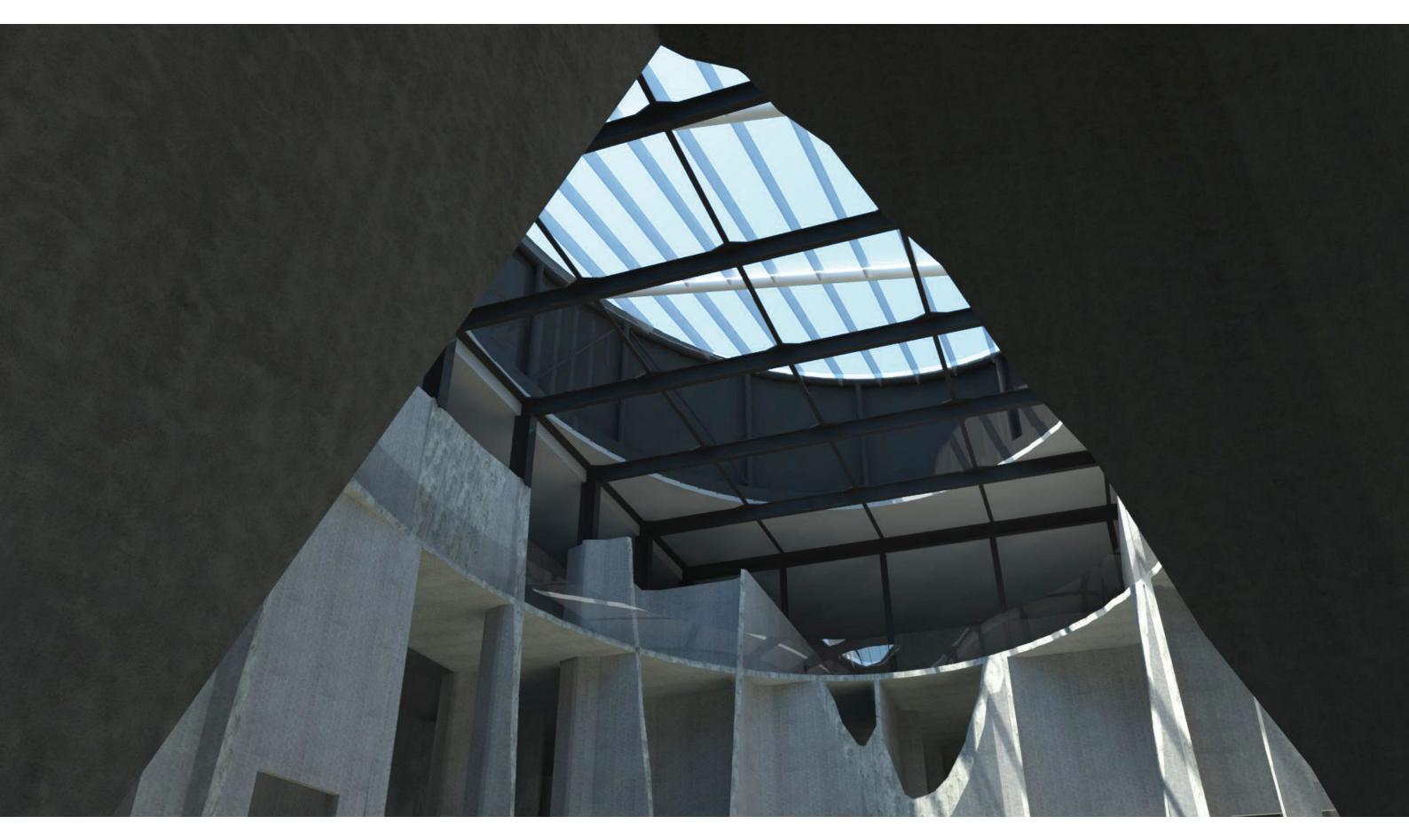


## THERMAL BRIDGE - INSIDE INSULATION



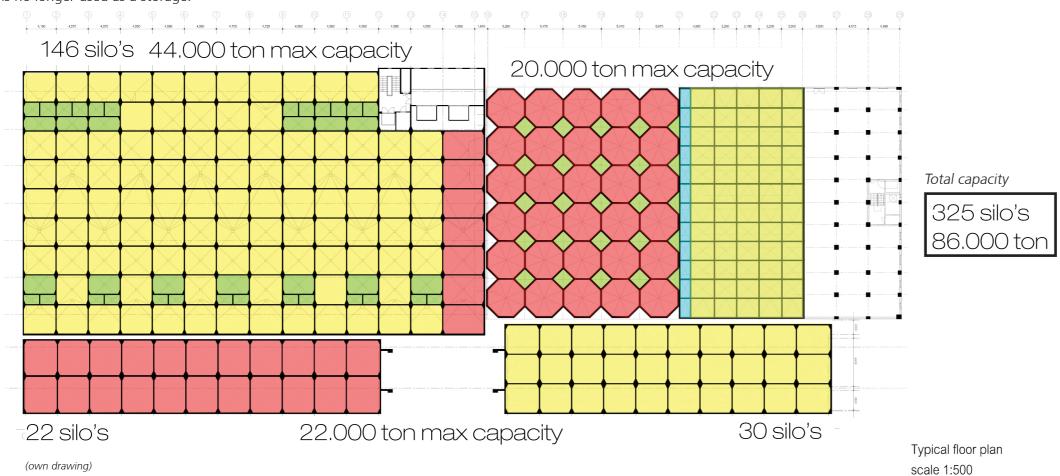


# IMPRESSION ROOF/SKYLIGHT



#### SILO CAPACITIES

The silo capacities show really well what this structure can handle in terms of loads and also shows with it sheer number of tons how massive this complex really is in terms of cubic meters of space. 86.000.000 KG of grain could be stored in the Maassilo making it Europe's largest grain storage facility when the three phases were completed. To give some kind of scale to that gigantic numer, an full grown elephant weighs 6000 KG. So that would mean that the building could possible house 14.333,3 elephants in the building. which could also be translated to housing floors on top of the Maassilo because it is no longer used as a storage.



