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Architecture for temporary citizen participation, political education, and democratic experience in The Hague

Design, Data, and Society
A4 Presentation

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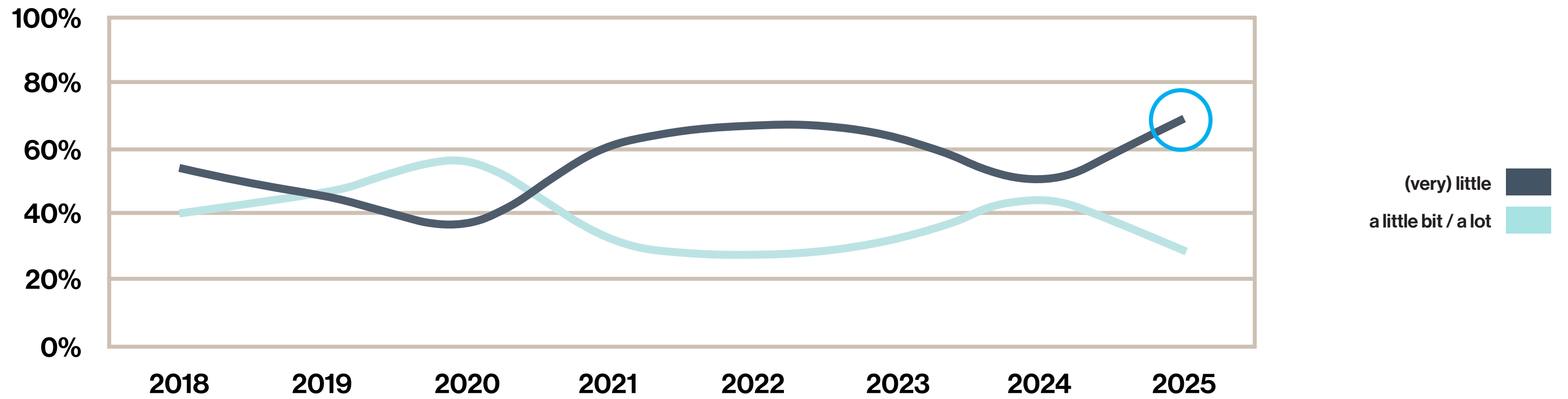
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Trust in politics

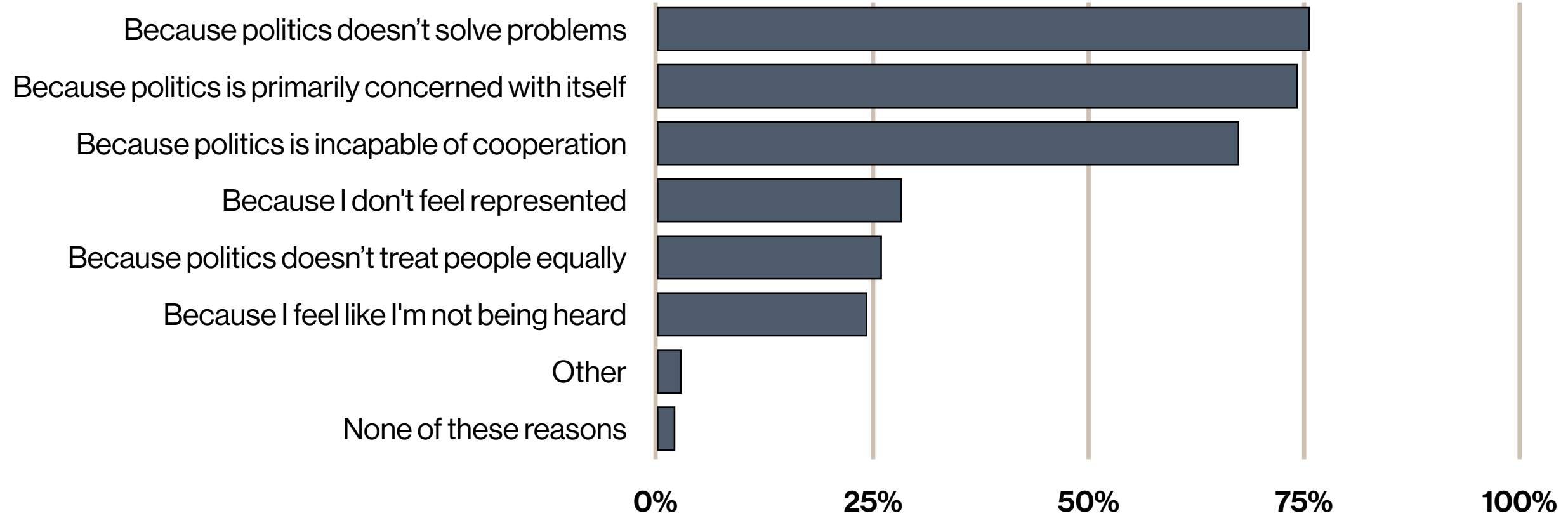


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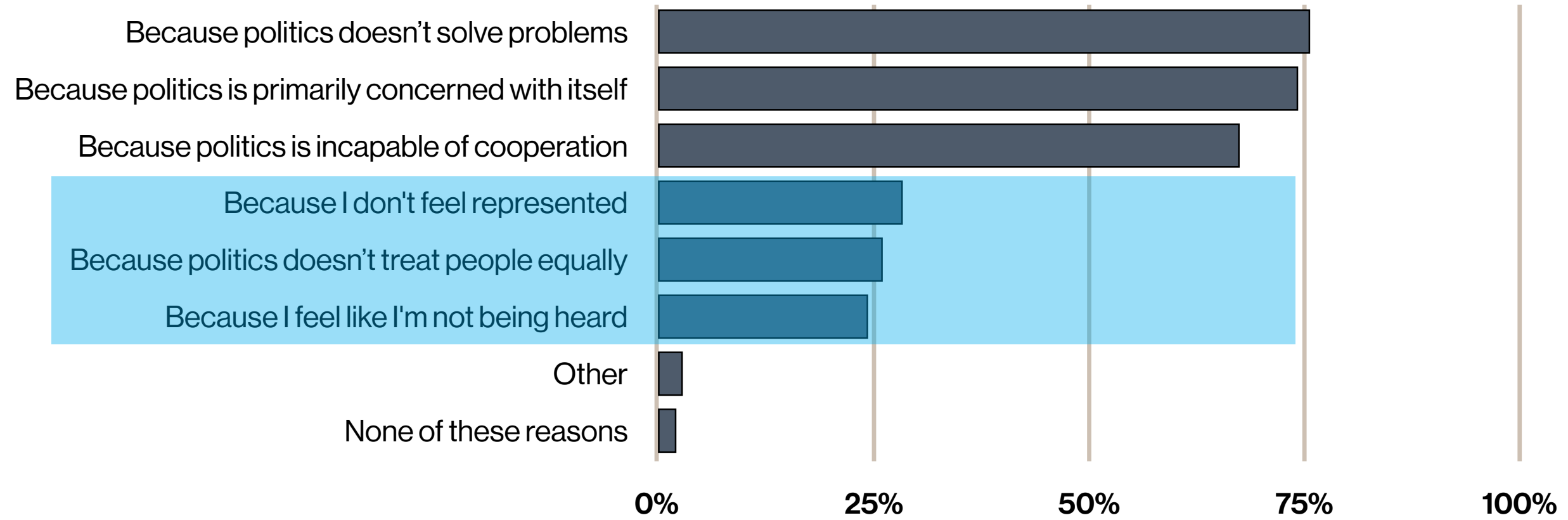
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Little trust in politics



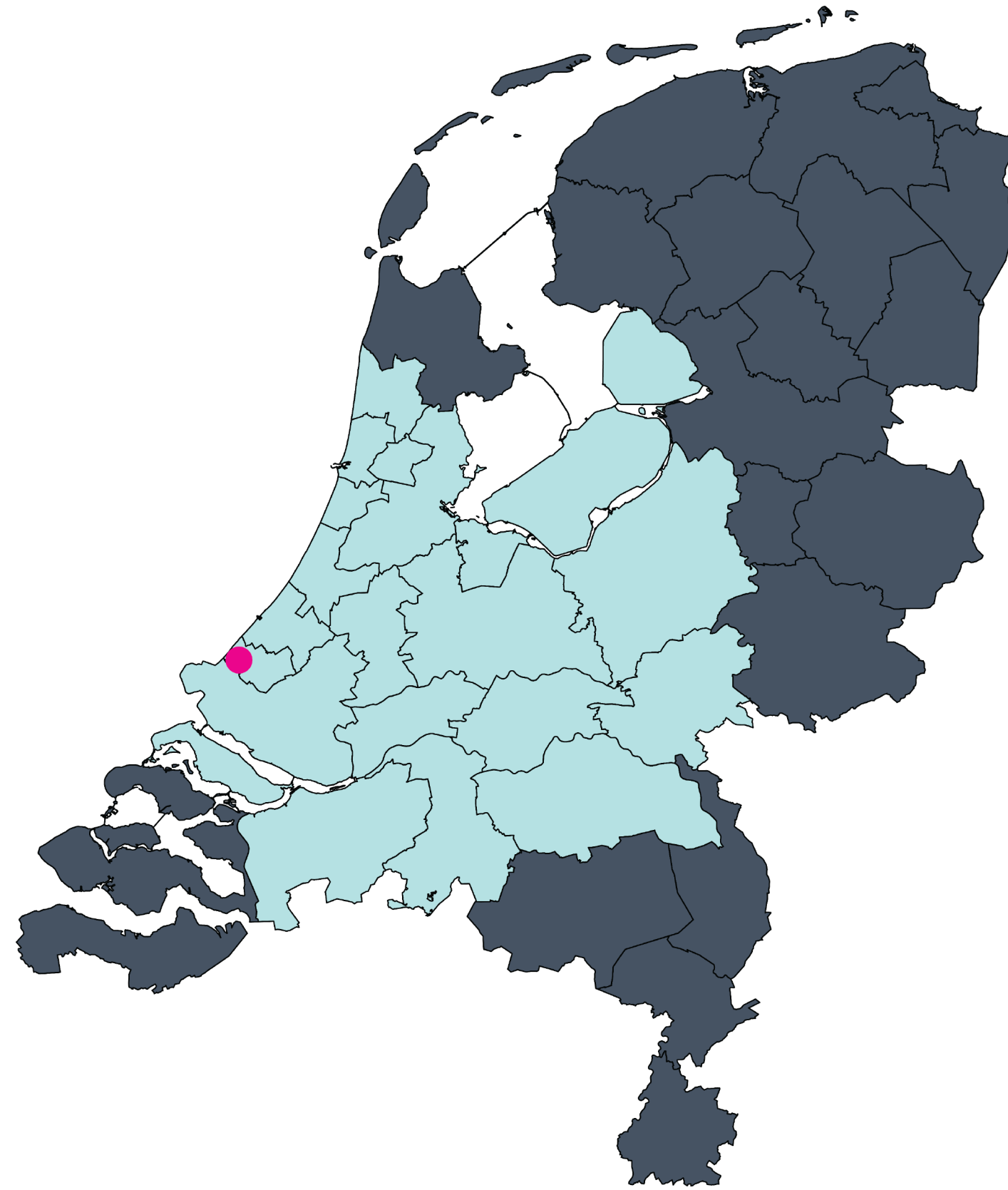
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Dissatisfaction



low dissatisfaction 
high dissatisfaction 

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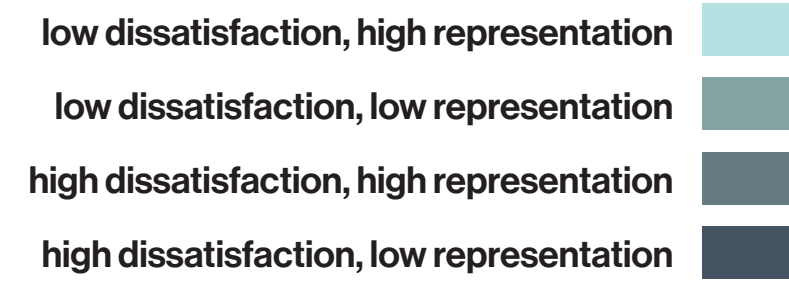
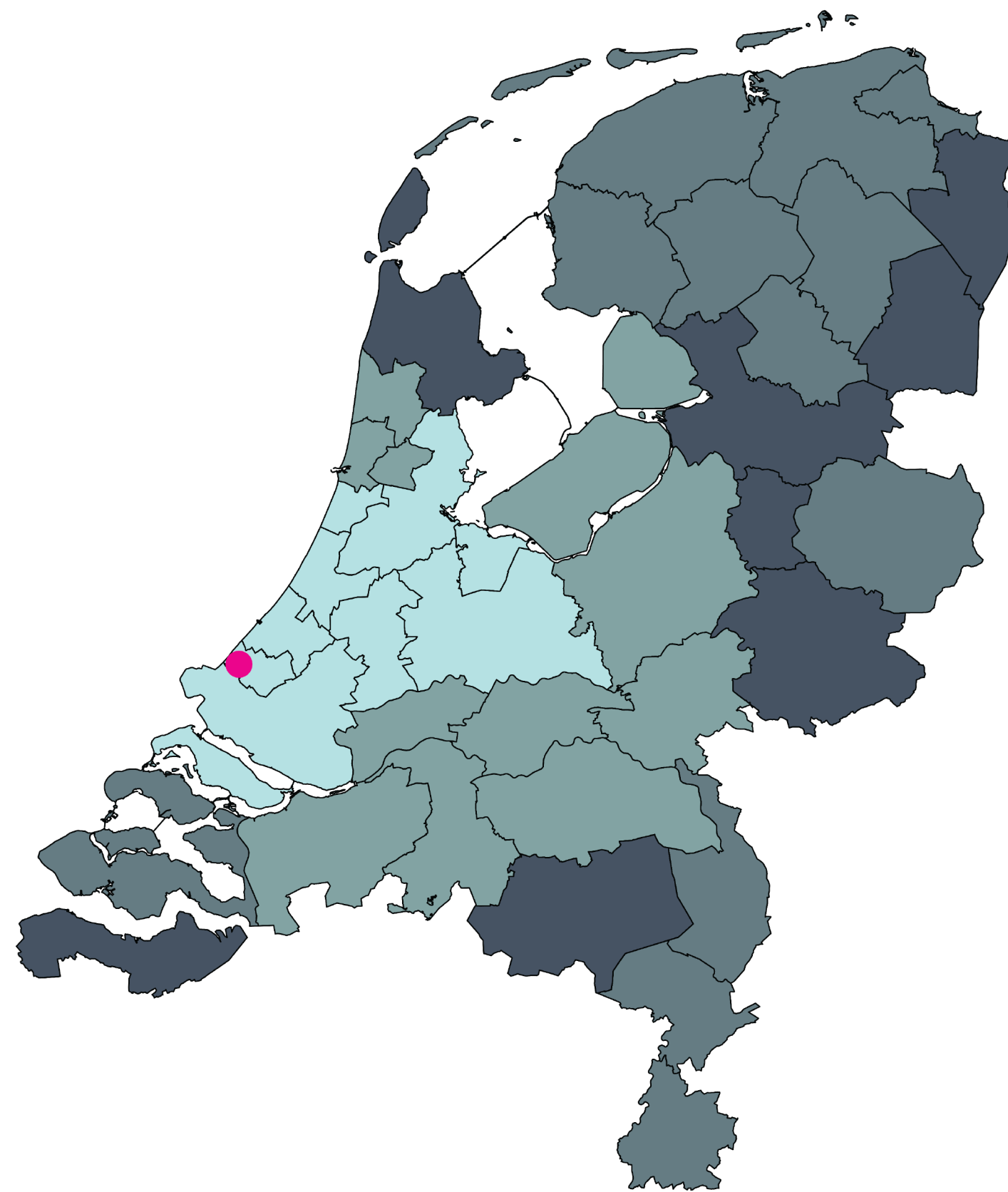
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Regional differences

