

Storming The Castle

The redesign of the post-war precast concrete façade

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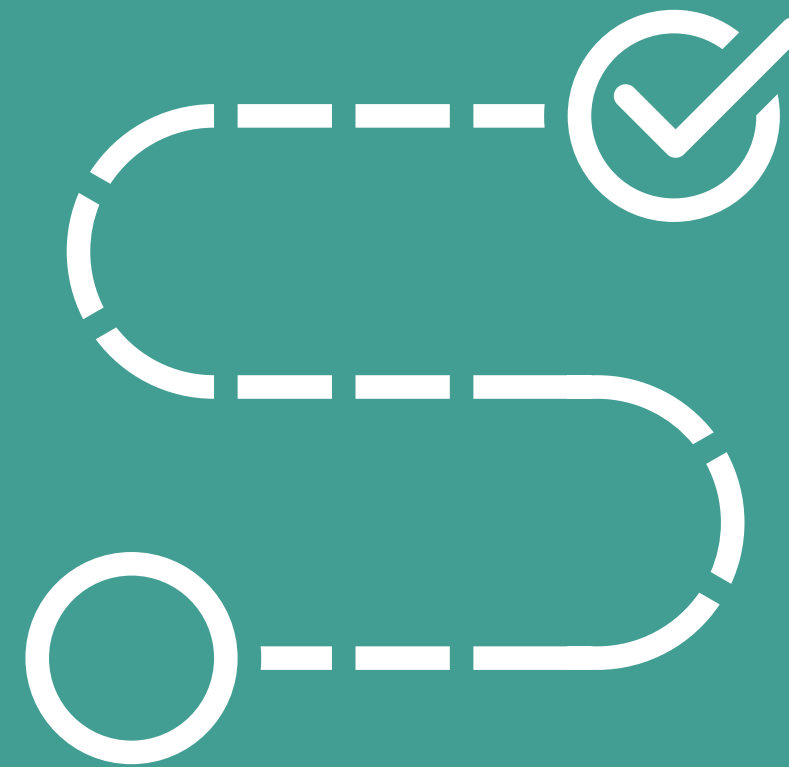
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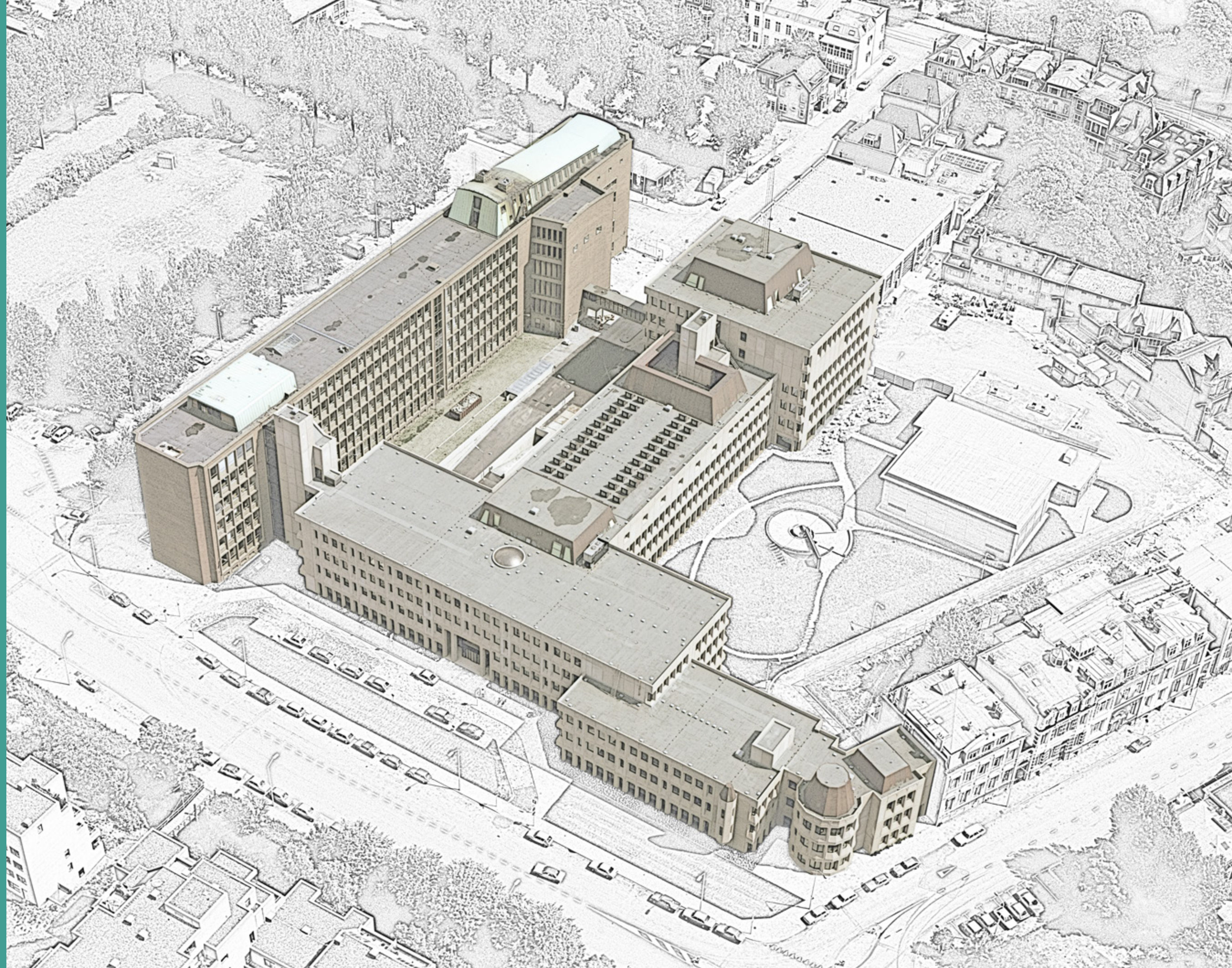


How does it work?

- Design from user-perspective
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- Site & building analysis



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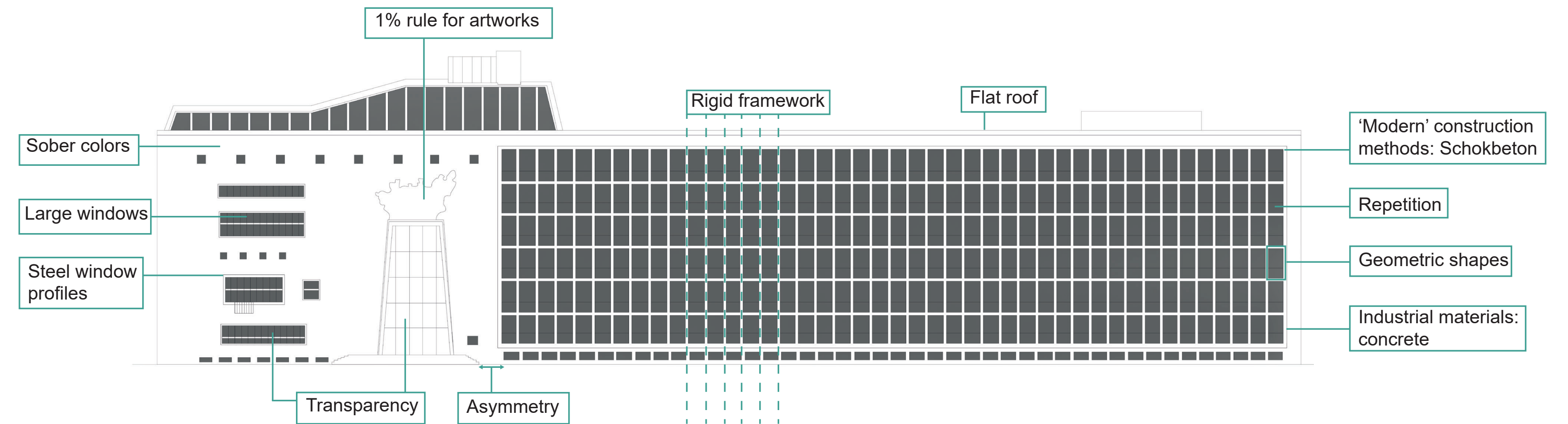
1958 First wing - values & attributes



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1958 First wing - modernism



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1980 Extension - values & attributes



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Site - location police headquarters



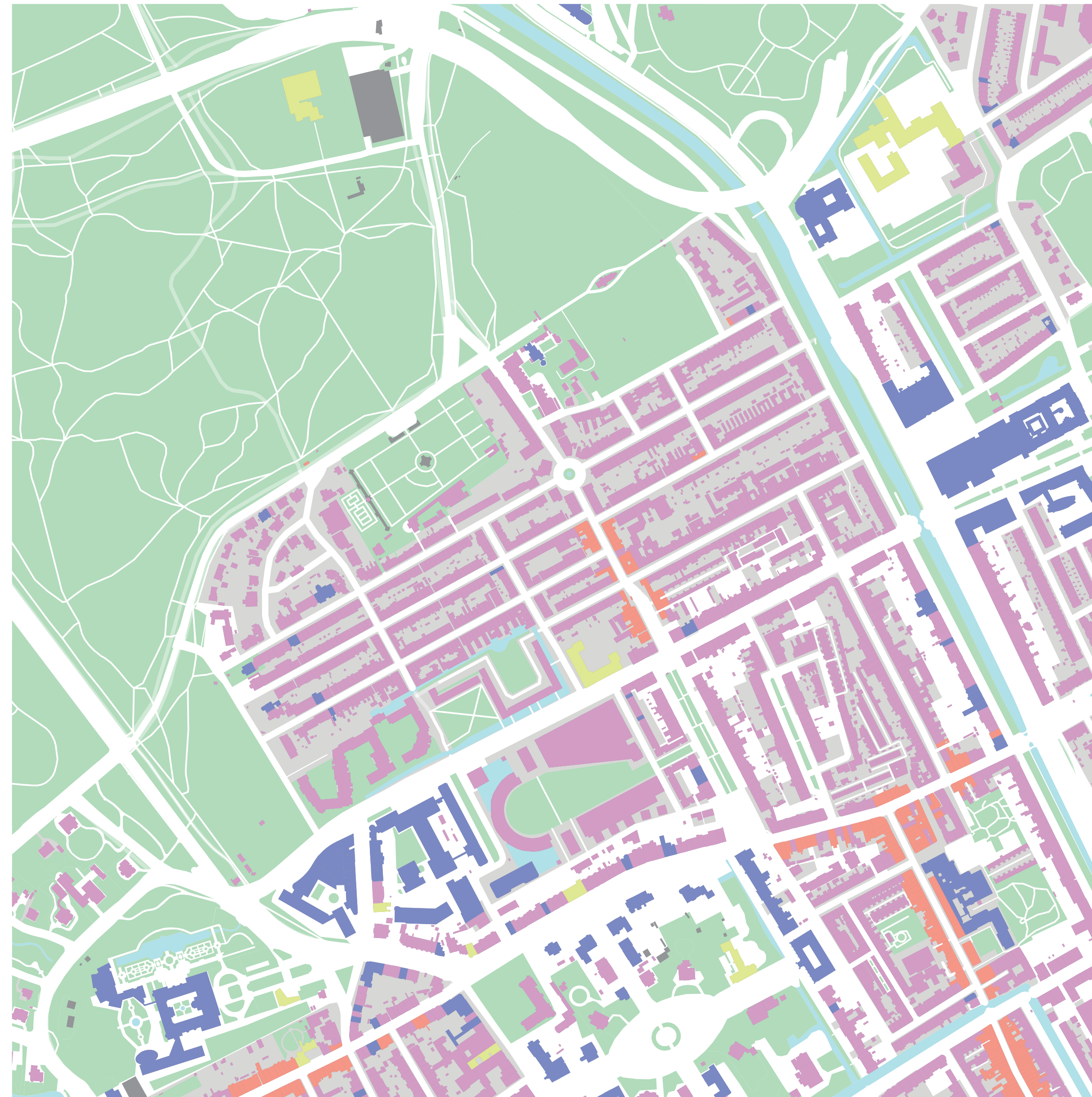
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- Site & building analysis

Site - functions



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- Living
- Work
- Services
- Retail

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Site - monuments



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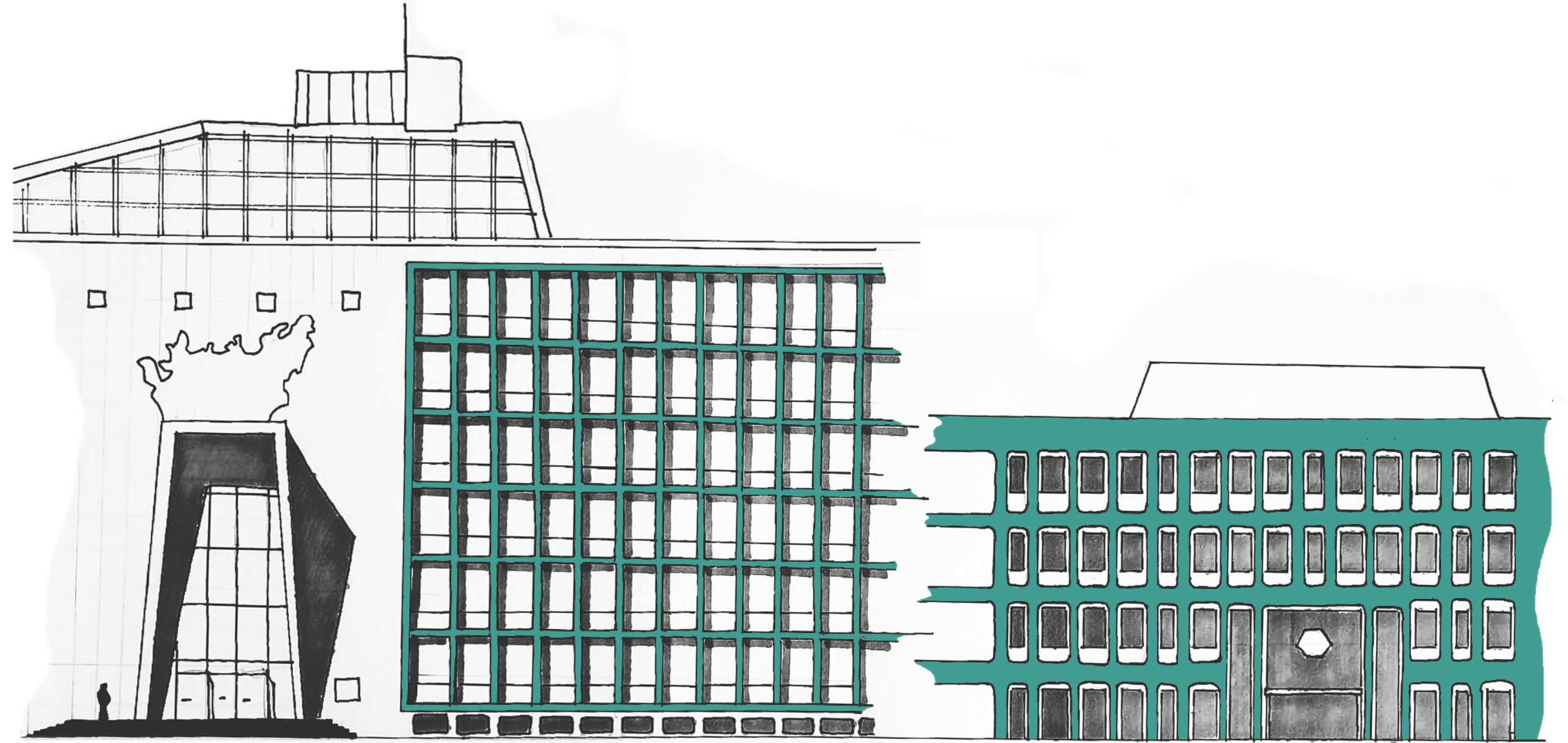
- Monument
- Cemetery
- Unique ensemble

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- Site & building analysis
- Problem statement



1

By the end of 2023, the police headquarters in The Hague will **move to a different location** in the city, leaving the large complex of **45.000m2 vacant**.

2

Heritage **values** connected to precast concrete facades are **endangered** or even **lost** in case **insufficient awareness** exists to integrate the into the conservation process.

3

The **character of the precast facade** in the police headquarters of The Hague has a **strict and stately** expression.

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Main Research Question

“To what extent does the precast concrete façade in the police headquarters in The Hague influence our approach to a redesign?”