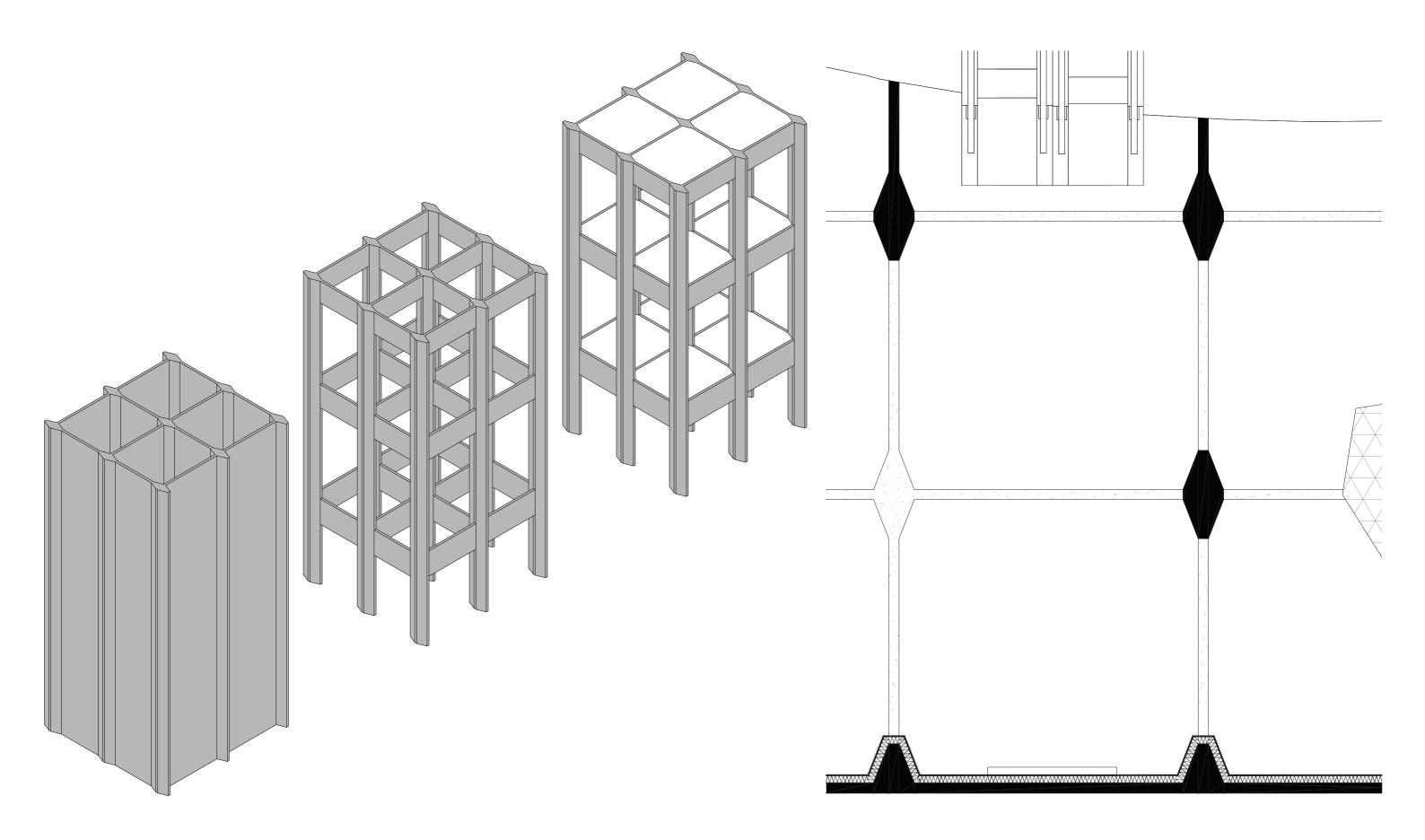
300 ton

50 ton

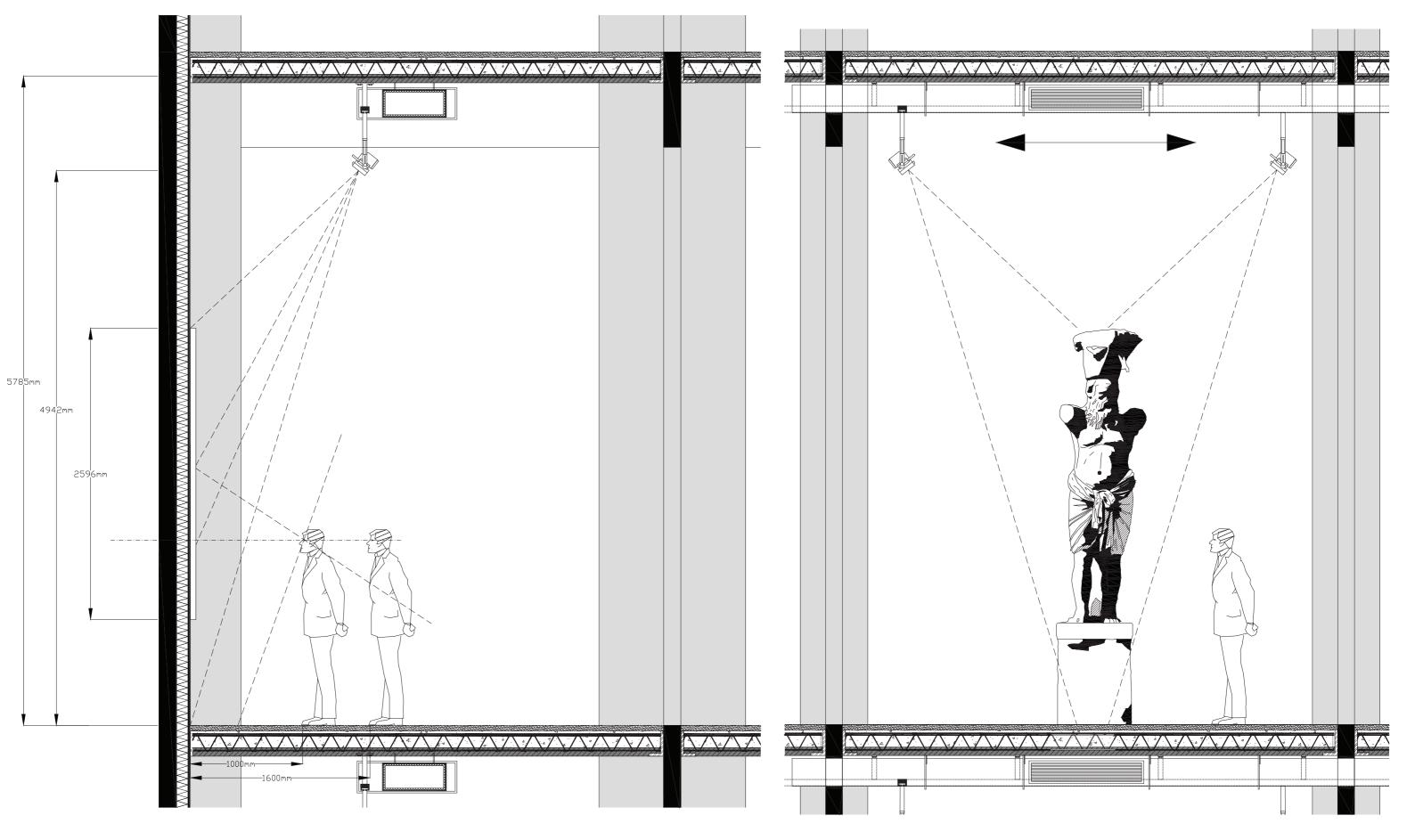
50 ton

100 ton