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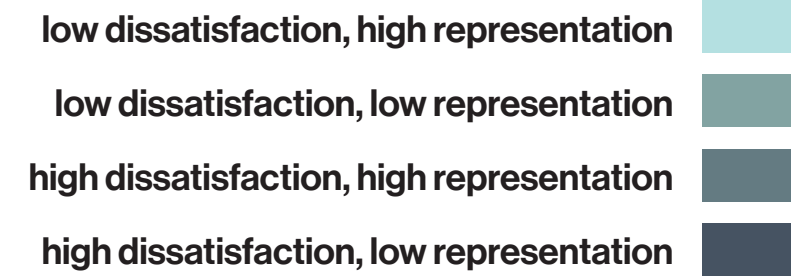
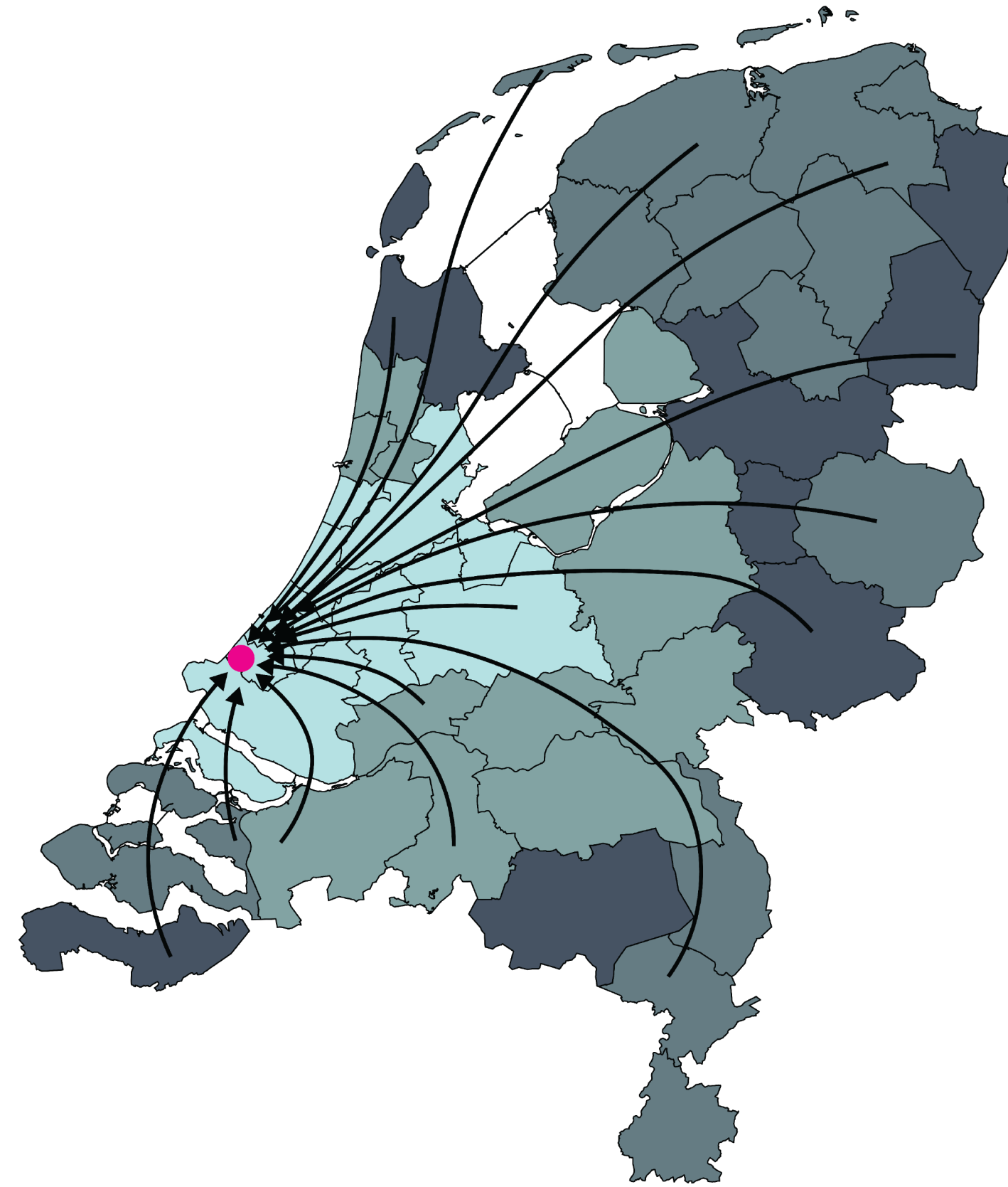
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How to go forward

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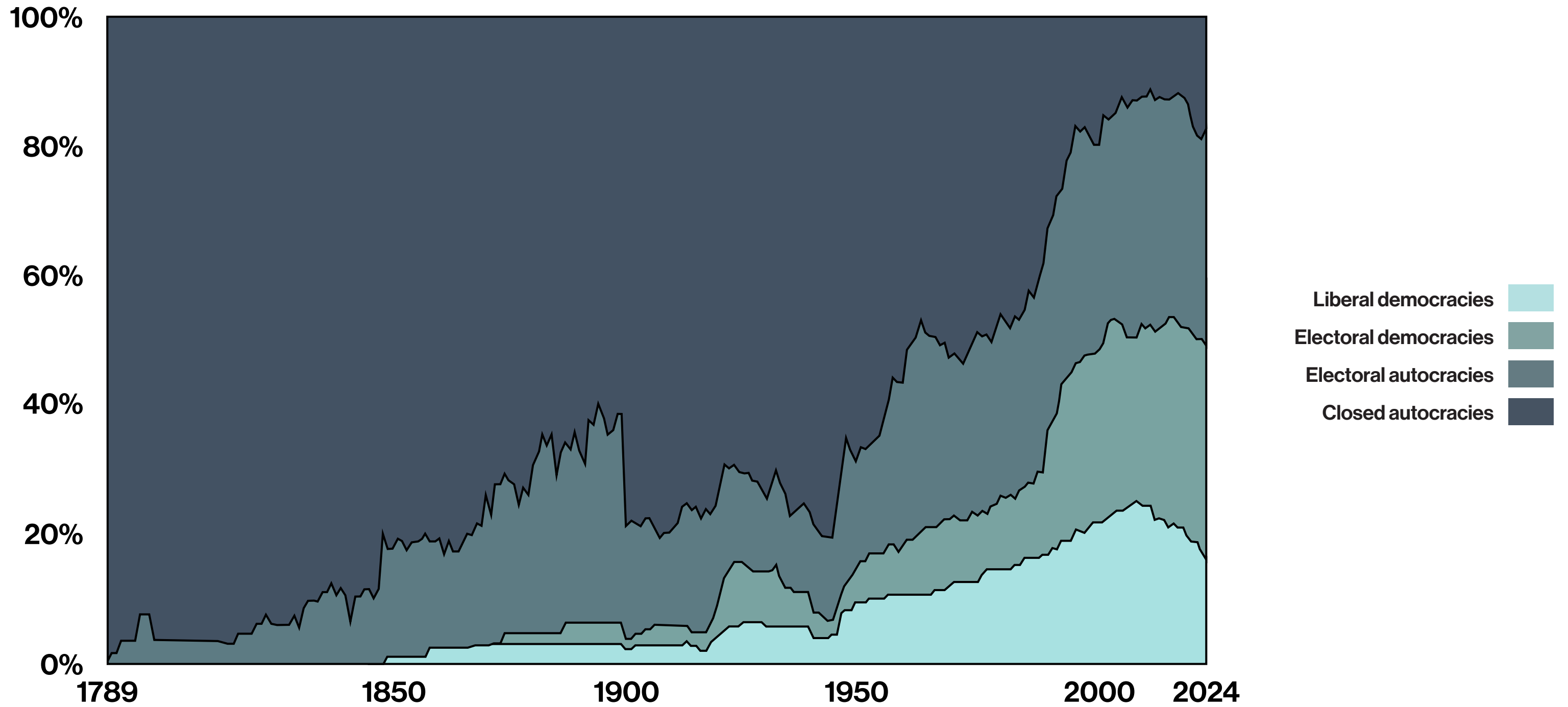
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Democracy at risk



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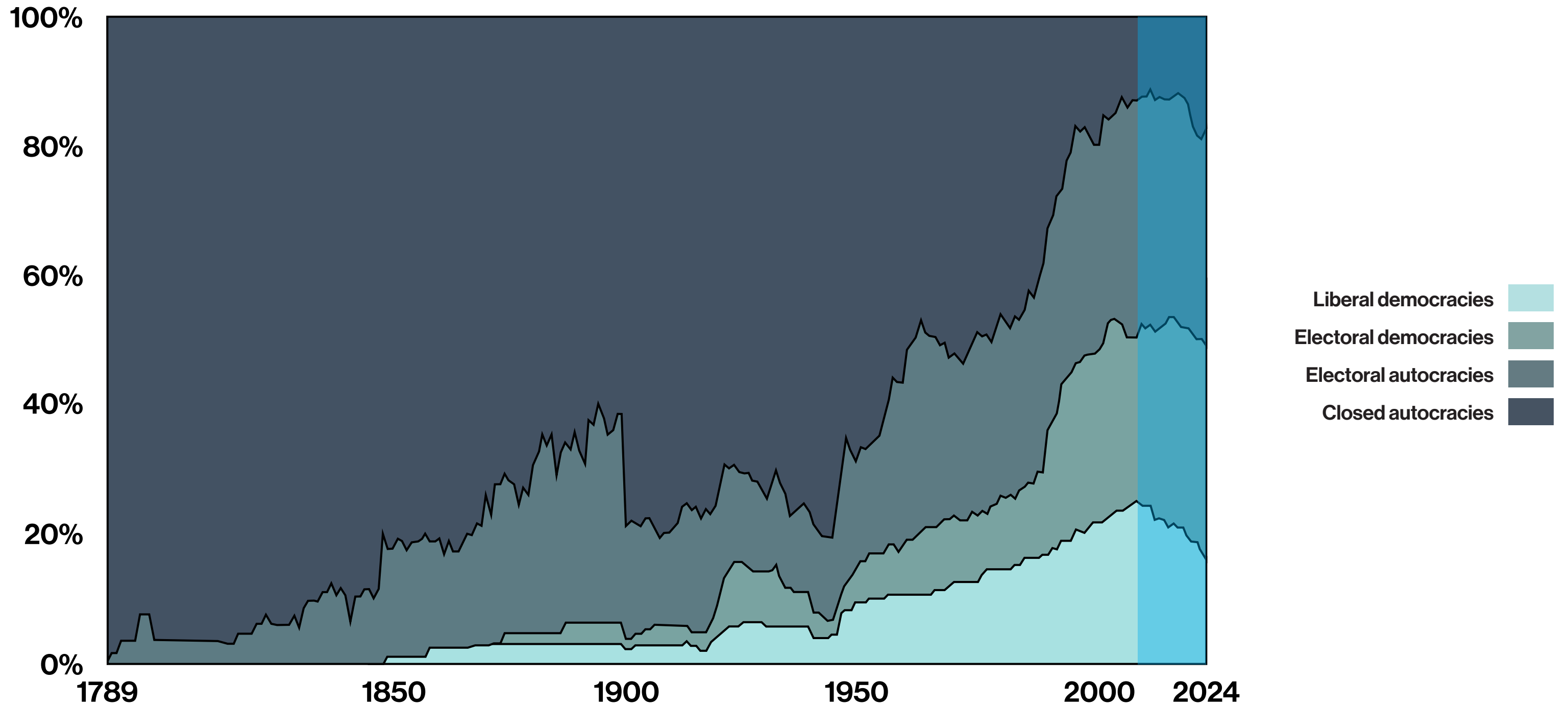
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How can architecture facilitate radical education about the Dutch political and democratic system, in the form of mandatory temporary participation (a ‘democratic duty’), through a hybrid, mixed-use governmental building?