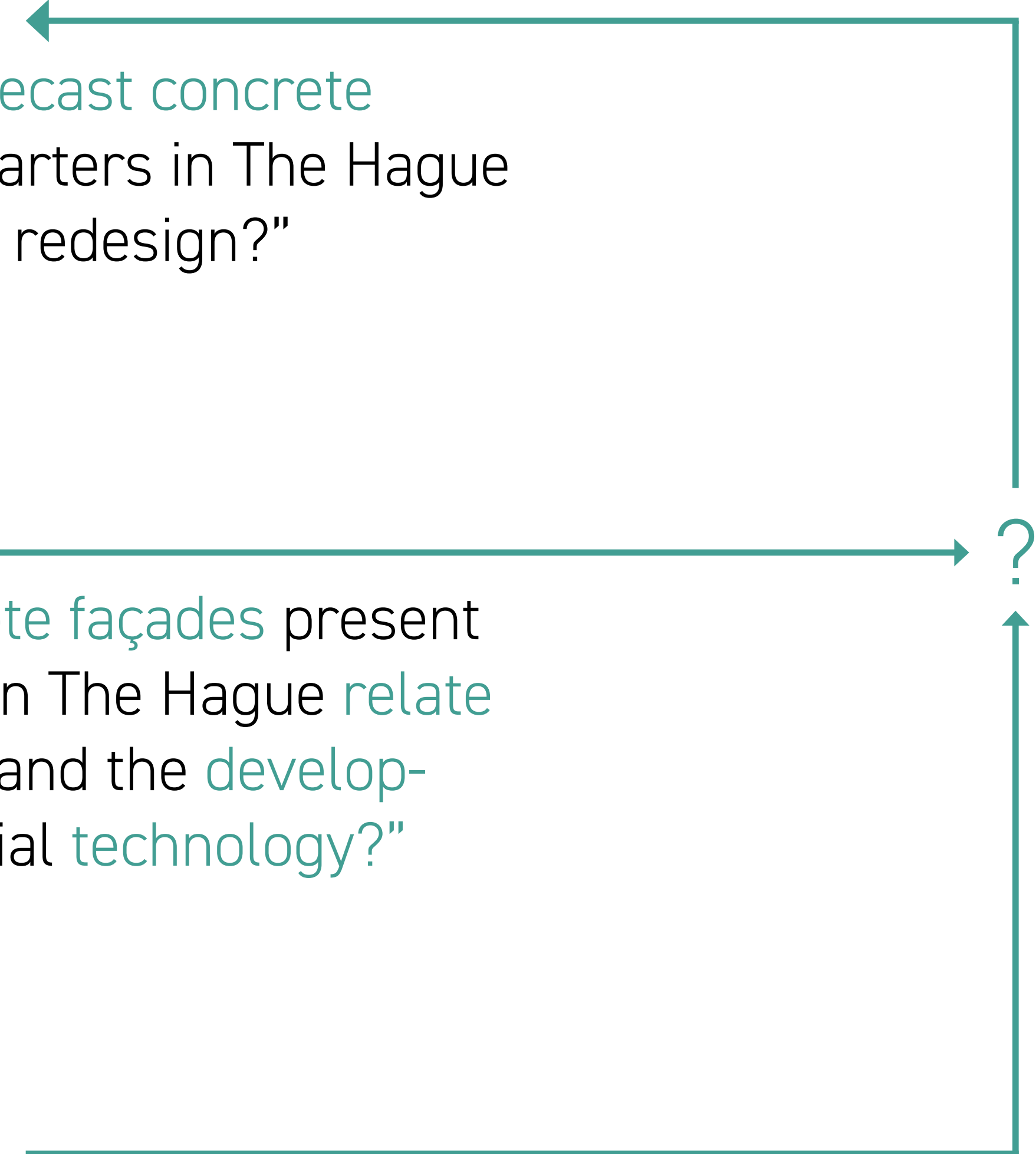
Research Paper Question

“How do the precast concrete façades present in the police headquarters in The Hague relate to our construction history and the development of building and material technology?”



Design

“Storming the Castle”



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Historic research

“What is the **role of Schokbeton** in the post-war precast concrete façade?”

Case-study research

What is the **contribution of the precast concrete façade** to modernist architecture?

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Patent application

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OCTROOIRAAD



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Dagteekening 4 Juli 1935.

OCTROOI N^o. 36029.

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N.V. SCHOKTECHNIEK, te Zwijndrecht.

Werkwijze en machine voor de vervaardiging van betonwaren onder aanwending van schokken.

Aanvraag 65837 Ned., ingediend 29 Juni 1933, 14 uur 53 min.; openbaar gemaakt 15 September 1934.

Het is bekend betonspecie in een vorm in trilling te brengen, of aan schokken te onderwerpen, om de specie goed te laten inklinken en aldus betonwaren van hooge vastheid en groote dichtheid te verkrijgen. Bij het verdichten van beton door schokken moeten verschillende factoren samenwerken, wil men de gewenschte resultaten ten volle bereiken.

Volgens de uitvinding wordt 1° een aardvochtige betonmortel verwerkt; 2° wordt de specie in en met den vorm aan schokken onderworpen, welke ontstaan door een valbeweging over een hoogte van minder dan 2,5 cm; 3° worden de schokken opgewekt, doordat de vorm vast is verbonden met een stijf, metalen draagstuk, terwijl minstens twee aanslagen tusschen het draagstuk en een metalen aambeeld 15 gelijktijdig den schok opvangen en bovendien het aambeeld een gewicht heeft, minstens gelijk aan een derde van het gewicht van de vallende deelen; 4° wordt onder het aambeeld een fundeering gebruikt, welke minstens tweemaal zoo zwaar is als de vallende deelen; vormen aambeeld en fundeering één geheel, dan is het gewicht van dat geheel minstens twee en een derde maal het gewicht van de vallende deelen.

30 Het gebruik van aardvochtige specie maakt, dat de mortel niet ontmengt bij het schokken en dat de vastheid van het beton de hoogste waarde kan bereiken. Bovendien blijkt het, dat terstond na de schokbewerking de vorm van eenvoudige voorwerpen, als b.v. palen en balken, kan worden afgenomen, vooral indien men de voorzorg heeft genomen, papier in den vorm te leggen, waardoor het kleven van de specie aan den vorm wordt voorkomen. De geschokte betonspecie behoudt haar vorm. De schokken doen het beton volmaakt rondom wapeningstaven aansluiten, hoewel geen gietbeton wordt gebruikt.

45 Een valbeweging over een geringe hoogte, b.v. slechts 8 mm, is nuttig, omdat men tot ca. 400 schokken per minuut kan veroorzaken en de specie niet in den vorm gaat spatten en dus ontmengen.

De stijve verbinding van den vorm aan een metalen draagstuk maakt, dat geen plaatselijke natrillingen van hooge frequentie kunnen ontstaan en dus de schokwerking, die de specie als het ware ineen doet stuiken, niet overgaat in een snellesiddering, waardoor de samenhang in de specie eerder losser wordt.

De betrekkelijk kleine aanslagen tusschen het draagstuk en het aambeeld verhinderen het ontstaan van een luchtkussen tusschen de aanslagvlakken, waardoor de schok gebroken zou worden, zooals dat waarneembaar is, wanneer lichamen met groote tegen elkander passende oppervlakken elkander snel naderen.

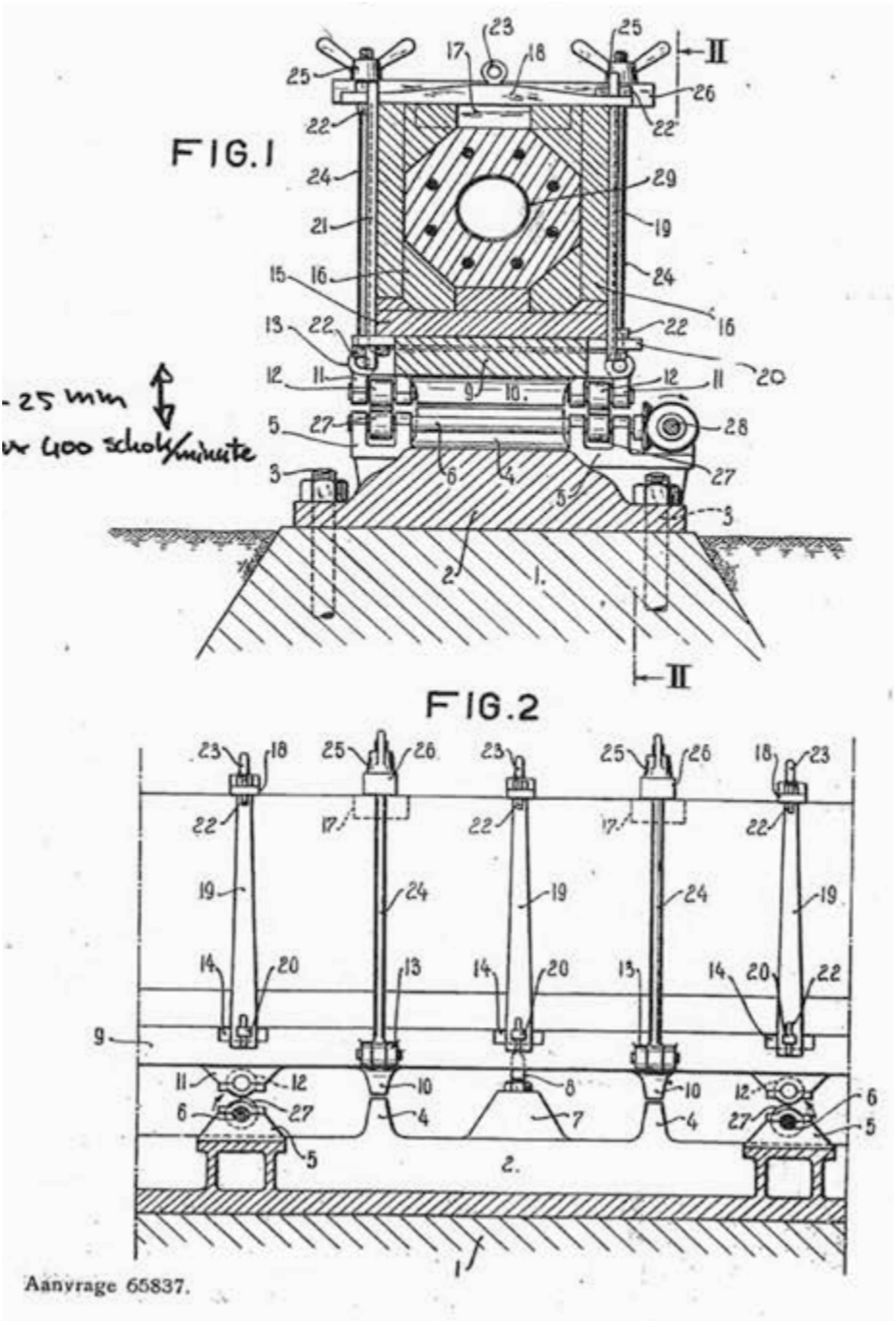
Een betrekkelijk zwaar metalen aambeeld, dat de slagen van de vallende massa in eersten aanleg opvangt, maakt de stootwerking effectief. Schokbrekers en veerende tusschenstukken zijn volgens de uitvinding verwerpelijk.

Een nog zwaarder fundement, waarop het aambeeld zoo stijf mogelijk is vastgezet, verhoogt eveneens het effect van den slag. Hoe minder secundaire bewegingen ontstaan, hoe kleiner het arbeidsvermogen is, dat voor schokken volgens de uitvinding noodig is.

De werkwijze volgens de uitvinding berust dus op de gedachte, dat schudden en sidderen niet het gewenschte effect op de specie hebben, een aantal botte stooten, zooveel mogelijk zonder natrilling, daarentegen een zeer gunstigen invloed op de kwaliteit van het eindproduct uitoefenen.

In de hierboven aangegeven gewichtsverhoudingen is het gewicht van het beton en den vorm een veranderlijke factor. Zou het gewicht van de vallende deelen te zeer stijgen ten opzichte van het gewicht van aambeeld plus fundeering, dan komt het oogenblik, waarop de werkwijze volgens de

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Frame-based elements



Voorschriften voor het inzetten van glas:

- 1 Spinningen isoleren met „paint-aid“ chloorrubberverf
- 2 Ruit inwelen met Sigmaplast welpasta
- 3 Afstoppen met stopstara en binnen drie weken overschilderen

Sedert 1932, het jaar van oprichting der N.V., vervaardigt Schokbeton ramen ten behoeve van boerderijen. Zij zijn een kwaliteitsbegrip geworden door de solide uitvoering, die zich kenmerkt door maatzuiverheid, slanke profilering en gepuntlaste wapening. Onze in 25 jaren opgedane ervaringen hebben uitgewezen, dat een speciale gepuntlaste wapening, nauwkeurig aangebracht en op de plaats gehouden, noodzakelijk is voor een verantwoorde slanke profilering.

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RAMEN
STANDAARDRAMEN

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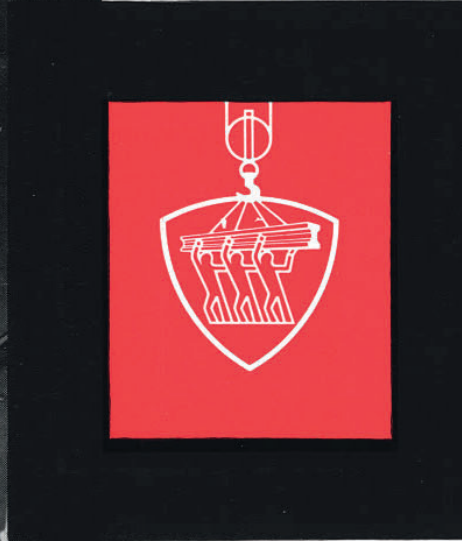
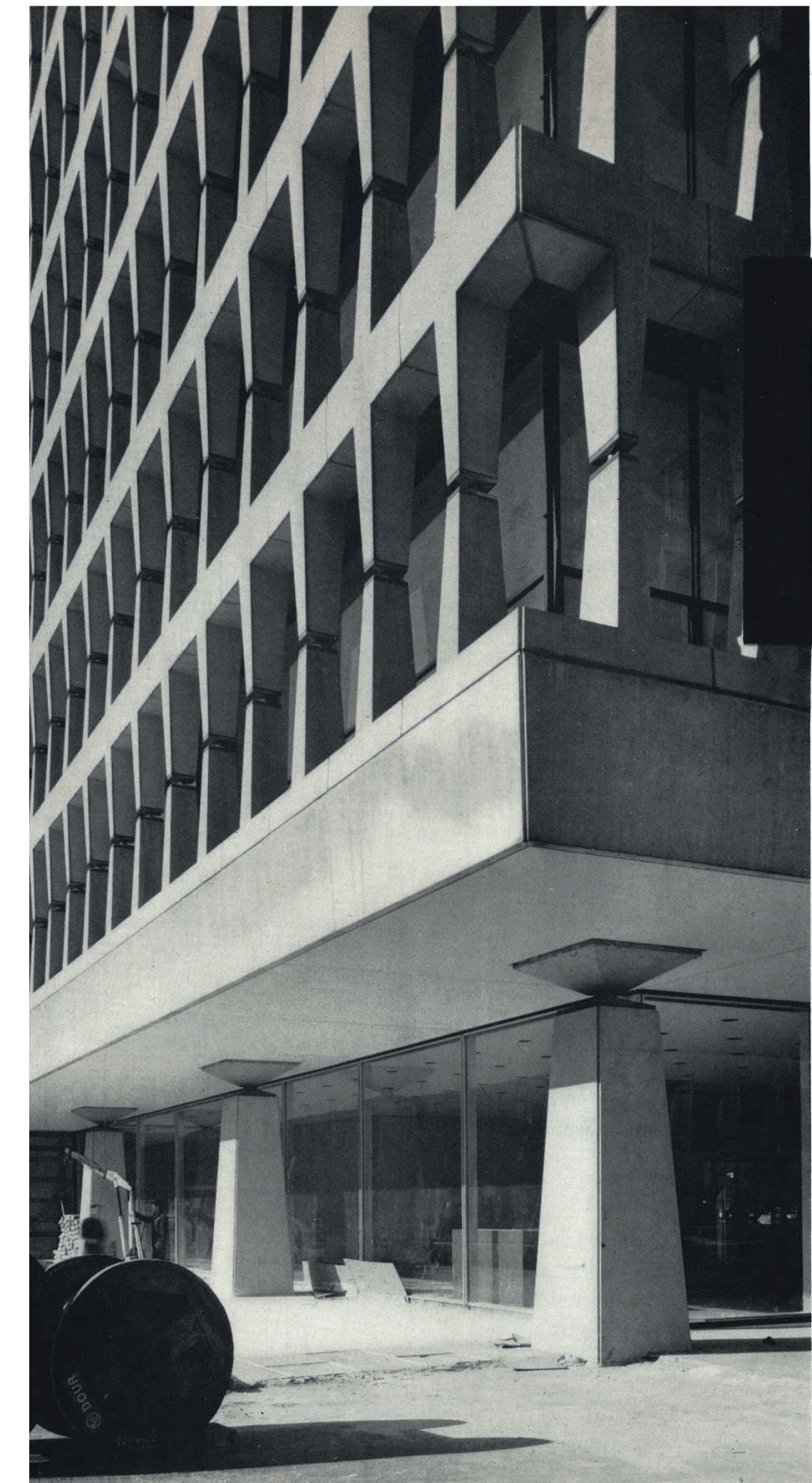
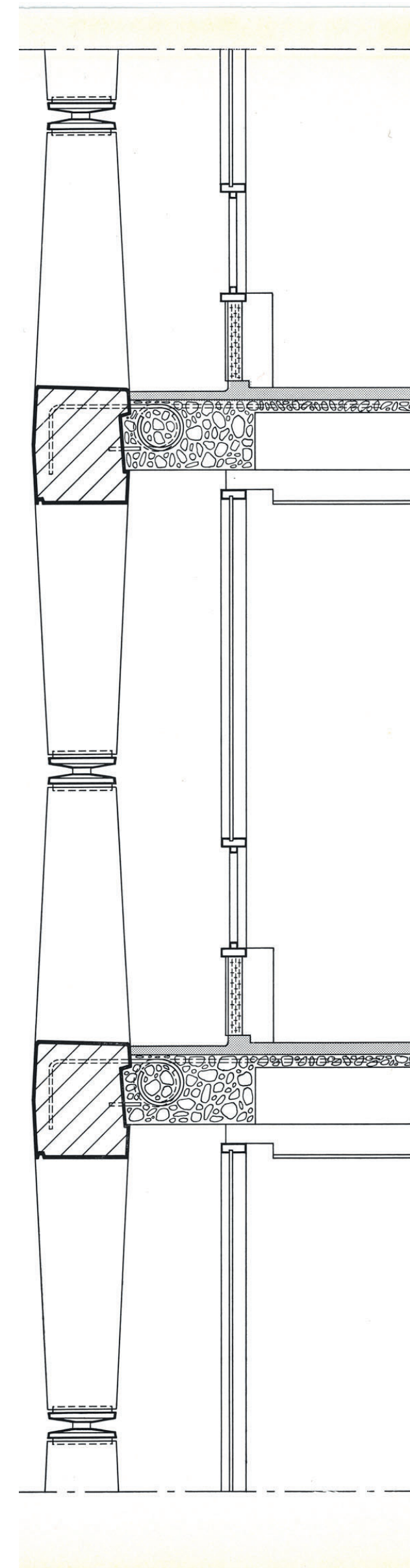
Frame-based elements - Police headquarters in The Hague



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Transition into loadbearing facades - Banque Lambert in Brussels



