

# HOMES

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Rebuild Syria  
Extreme Architecture

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Delft, The Netherlands

imagine yourself...



Daa, 10 years old  
(Unicef)



Homs

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Diaa has lived in Za'atari refugee camp – the largest Syrian refugee camp in the world – since he was four



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**Homs was the Syrian city most affected by the crisis in terms of physical and social repercussions - UN Habitat**



Homs



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Members of the Free Syrian Army inspect a damaged building after clashes with President Bashar al-Assad's forces in Karam Shamsham district in central Homs August 11, 2012. Picture taken August 11, 2012. REUTERS/Yazen al Homsy



Radio Free Syria  
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Residents of the Karam Shamsham neighborhood in Homs today held a vigil to commemorate the massacres committed by the Assad regime and its militias during the years of the Syrian revolution. Participants reaffirmed their commitment to justice and holding those responsible for the crimes accountable.

- SNN  
November 14, 2025



Karam Shamsham

design input

autonomous  
decisionmaking

long-term  
settlement

public meeting  
spaces

Design input from resear

● Post-war mental recovery

private withdrawl

research

Design input from research topics:

● Post-war mental recovery

● Syrian culture

autonomous  
decisionmaking

expandable  
house

long-term  
settlement

public meeting  
spaces




receive guests

intra-family  
privacy

private withdrawl

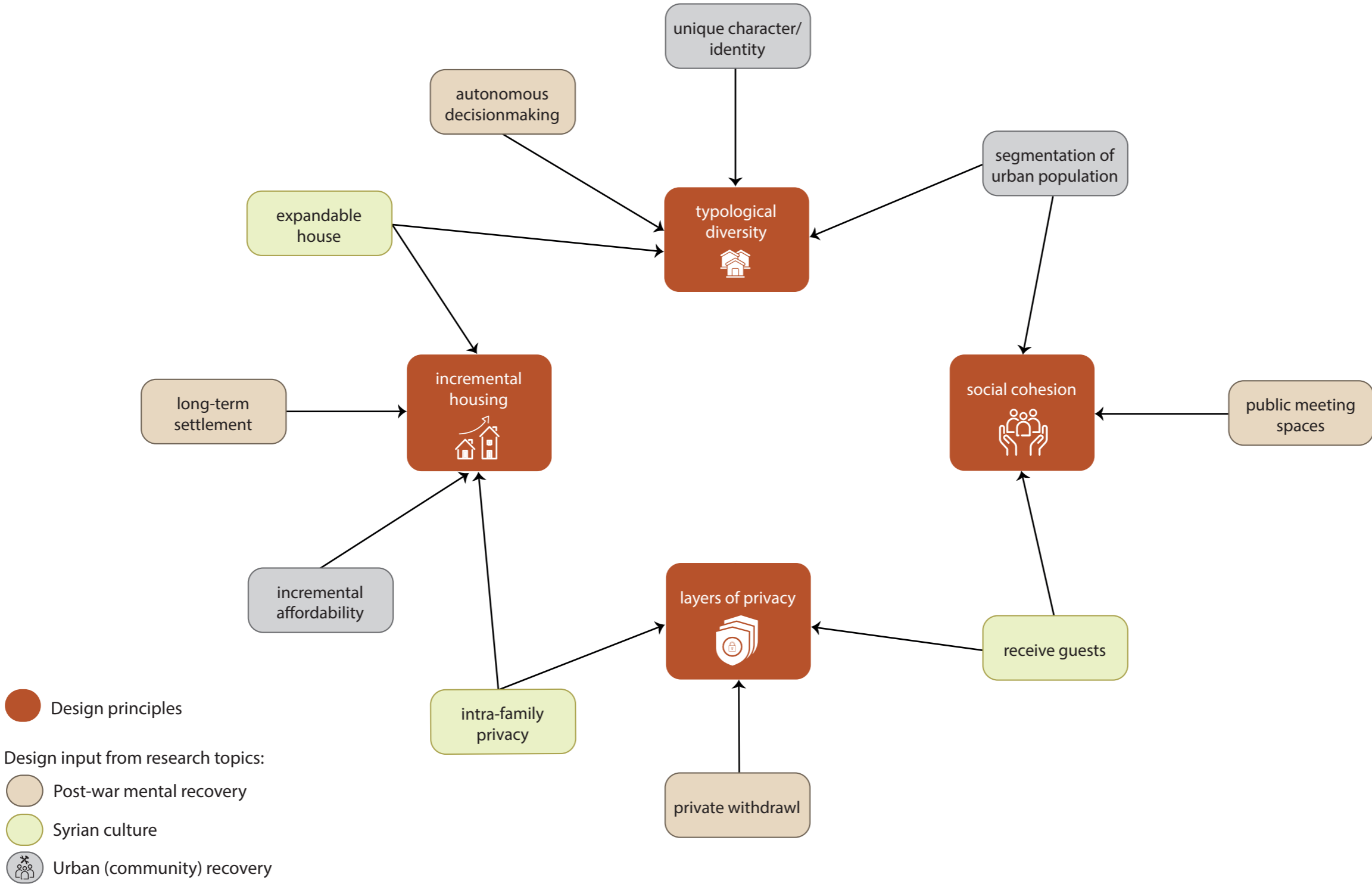
research

Design input from research topics:

-  Post-war mental recovery
-  Syrian culture
-  Urban (community) recovery

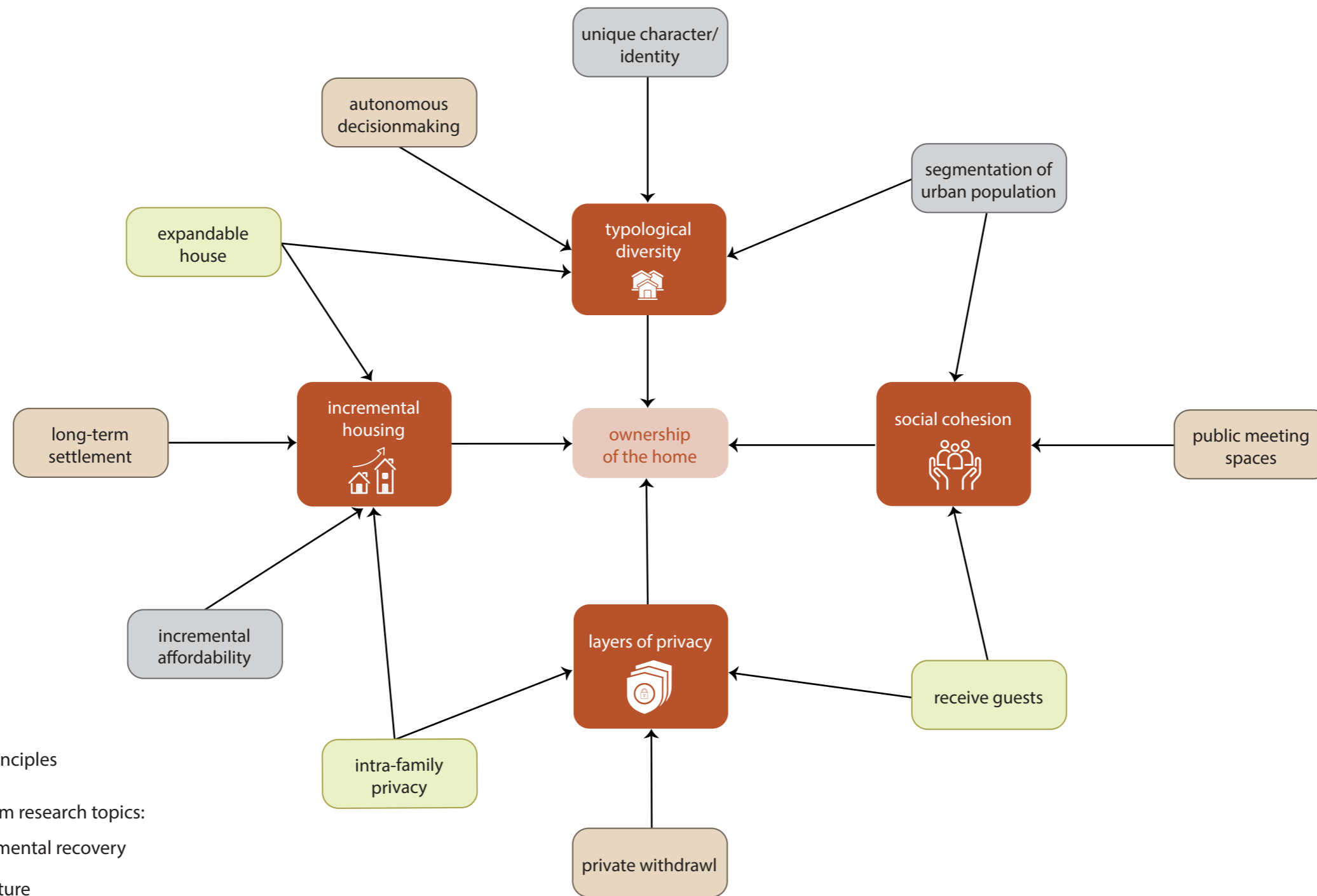


research



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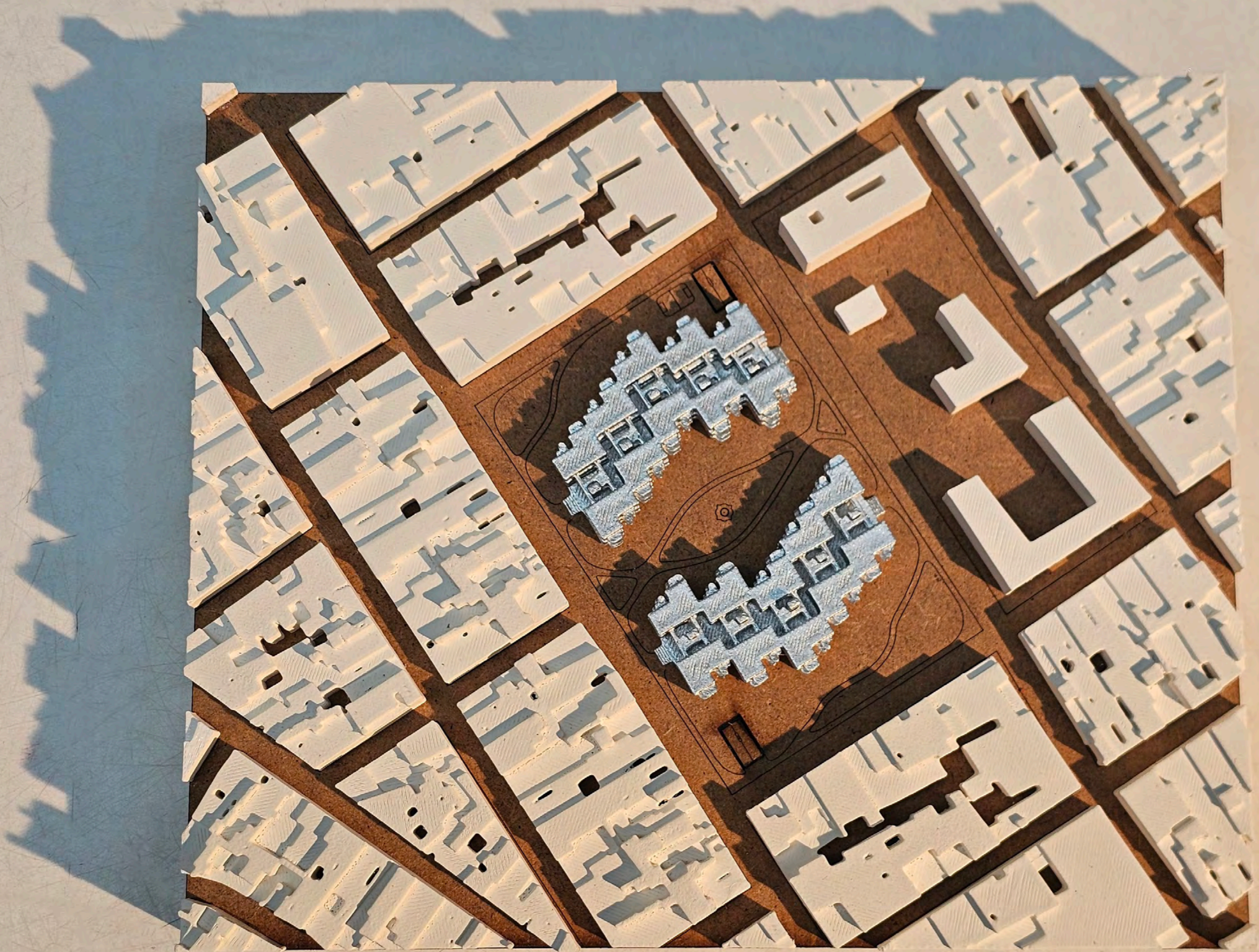


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design principles



An aerial photograph of a city grid, showing a dense pattern of buildings and streets. The buildings are rendered in a light, textured style, possibly representing a 3D architectural model or a stylized map. The streets are dark lines forming a grid. The word "HOMES" is overlaid in large, bold, black, sans-serif capital letters across the center of the image. The background is a light, textured surface, possibly paper or a wall, with a soft shadow cast by the image on the left side.

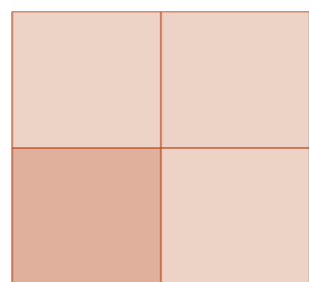
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house



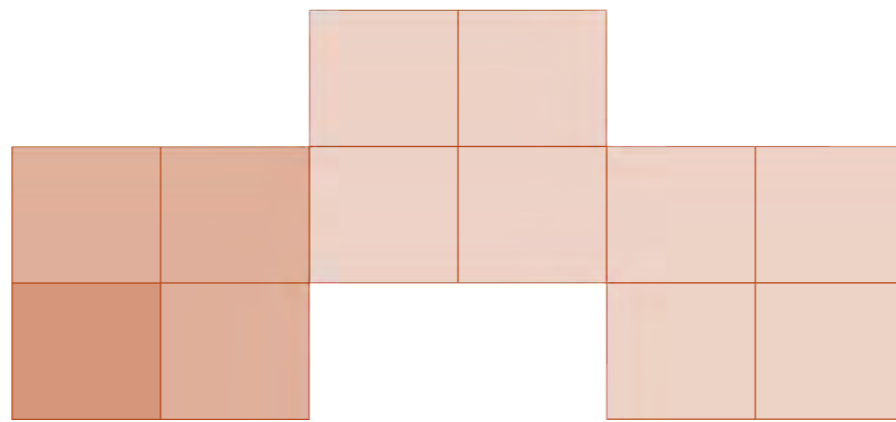
part 1

house → unit



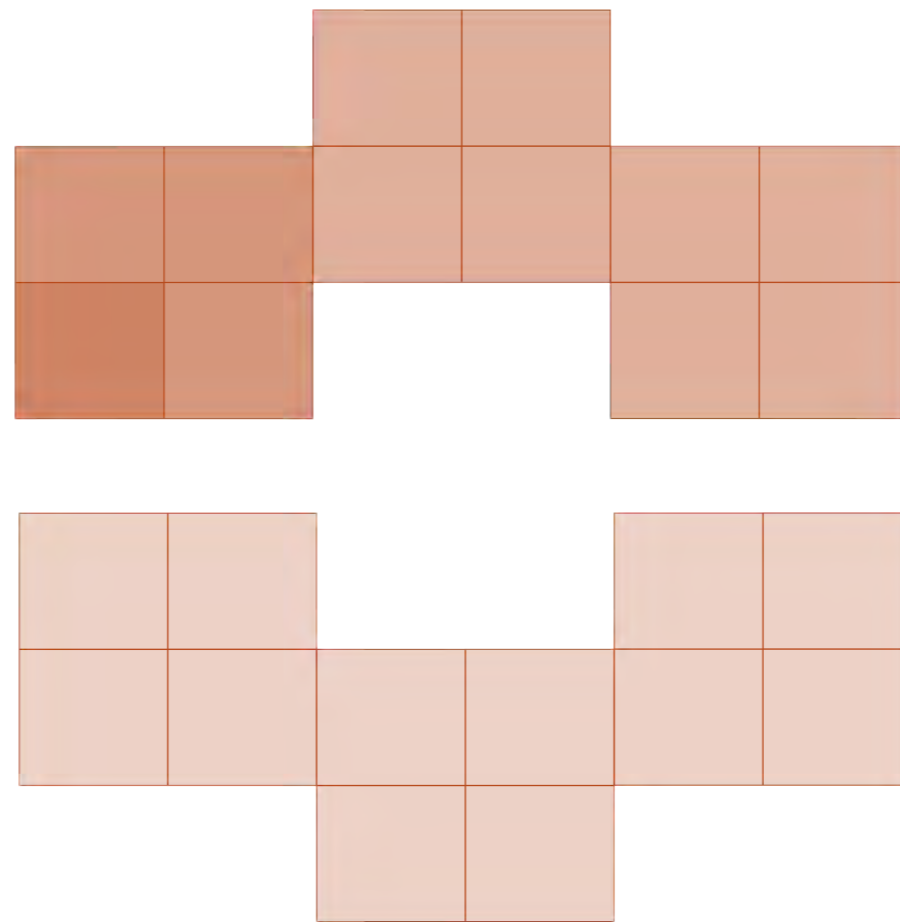
part 2

house → unit → block



part 3

house → unit → block → site



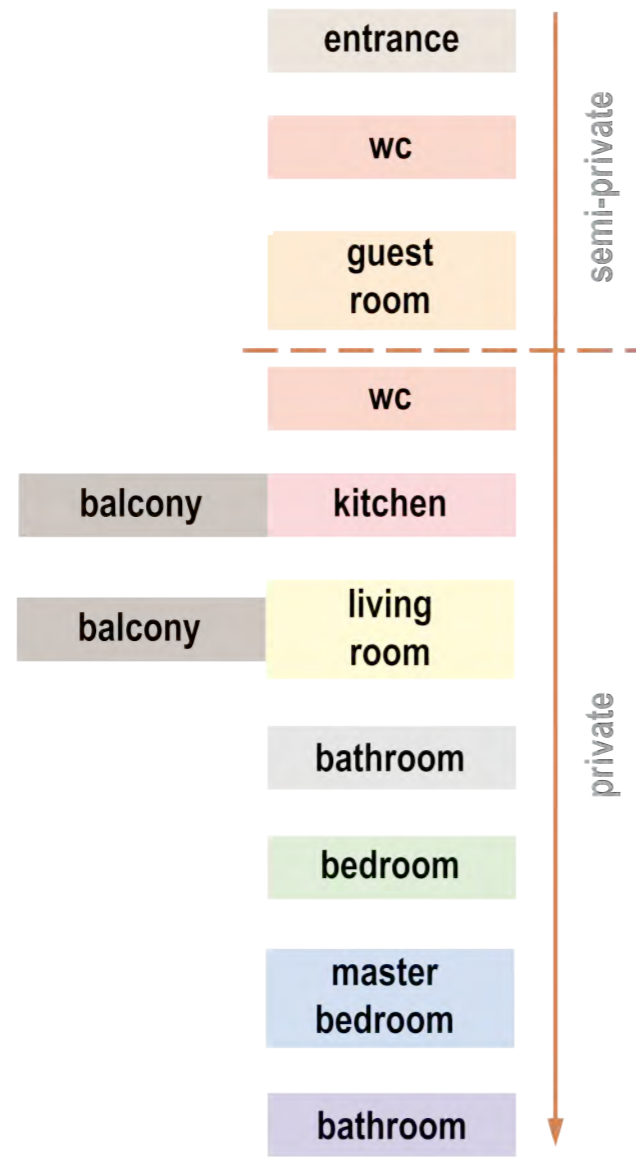
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part 4