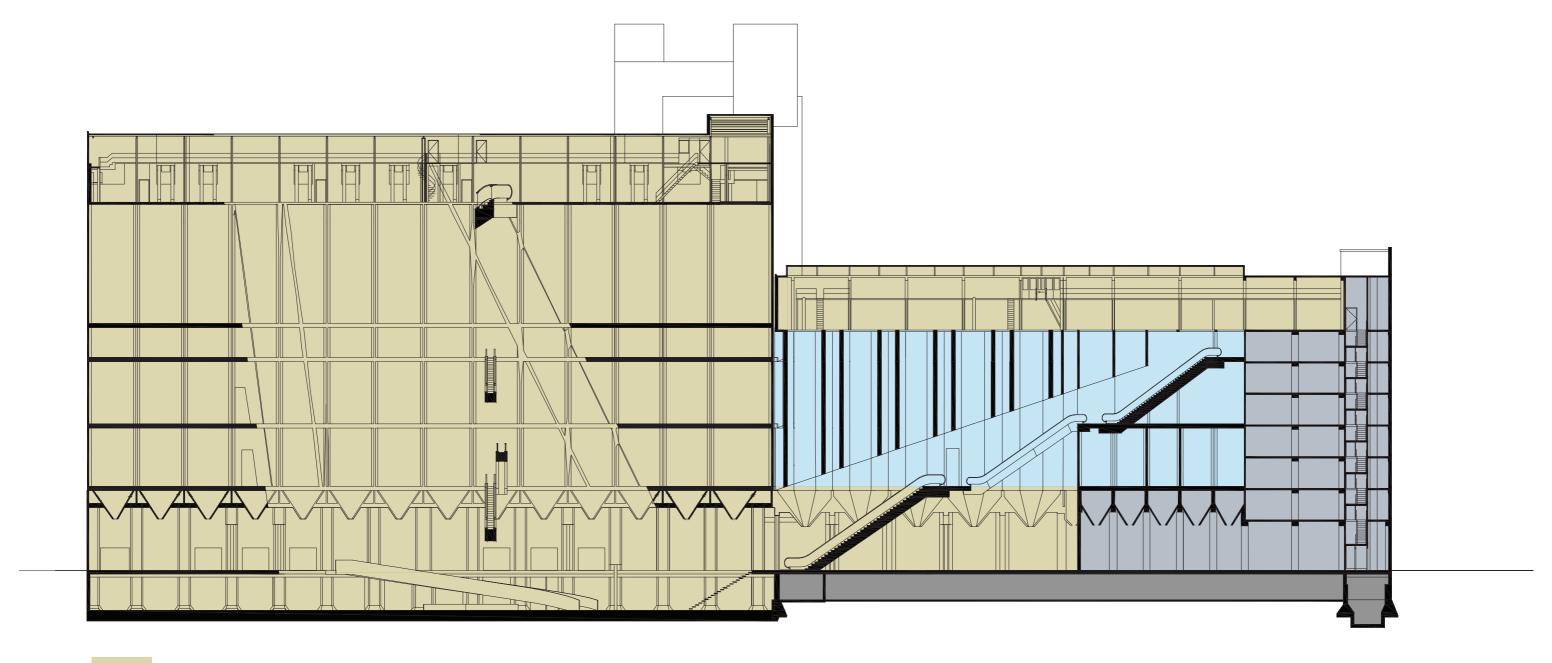
## REUSING THE SILO STRUCTURE



#### LIGHTING SET UP 1:30



#### CLIMATE ZONES

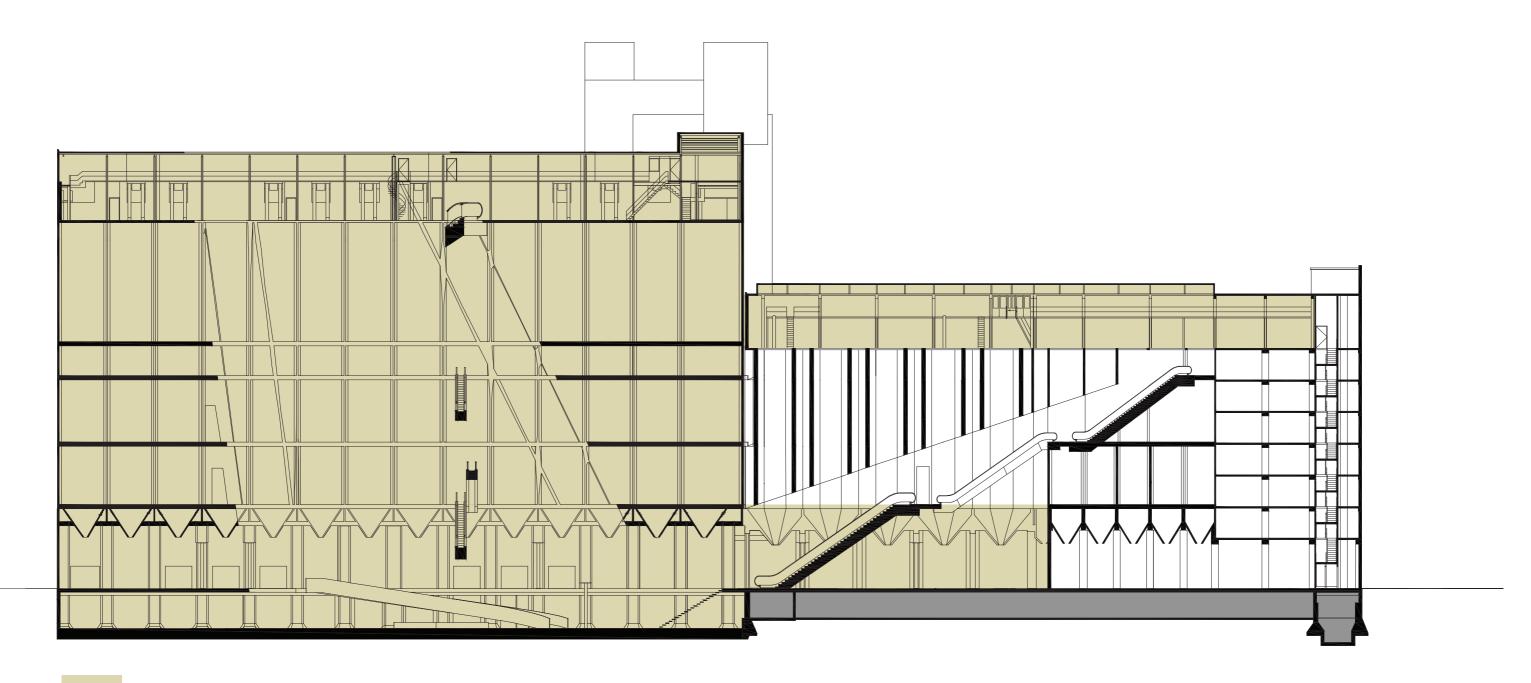


zone 1

zone 2

zone 3

#### CLIMATE ZONE 1



zone 1 <u>zone 1</u>

metal (iron, copper, lead, zinc and silver)