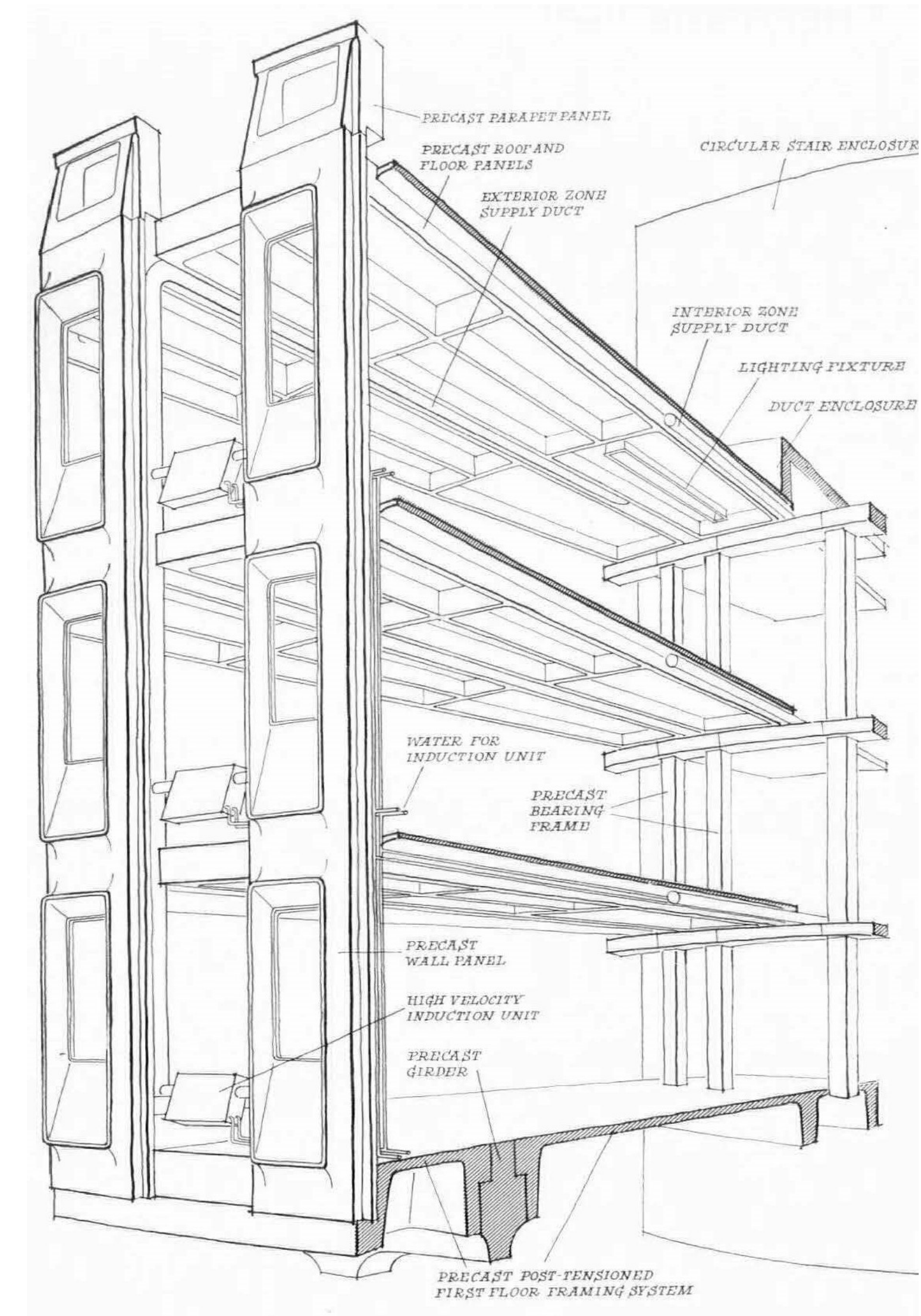
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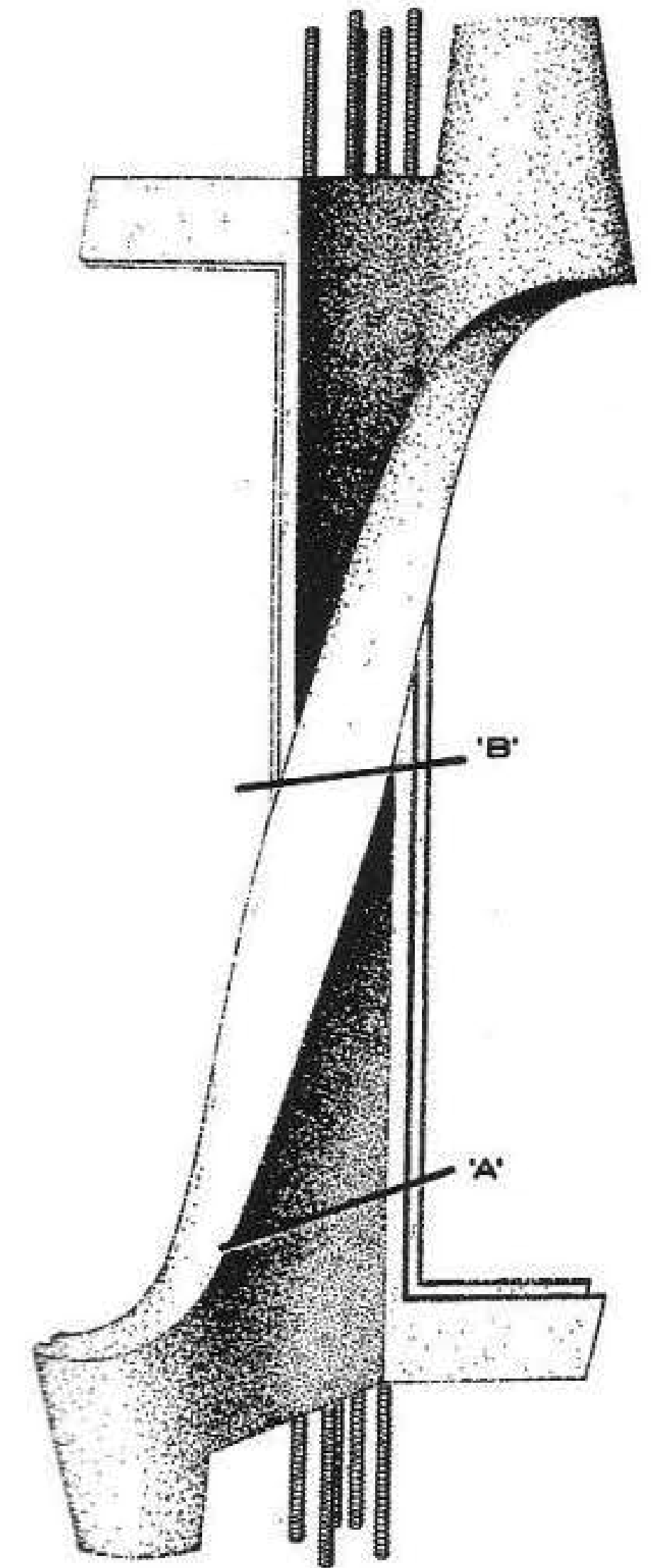
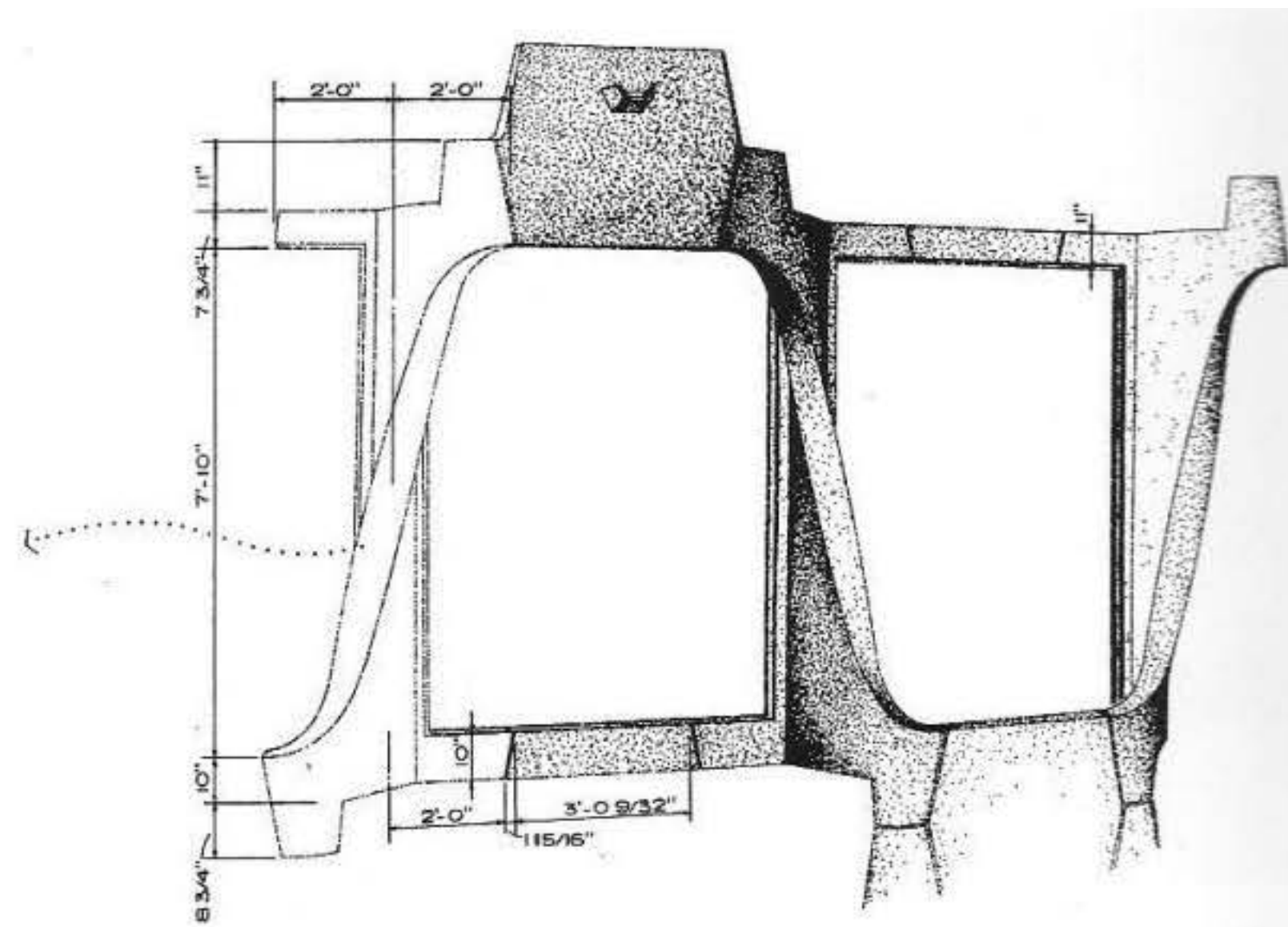
Transition into loadbearing facades - Philadelphia police headquarters



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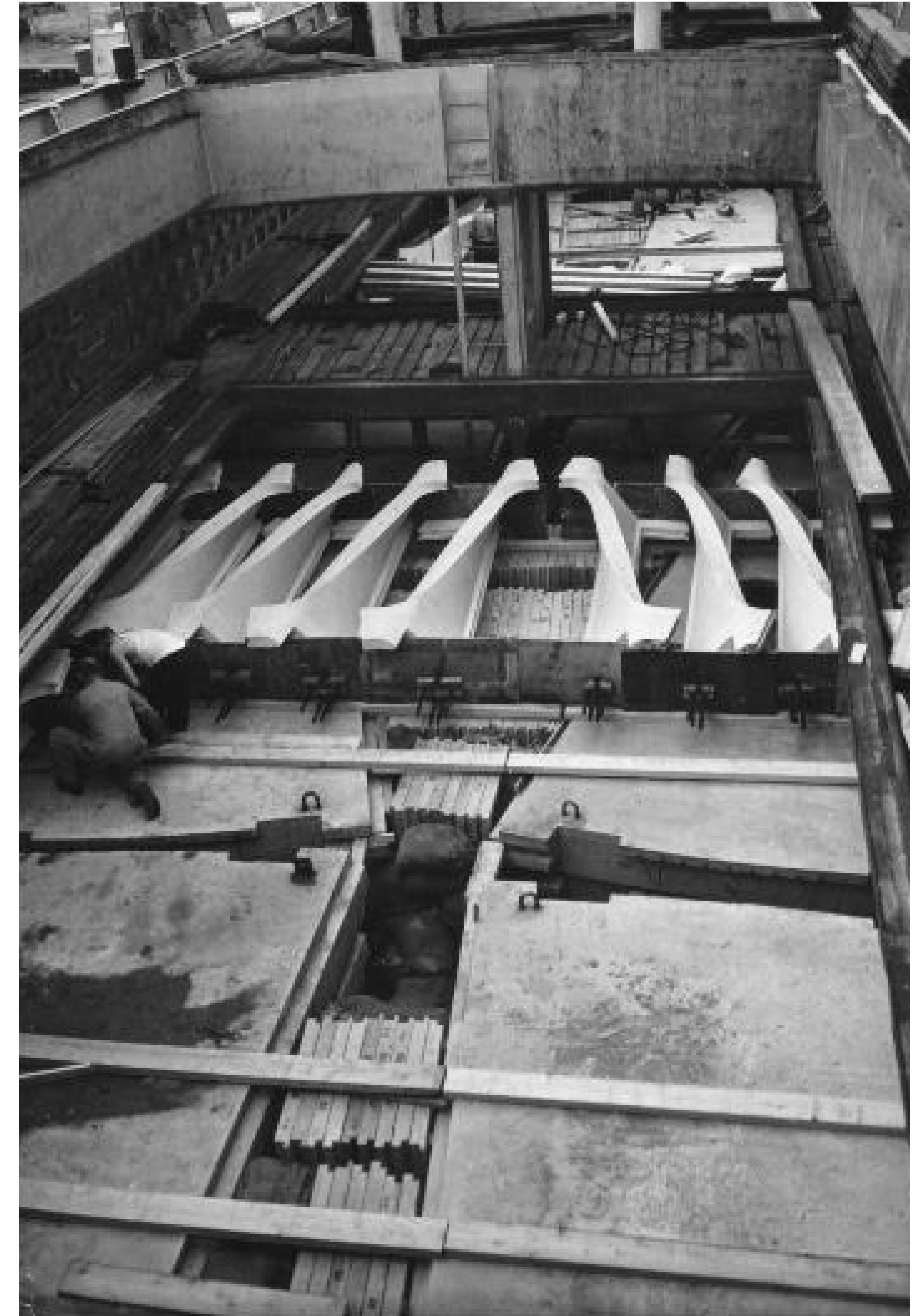
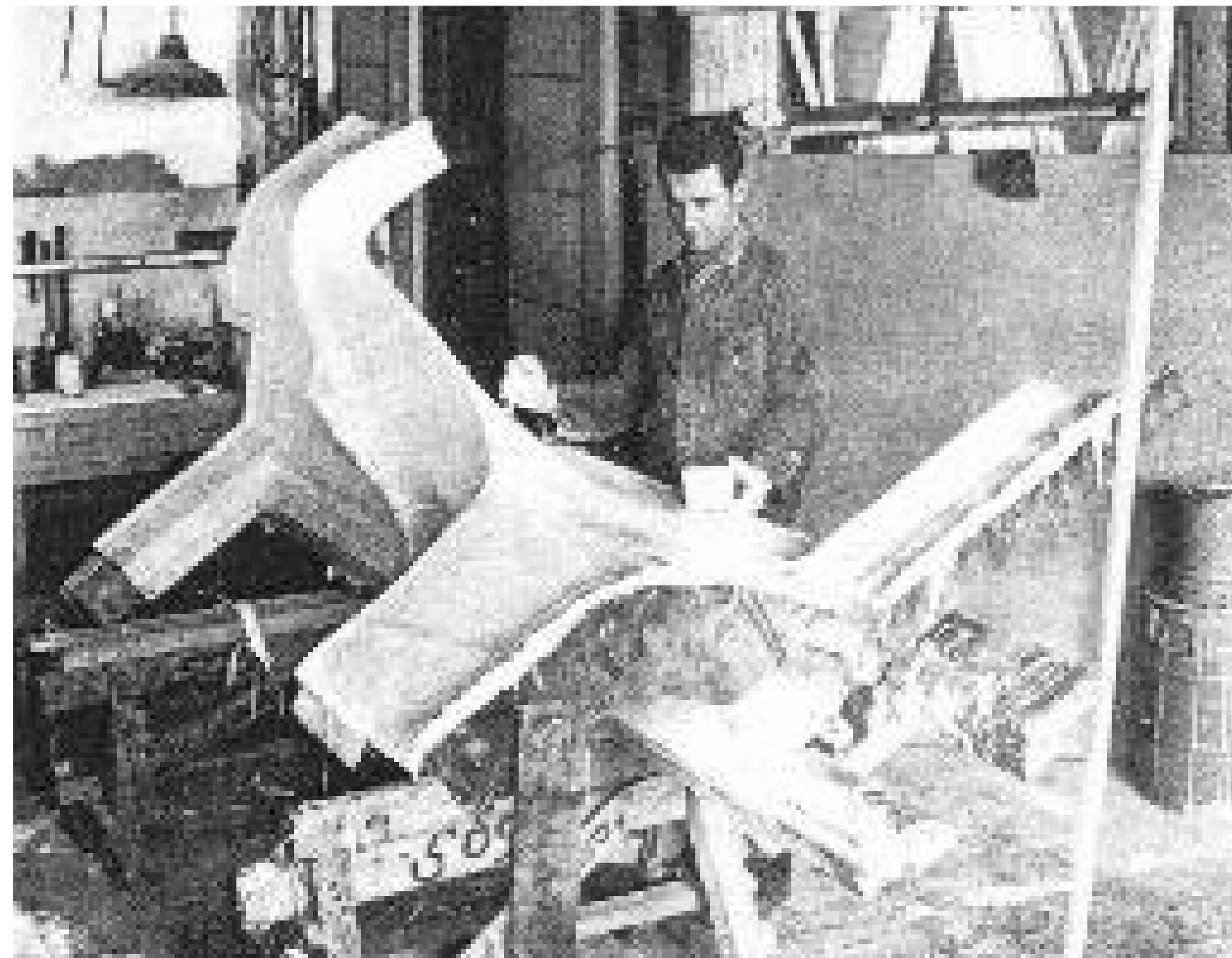
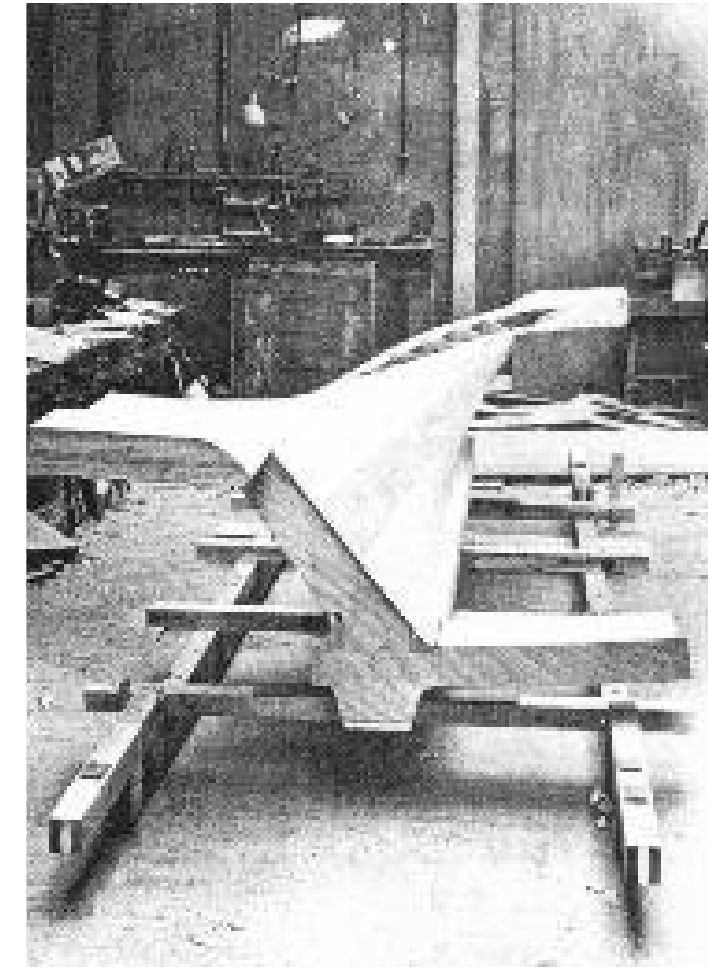
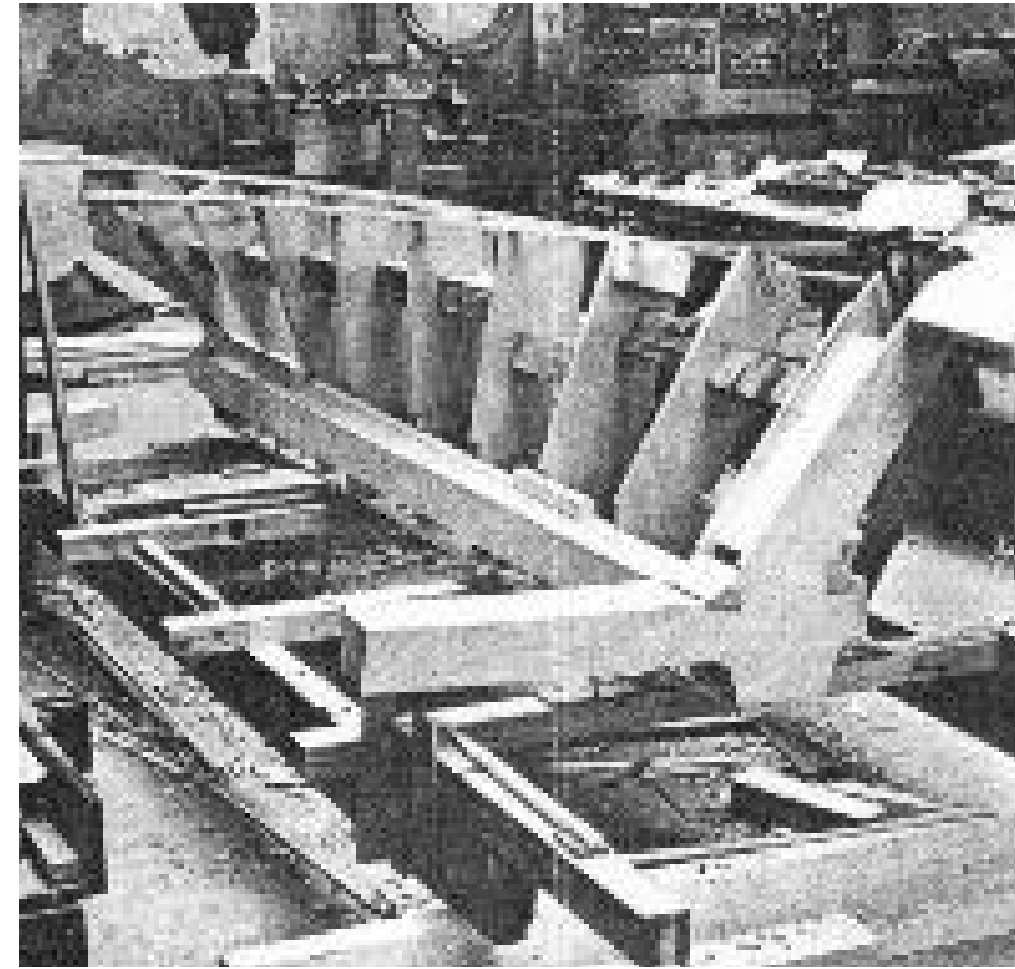
Transition into loadbearing facades - US Embassy in Dublin