house

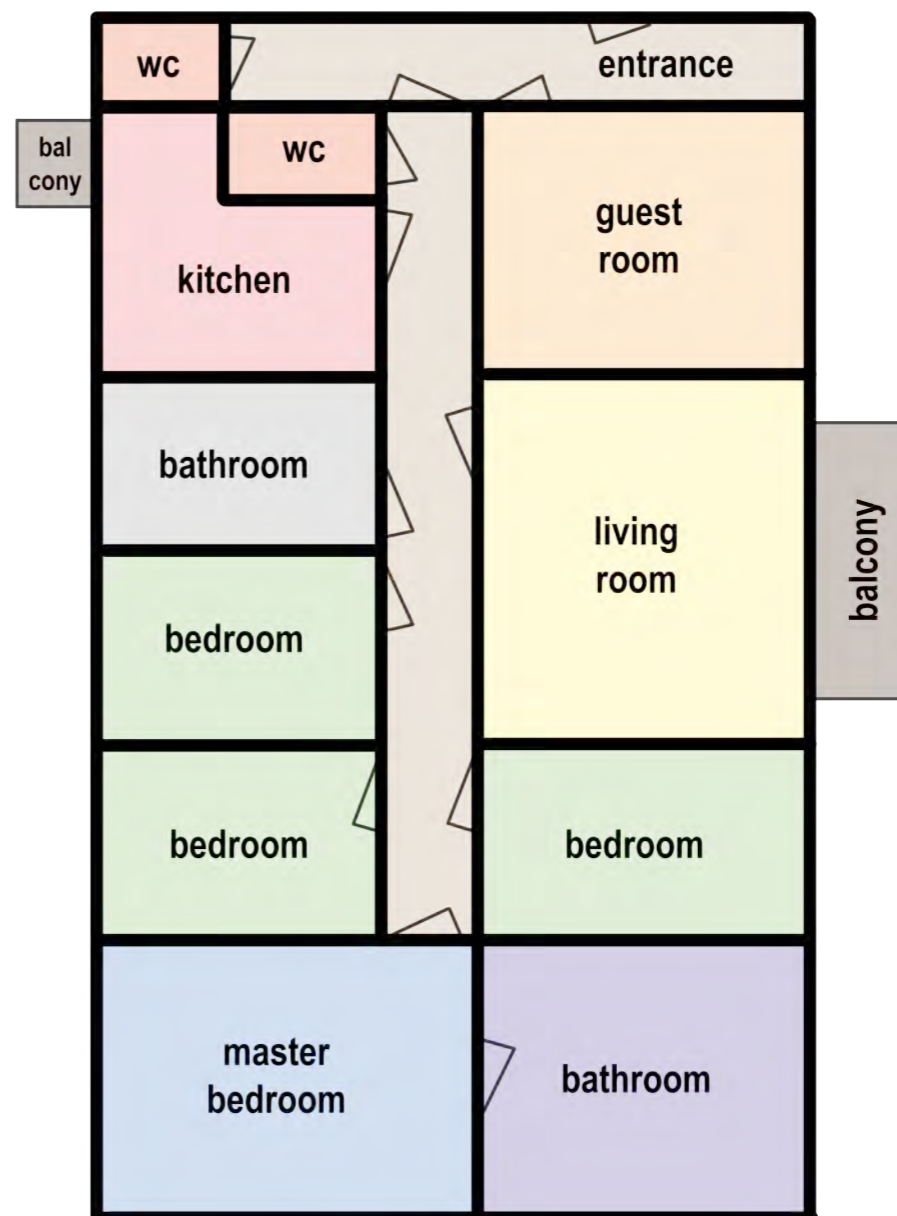
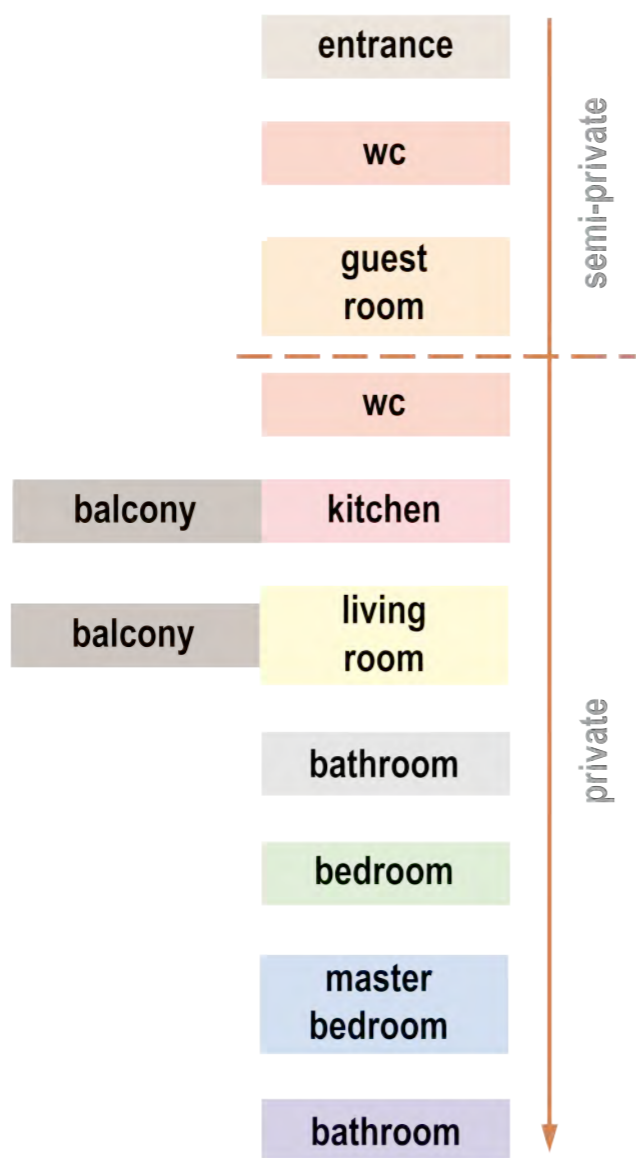


Part 1



Syrian floor plan



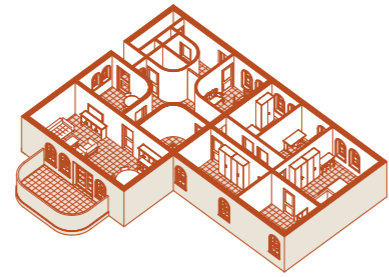


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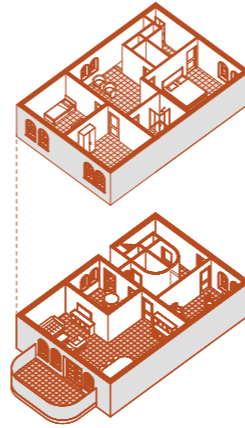
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4-6 persons  
168 m<sup>2</sup>  
1 floor



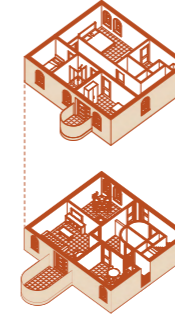
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2-4 persons  
192 m<sup>2</sup>  
2 floors



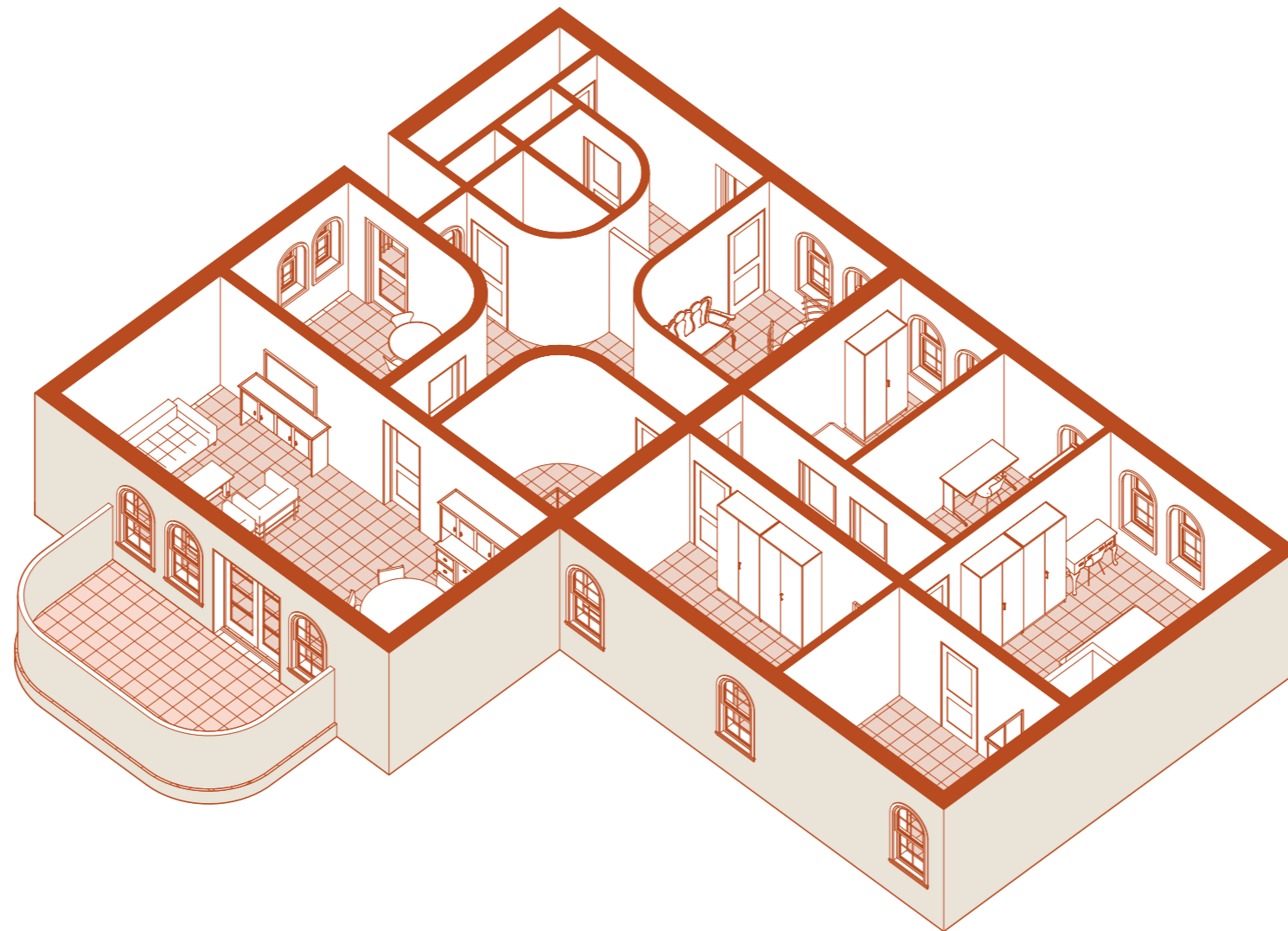
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2-4 persons  
144 m<sup>2</sup>  
2 floors