temp: min.: 2 C max.: 25 C

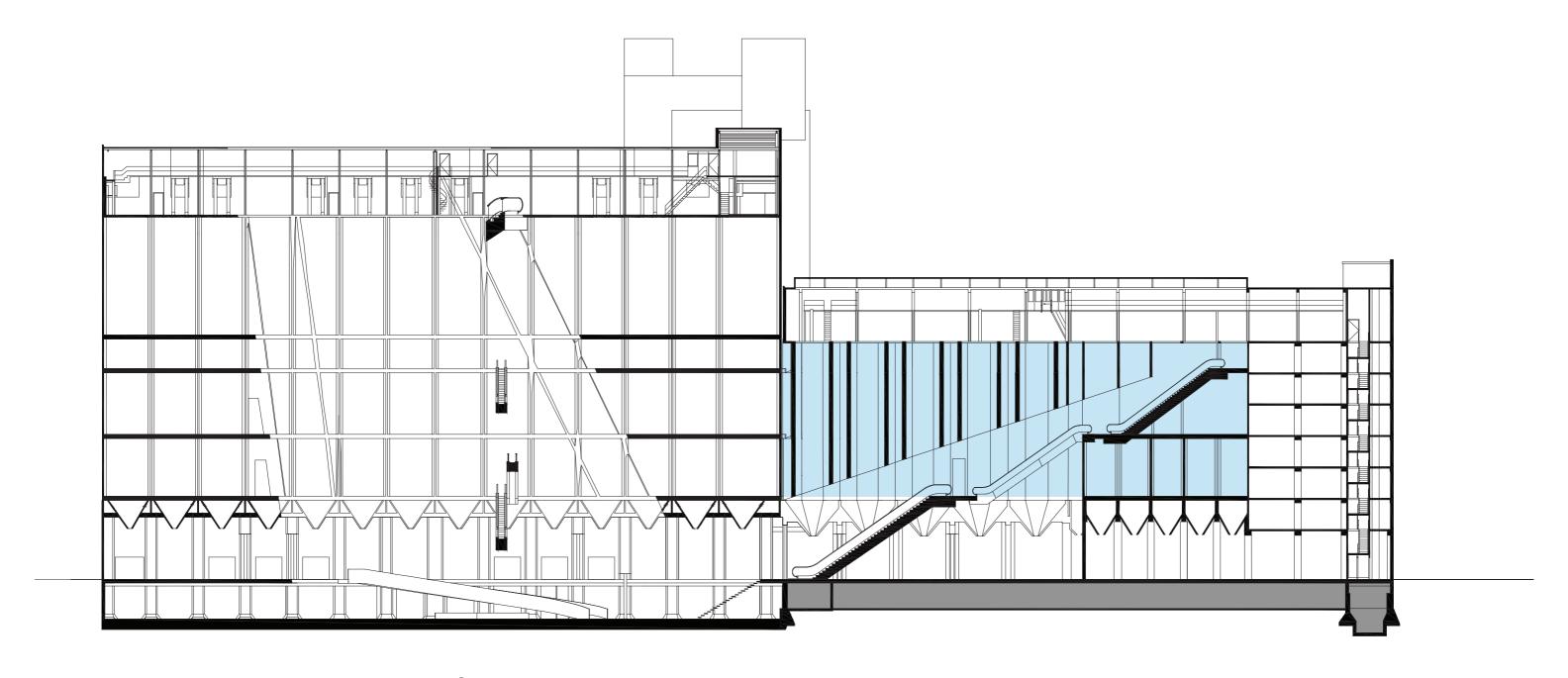
RH: <45% no lumen

sculptures (stone)