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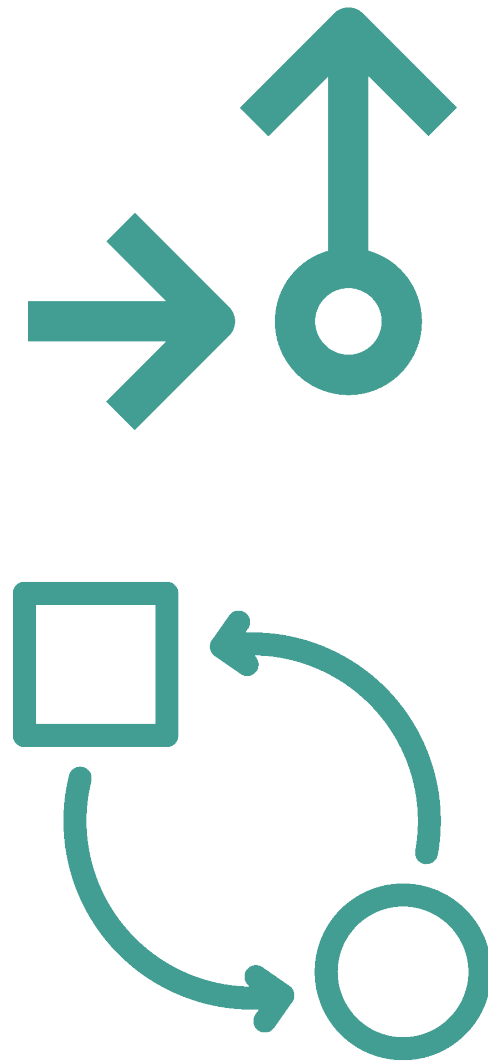
Glass-fiber molds - US Embassy in Dublin



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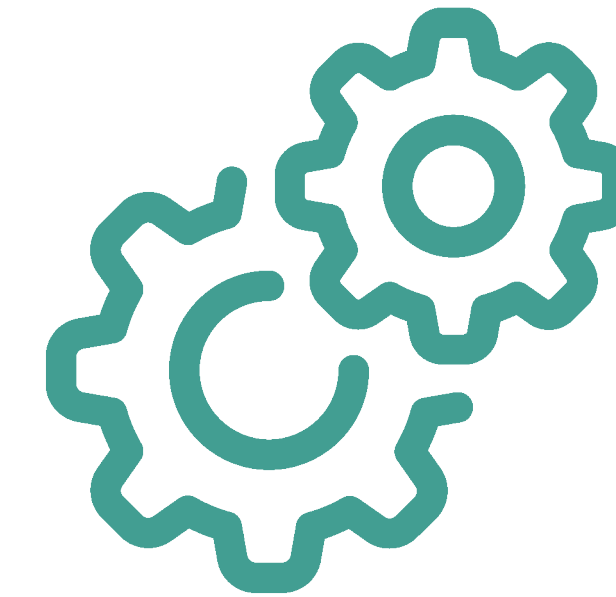
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Historic research conclusion



The concept of **transition** and **transformation** is symbolised in the Schokbeton facade

Case-study research conclusion

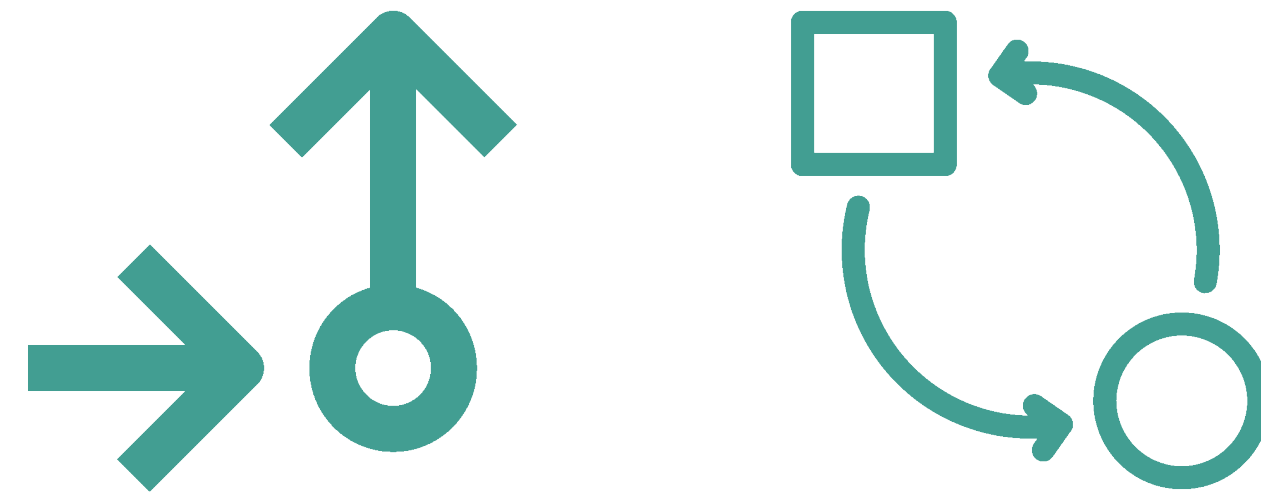


The precast concrete facade functioning as a loadbearing part of the structure symbolises its **technological** advancements

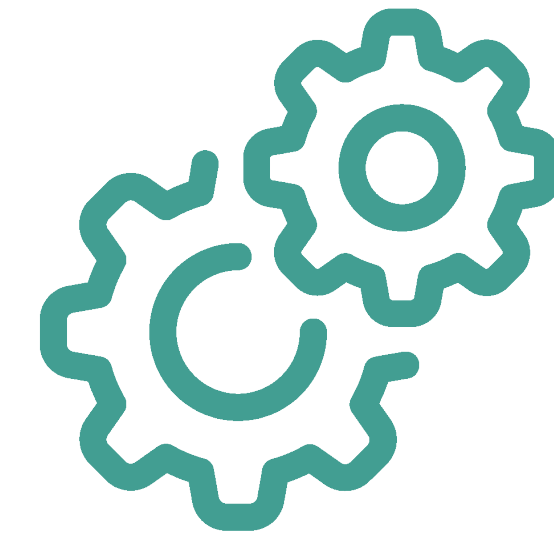
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Transition & Transformation



Technological advancement

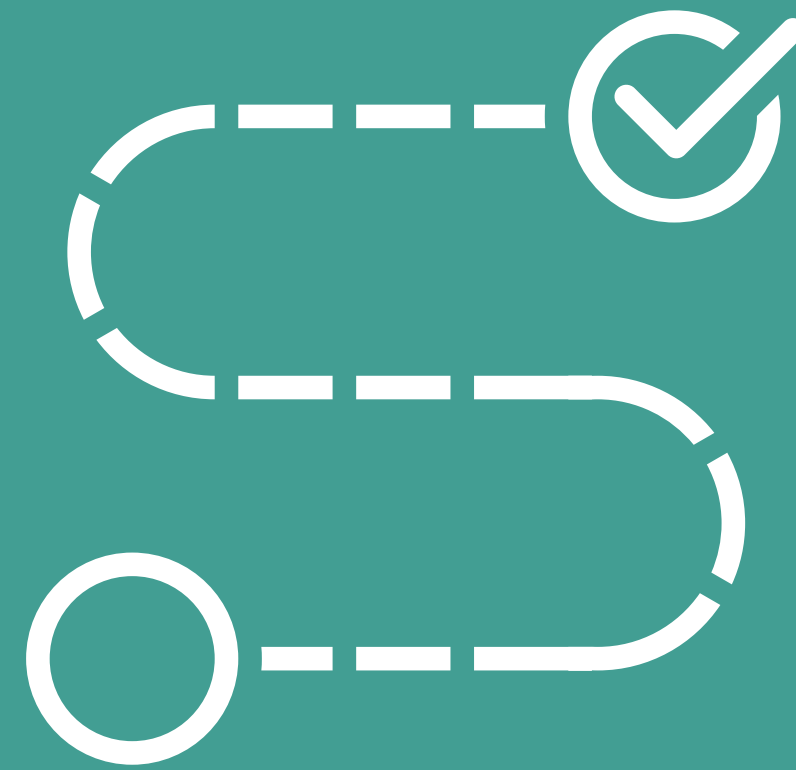


Scientific **Conceptual** Value

Scientific **Technological** Value



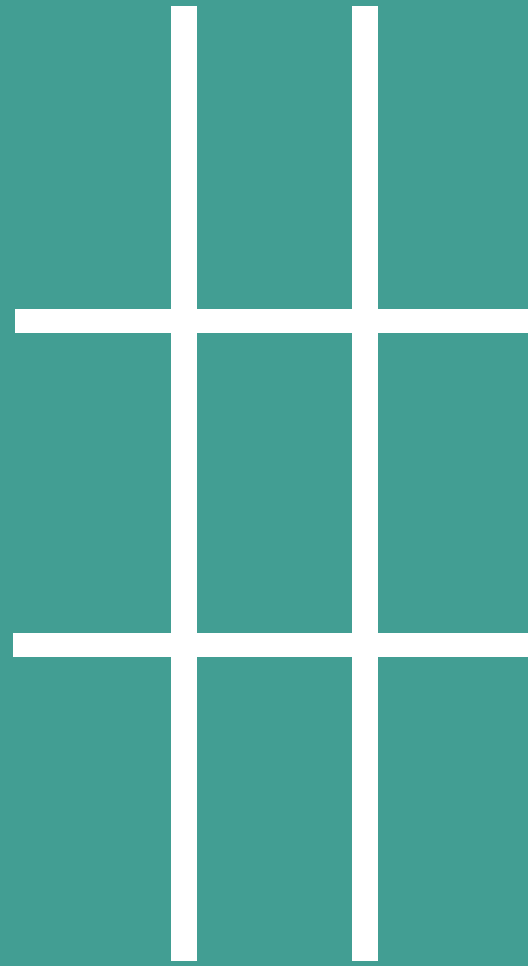
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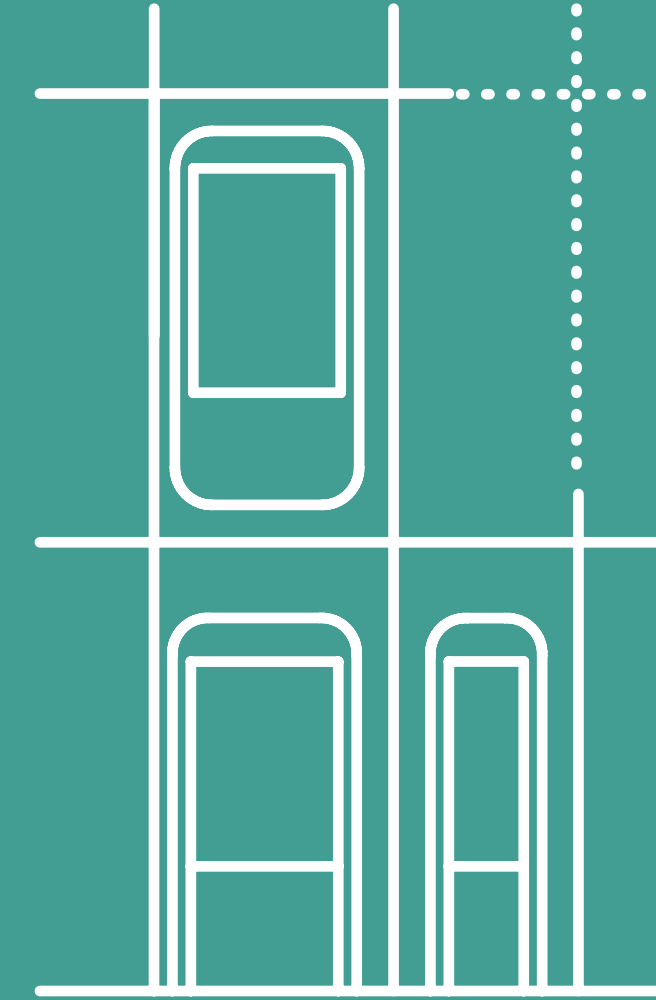
What to do?