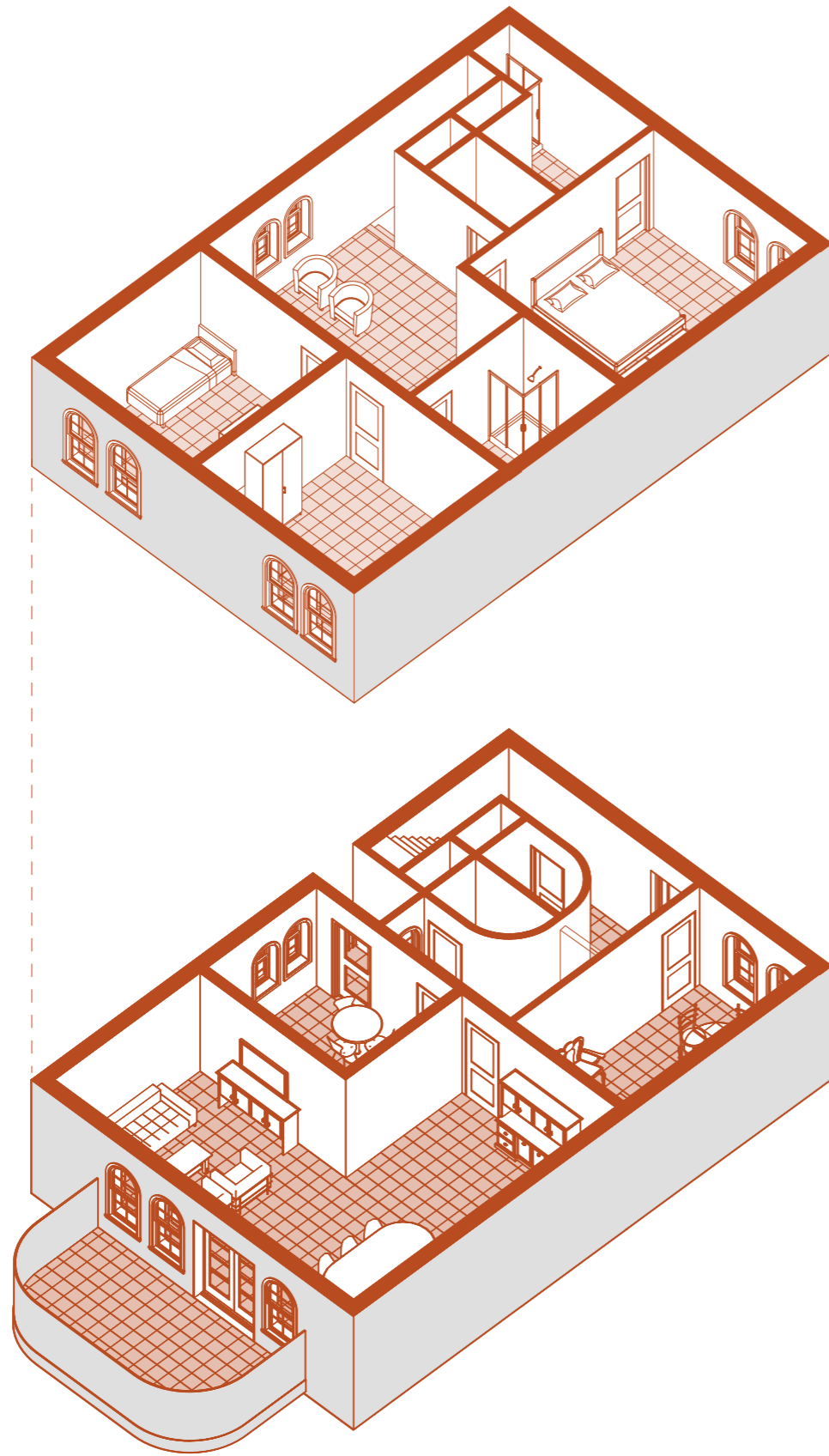
typologies





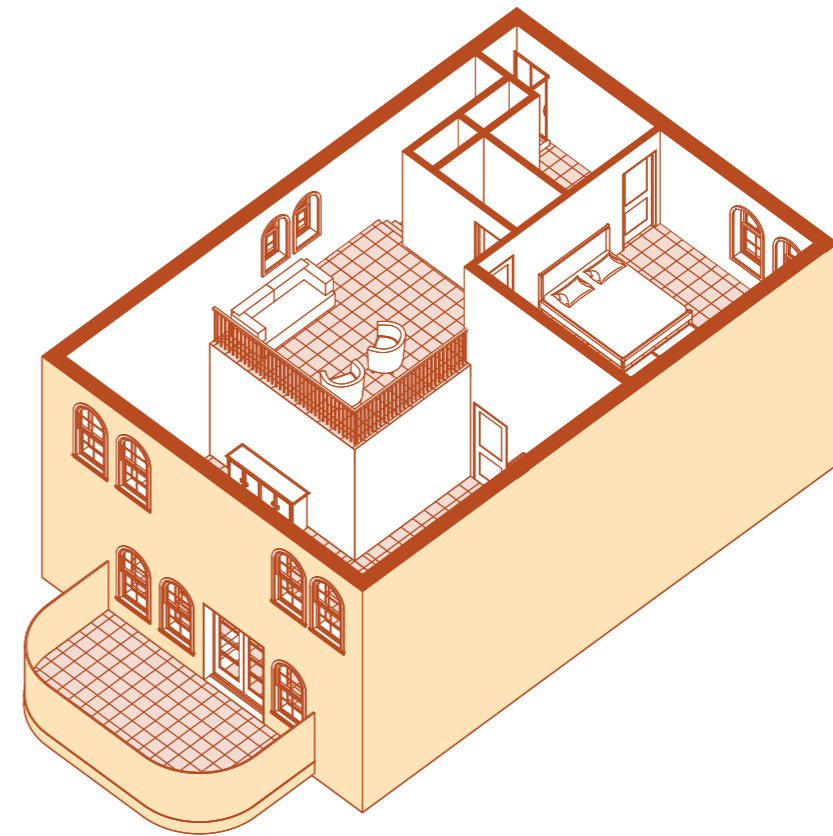
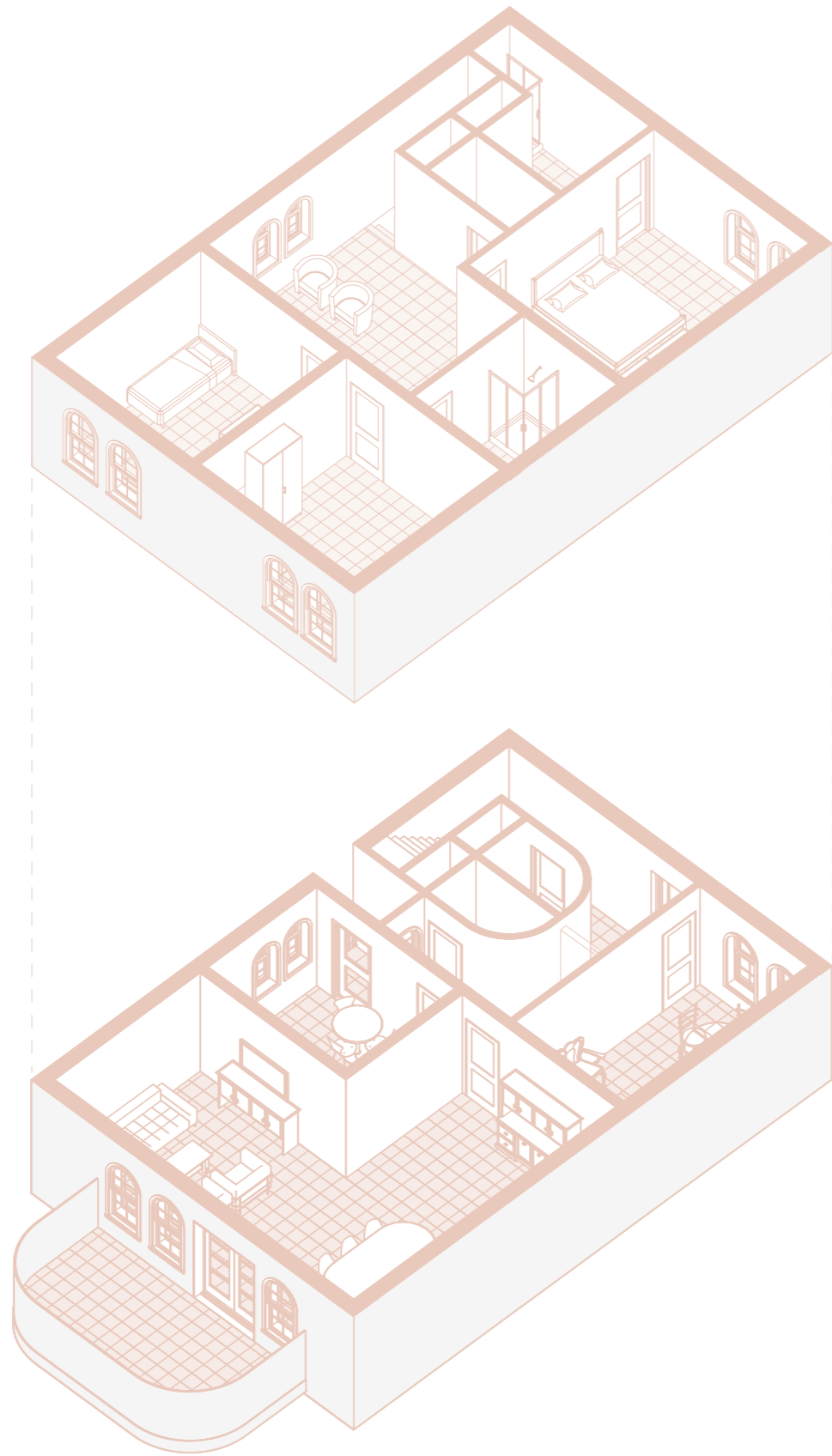
typology 1





typology 2

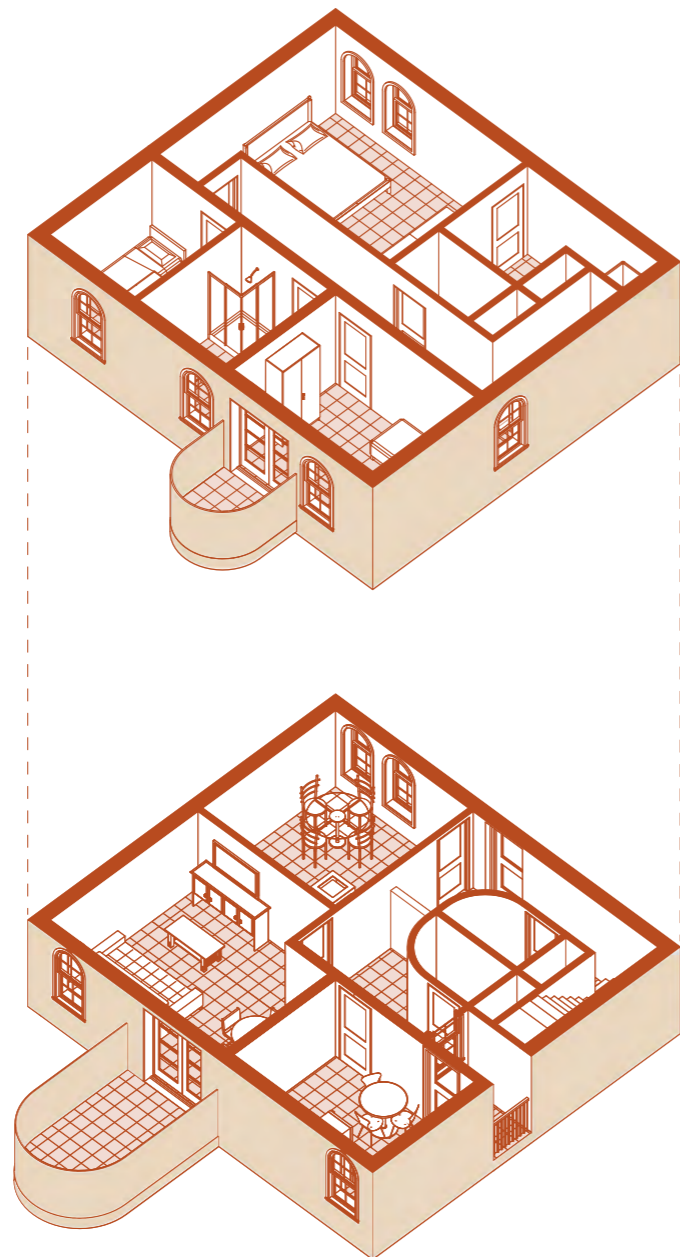




typology 2

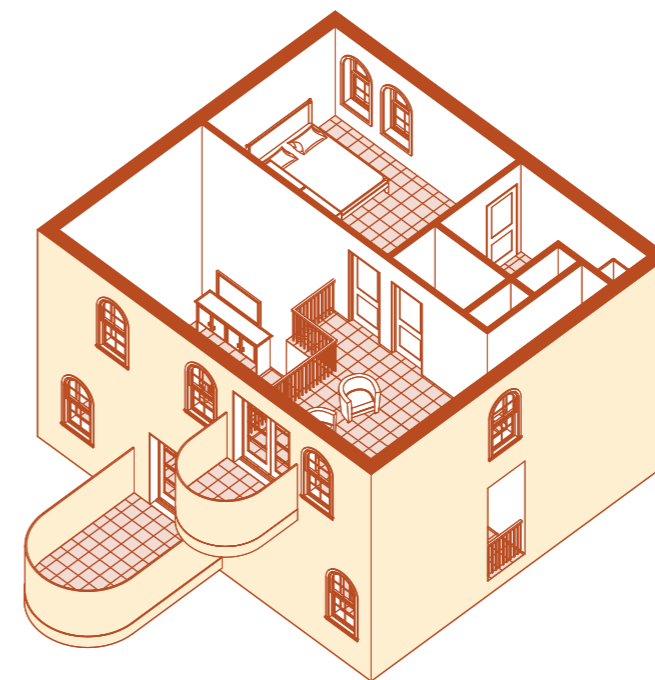
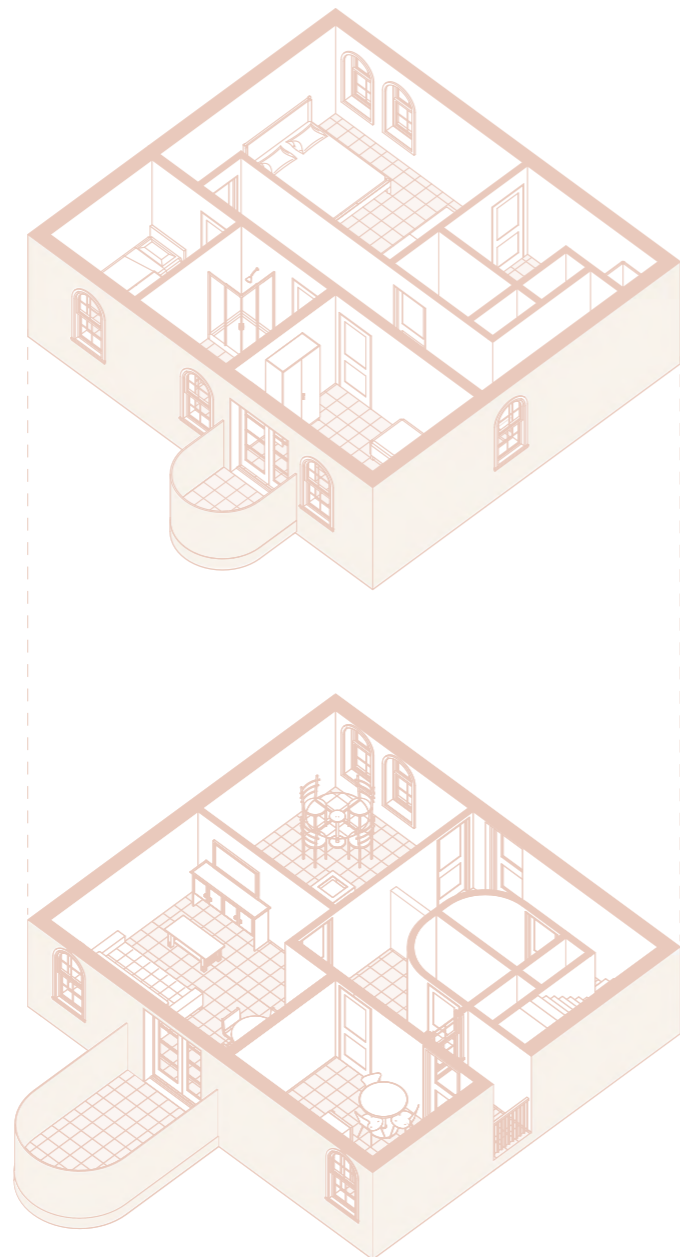






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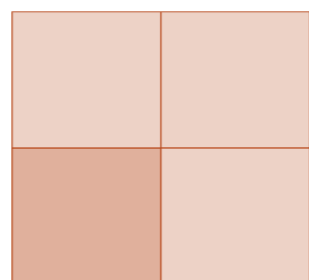


house

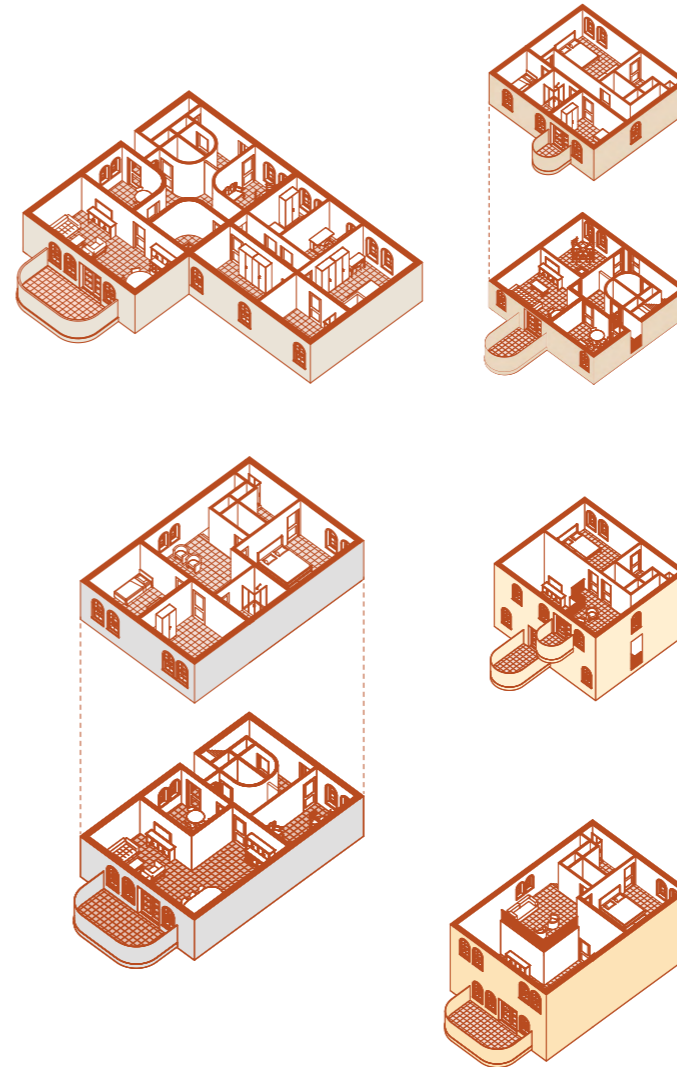
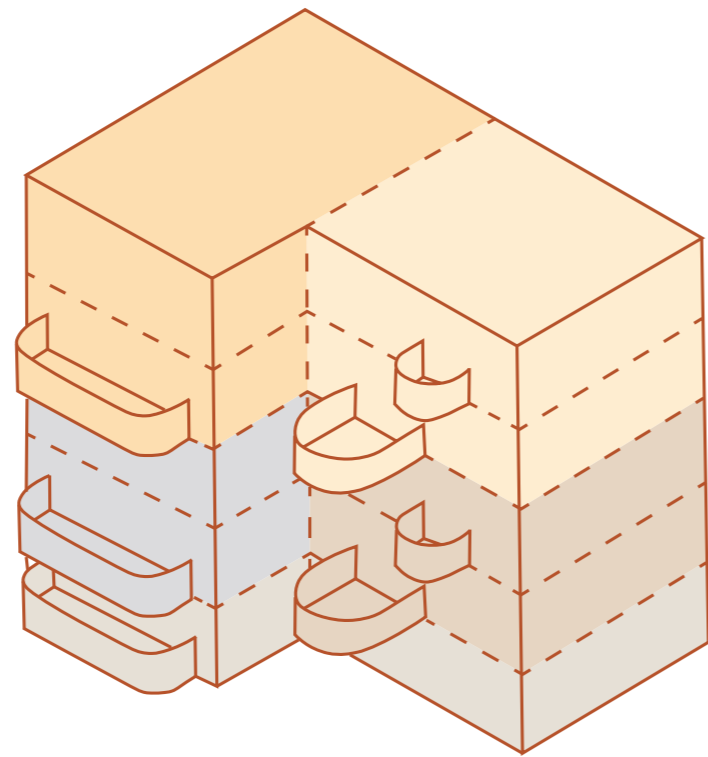