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**A democratic getaway hosting
an ever-changing selection of
Dutch citizens for a week long
democratic experience**

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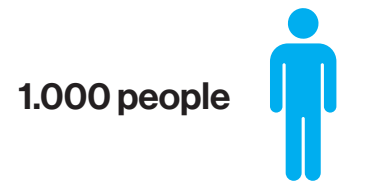
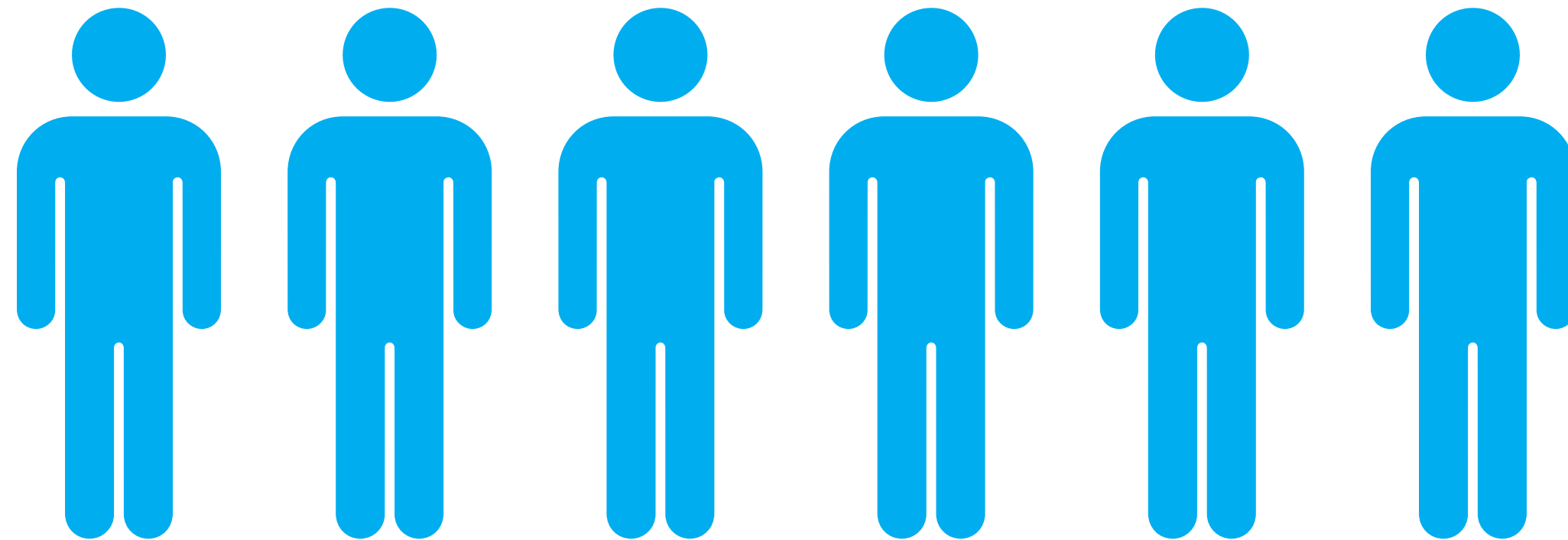
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Adults between 20 and 80 years old per week



Monday (settling in & getting familiar)

When	What happens	Where does it happen
Until 14:00	Residents check in day	Arrival zone
15:00 – 16:00	Welcome moment / kick-off	Democratic core
16:30 – 18:00	First meeting with ‘study group’, what will the week look like, get to know each other	Classroom
18:30 - 20:00	Dinner	Restaurant
	Free evening activities	Activity spaces

Tuesday (learning the basics)

When	What happens	Where does it happen
08:00 - 09:00	Breakfast	Restaurant
09:00 - 13:00	Introduction to the week’s topic (what law / policy / problem), 3 policy options are presented	Democratic core
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14:00 - 18:00	Information on Dutch political system (speedrun; how does it work), how does The Civic Residence fit into the system	Classroom
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Wednesday (in-depth information topic of the week)

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08:00 - 09:00	Breakfast	Restaurant
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Thursday (in-depth information governing)

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08:00 - 09:00	Breakfast	Restaurant
09:00 - 13:00	Consequence simulation ‘game’	Classroom
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch	Restaurant
14:00 – 18:00	Governing workshop	Classroom
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Friday (wrap up & final vote)

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08:00 - 09:00	Breakfast	Restaurant
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11:00 - 13:00	What happens in the afternoon and in the future with the results	Classroom
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Schedule

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**Your first day at
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Urban context