THE APPROACH

- Starting points



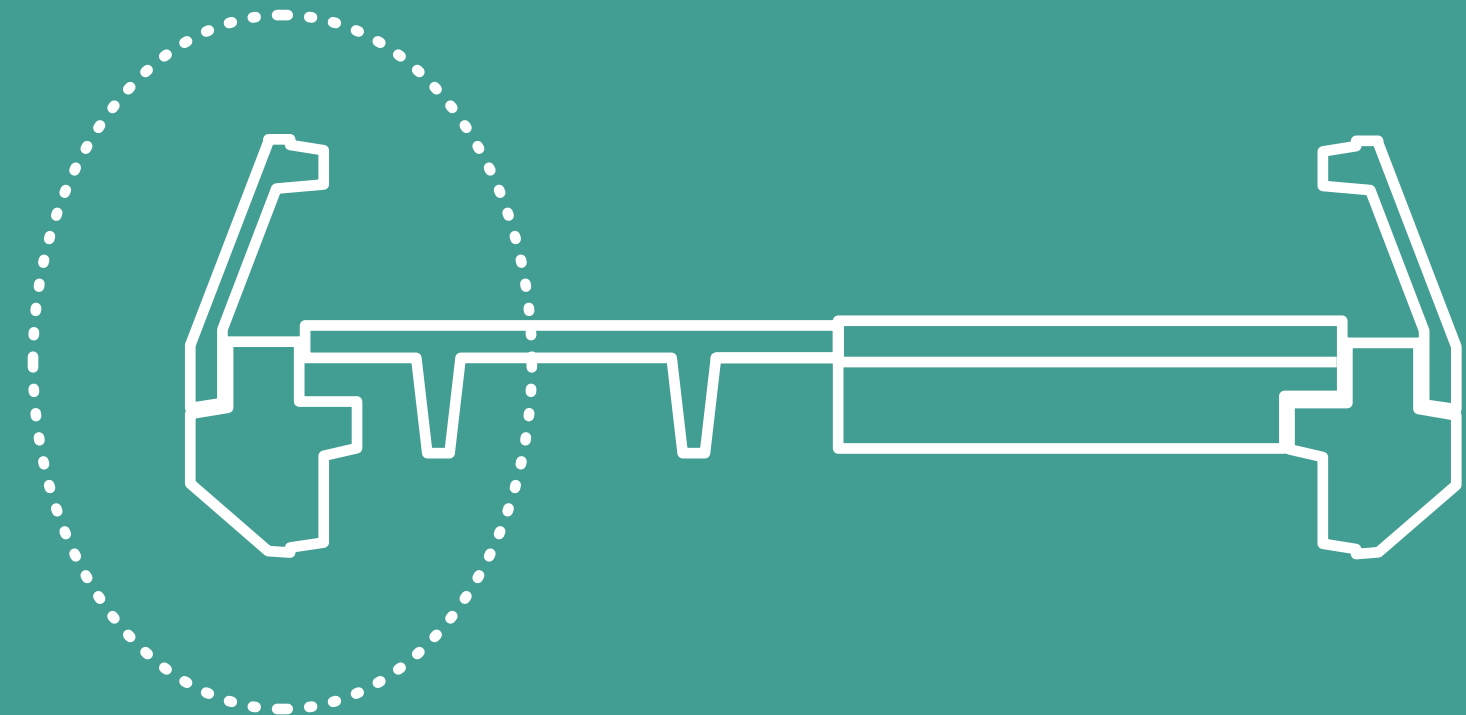
PRESERVE + EMPHASIZE THE
SCHOKBETON FACADE



ADJUST CHARACTER TO FUNCTION



CREATE A RELATION BETWEEN
1958 AND 1980 PART

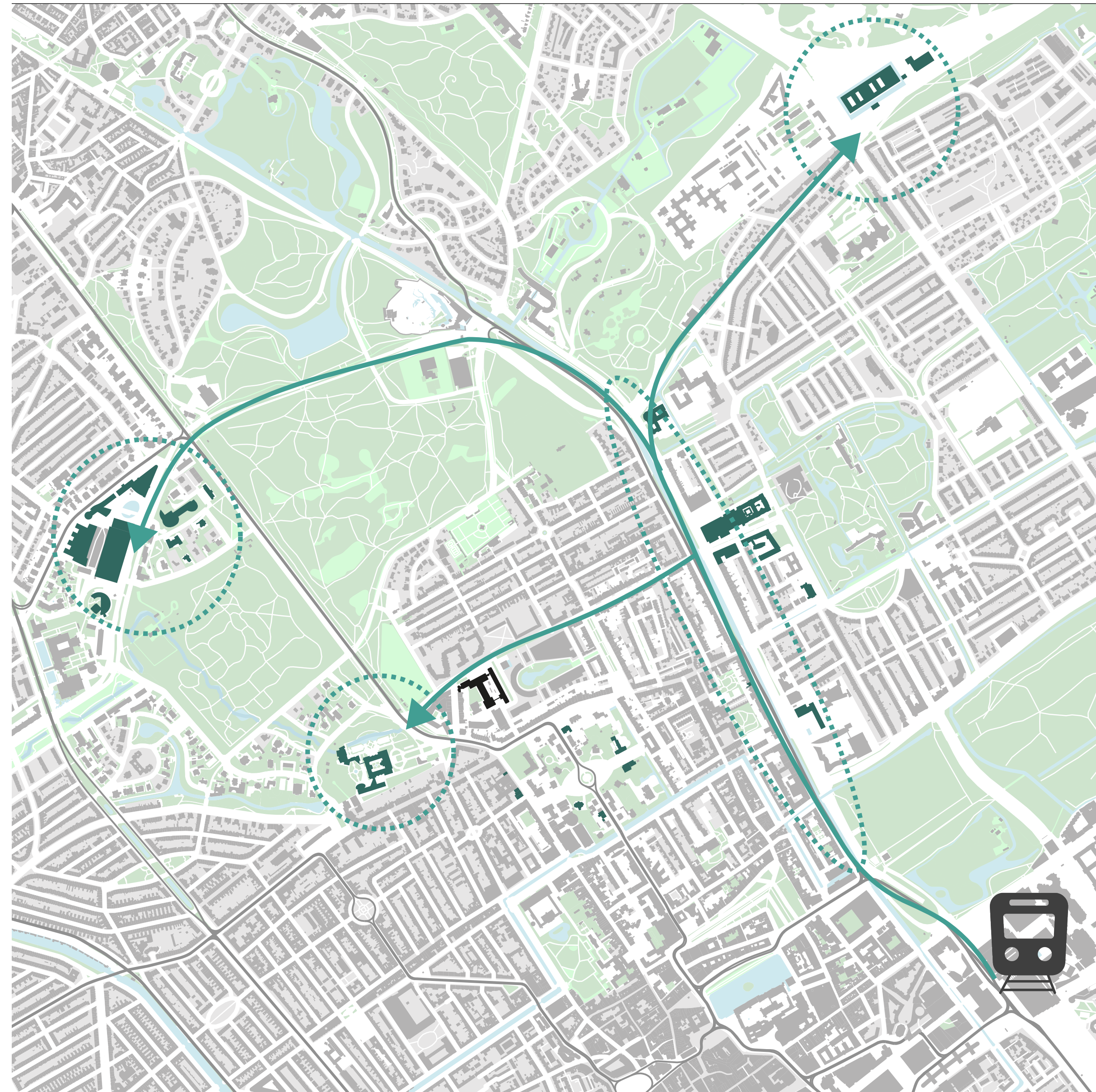


OPERATE ON NON-LOADBEARING PARTS

THE APPROACH

- Starting points
- Analysis

Analysis - future developments



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- Important network
- International organisation
- International Hub

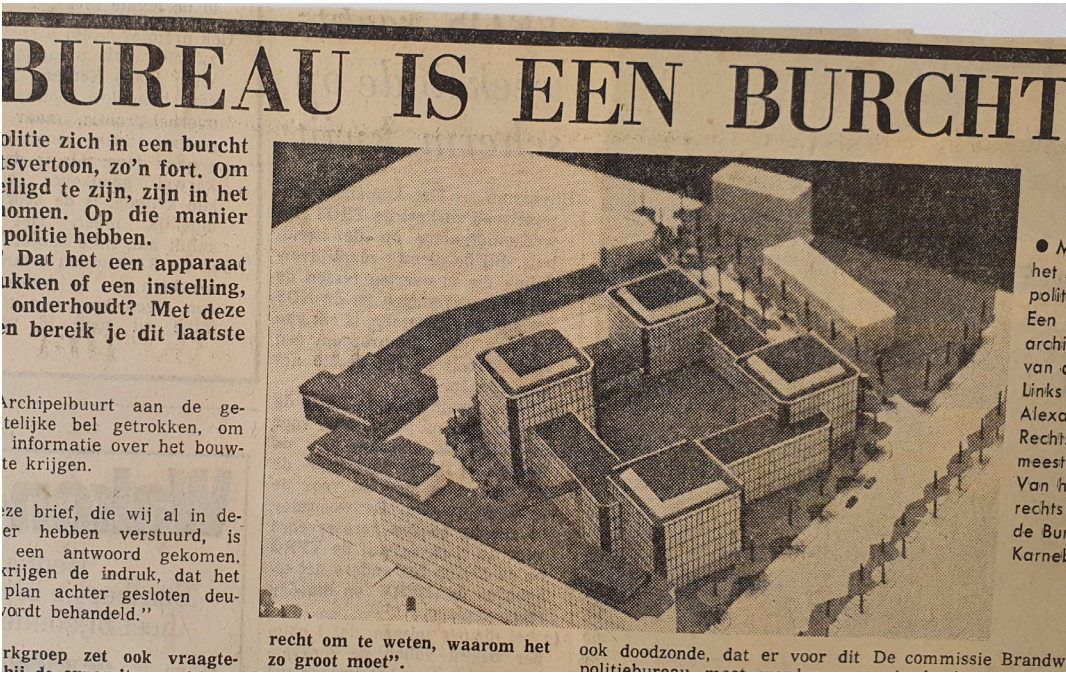
Based on information from Gebiedsvisie Internationale Zone

0 500m

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Analysis - neighbourhood blockade

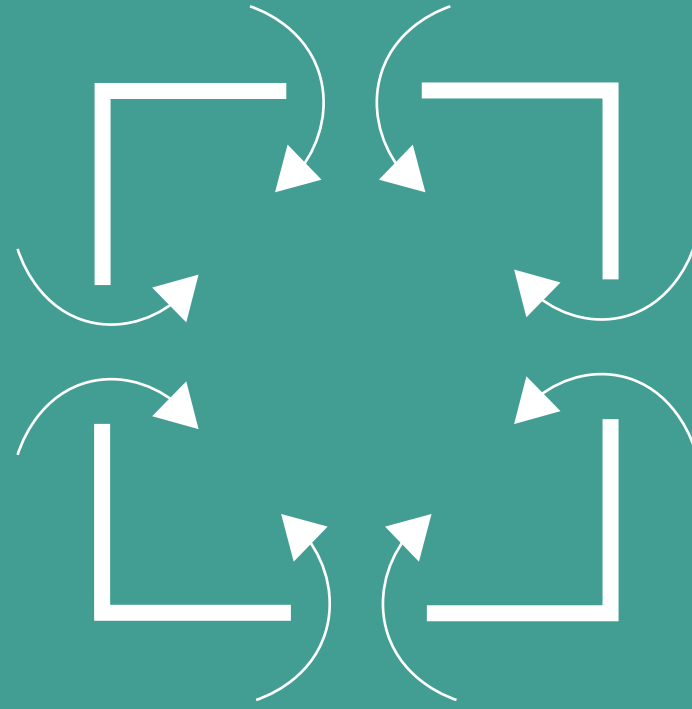


- Starting points
- **Analysis**

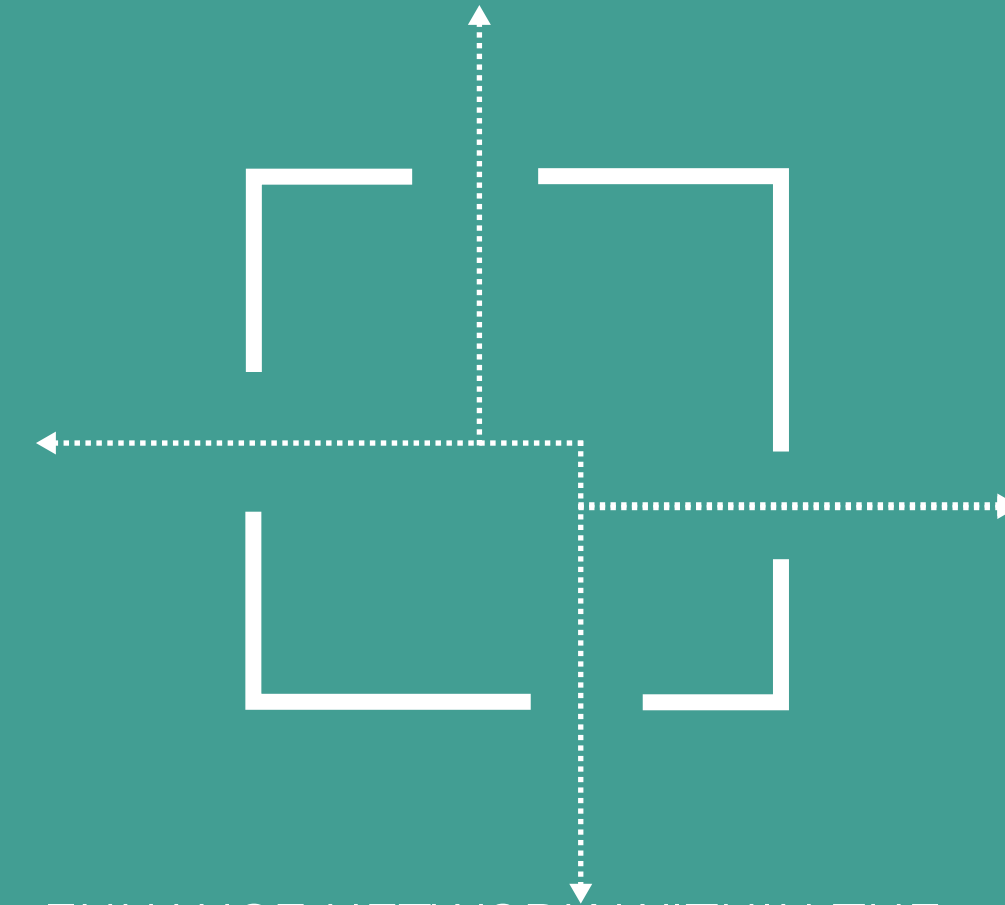
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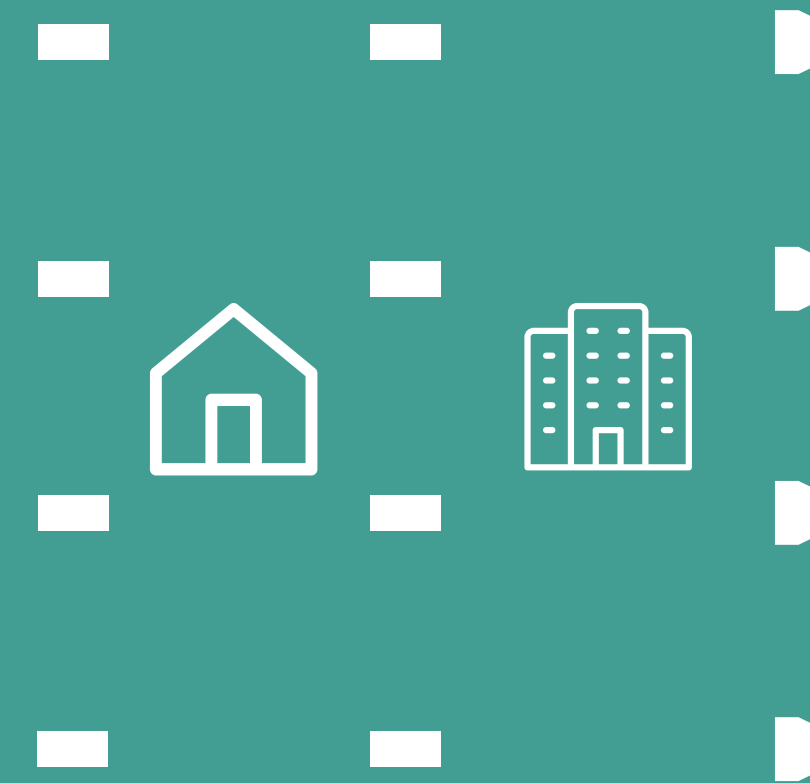
OPEN UP A CLOSED-OFF PART OF THE
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ENHANCE NETWORK WITHIN THE
NEIGHBOURHOOD



USE LEISURE TO ENHANCE BOTH
WORKING AND LIVING SPACE

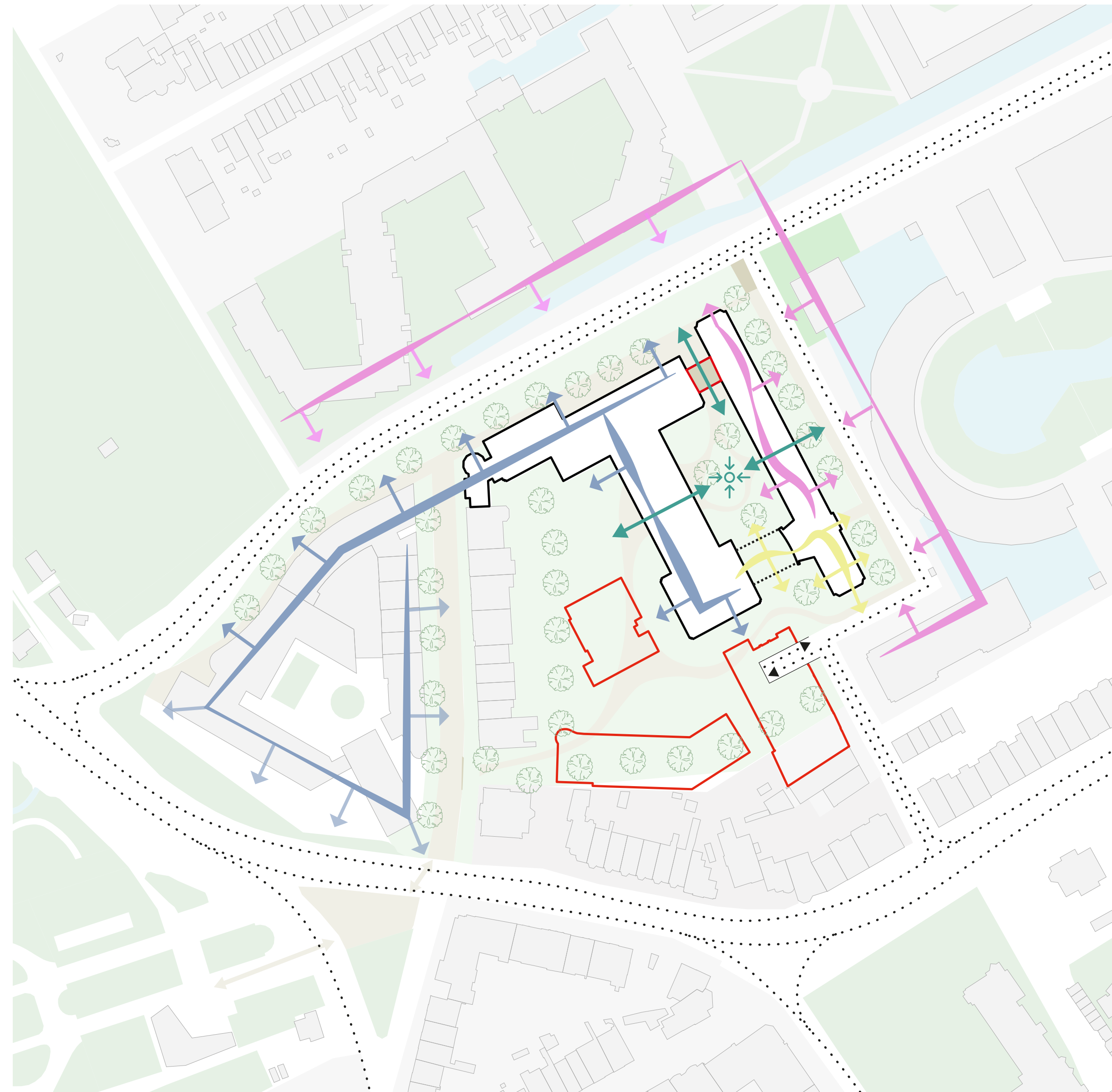


ASSIGN FUNCTION BASED ON
STRUCTURAL PLAN

THE APPROACH

- Starting points
- Analysis
- Starting points
- **Vision map**

Vision - a neighbourhood within a neighbourhood



Combining the Archipel on a smaller scale to:

- soften up border between neighbourhood and office hub, giving back this part of the Archipel which was once taken away by the police
- create a mix of functions, where all users can benefit from.