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house → unit

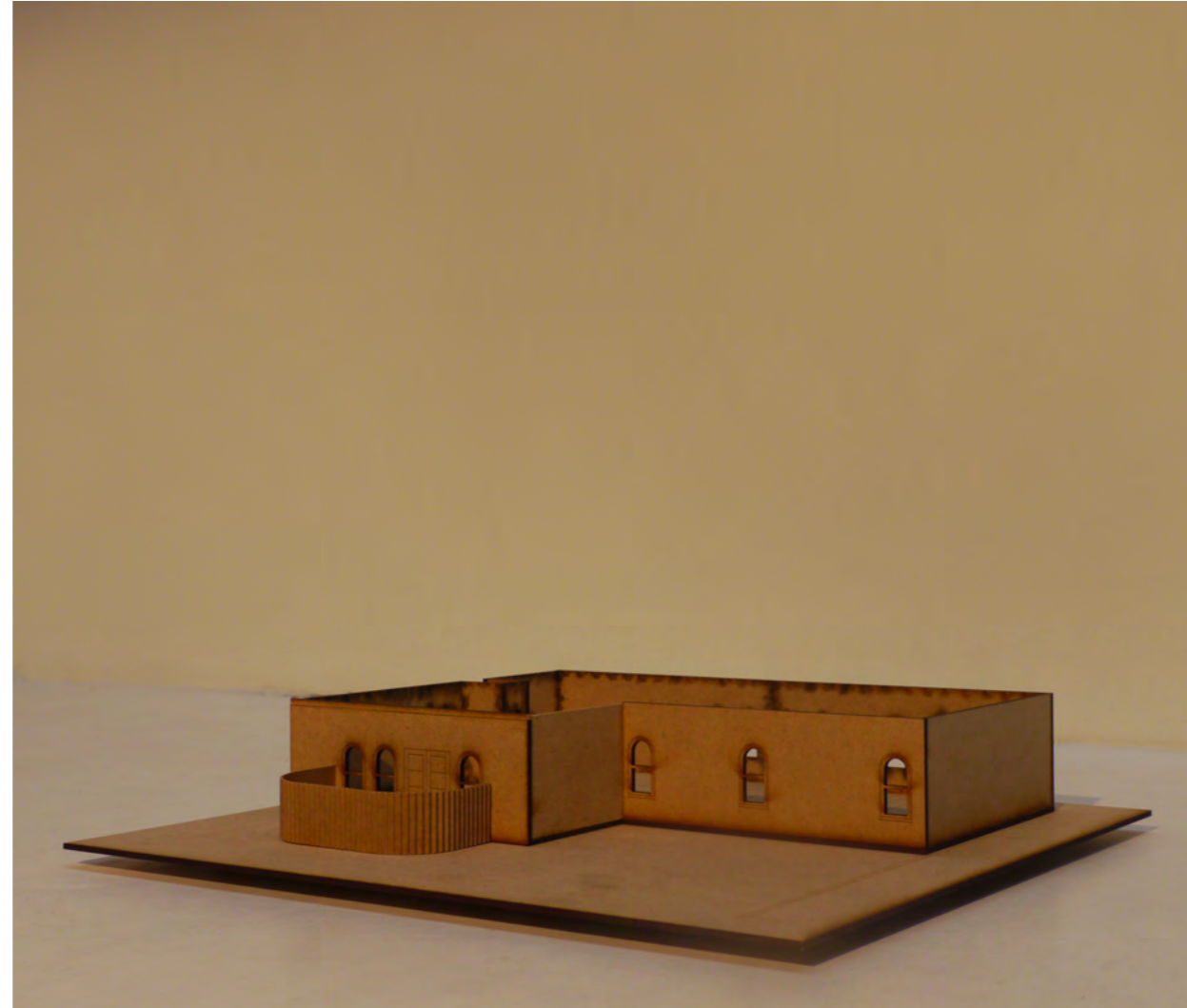


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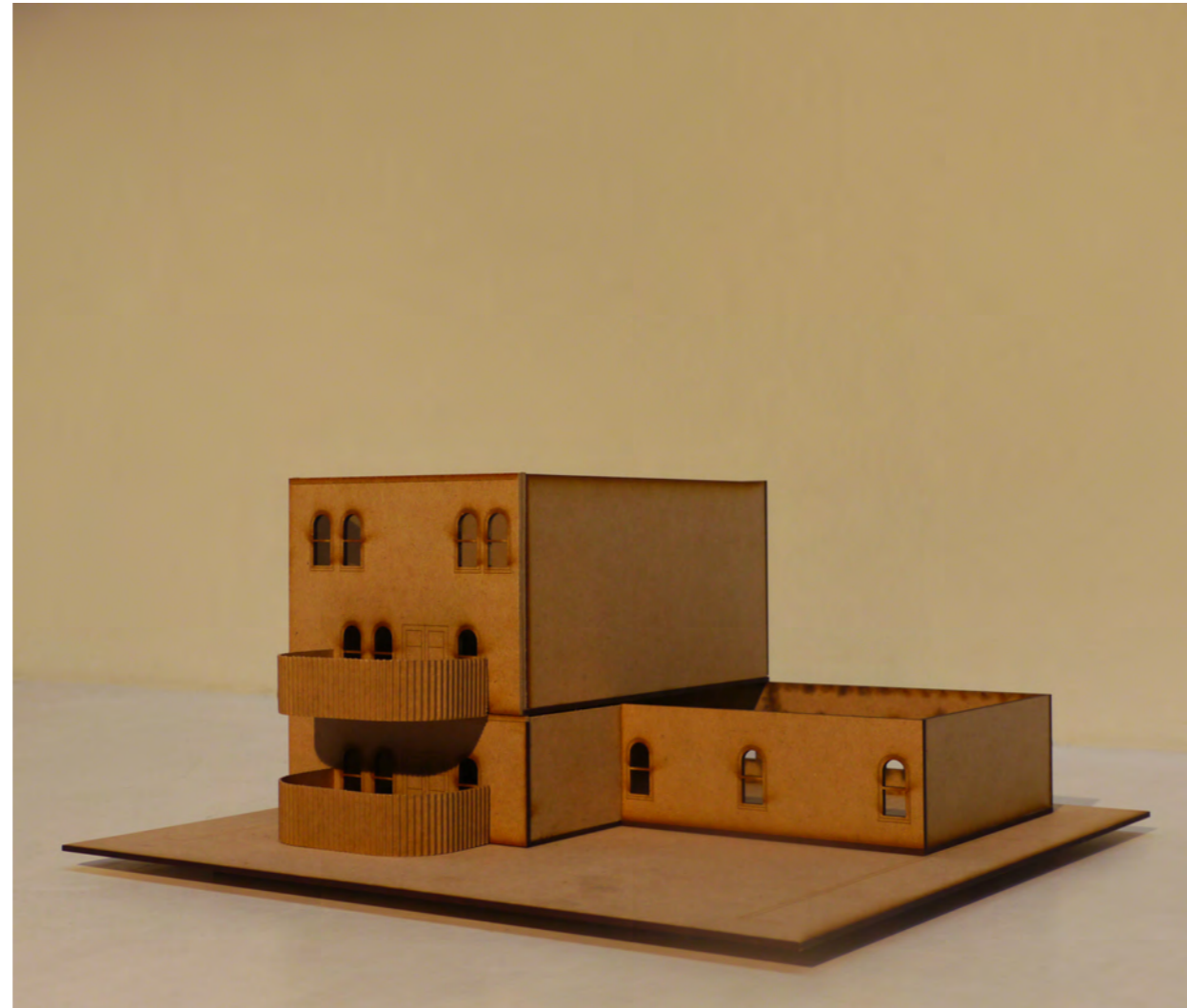
typology to block