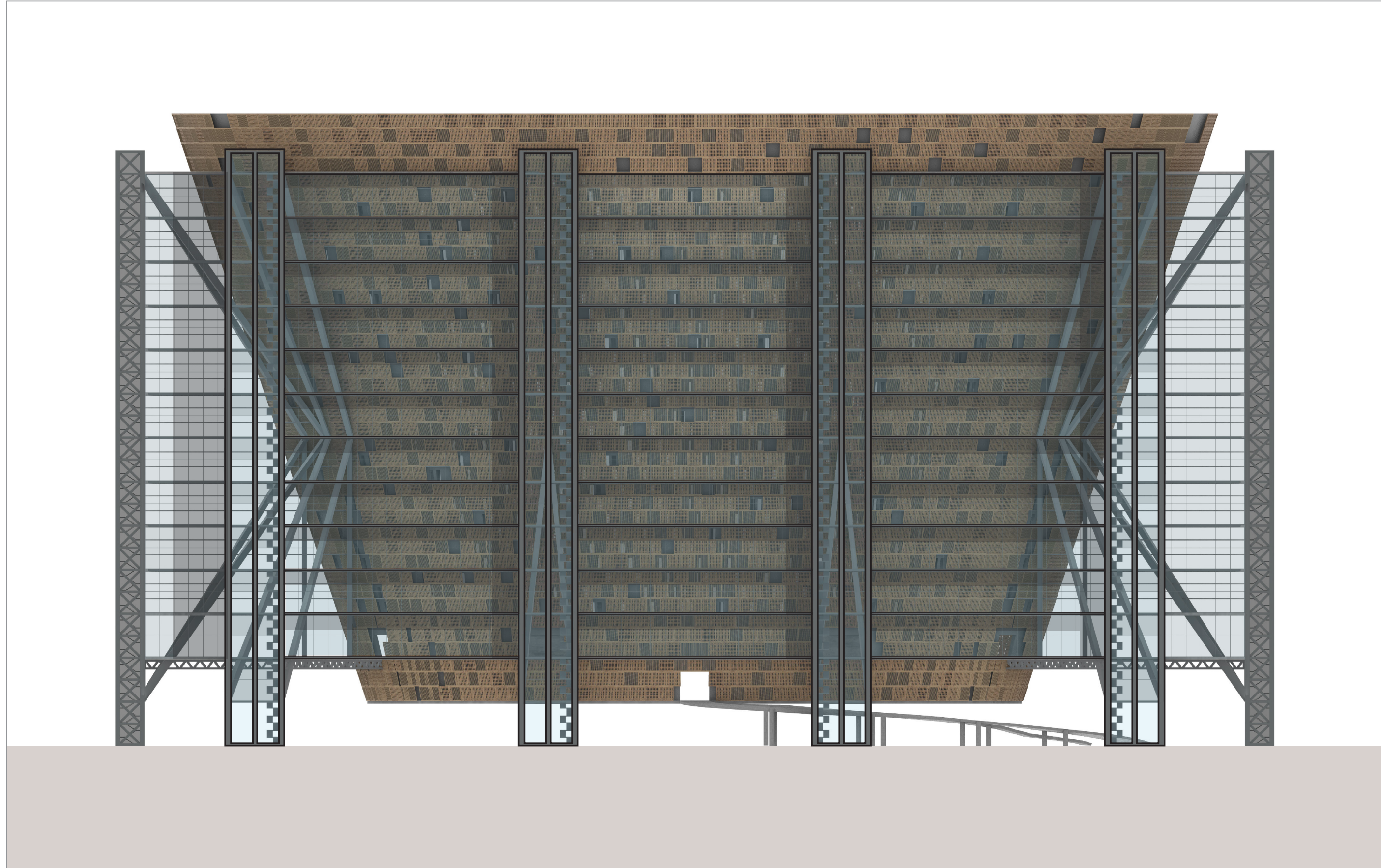
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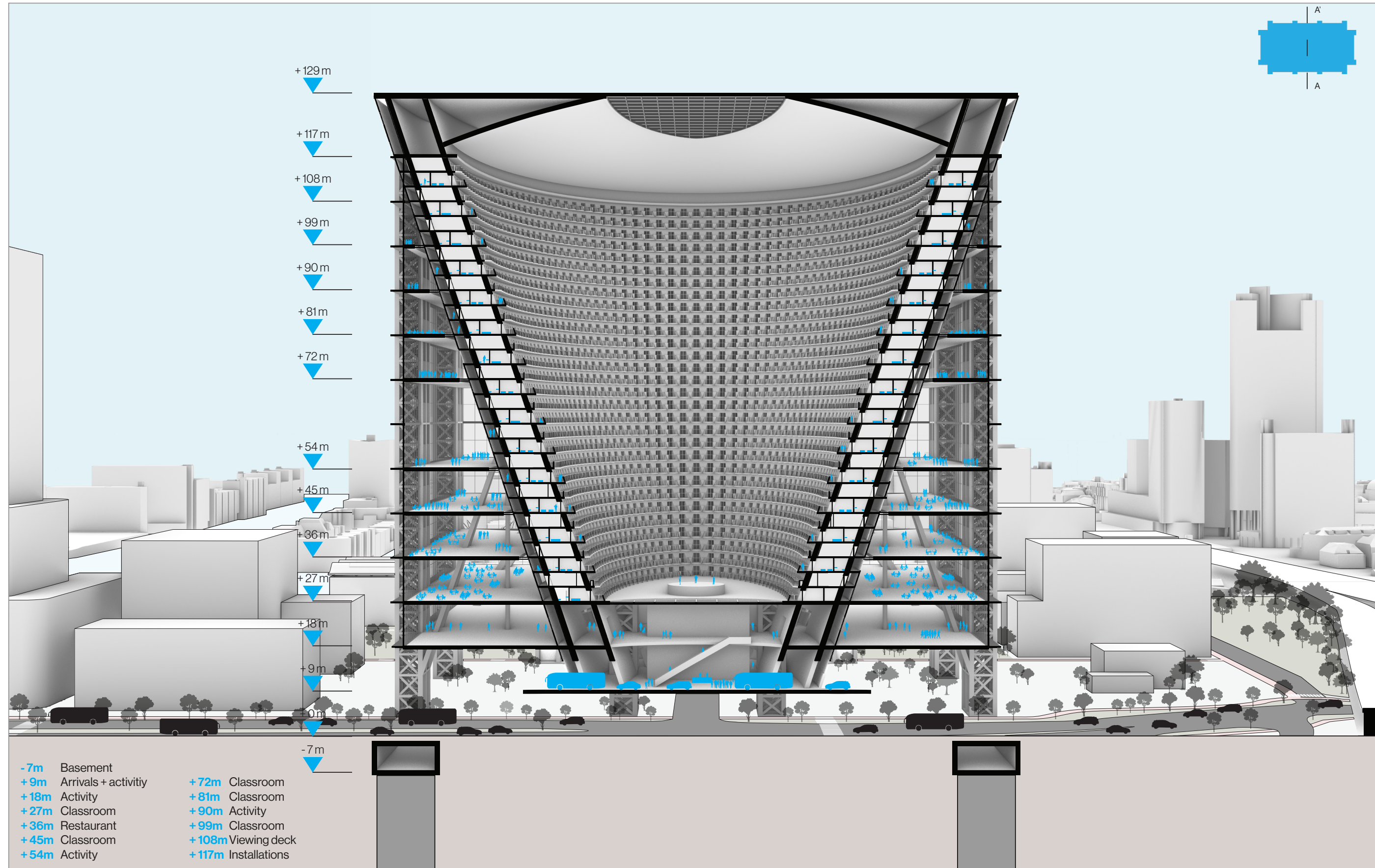
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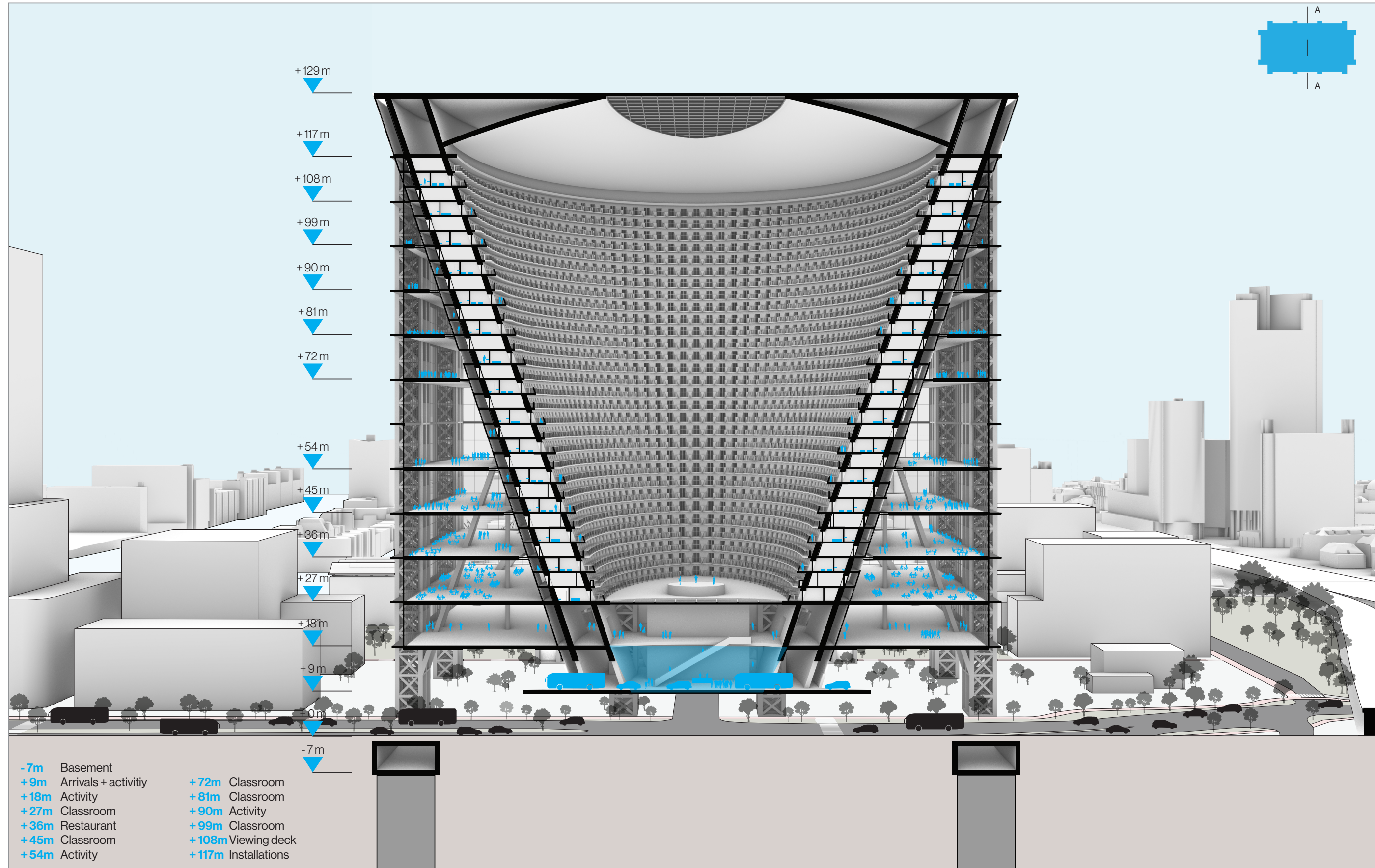
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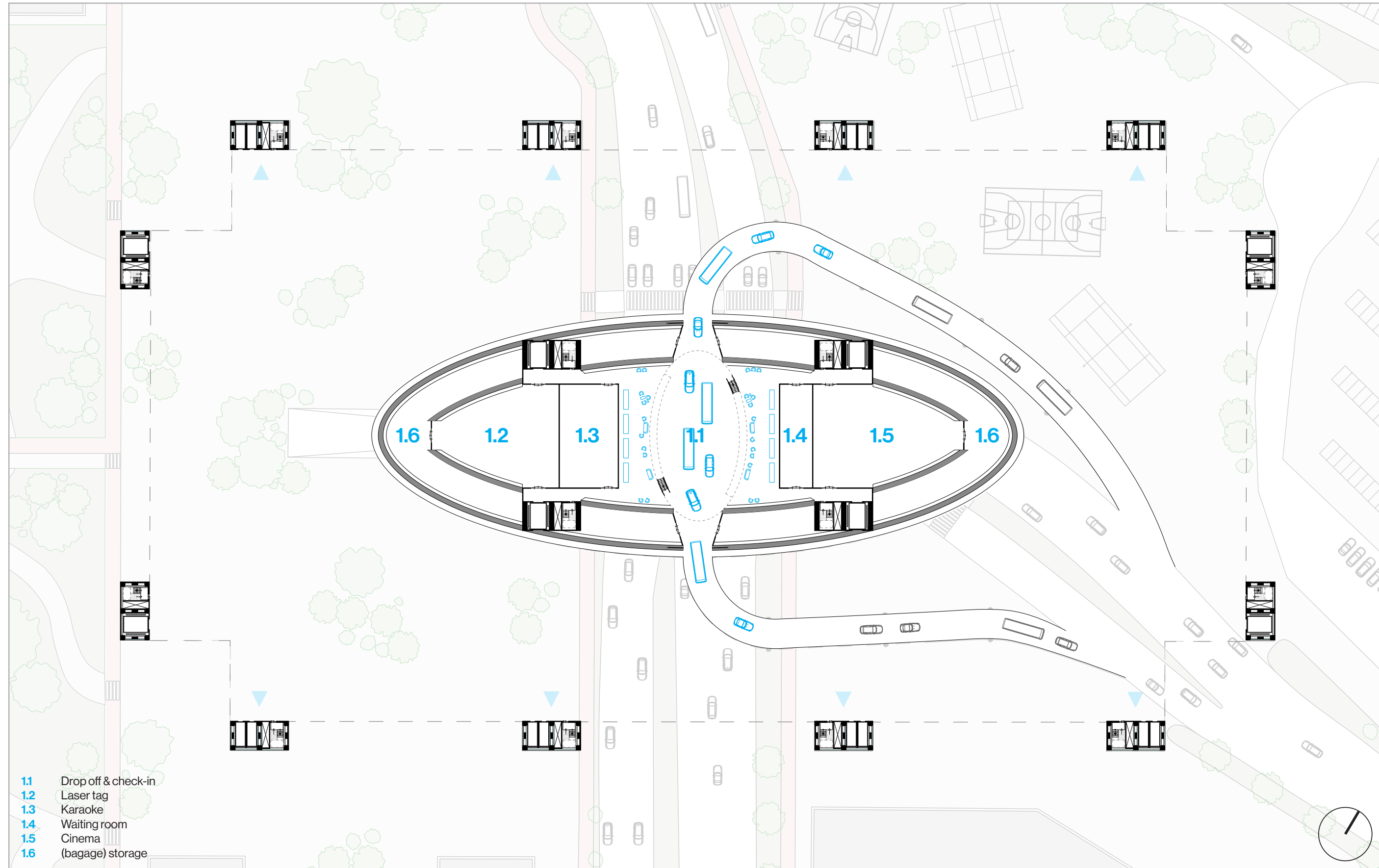
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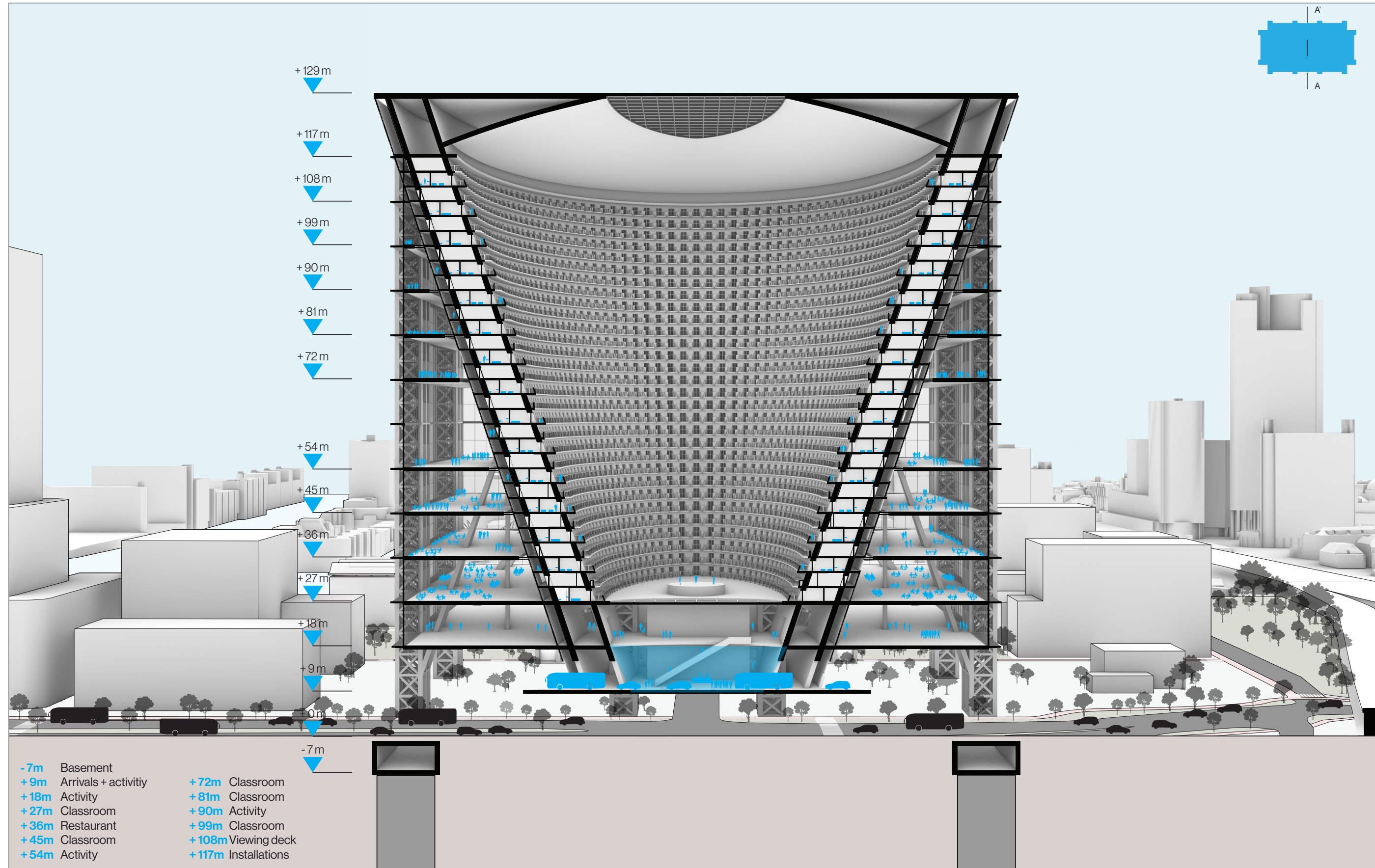