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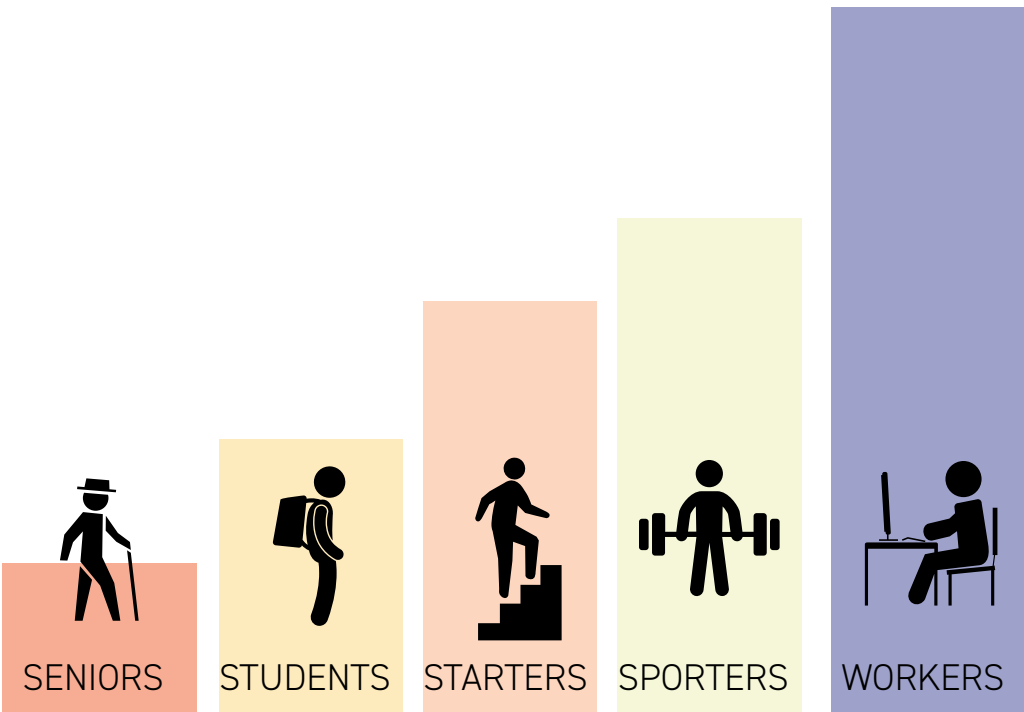
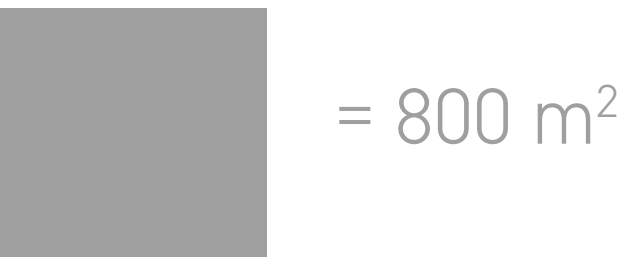
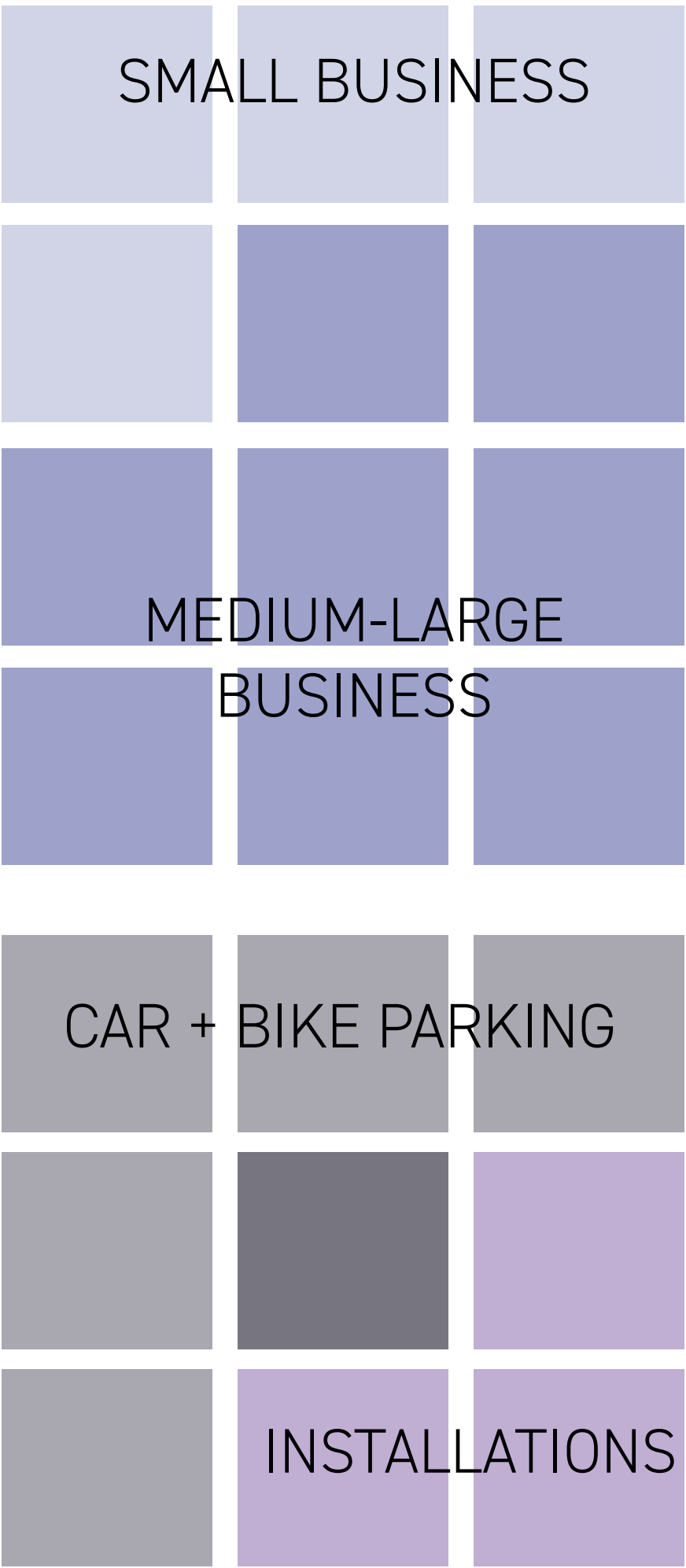
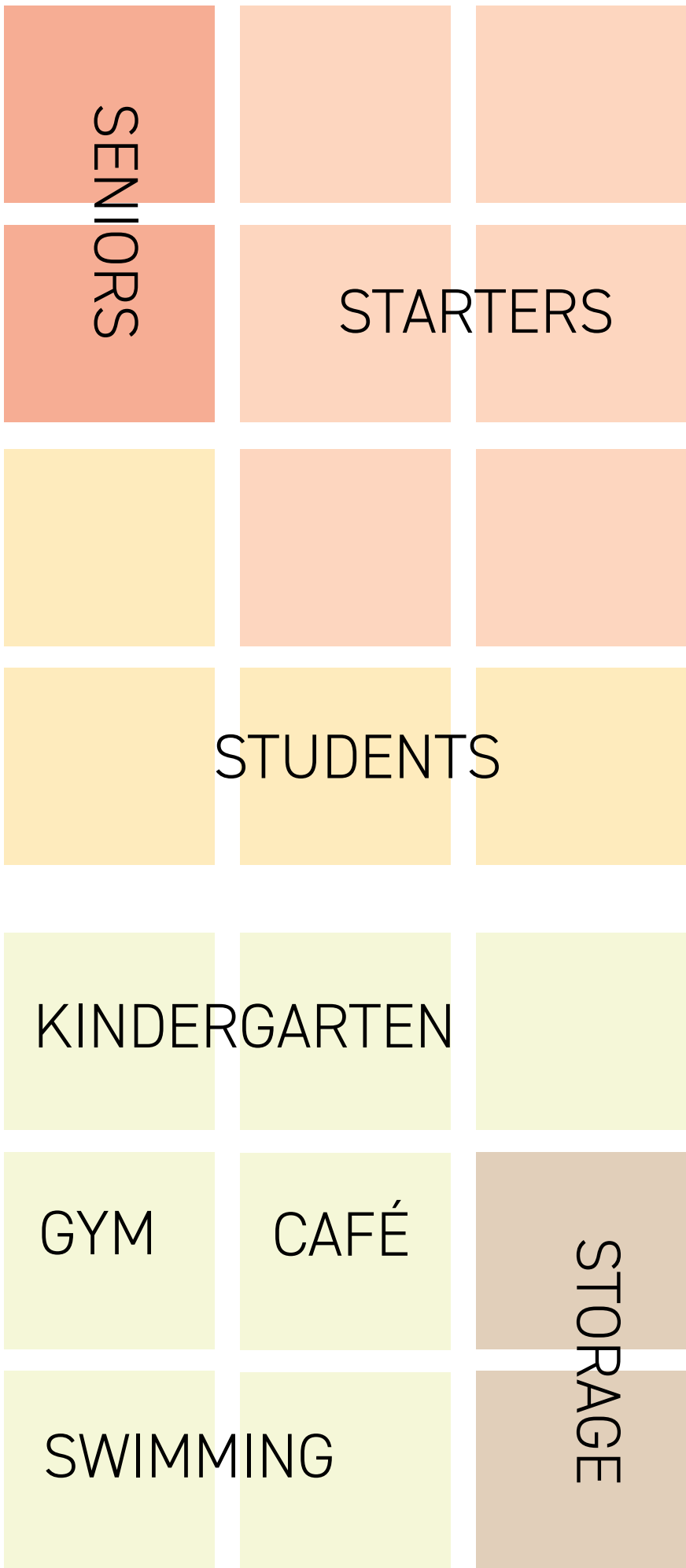
- Demolished
- Connection
- Housing
- Leisure
- Offices

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THE APPROACH

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- Vision map
- **Program**

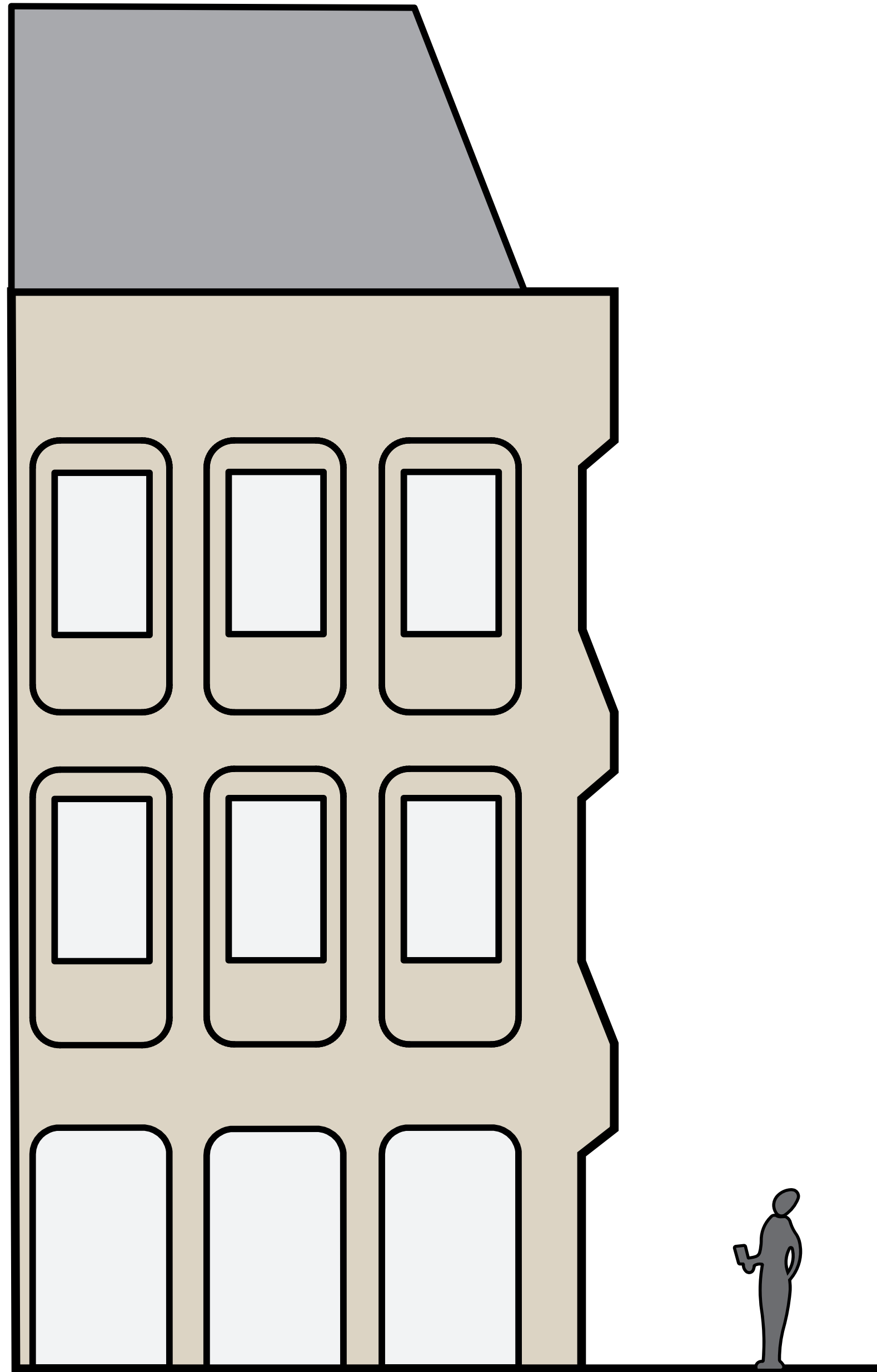
Program - distribution



The Design



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The facade of the 1980 extension resembles a castle

Analysis

The **defender** protects the most valuable parts with the most care

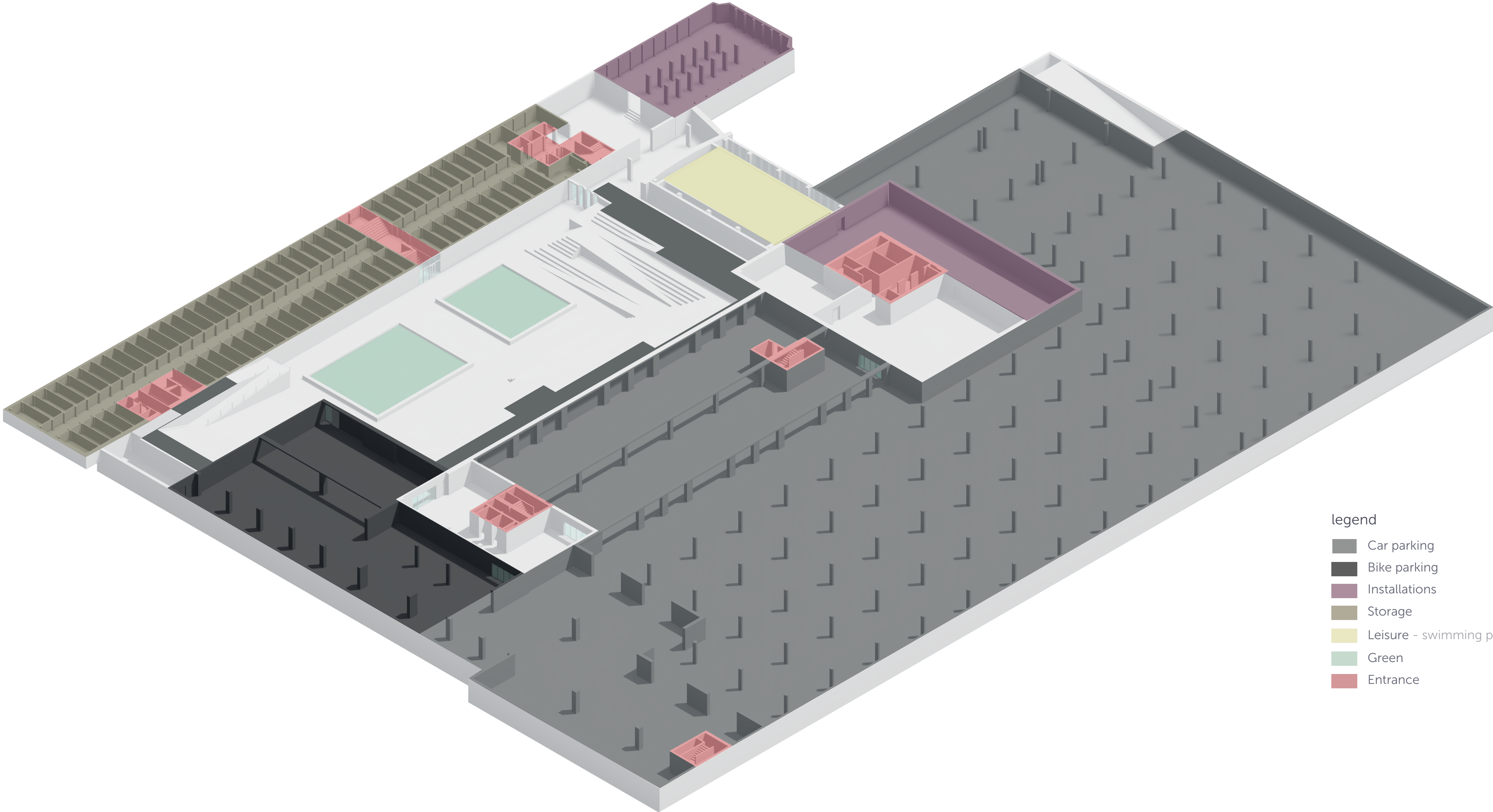
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The **attacker** requires a solid strategy