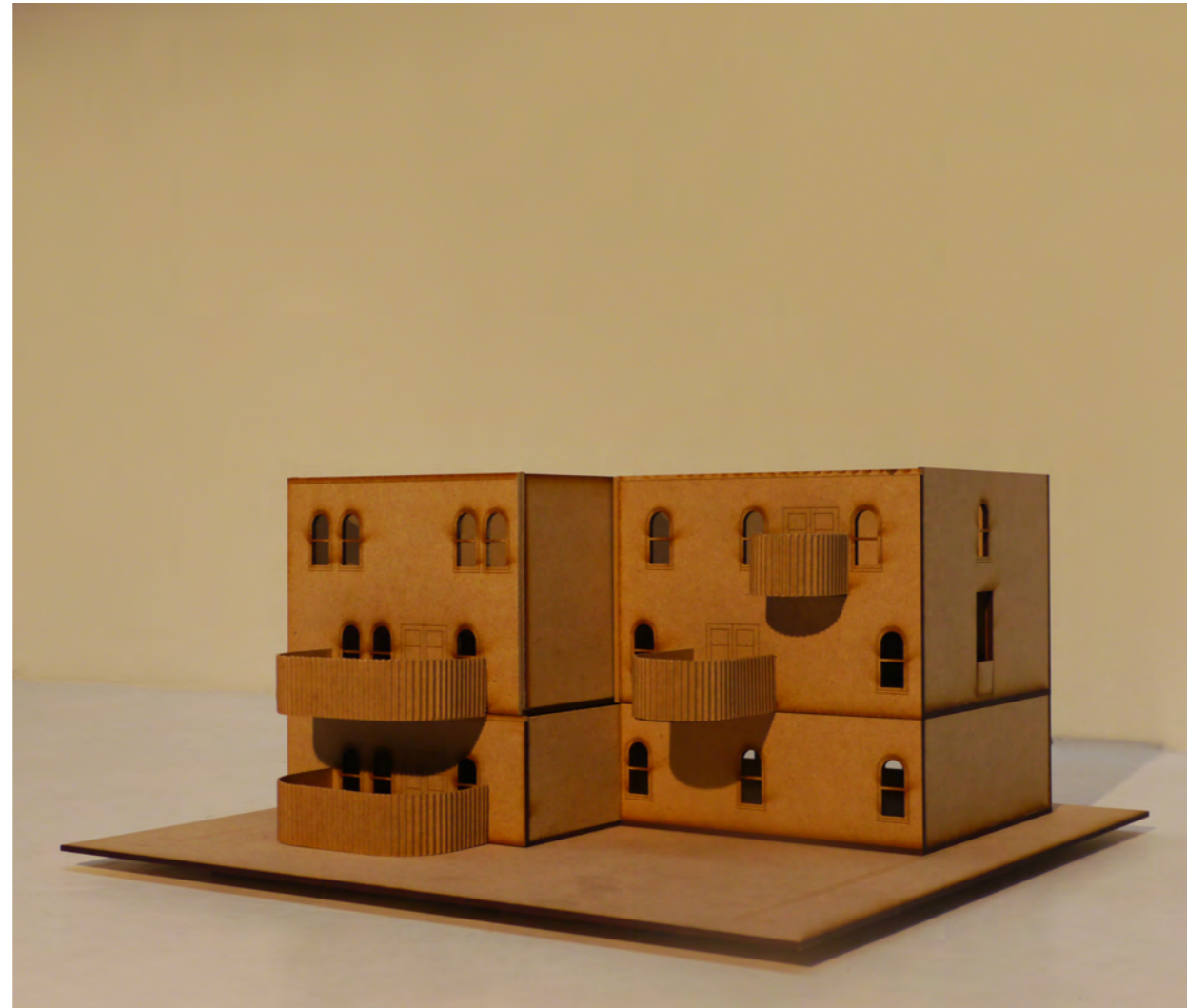
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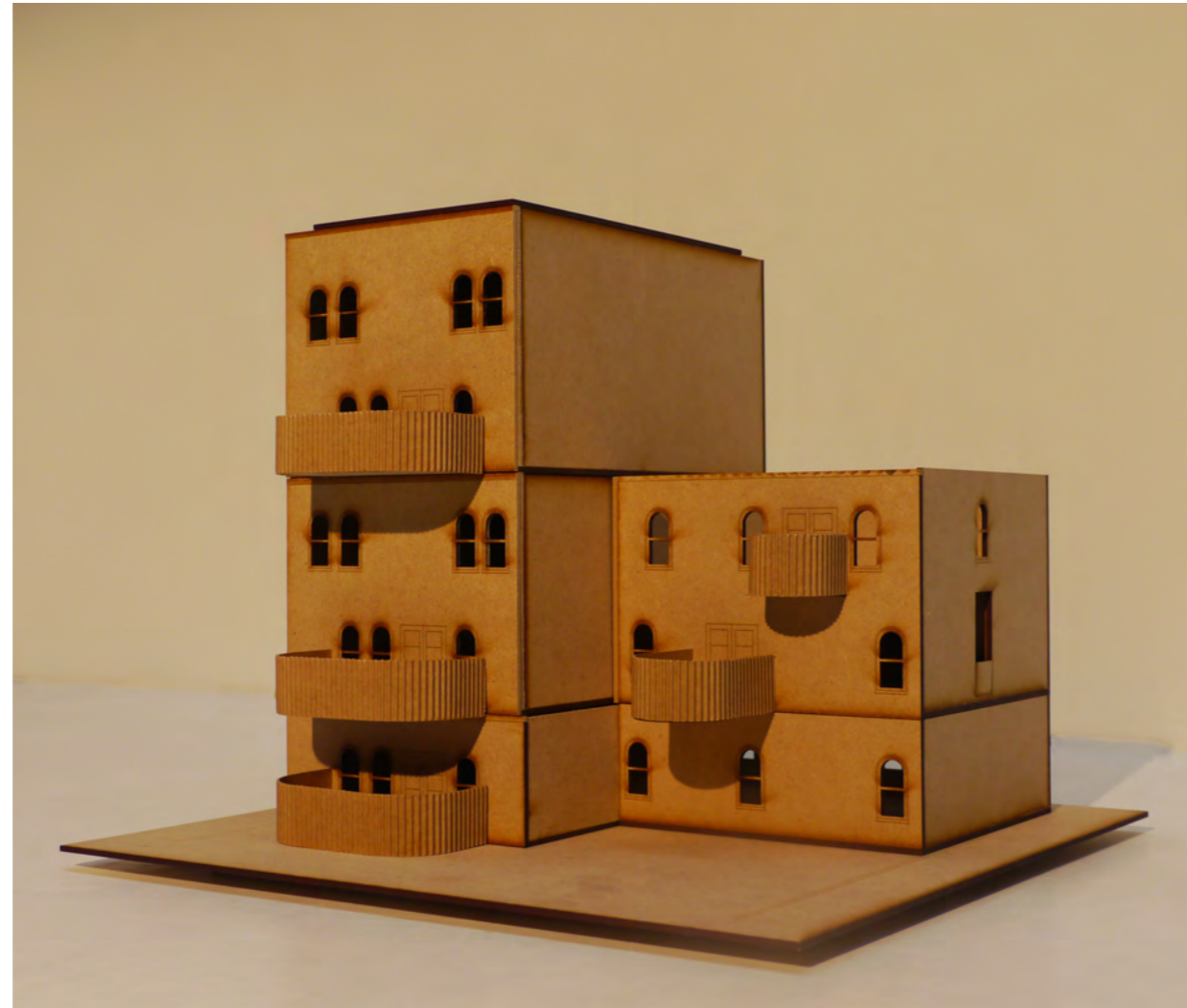
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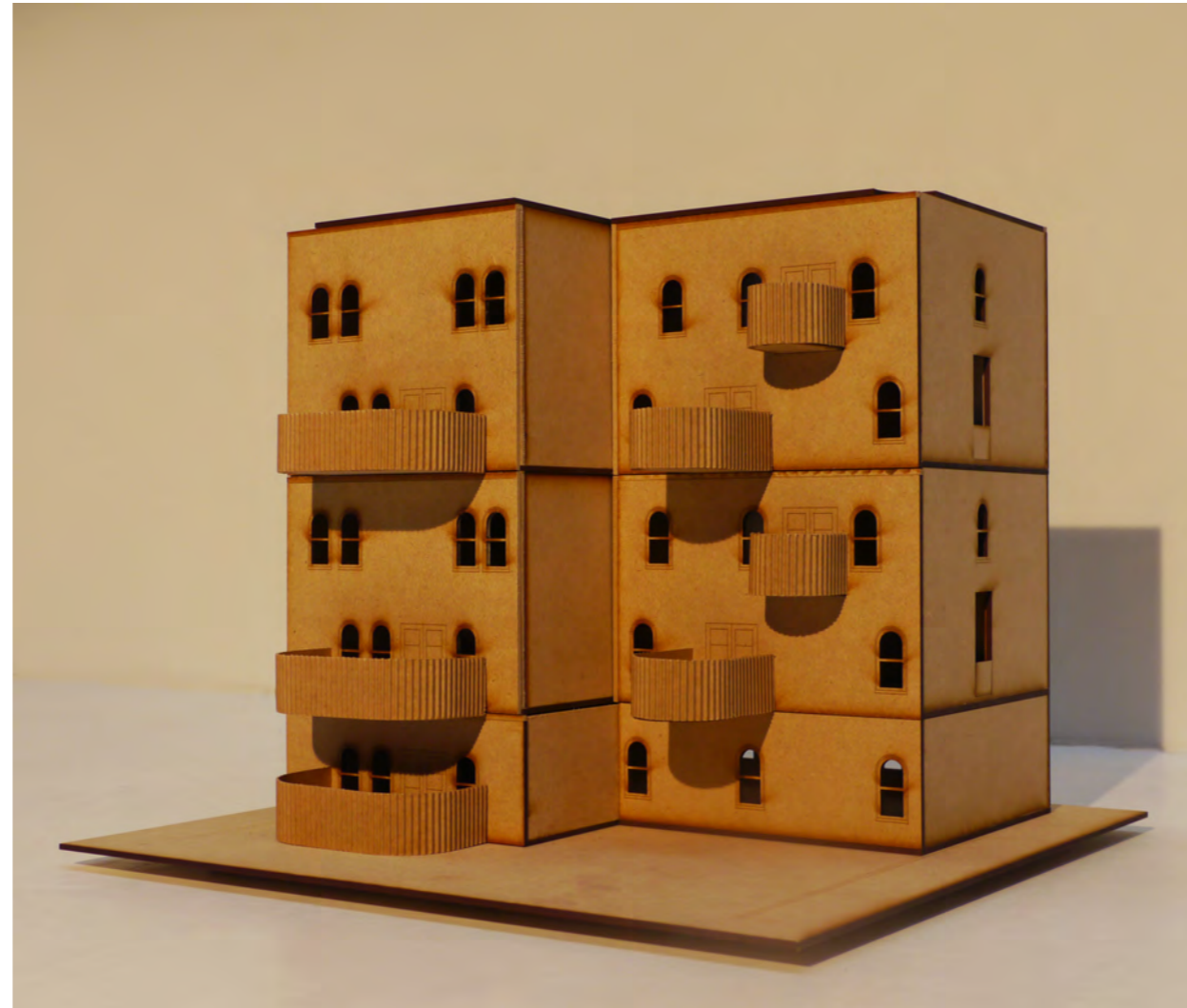
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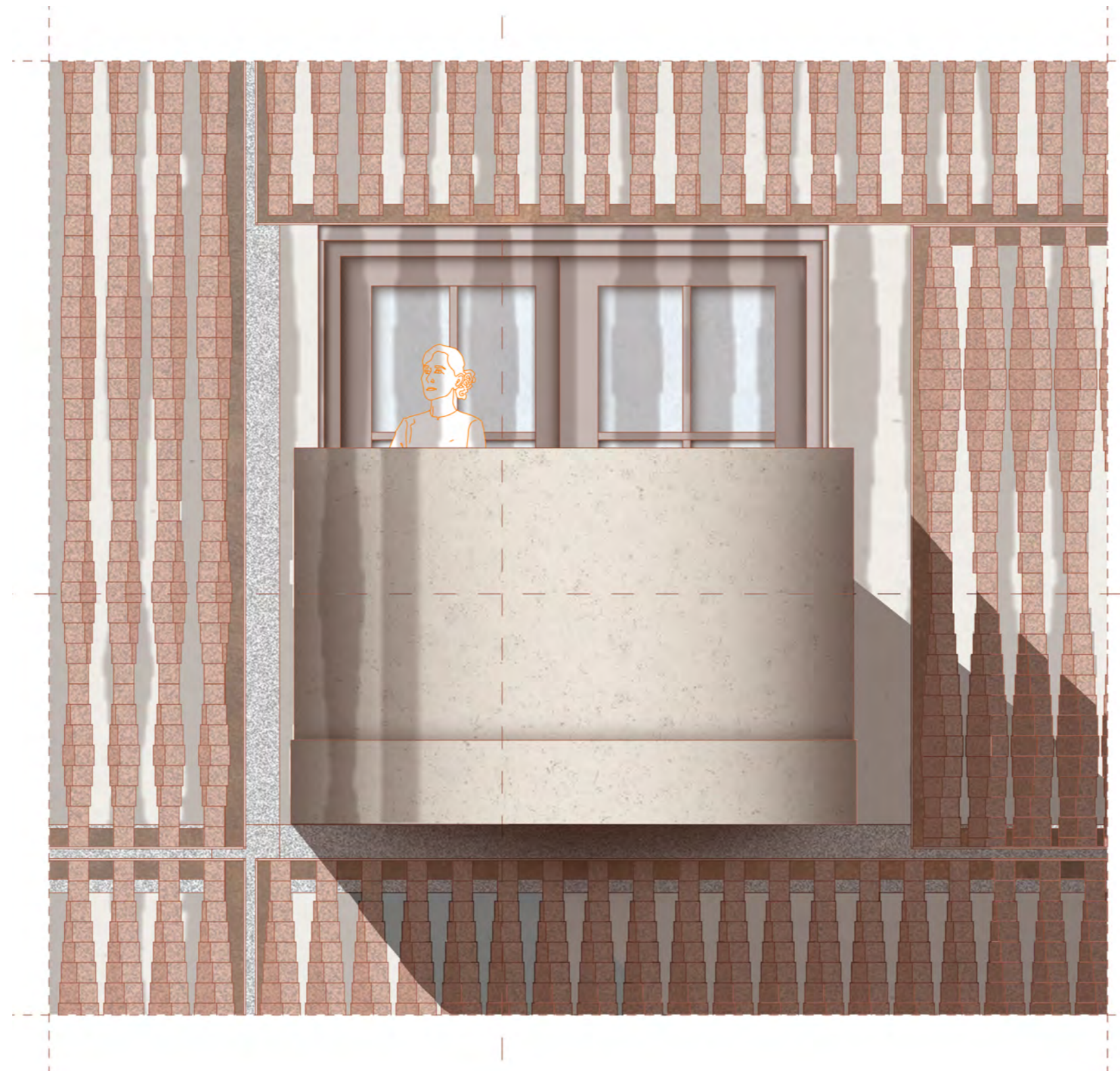
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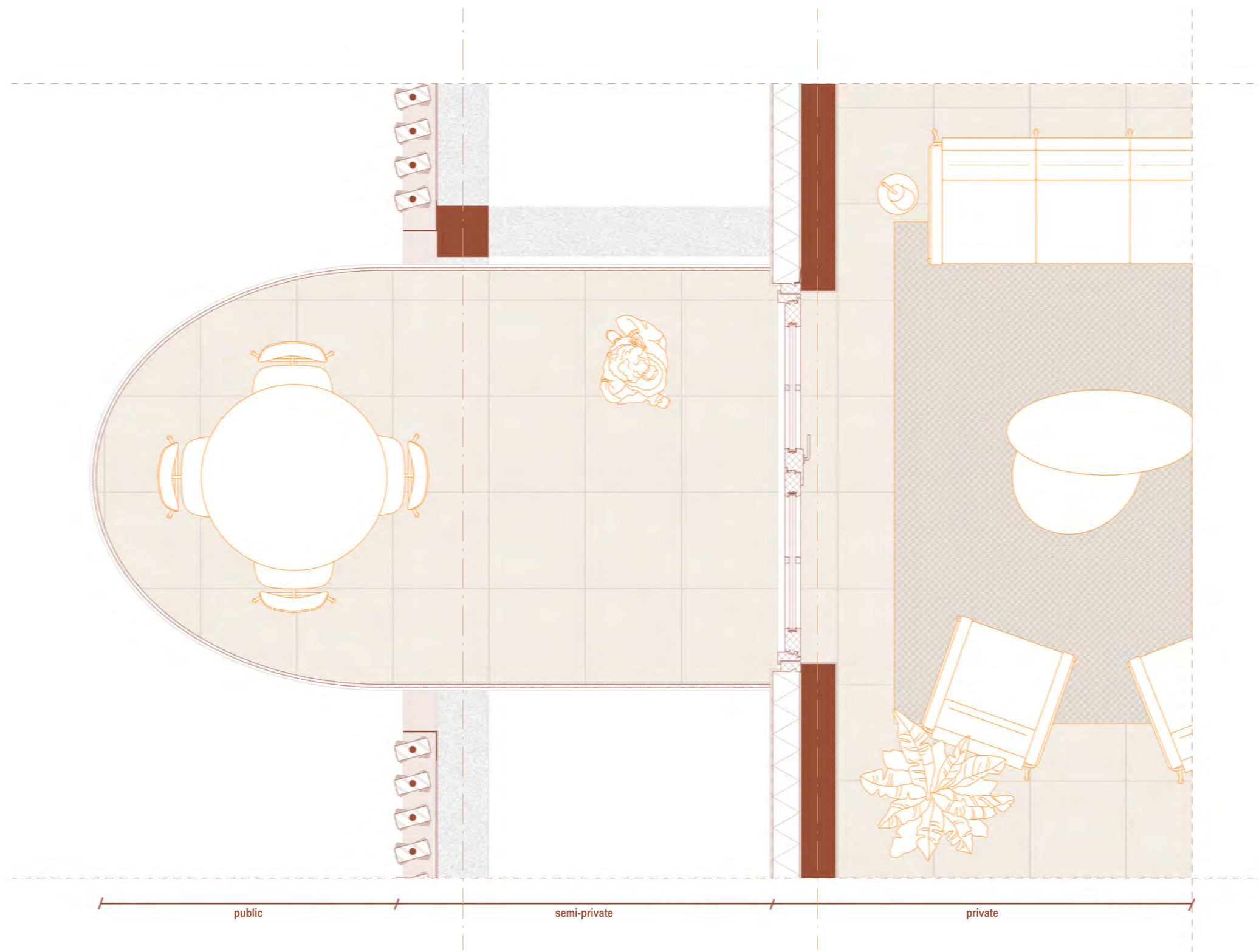
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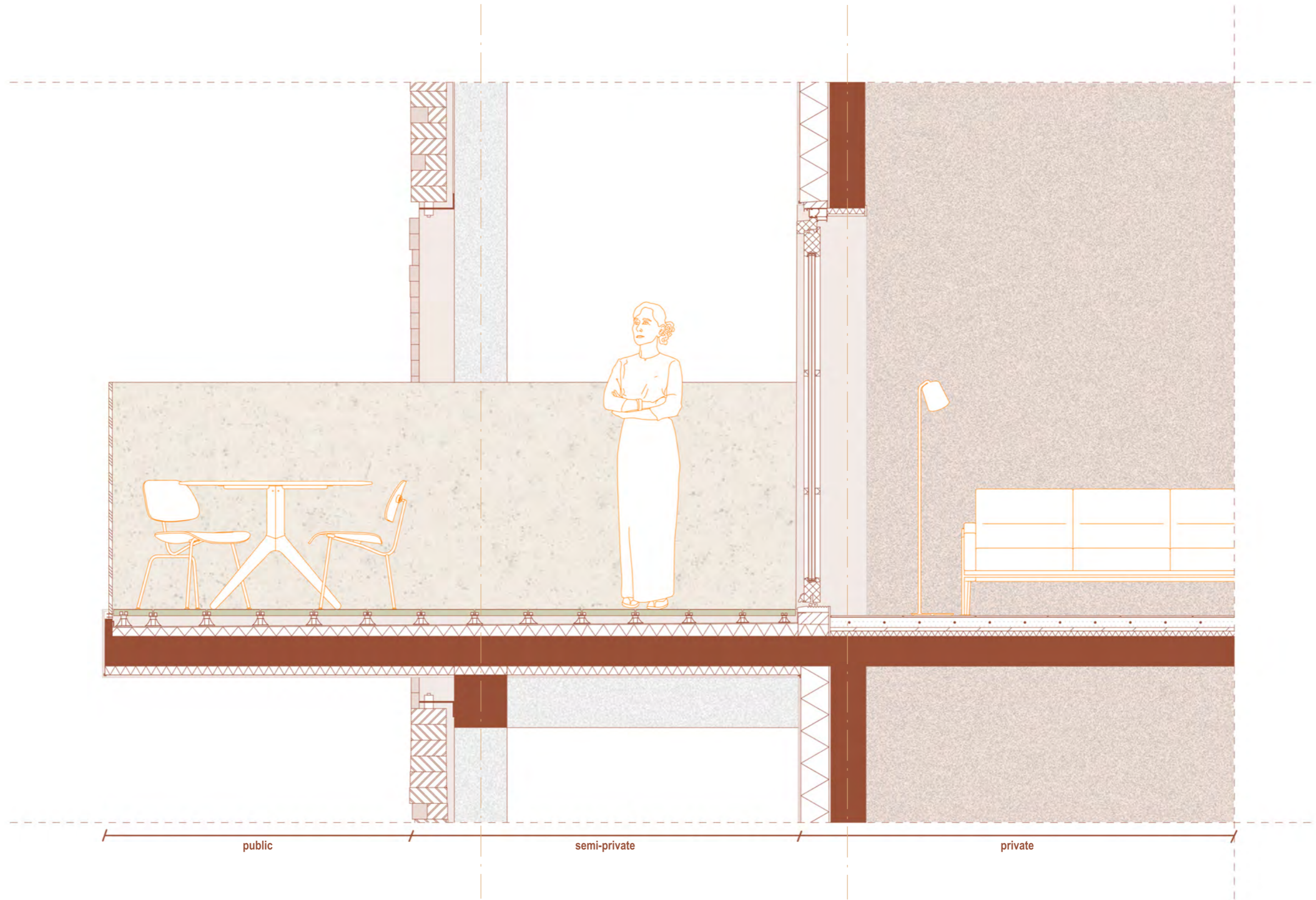
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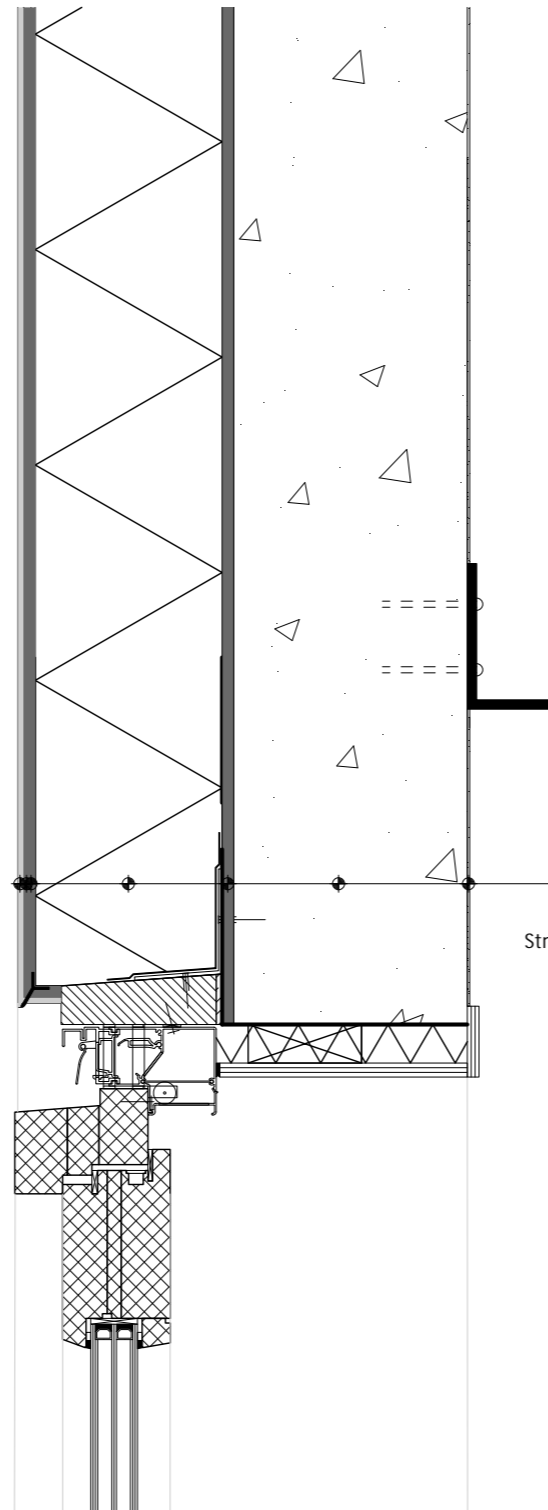
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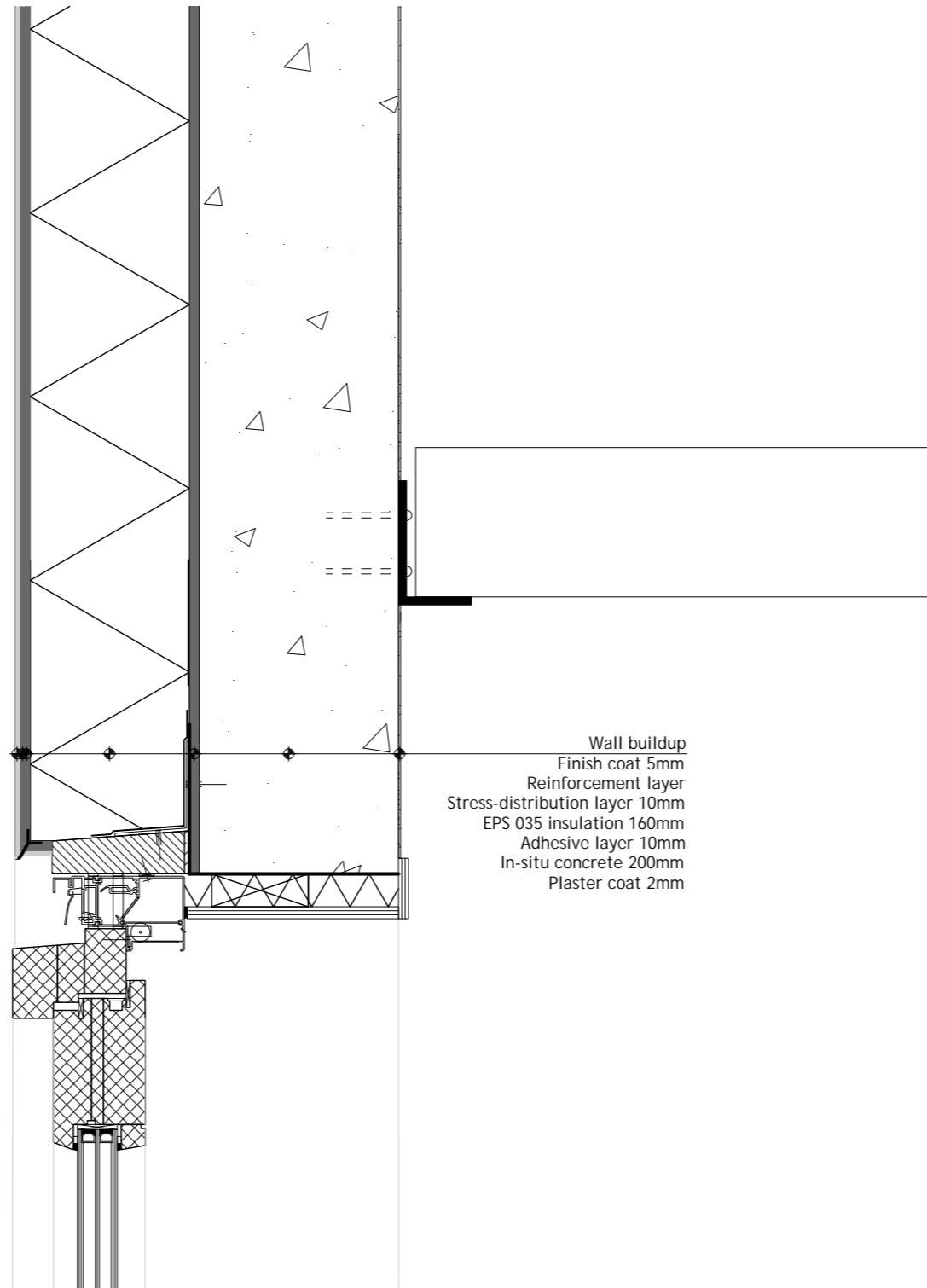