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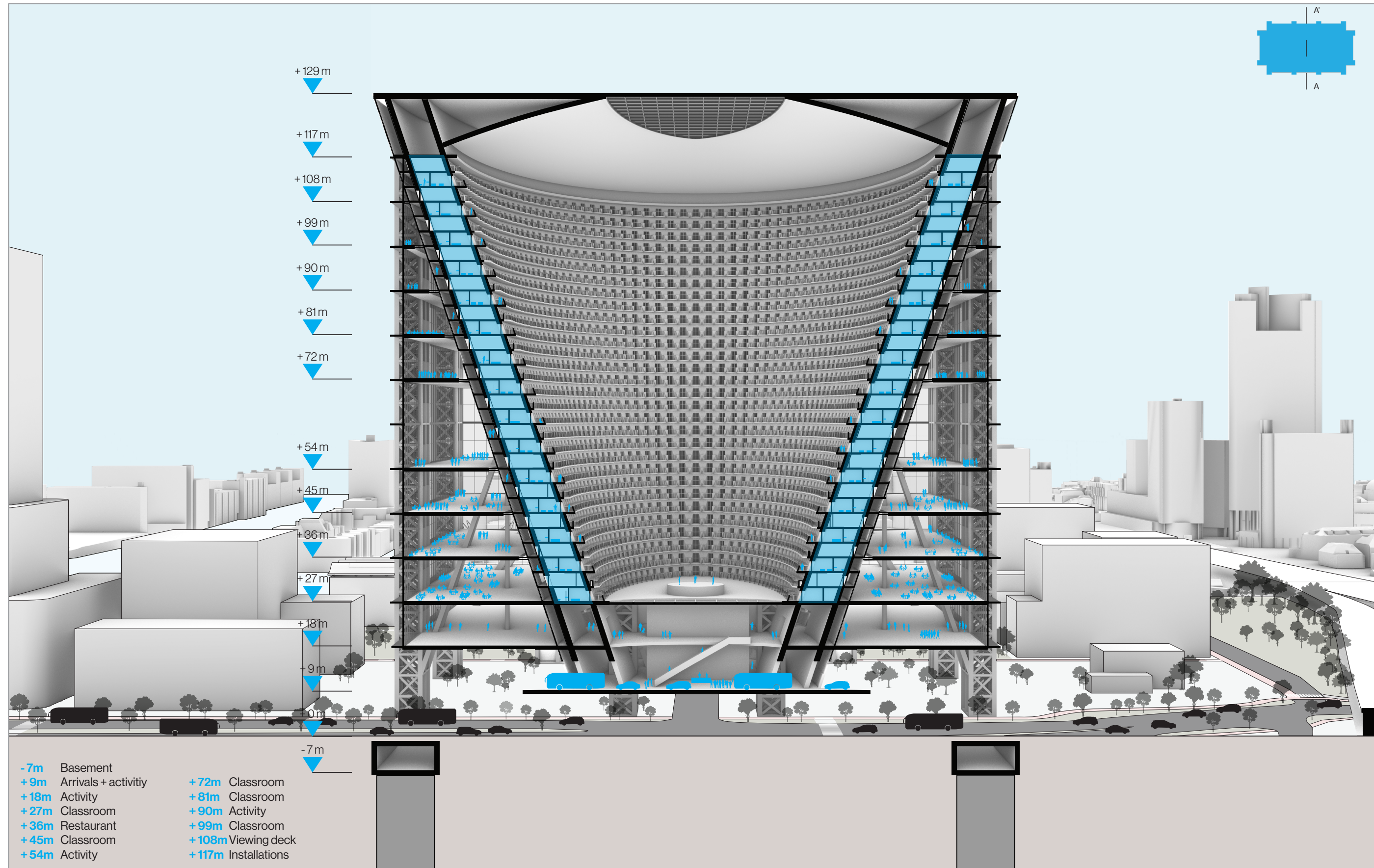
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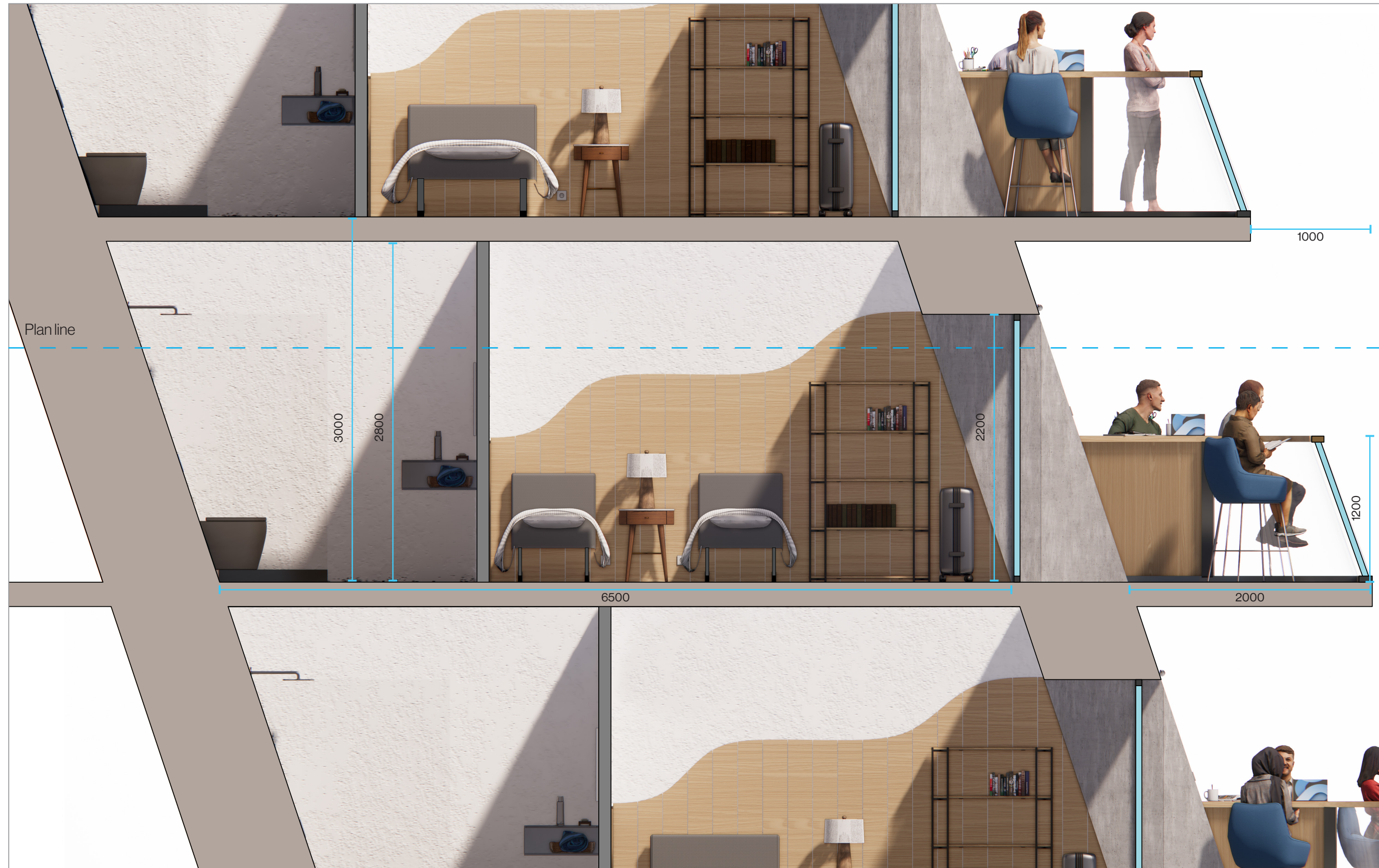
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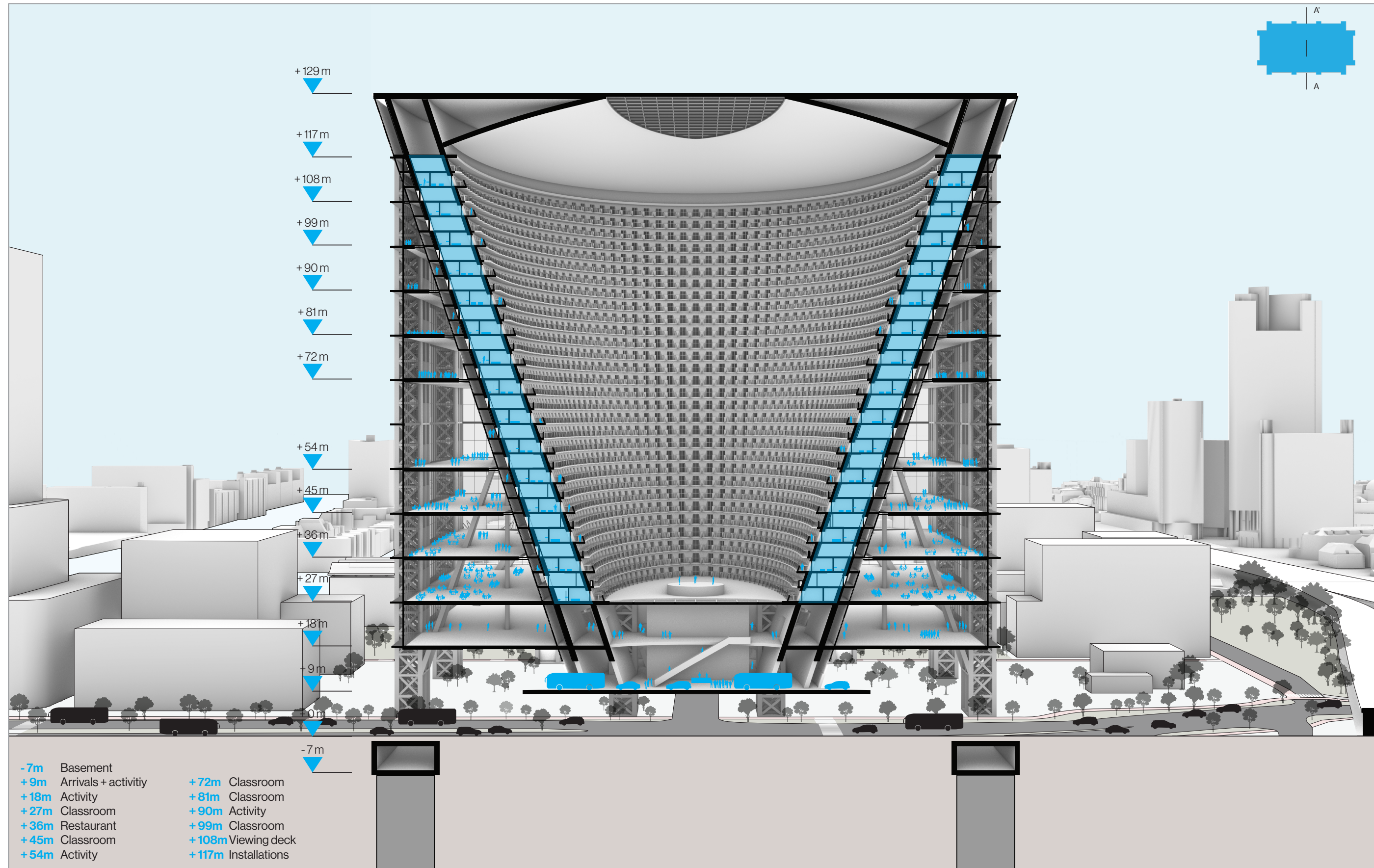
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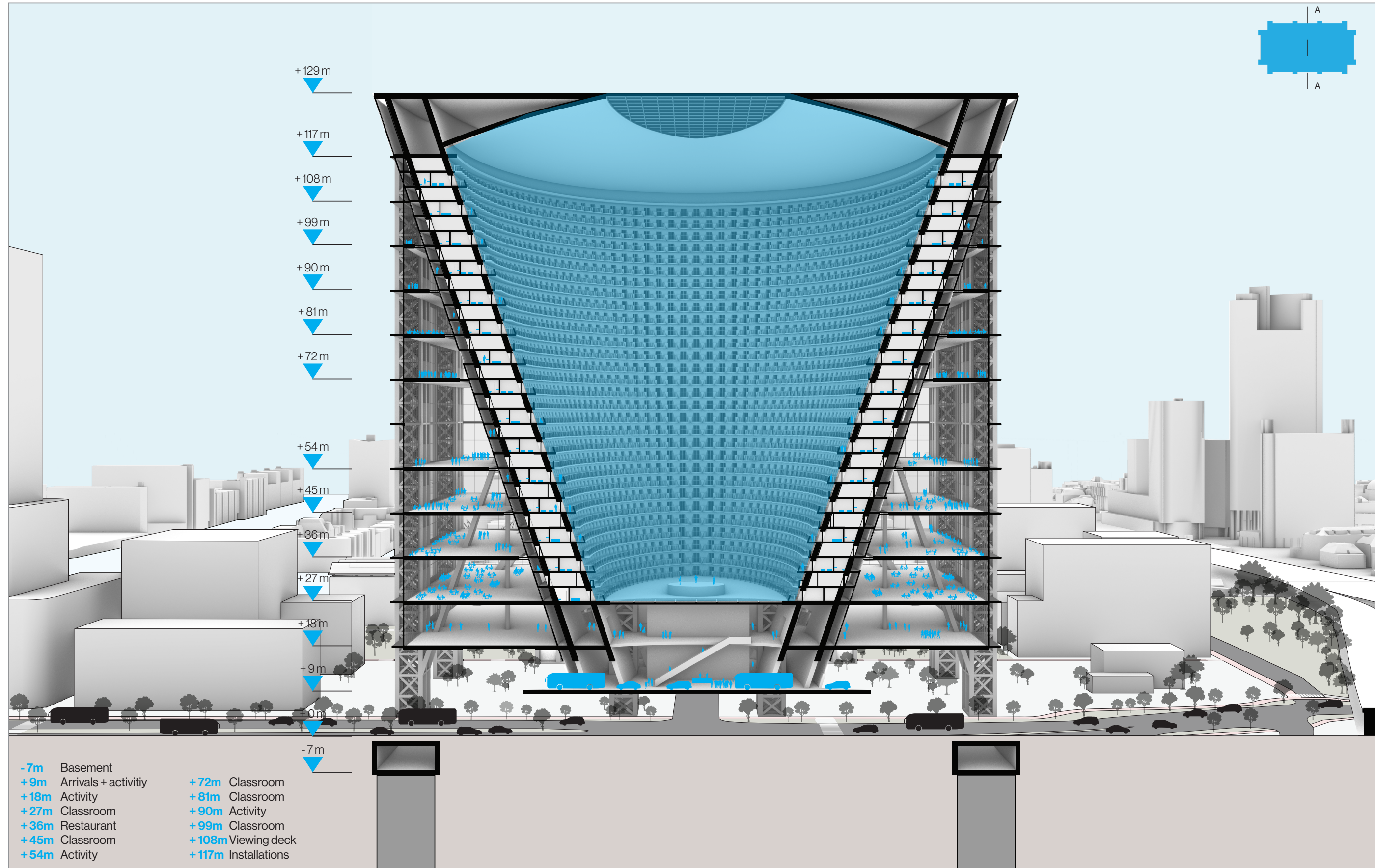