temp: min.: 2 C max.: 25 C

RH: <45%

#### CLIMATE ZONE 2



#### zone 2

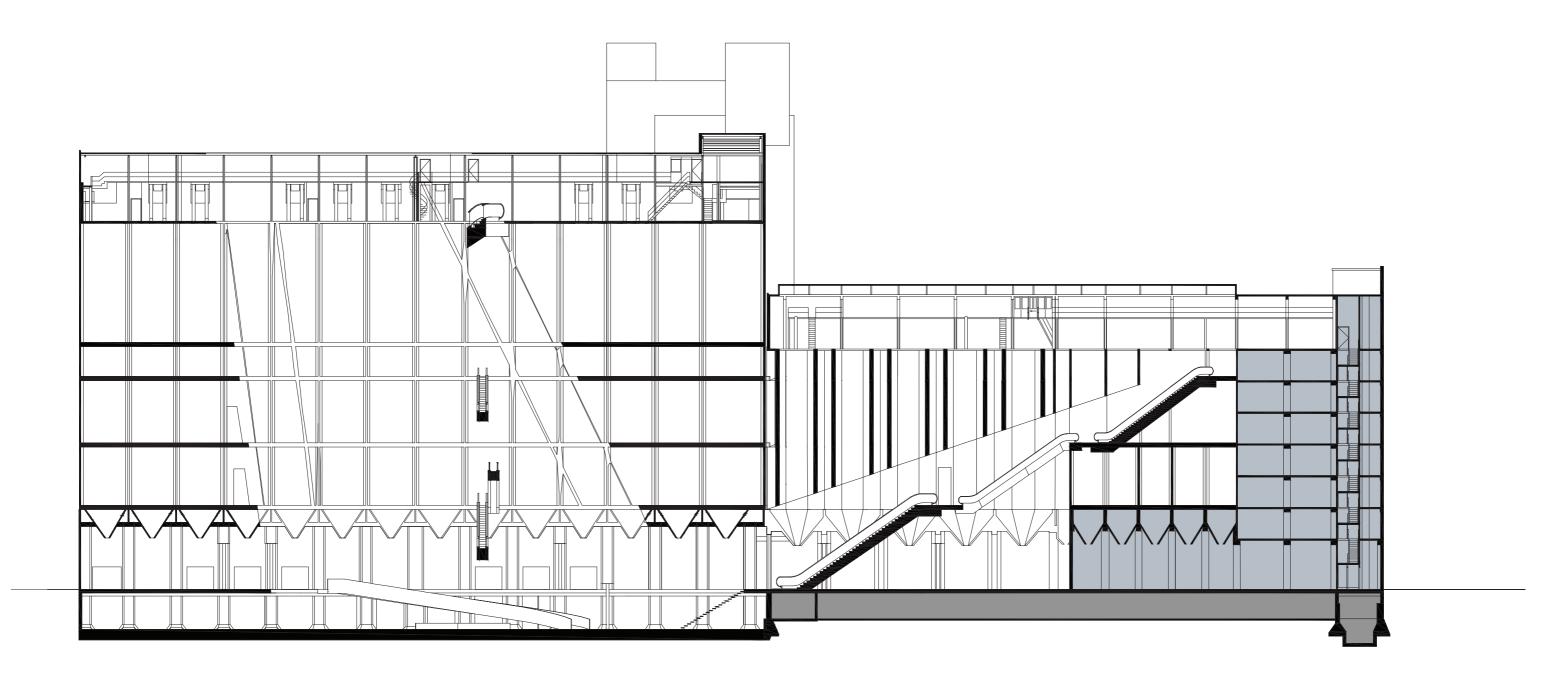
zone 2

unprocessed leather, wood, painting on canvas, panelpainting, chinese lacquer, bone, hornes, pearl, toys, rubber, fossils, skeletons and chalk.