Wall buildup  
Finish coat 5mm  
Reinforcement layer  
Stress-distribution layer 10mm  
EPS 035 insulation 160mm  
Adhesive layer 10mm  
In-situ concrete 200mm  
Plaster coat 2mm

incremental floor

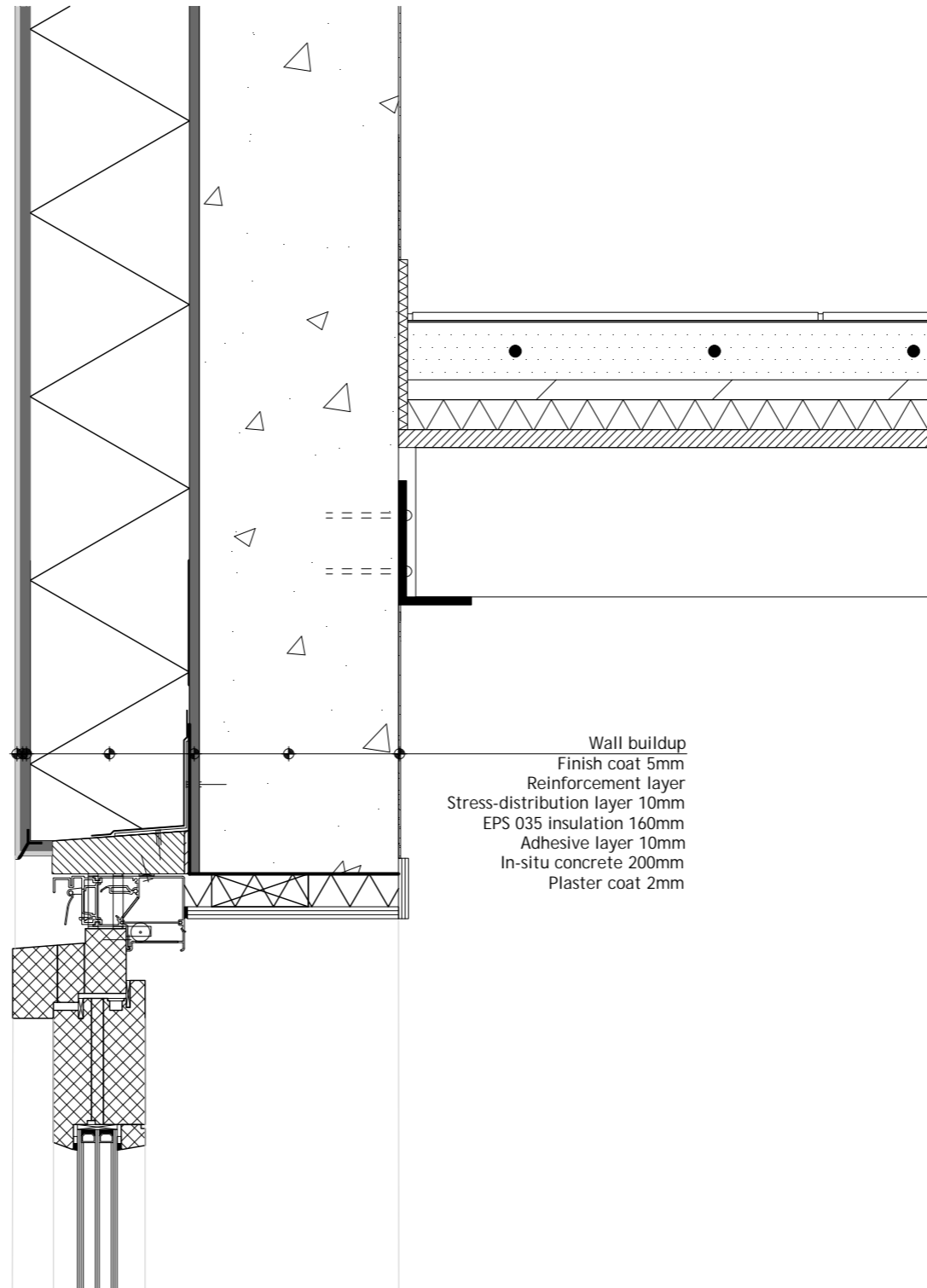




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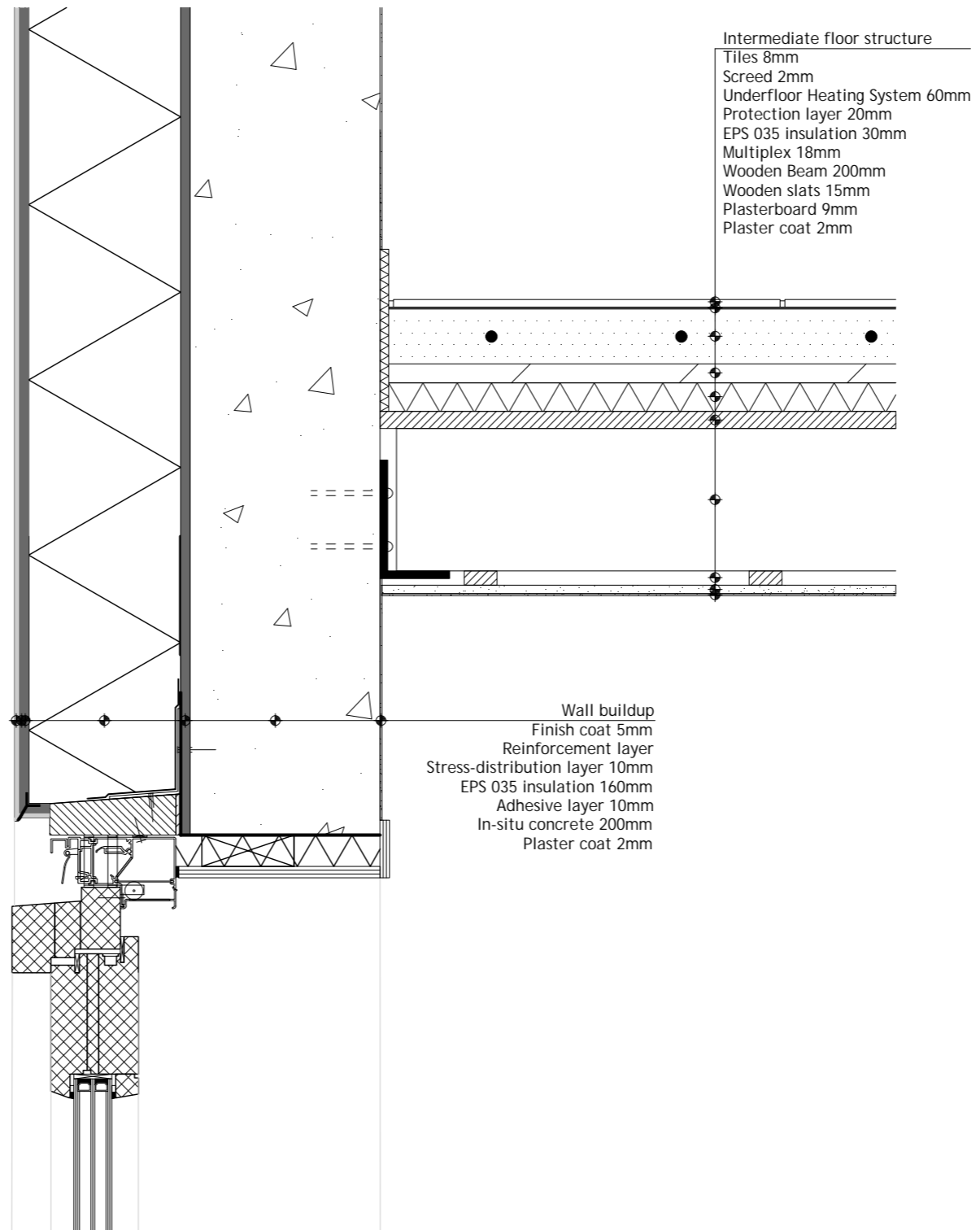
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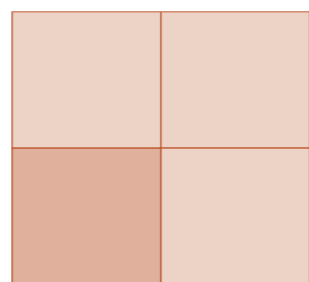




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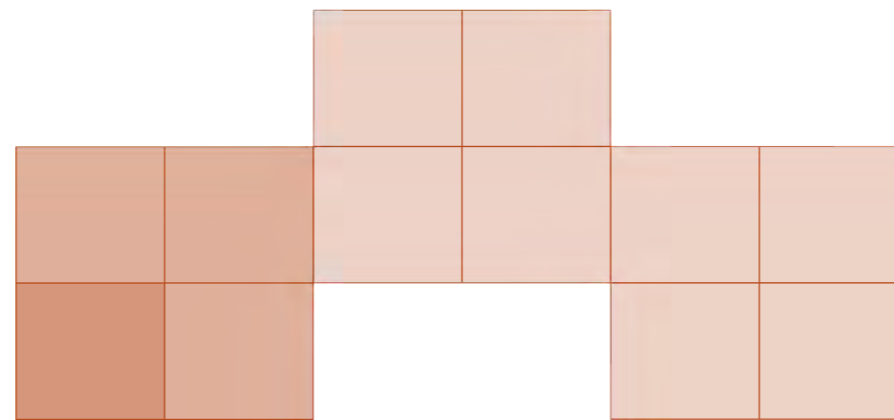


house → unit

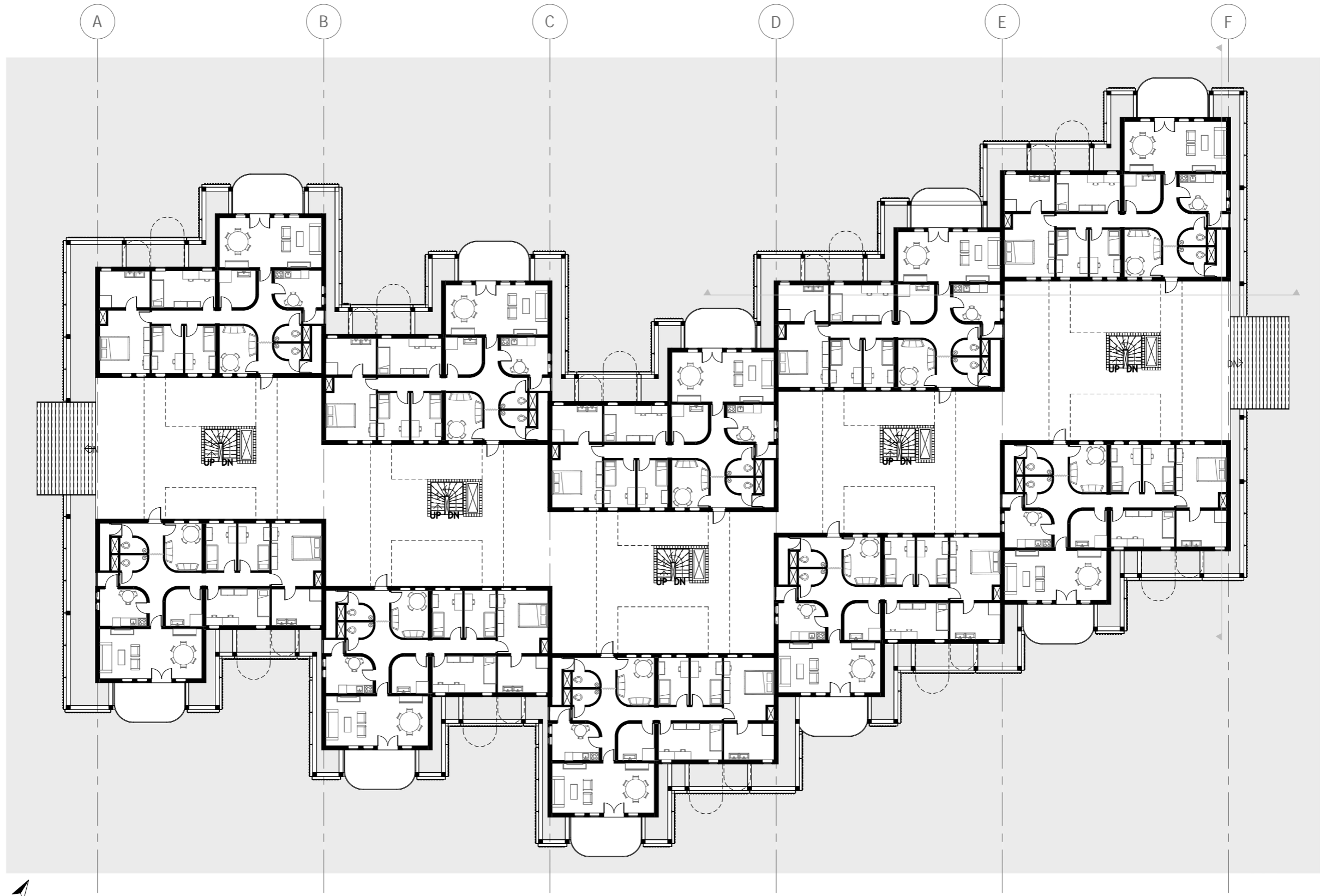
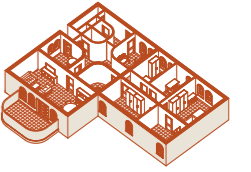