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Democratic core

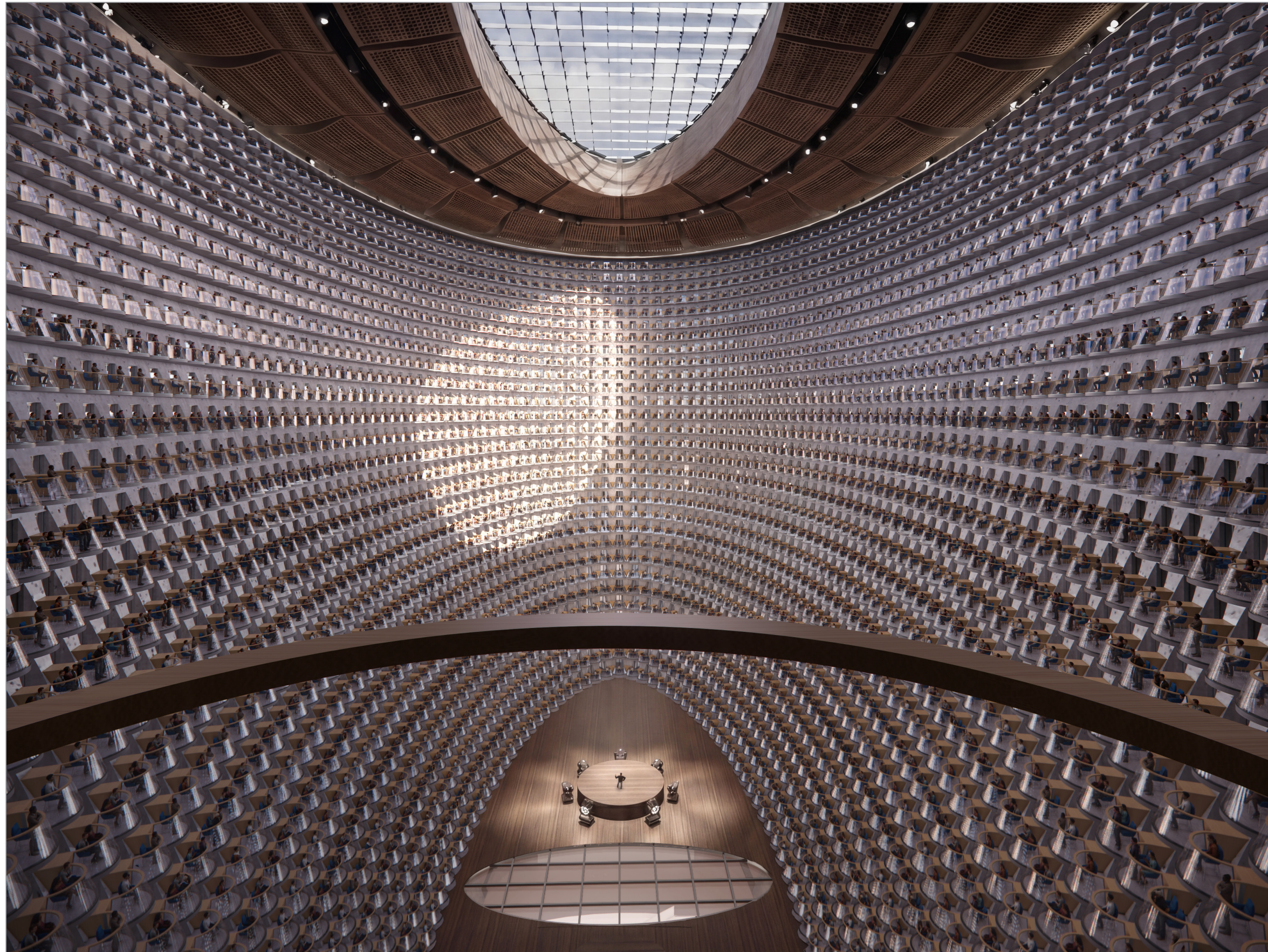


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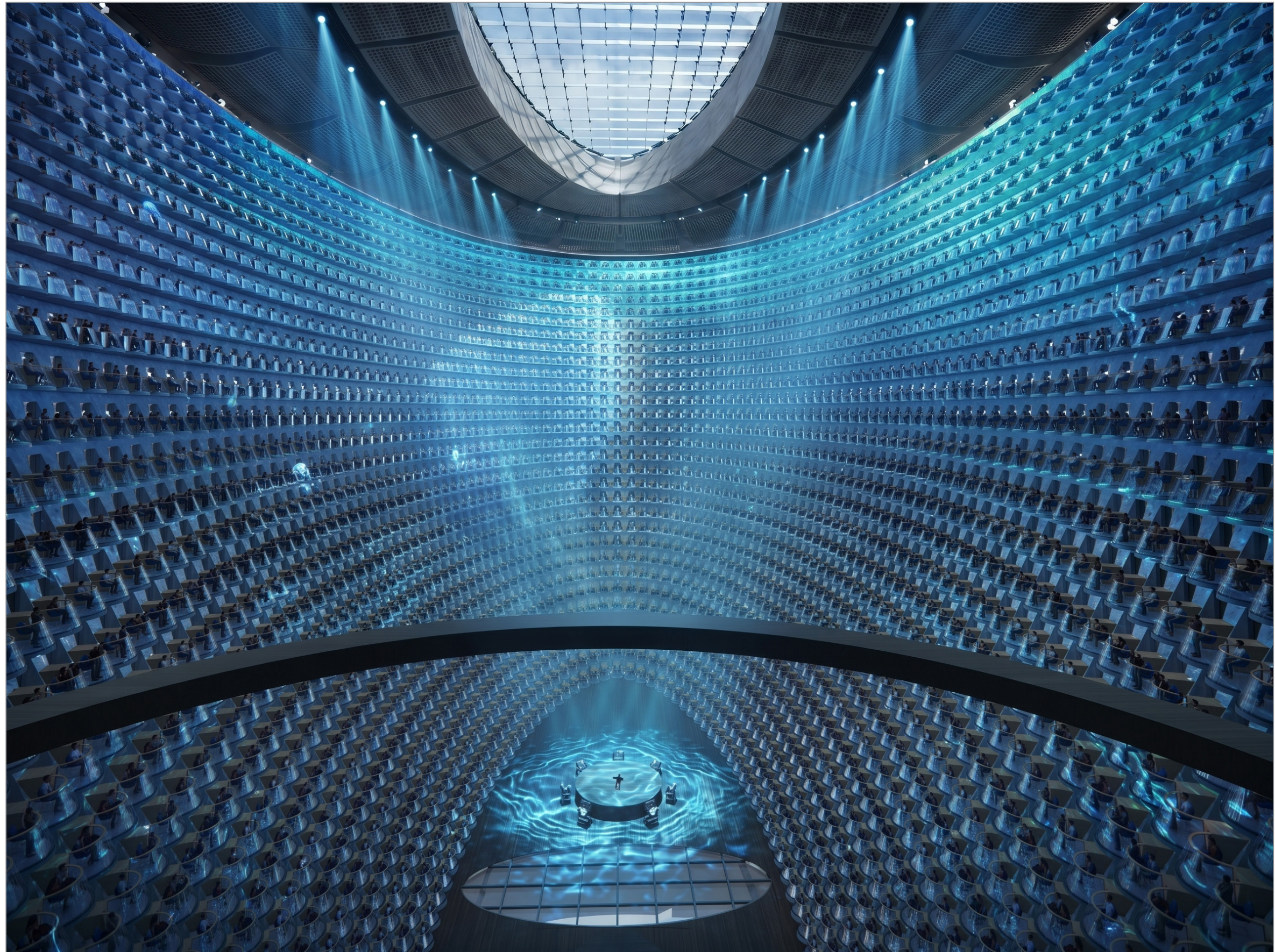


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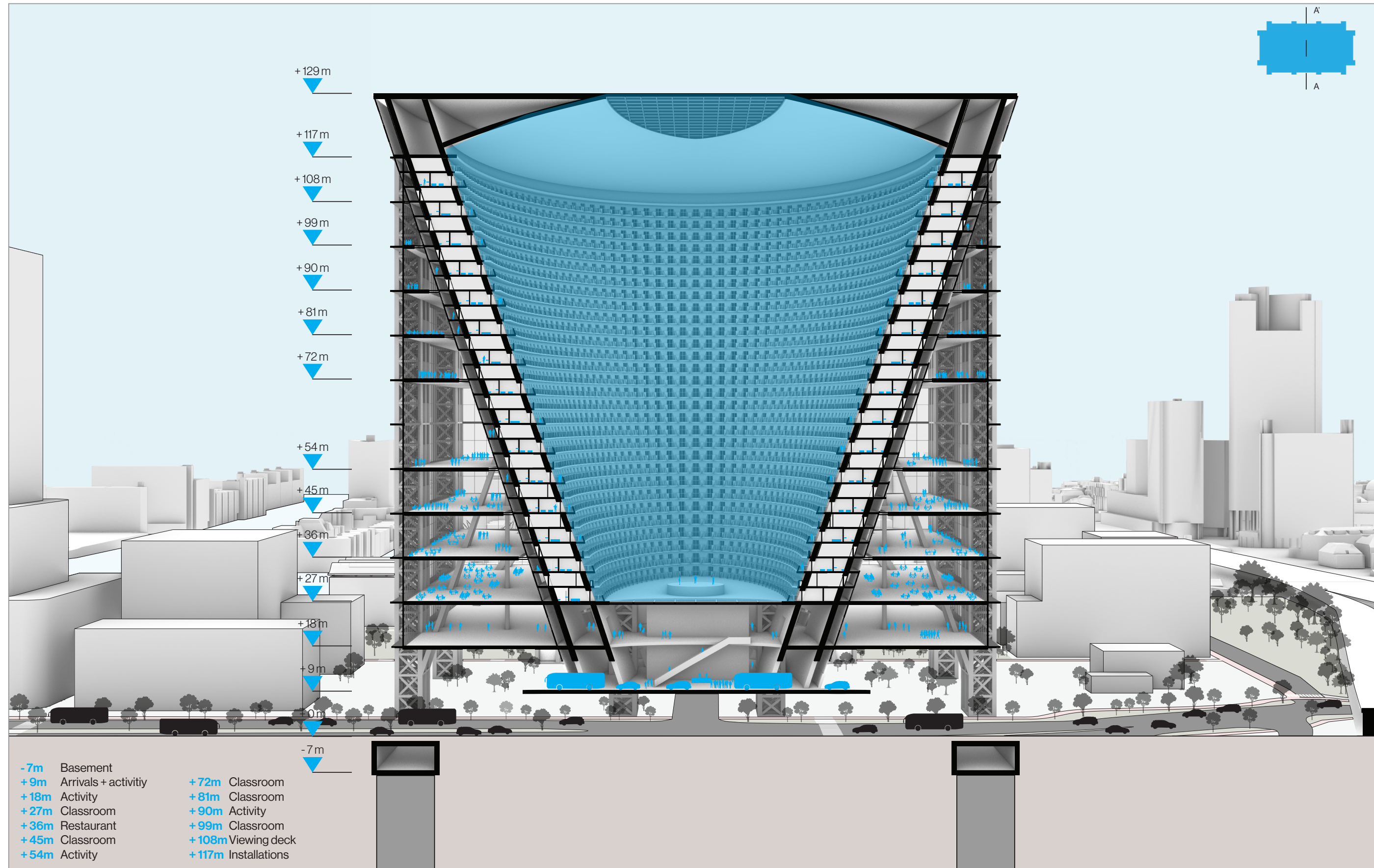
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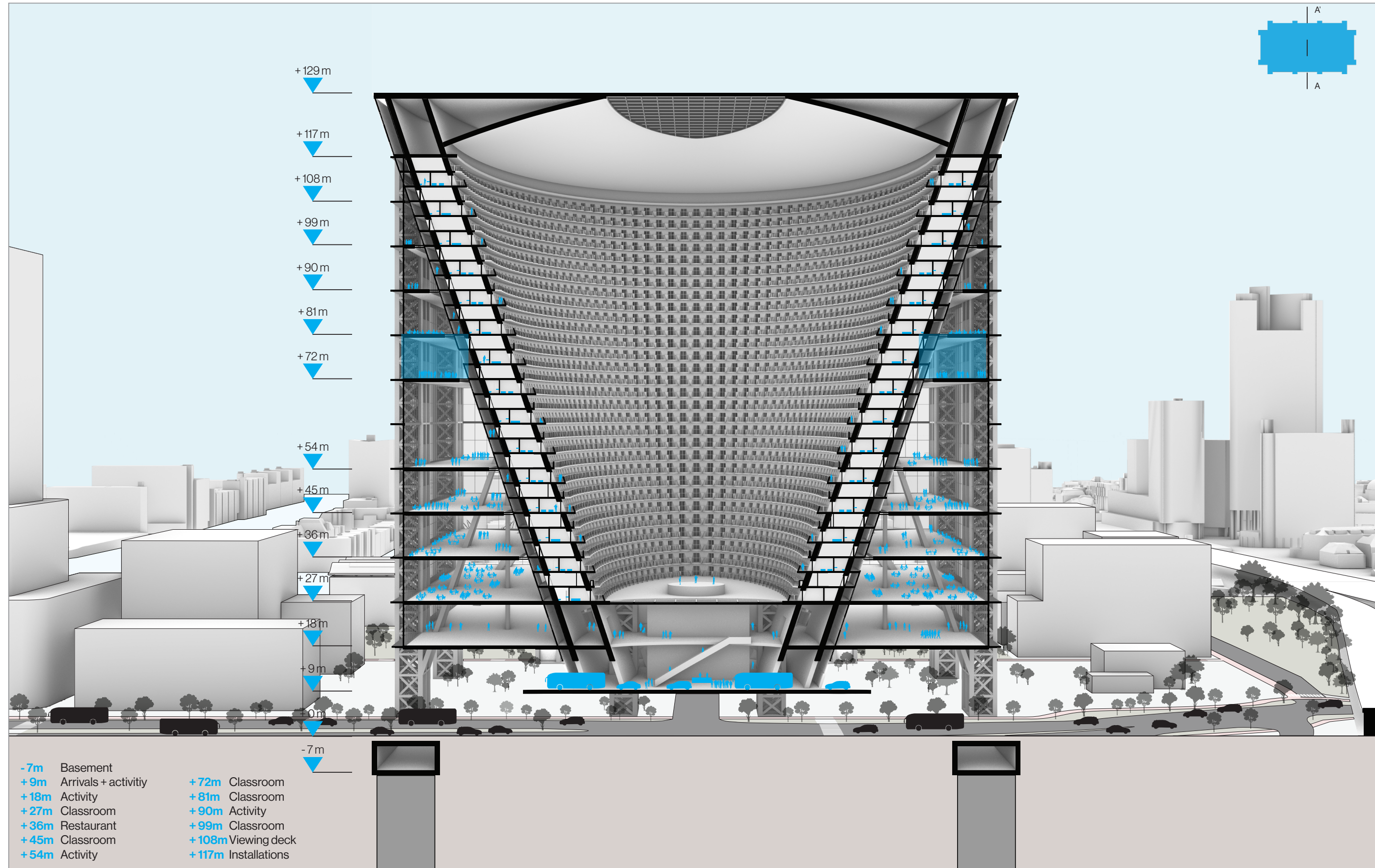
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Classroom