temp: min.: 2 C max.: 25 C

RH: 52+/-3% max. 150 lux

#### CLIMATE ZONE 3



#### zone 3

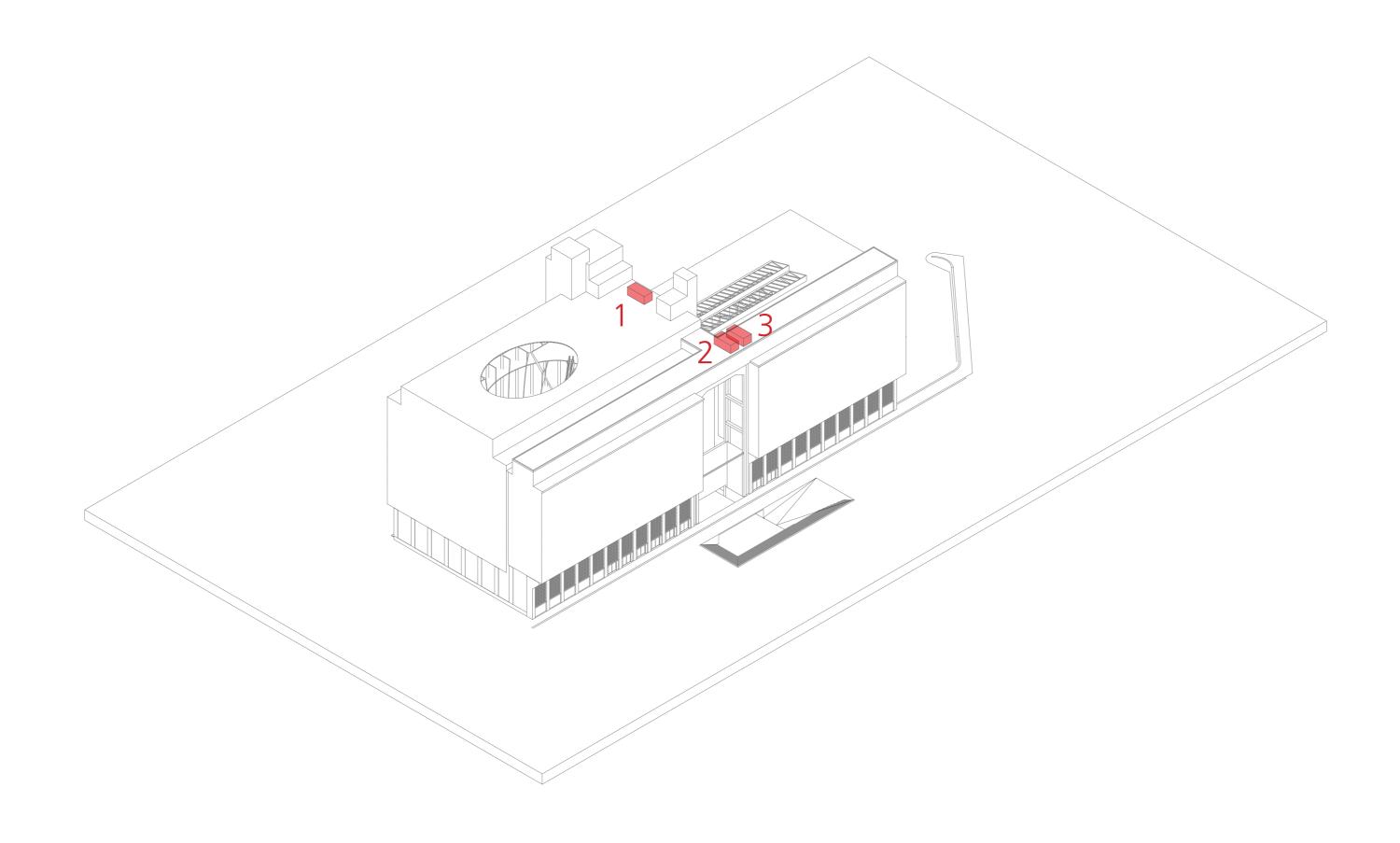
office/culture centre

temp: min.: 2 C max.: 25 C

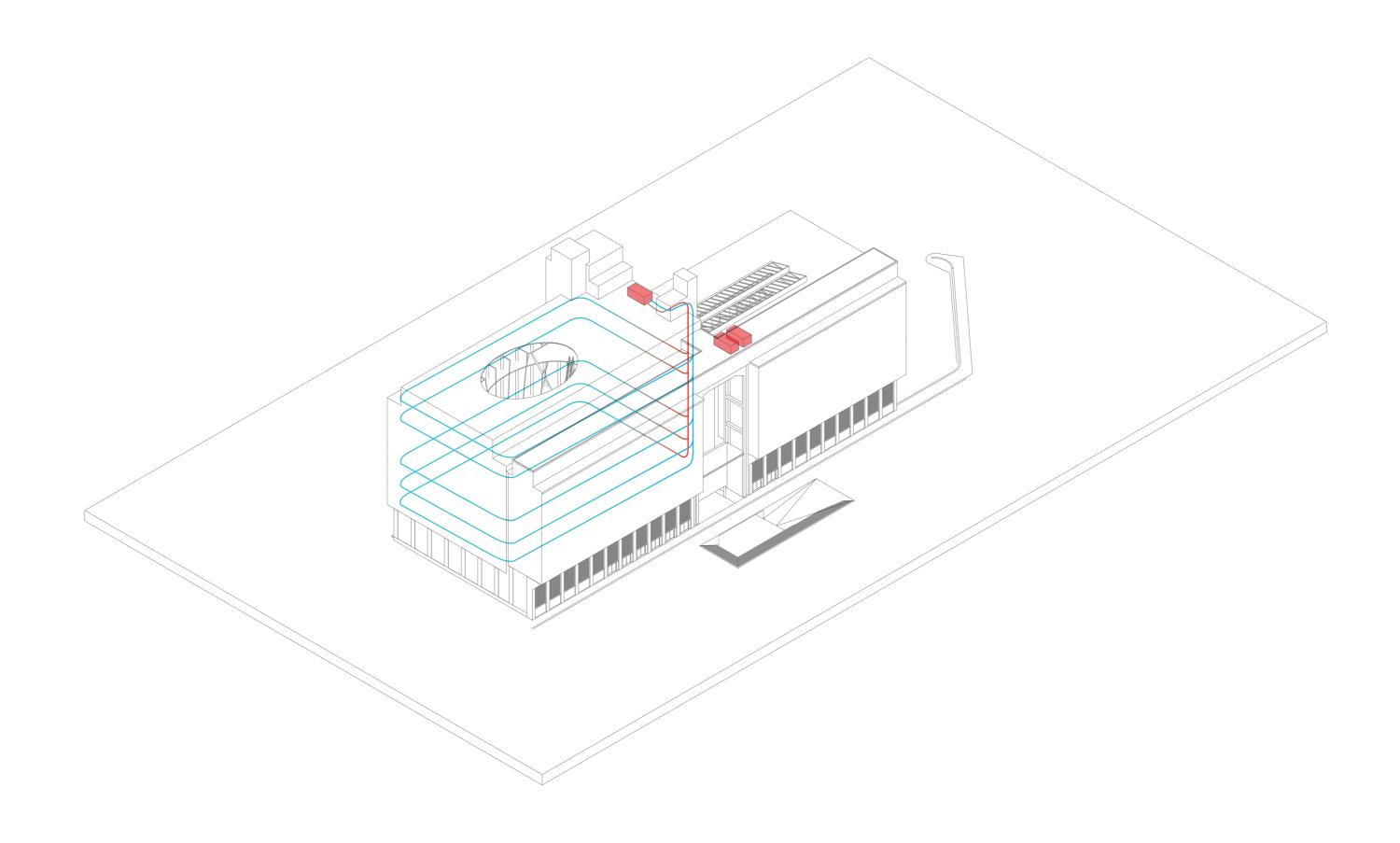
RH: <45% no lumen