part 2

house → unit → block

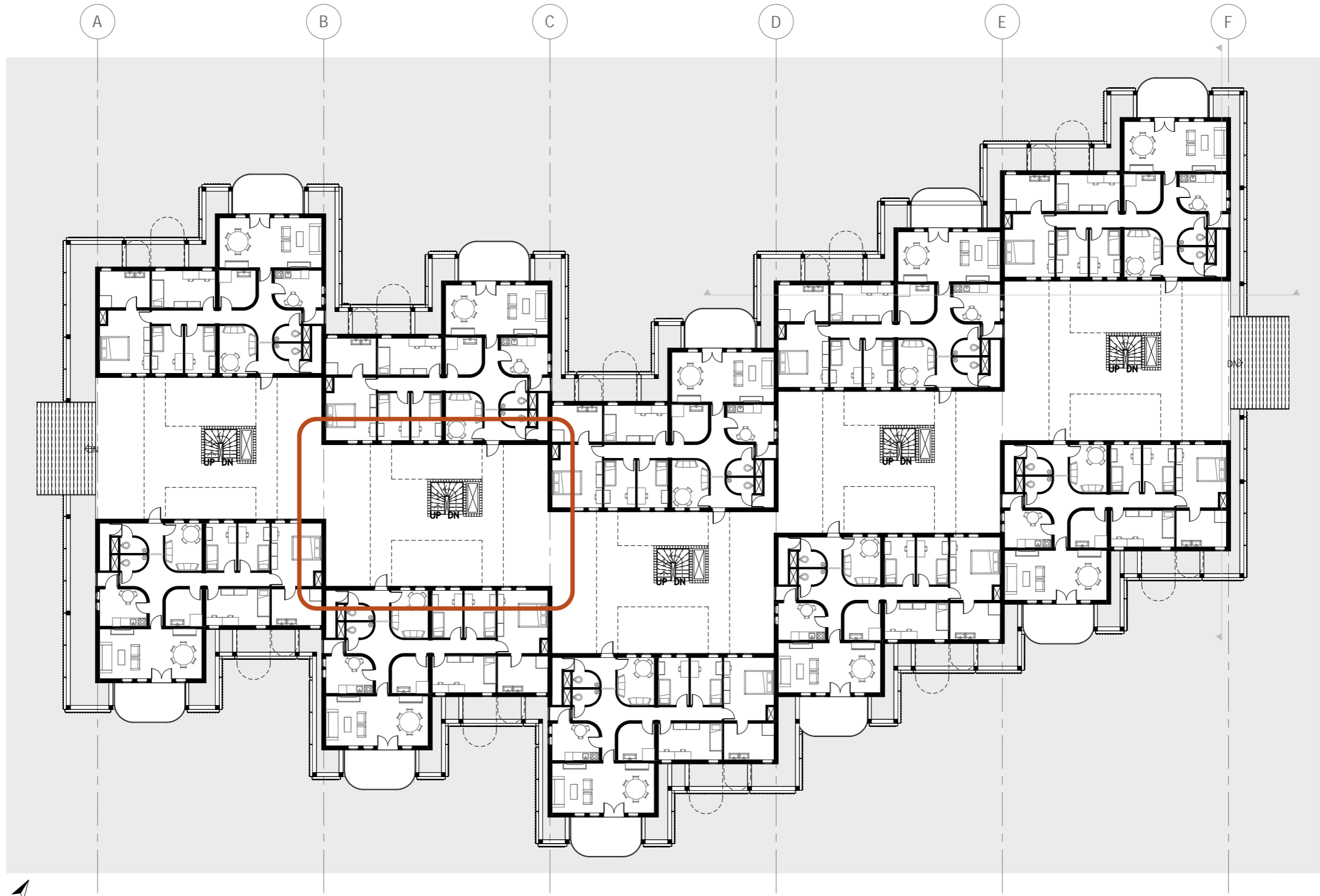
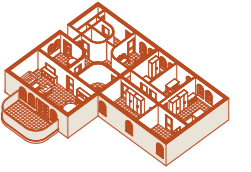


part 3



ground floor





ground floor





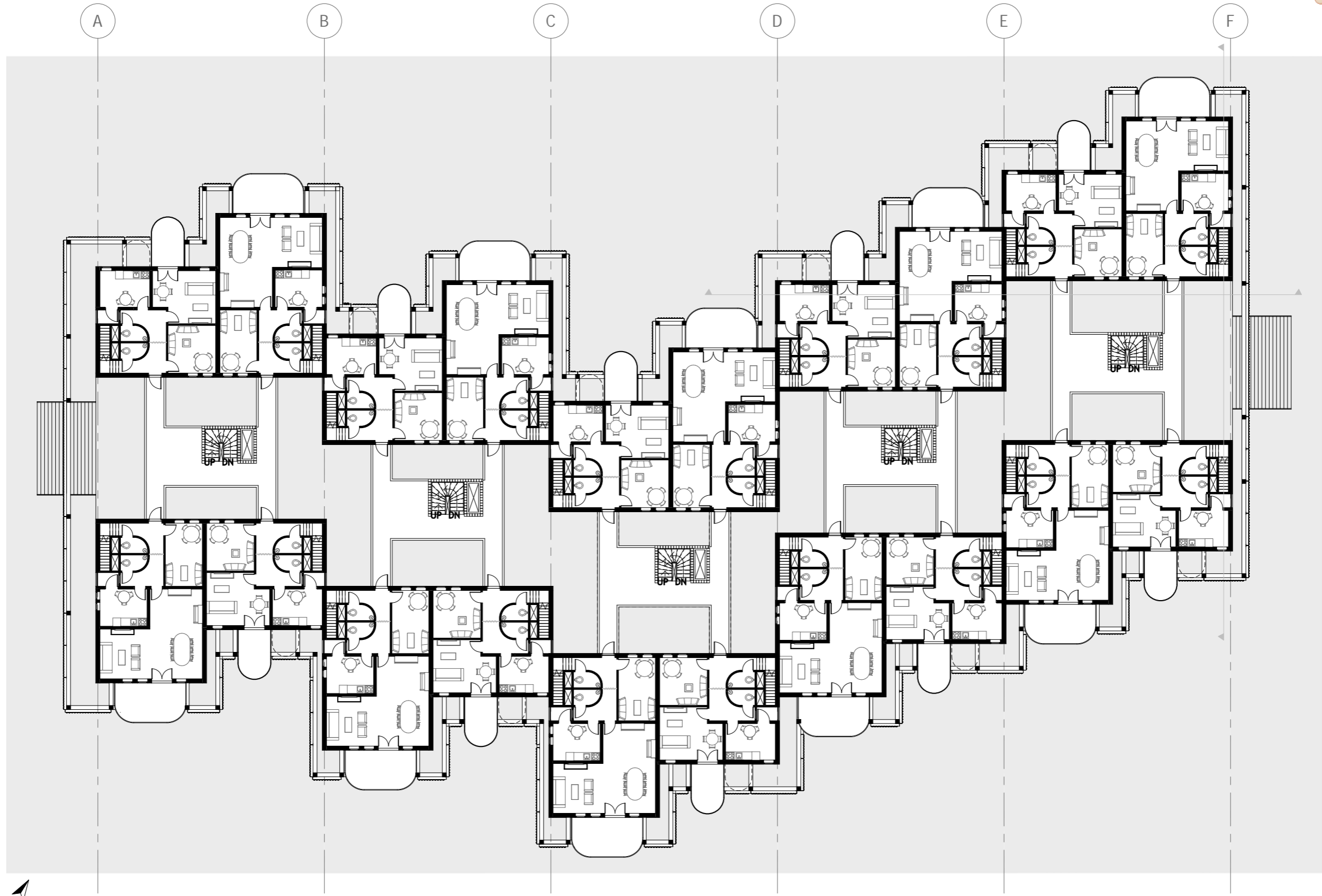
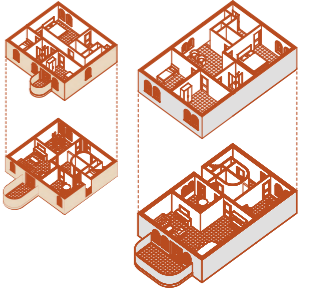
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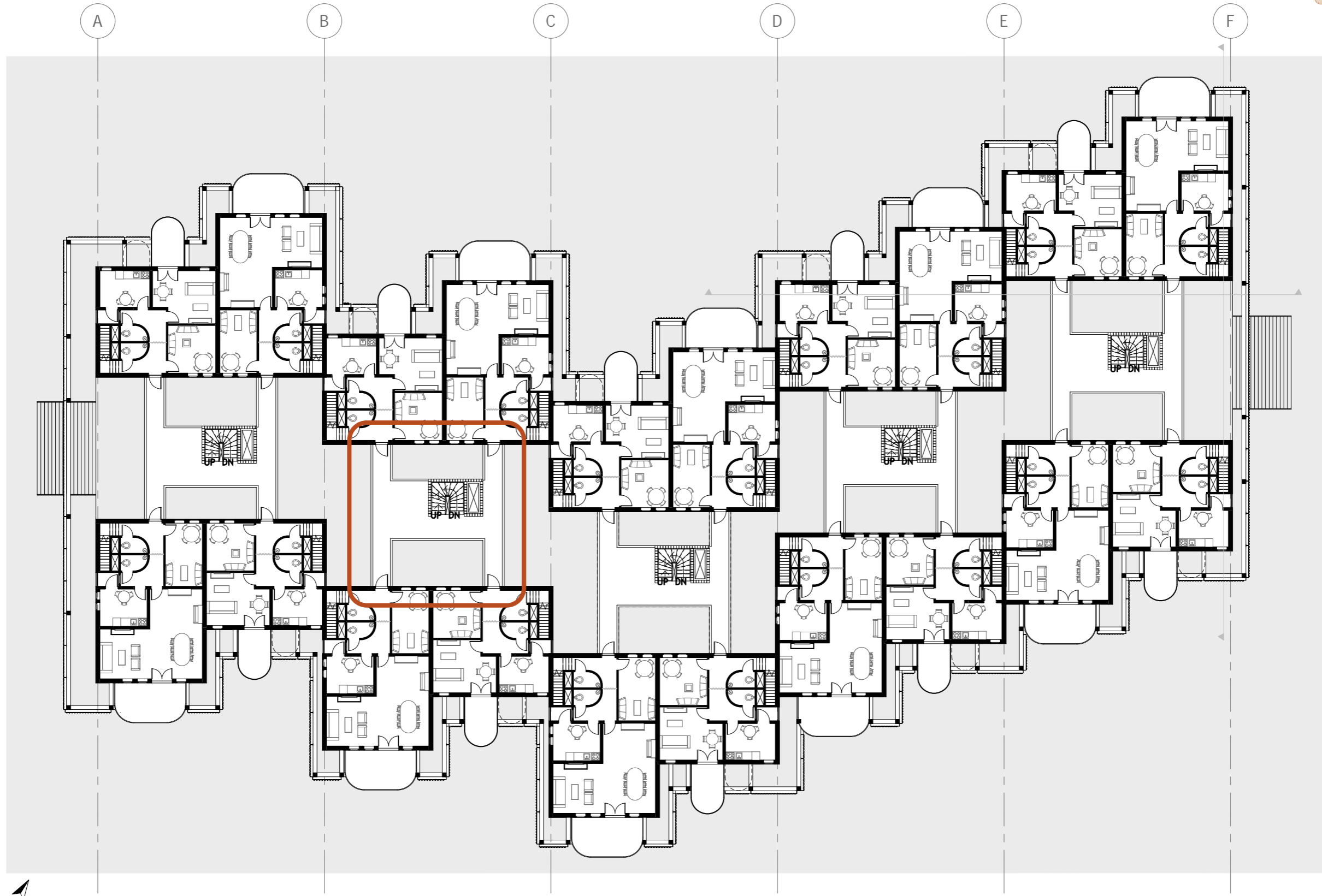
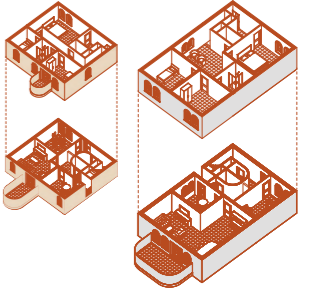
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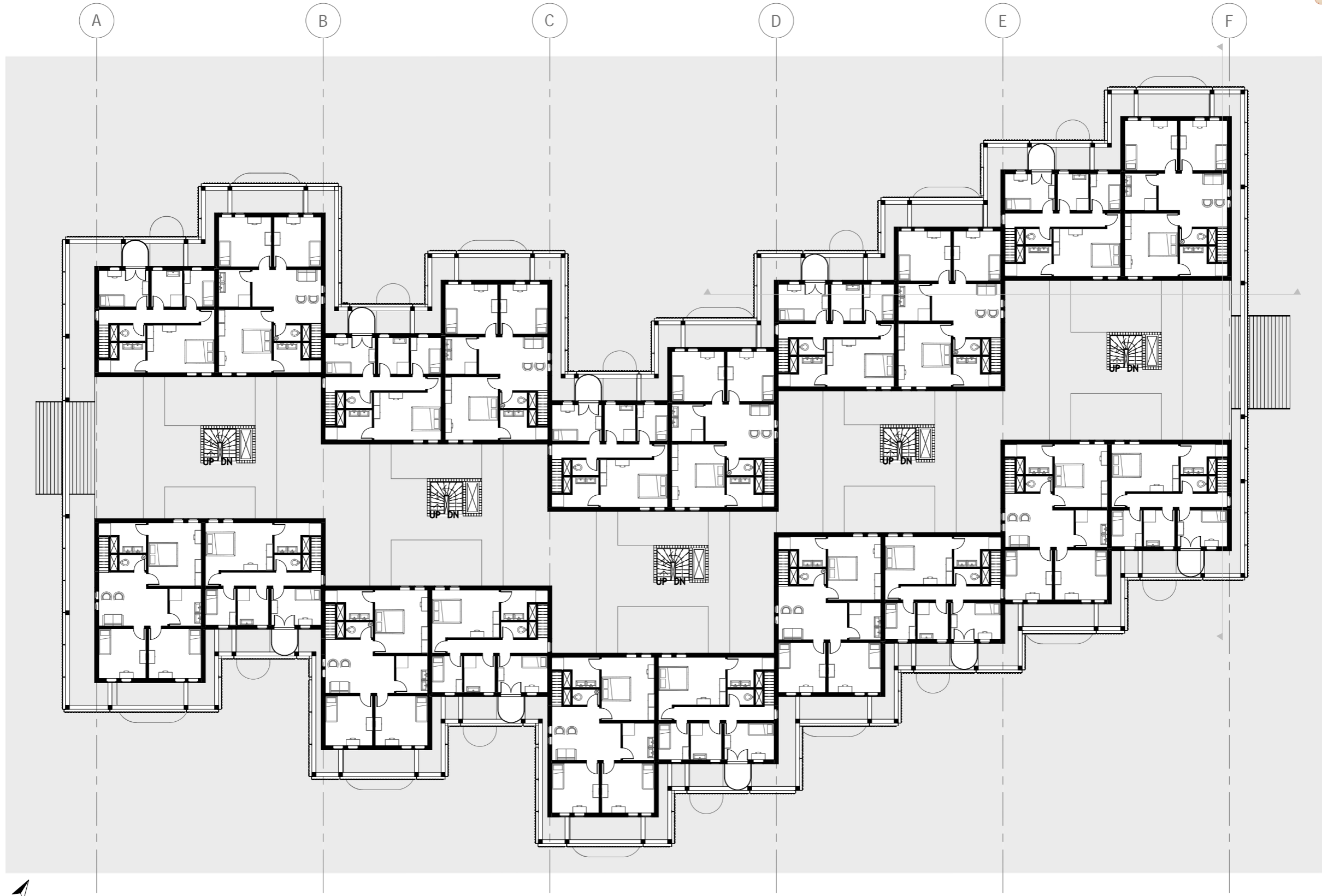
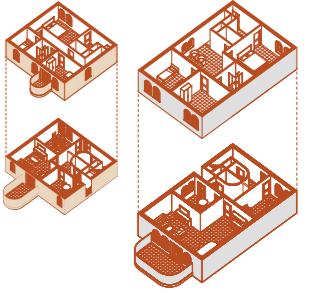




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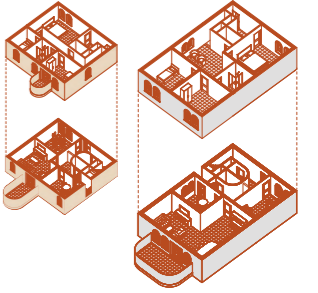