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Classroom



- C.1 Kitchenette
 - C.2 Tribune
 - C.3 Office for staff
 - C.4 Connecting walkway to residences
- Maximum capacity 60 people
 Scheduled activities Workshops, classes, group discussions
 Amount in the building 100

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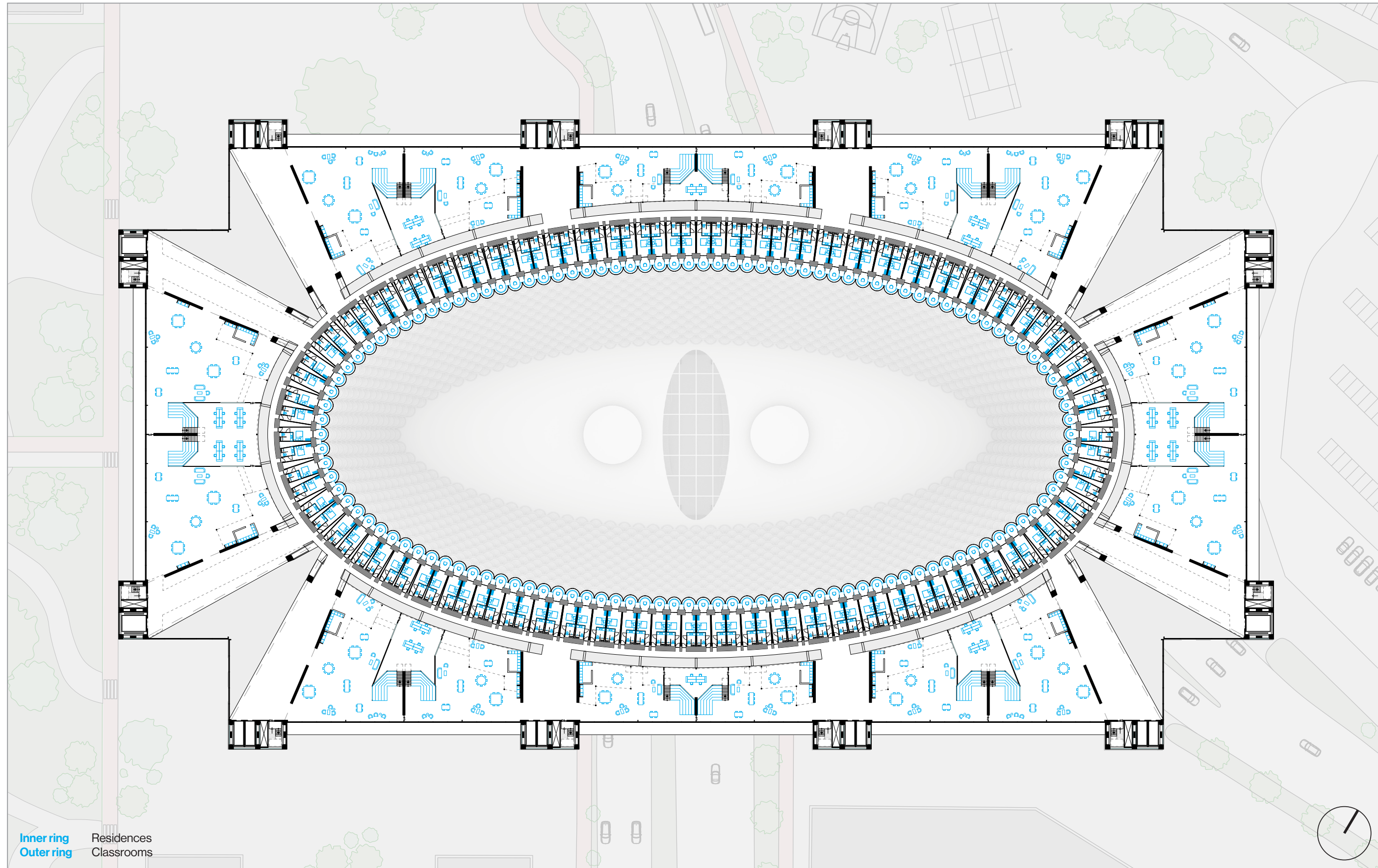
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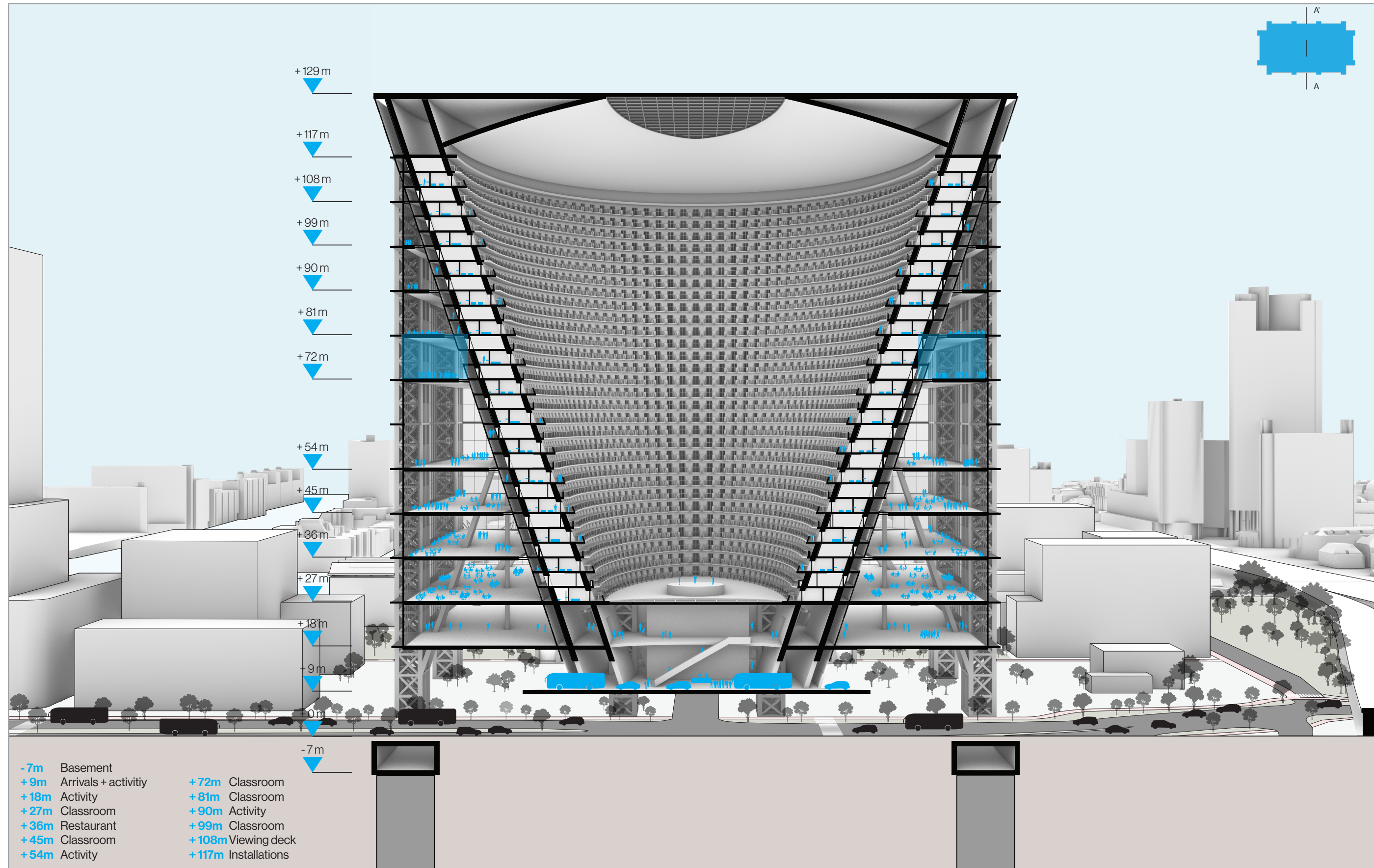
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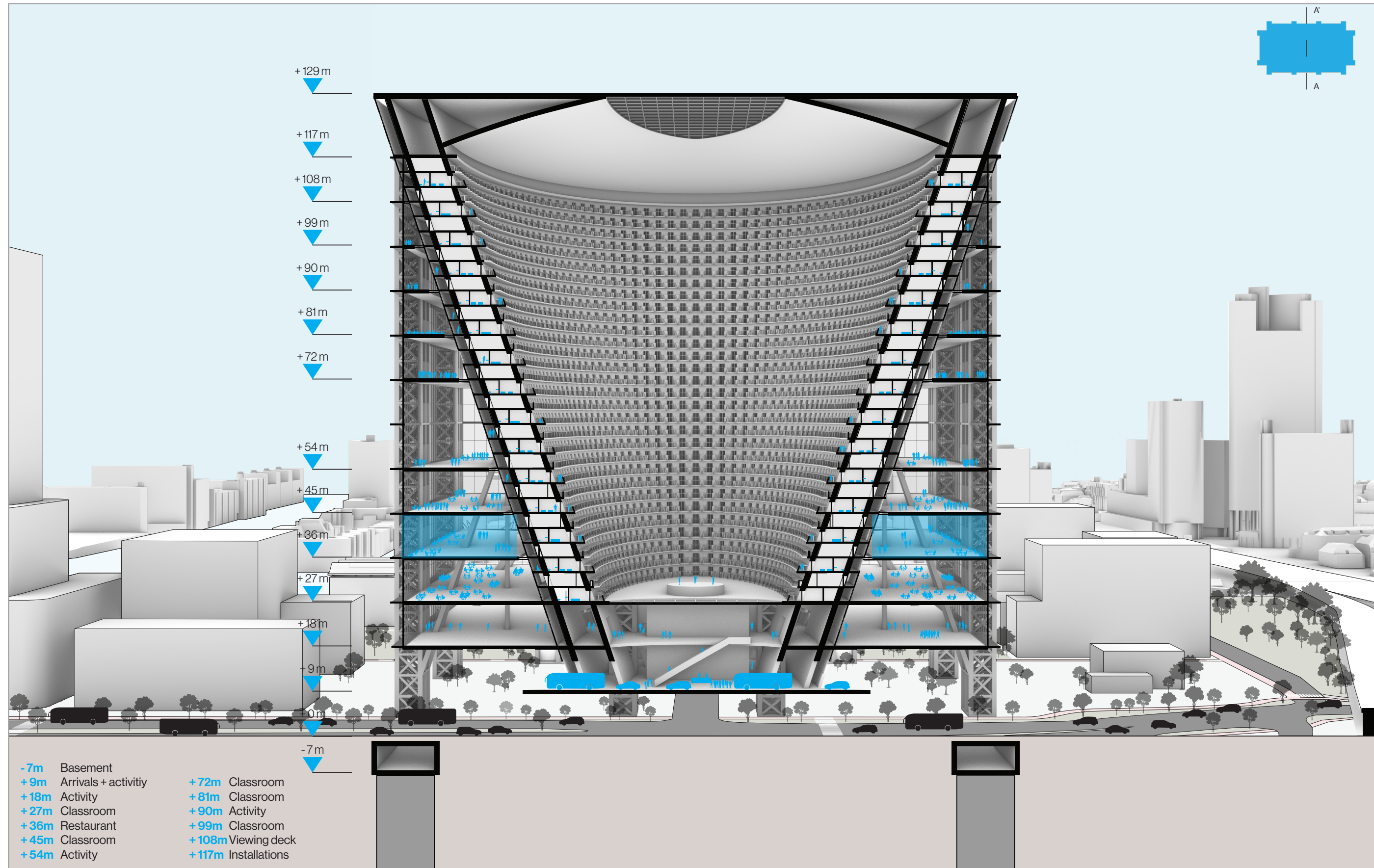
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Restaurant



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Restaurant



F1 Buffet setup
 F2 Return counter
 F3 Connecting walkway to residences

Maximum capacity 180 people
 Scheduled activities Breakfast, lunch, dinner
 Amount in the building 16