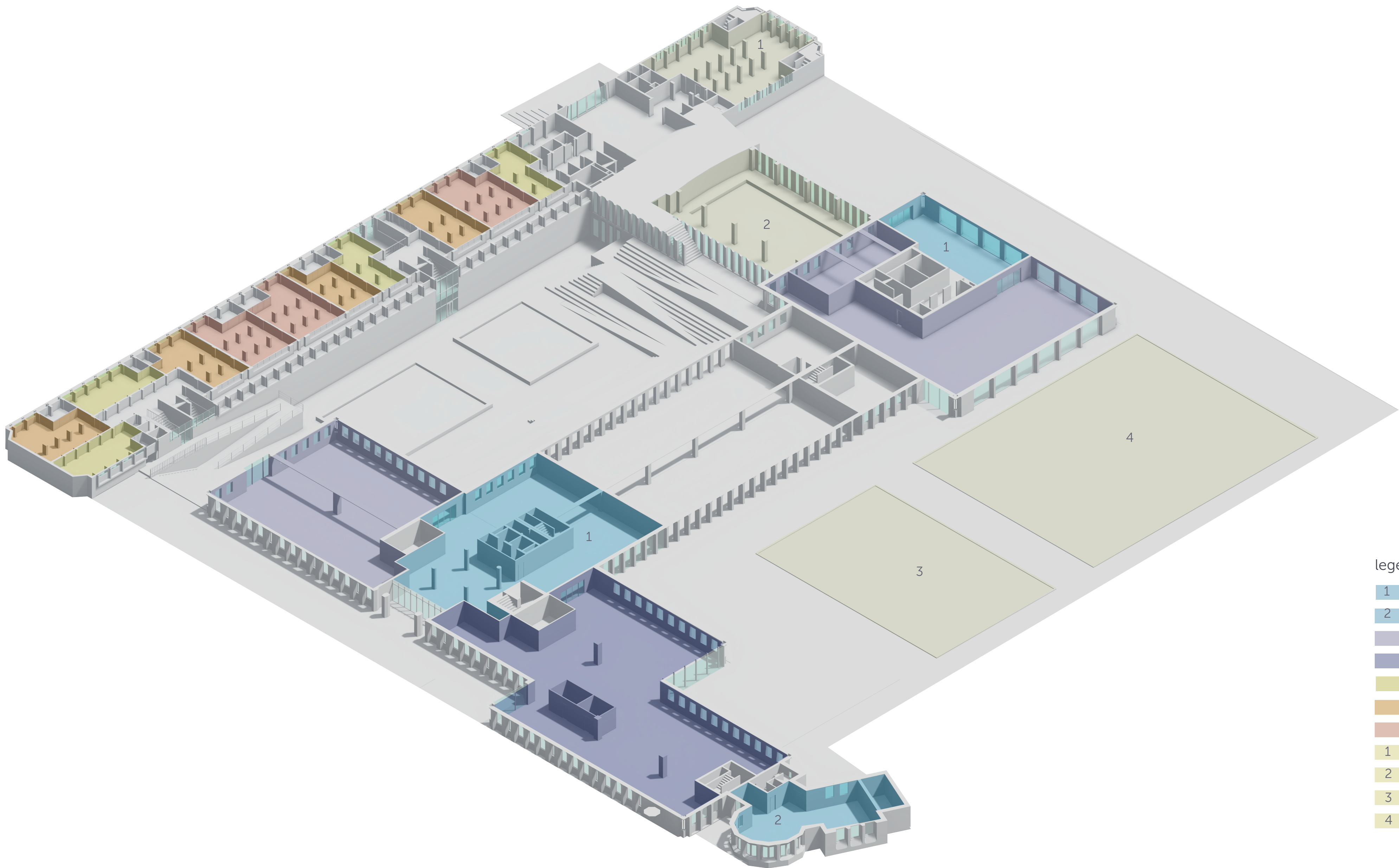
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A breached castle wall has a different **expression**



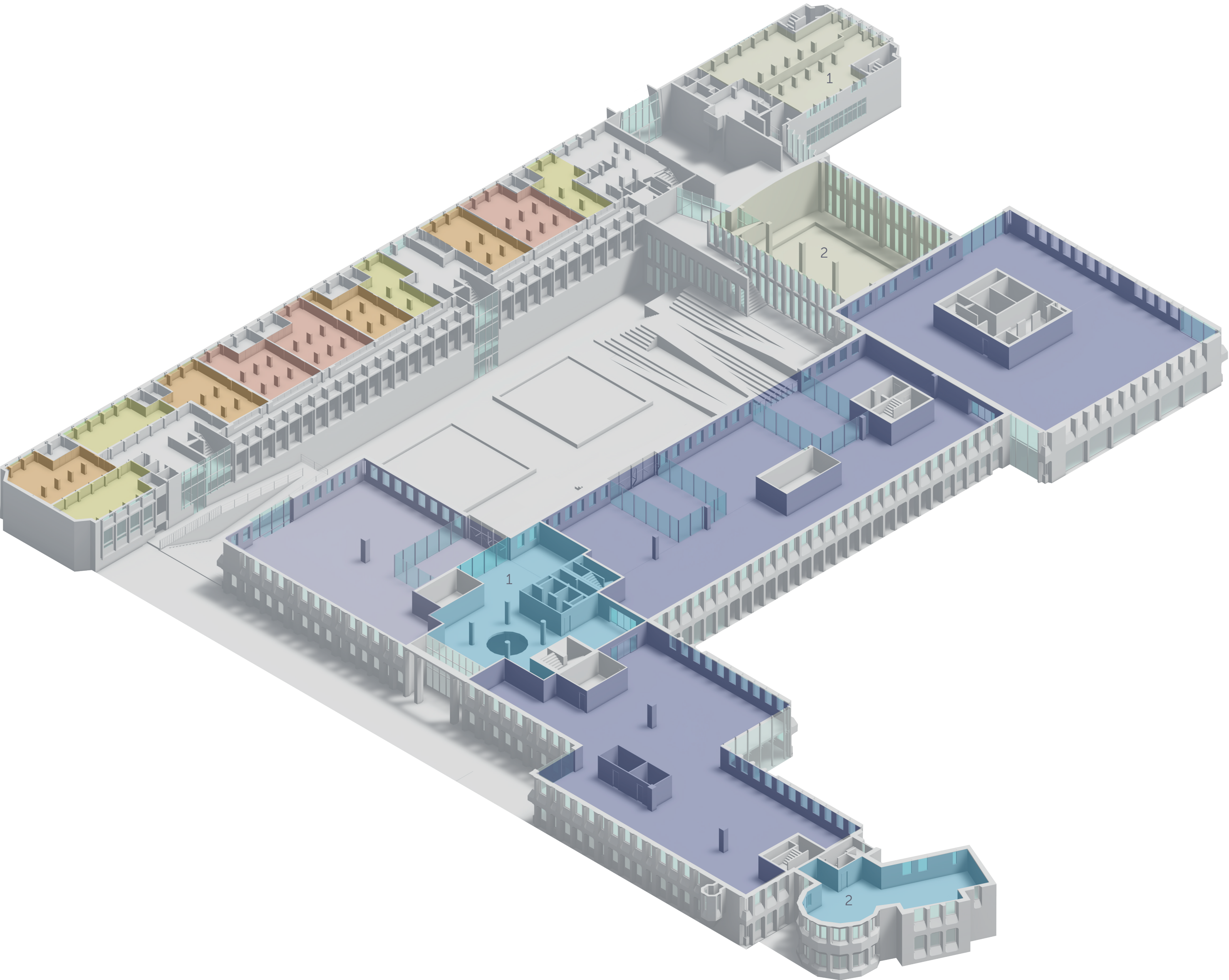


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- Car parking
 - Bike parking
 - Installations
 - Storage
 - Leisure - swimming pool
 - Green
 - Entrance

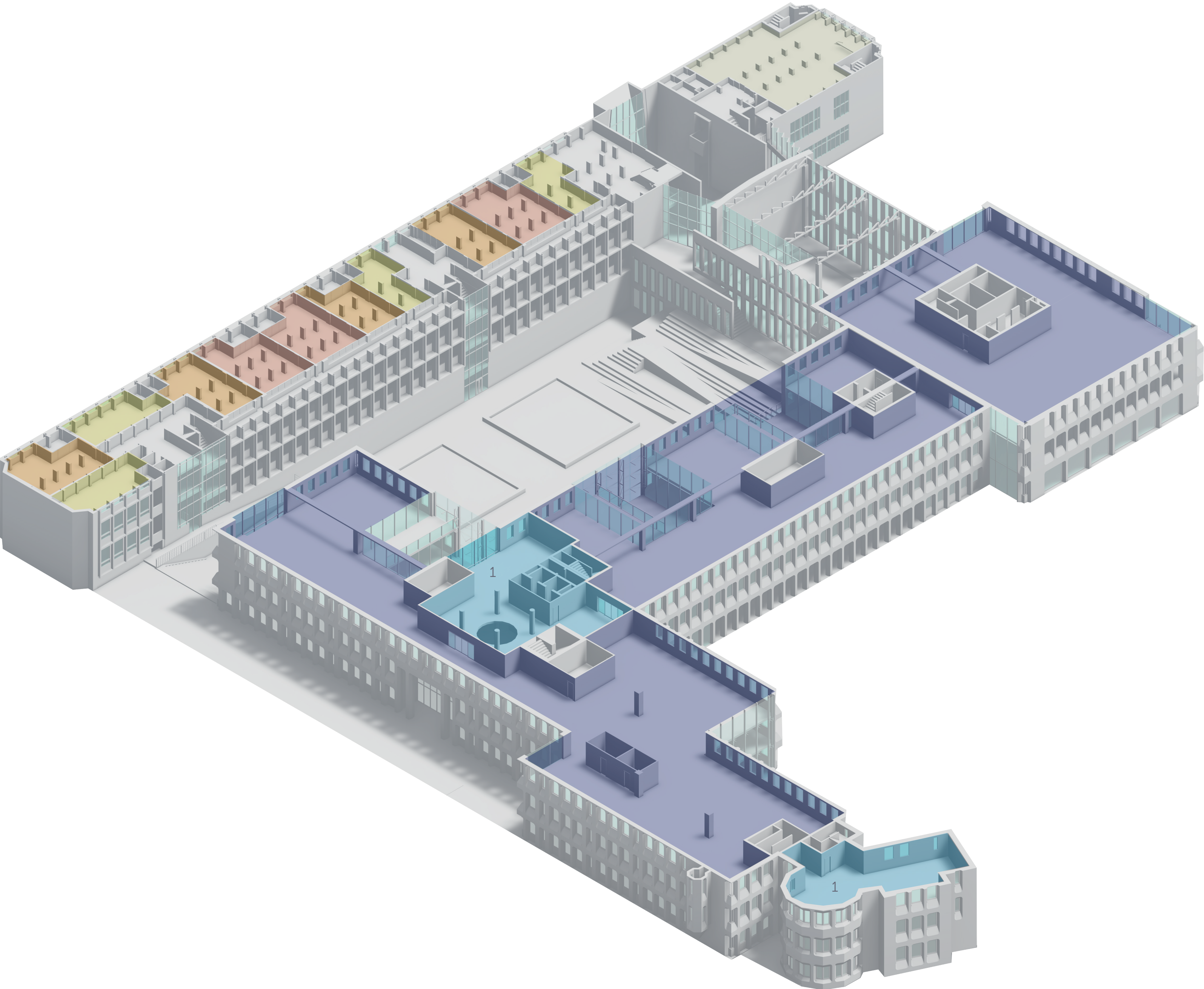


legend

- 1 Lobby
- 2 Conference room
- Small office
- Large office
- Students - 50 m2
- Starters - 75 m2
- Seniors - 100 m2
- 1 Leisure - Kindergarten
- 2 Leisure - swimming pool
- 3 Leisure - playground
- 4 Leisure - football field

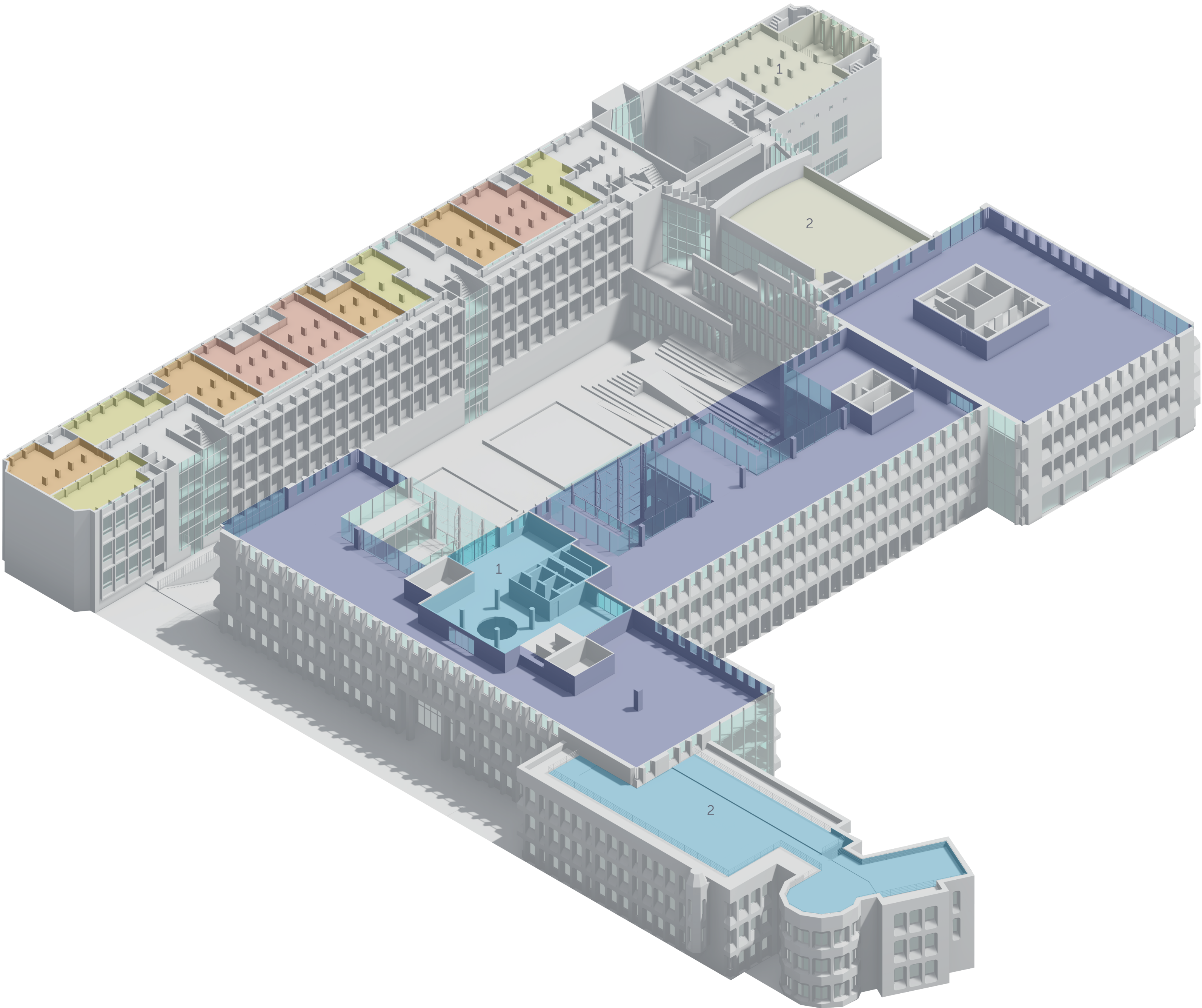


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 - 1 Leisure - locker room
 - 2 Leisure - swimming pool