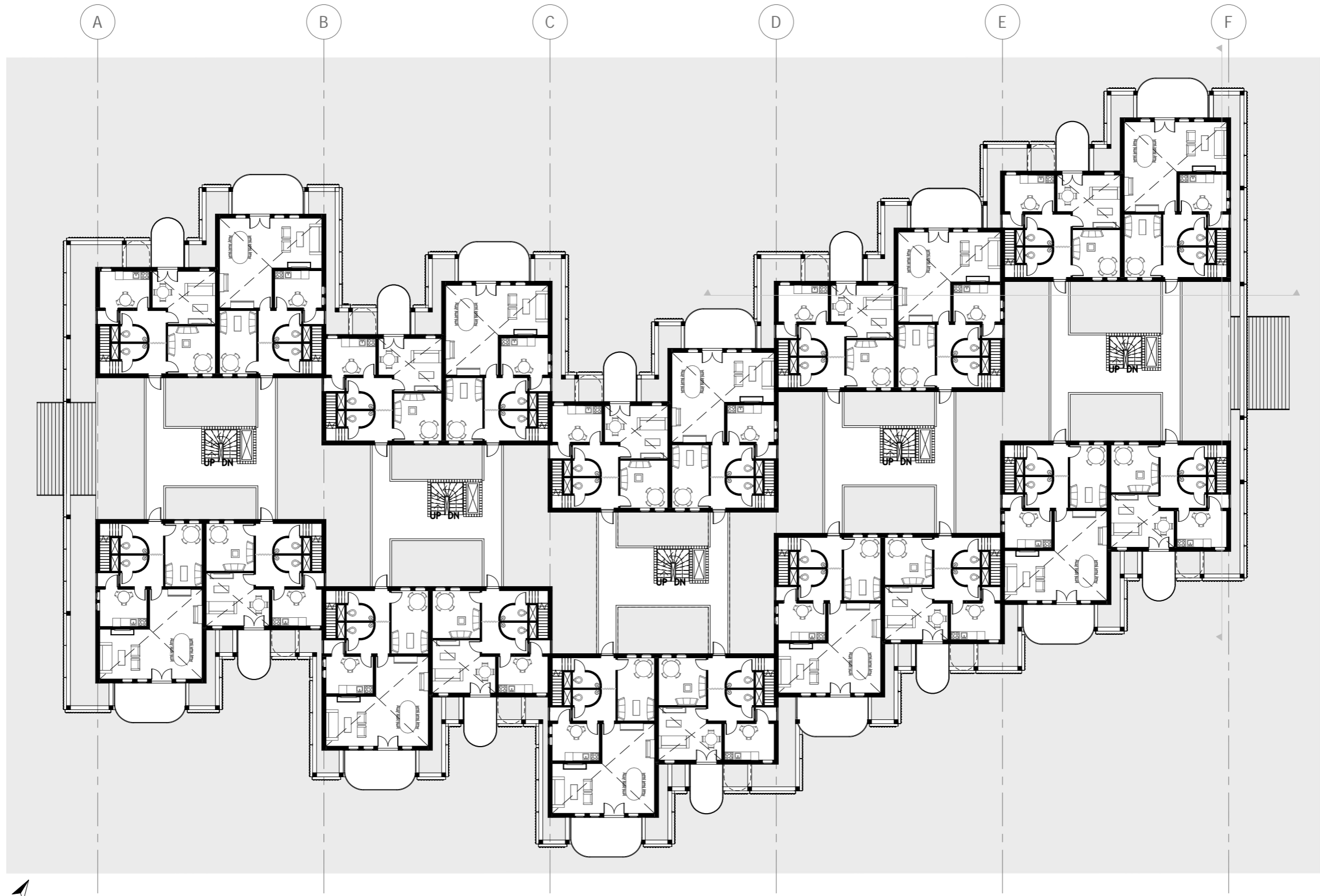
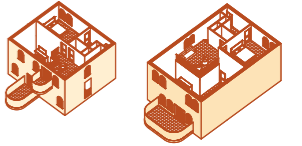
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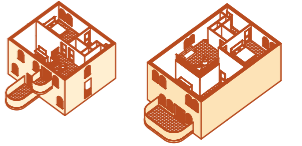
third floor





fourth floor

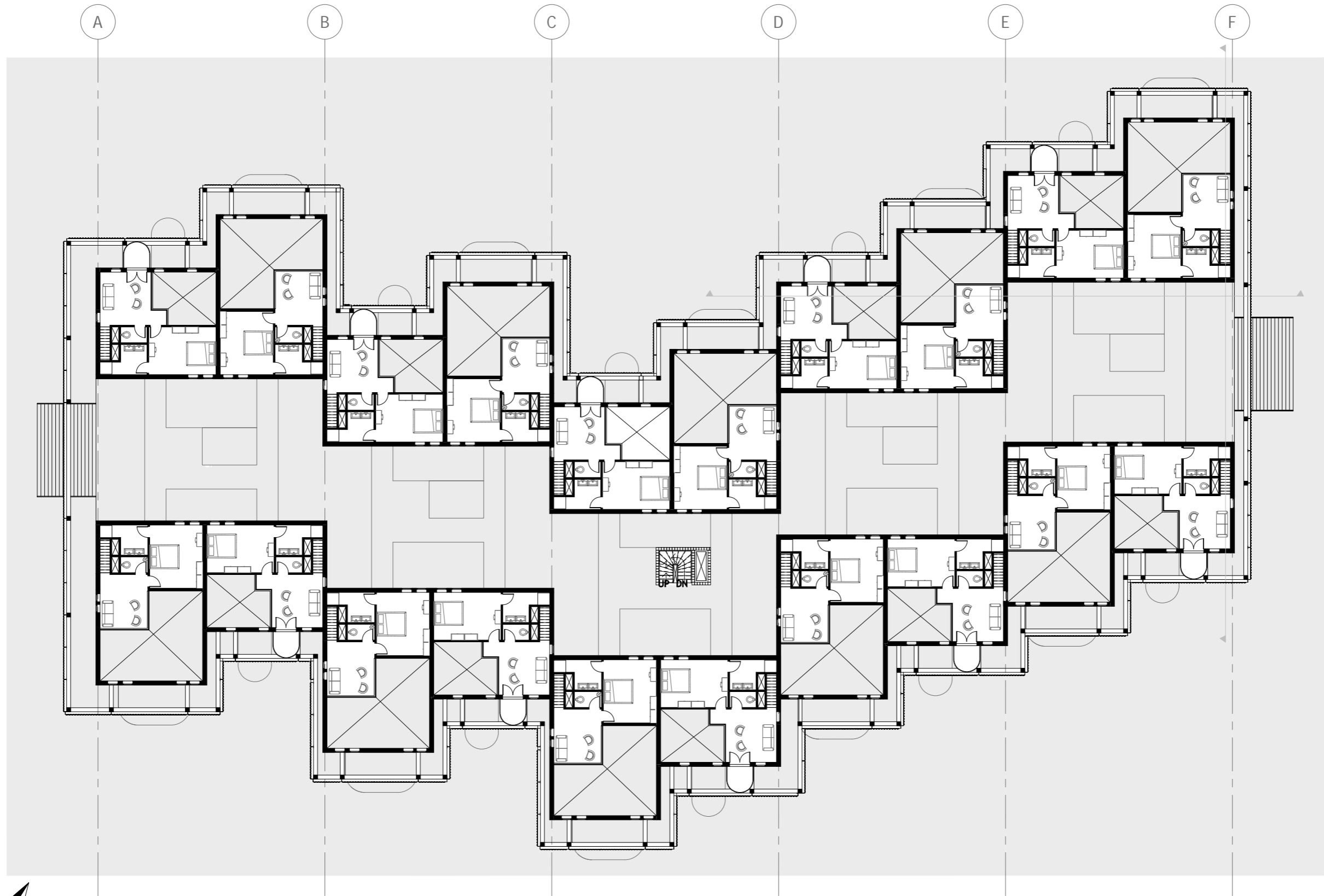
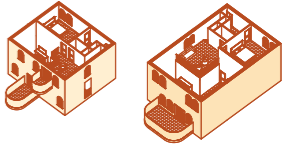




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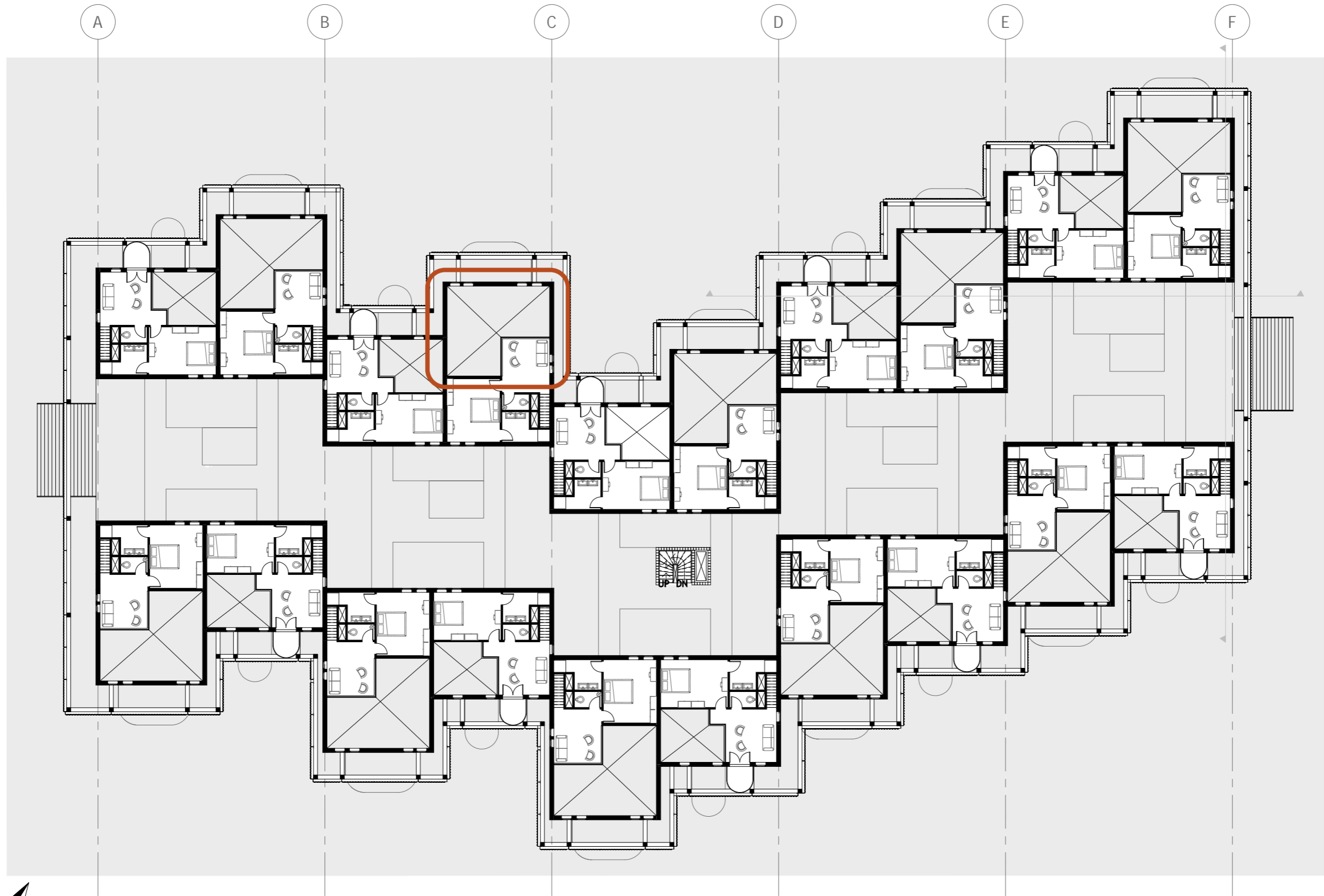
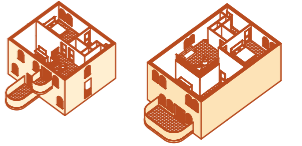






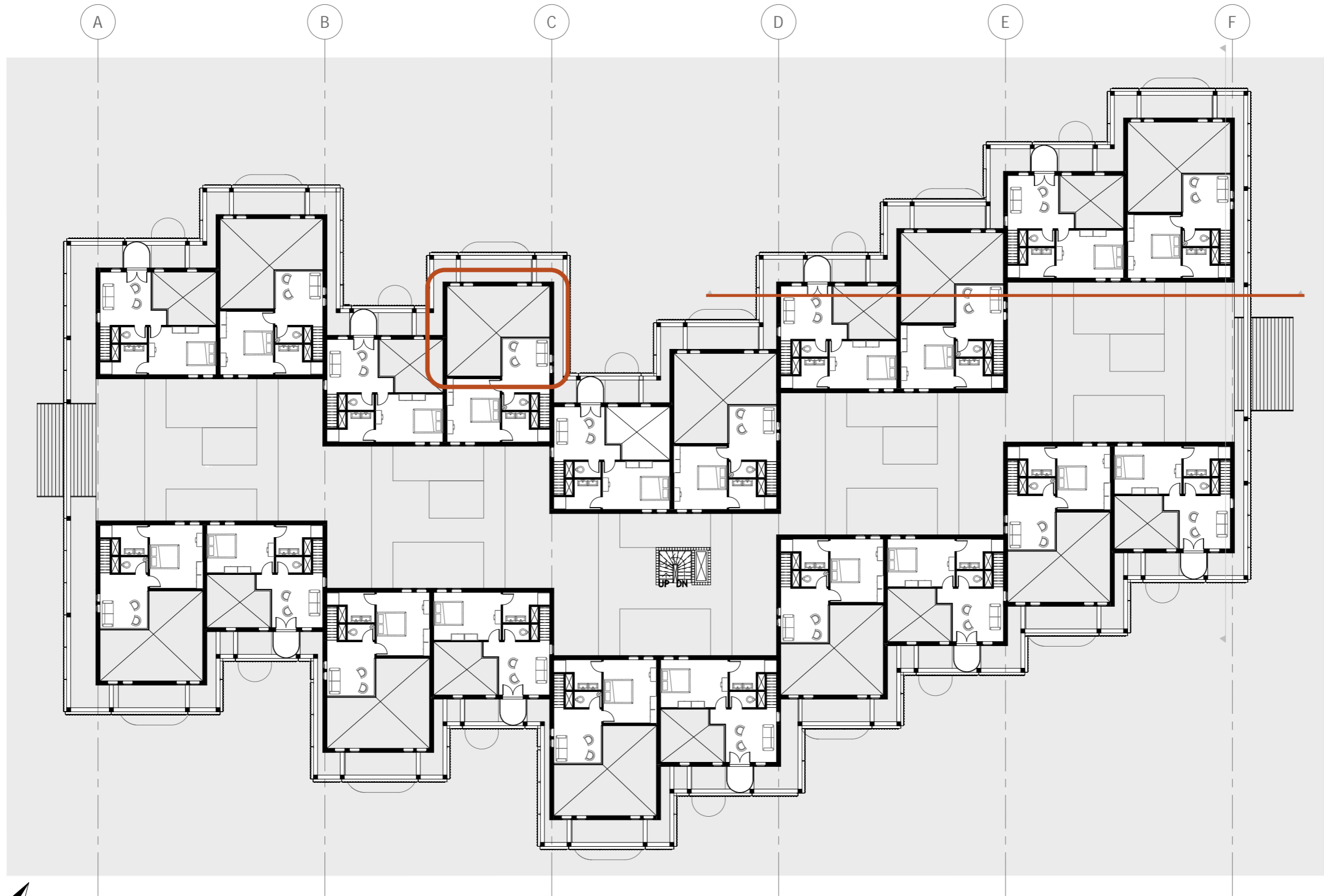
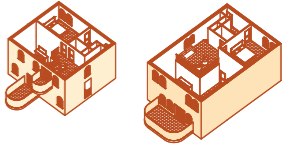
fifth floor





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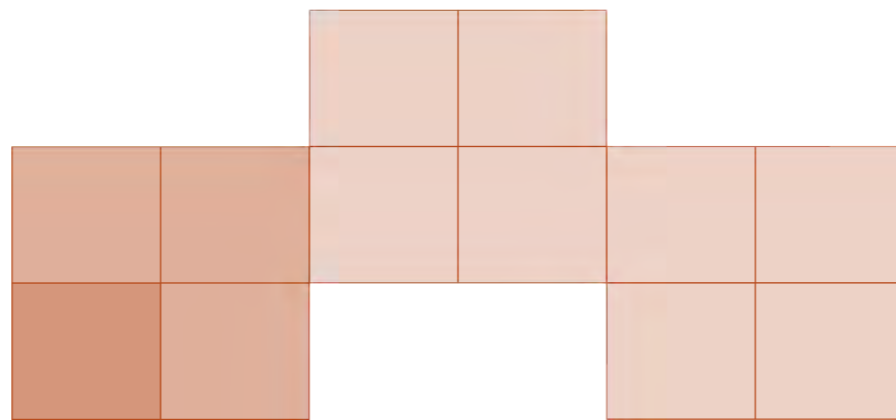




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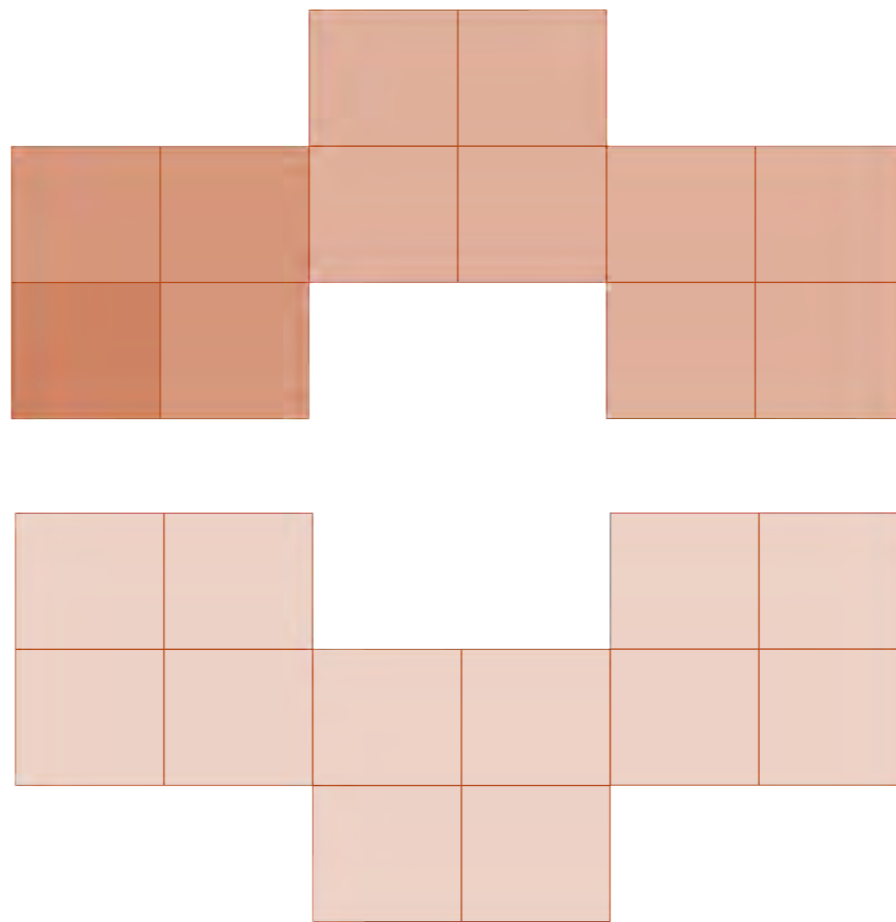


house → unit → block



step 3

house → unit → block → site



step 4

16.800 m<sup>2</sup> housing

100 houses

3 typologies

200-600 persons

800 m<sup>2</sup> urban meeting space

results





block to site





block to site







block to site







thank you!