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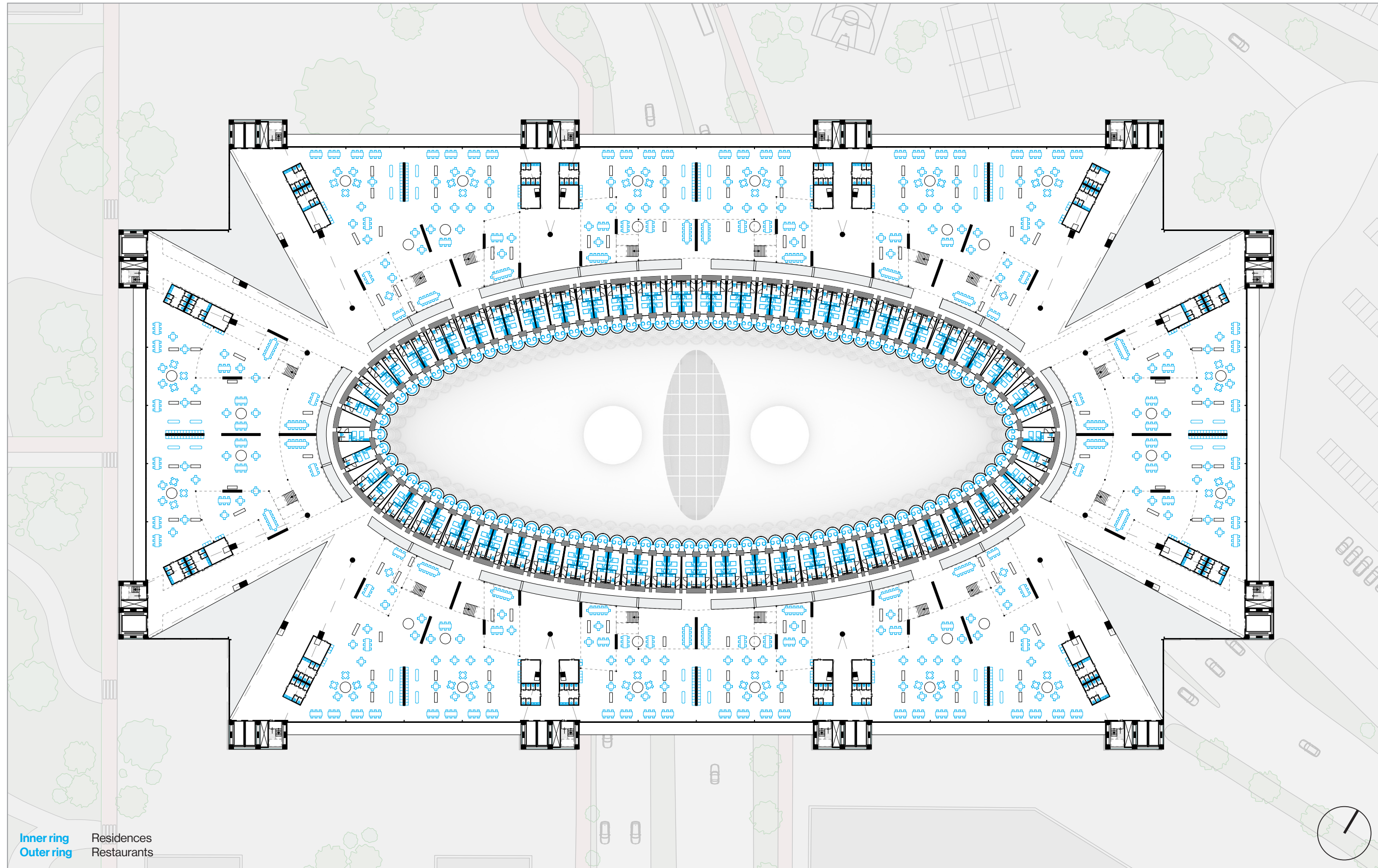
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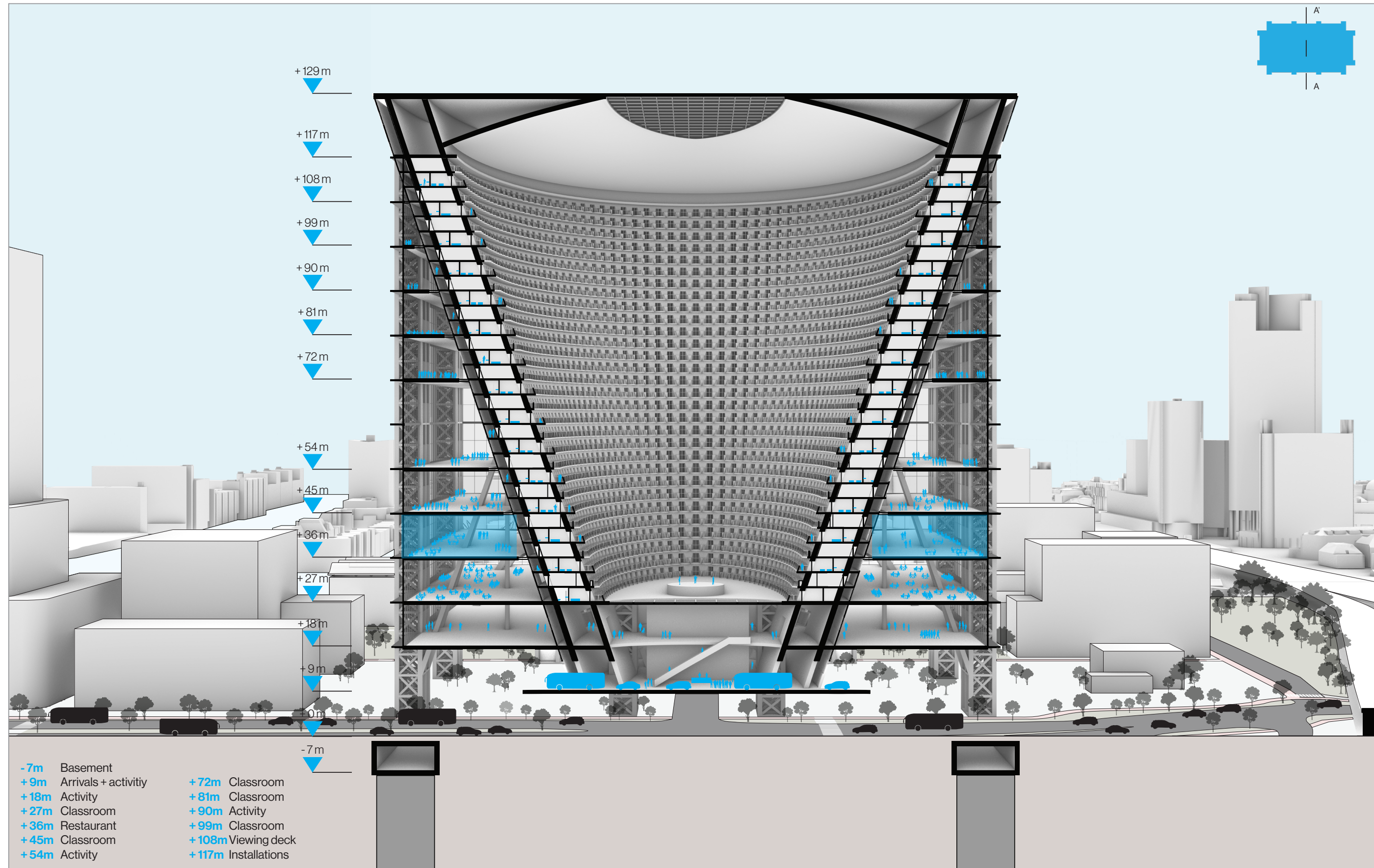
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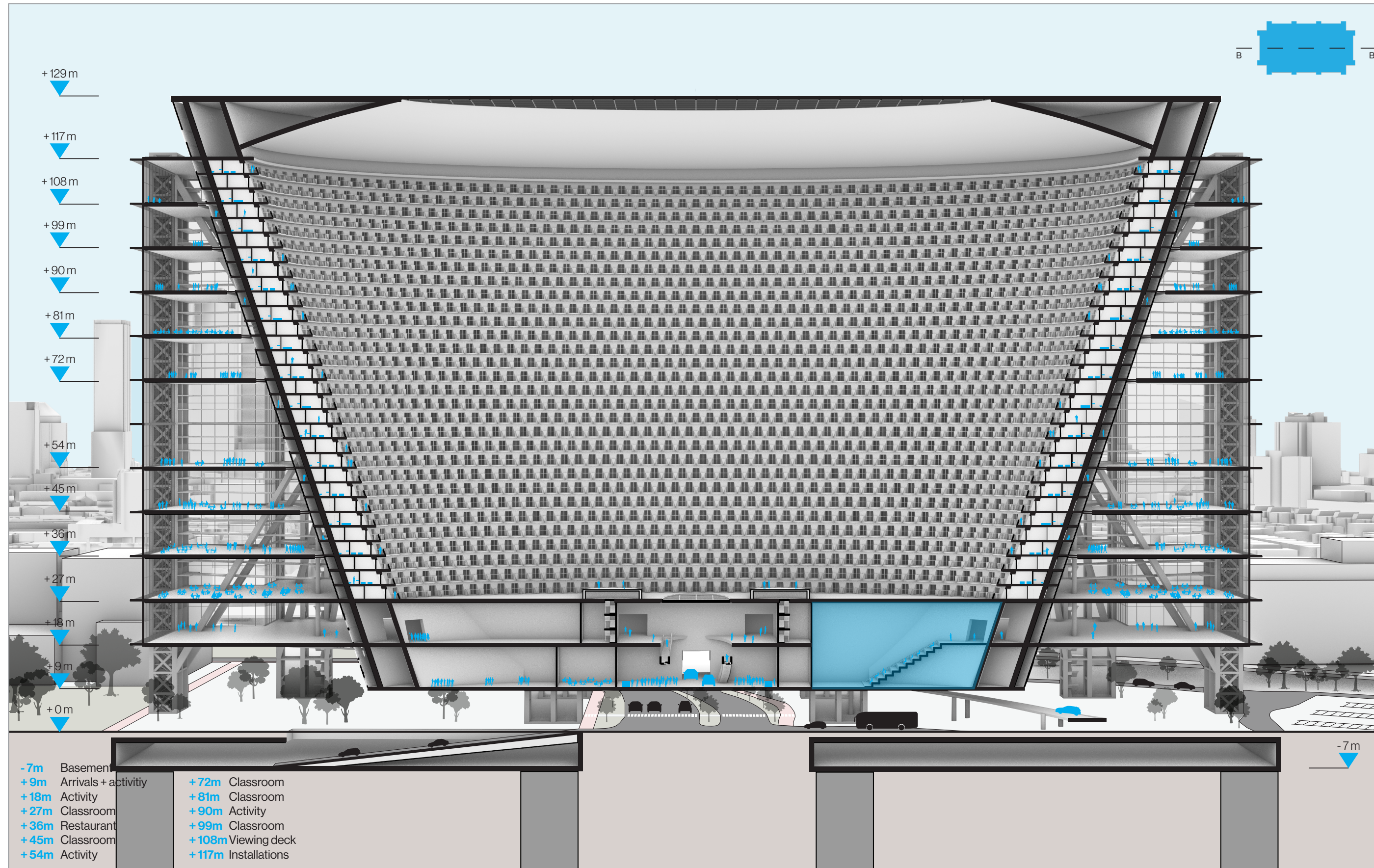
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Activities



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Activities

Viewing deck
Running track
Promenade
Cafe
Gym
Cinema
Swimming pool
Karaoke room
Library

Game room
Climbing wall
Sauna
Yoga studio
Escape room
and more...

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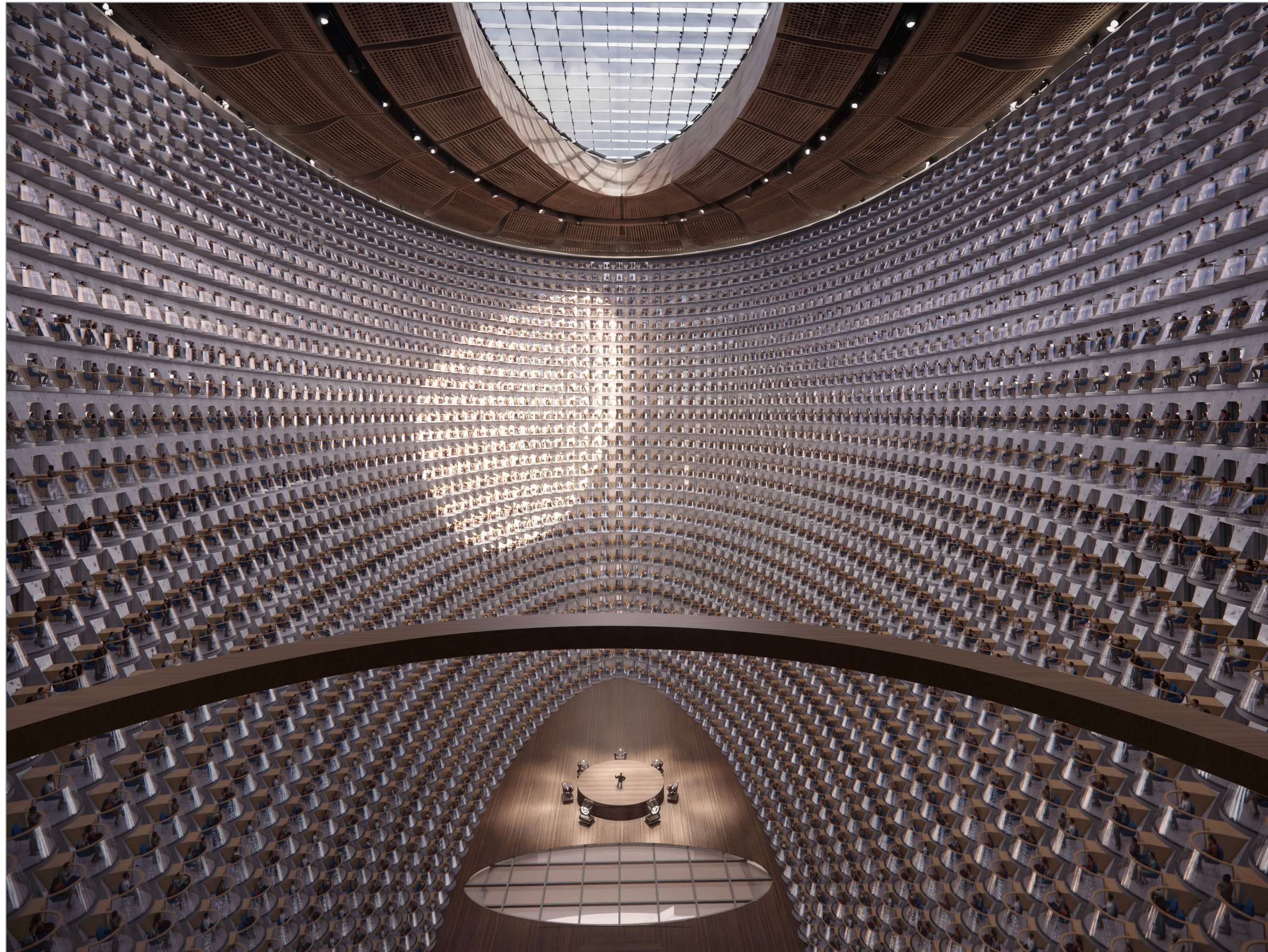


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**From outsider
to insider**

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