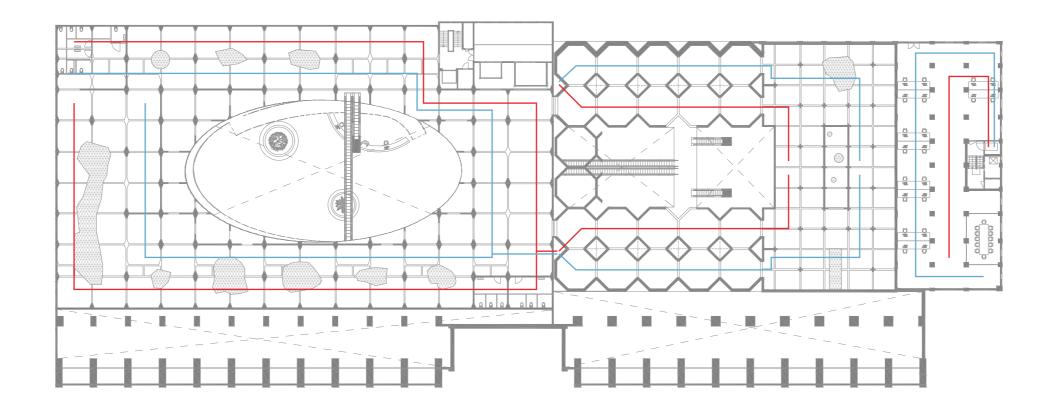
## AHV'S VENTILATION UNITS



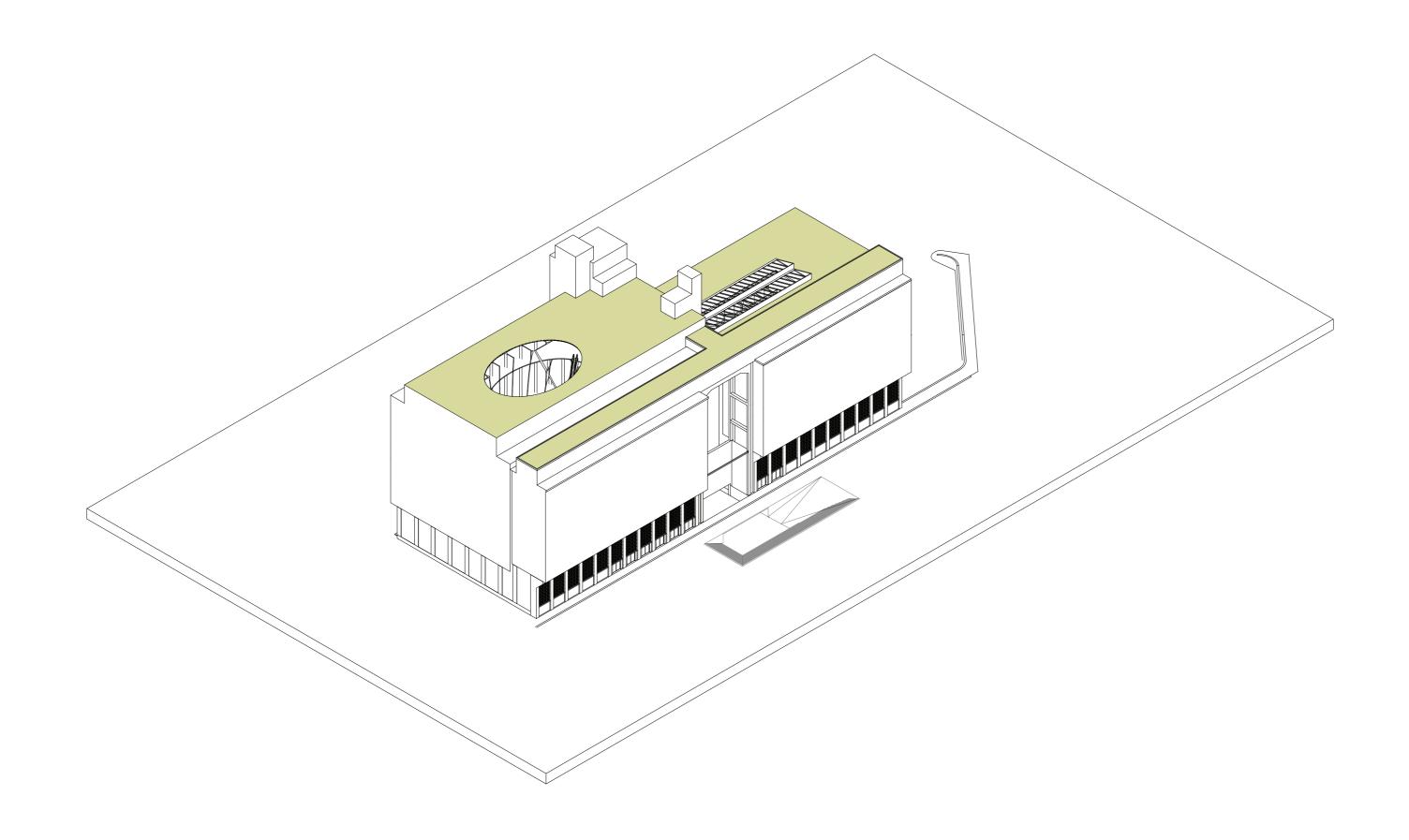
## EXAMPLE ZONE 1



#### VENTILATION EXAMPLE 1E FLOOR



#### ROOF SURFACE - HEATING SURFACE



## SOLAR PANELS