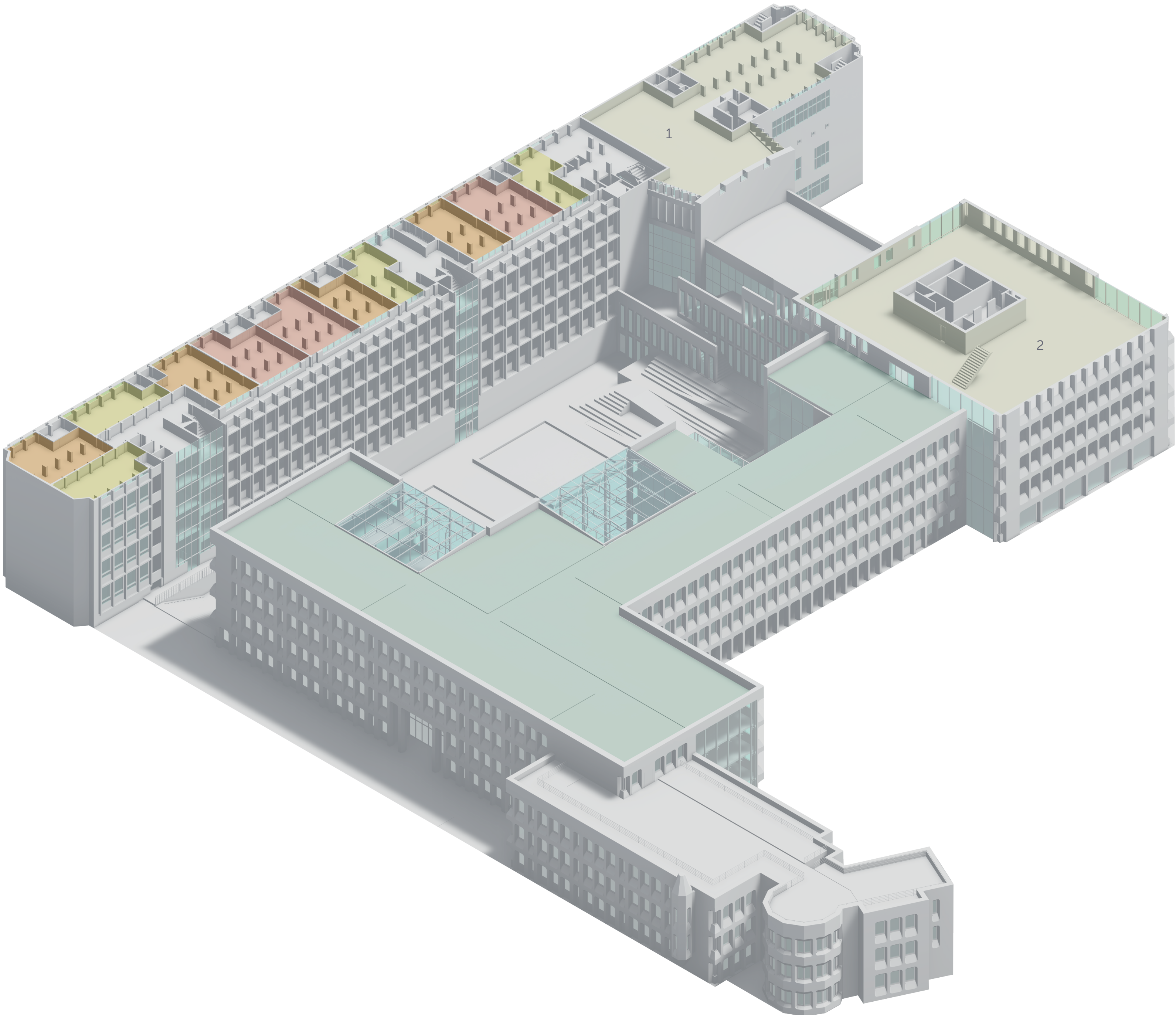
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- Leisure - fitness



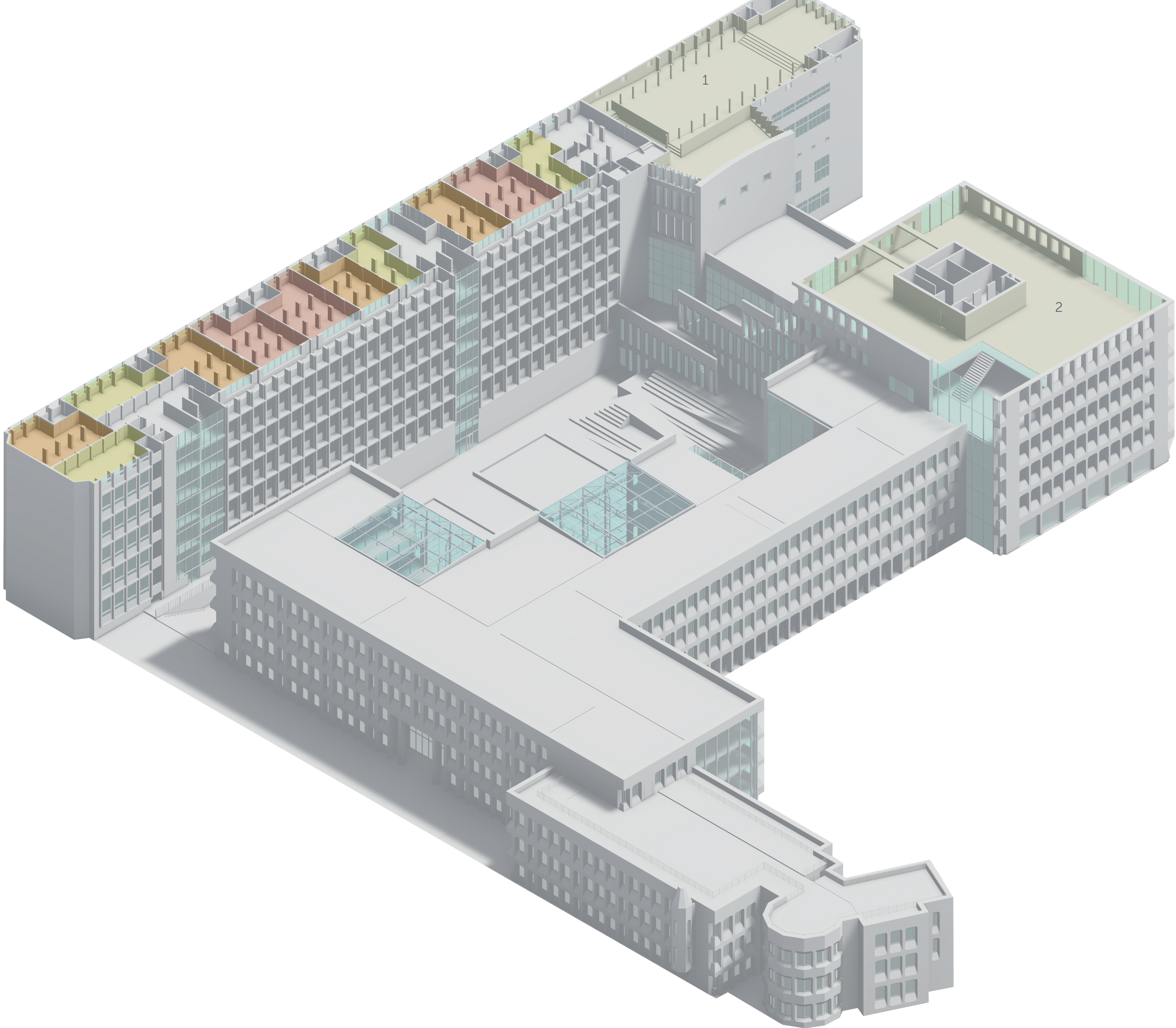
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- 1 Lobby
- 2 Office roof terrace
- Large office
- Students - 50 m2
- Starters - 75 m2
- Seniors - 100 m2
- 1 Leisure - fitness
- 2 Leisure - terrace



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- Rooftop farm
- Students - 50 m2
- Starters - 75 m2
- Seniors - 100 m2
- 1 Leisure - fitness
- 2 Leisure - café

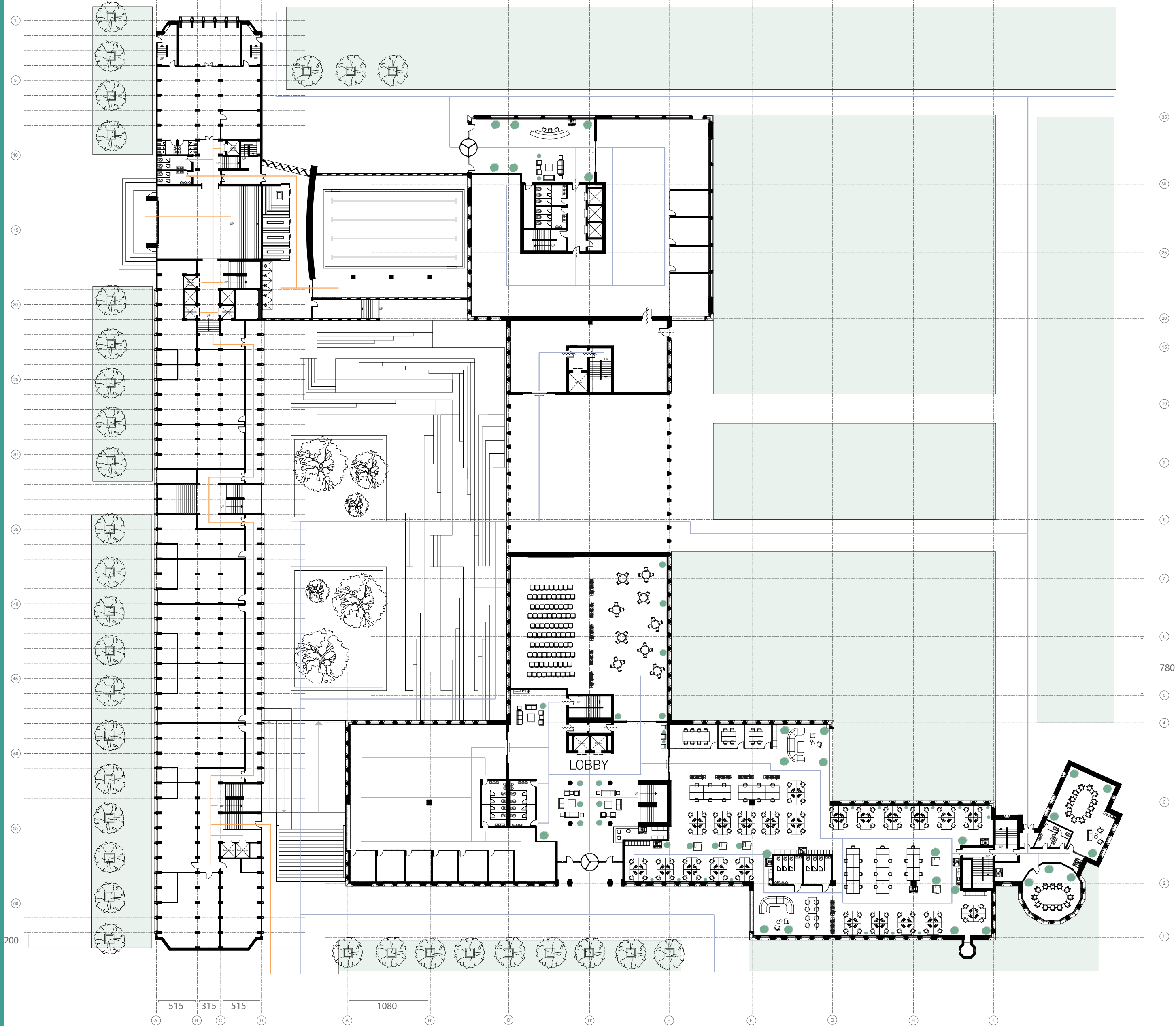


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- Students - 50 m2
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- 1 Leisure - Dance school
- 2 Leisure - café

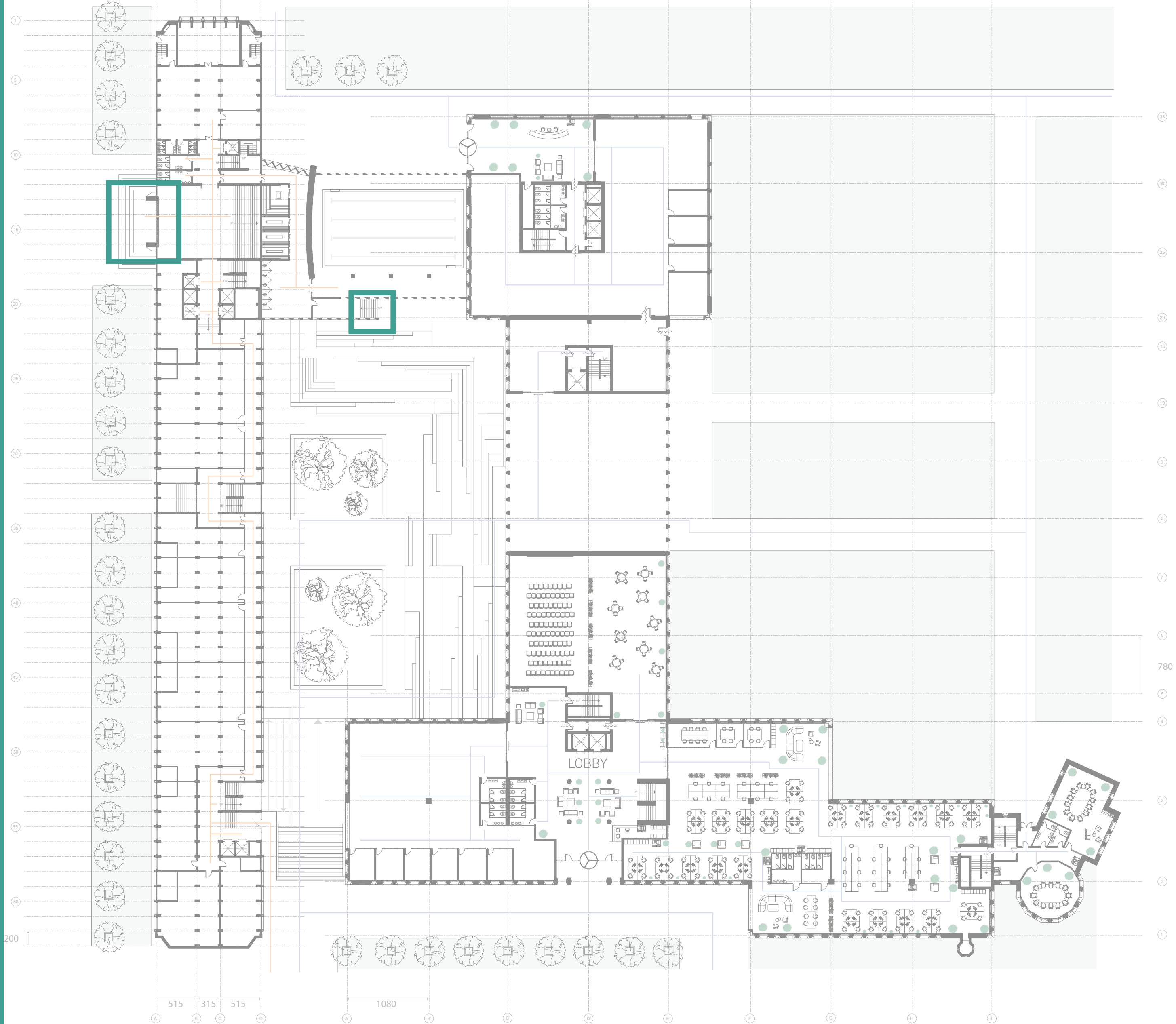
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- Floorplan ground level



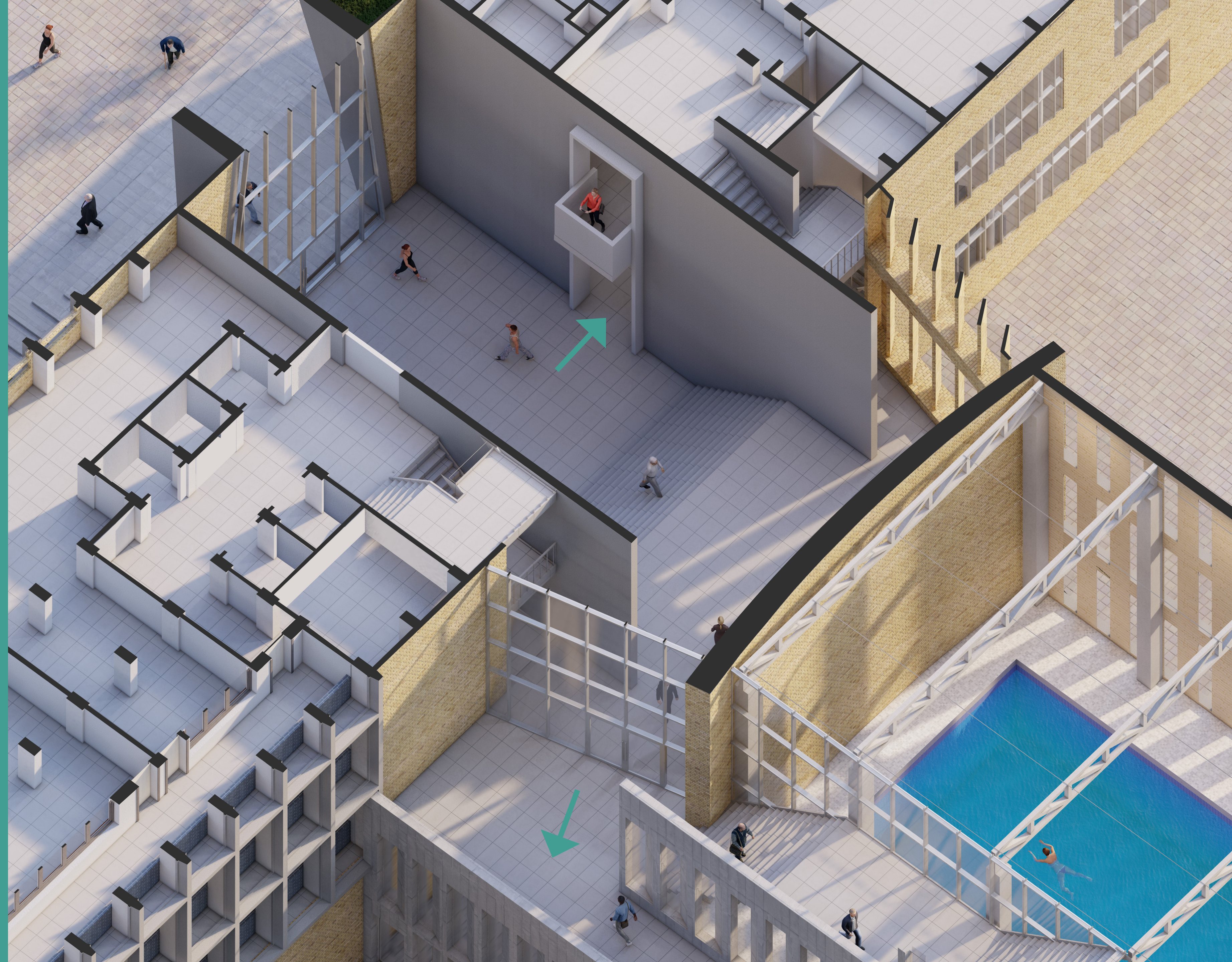
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- Access leisure



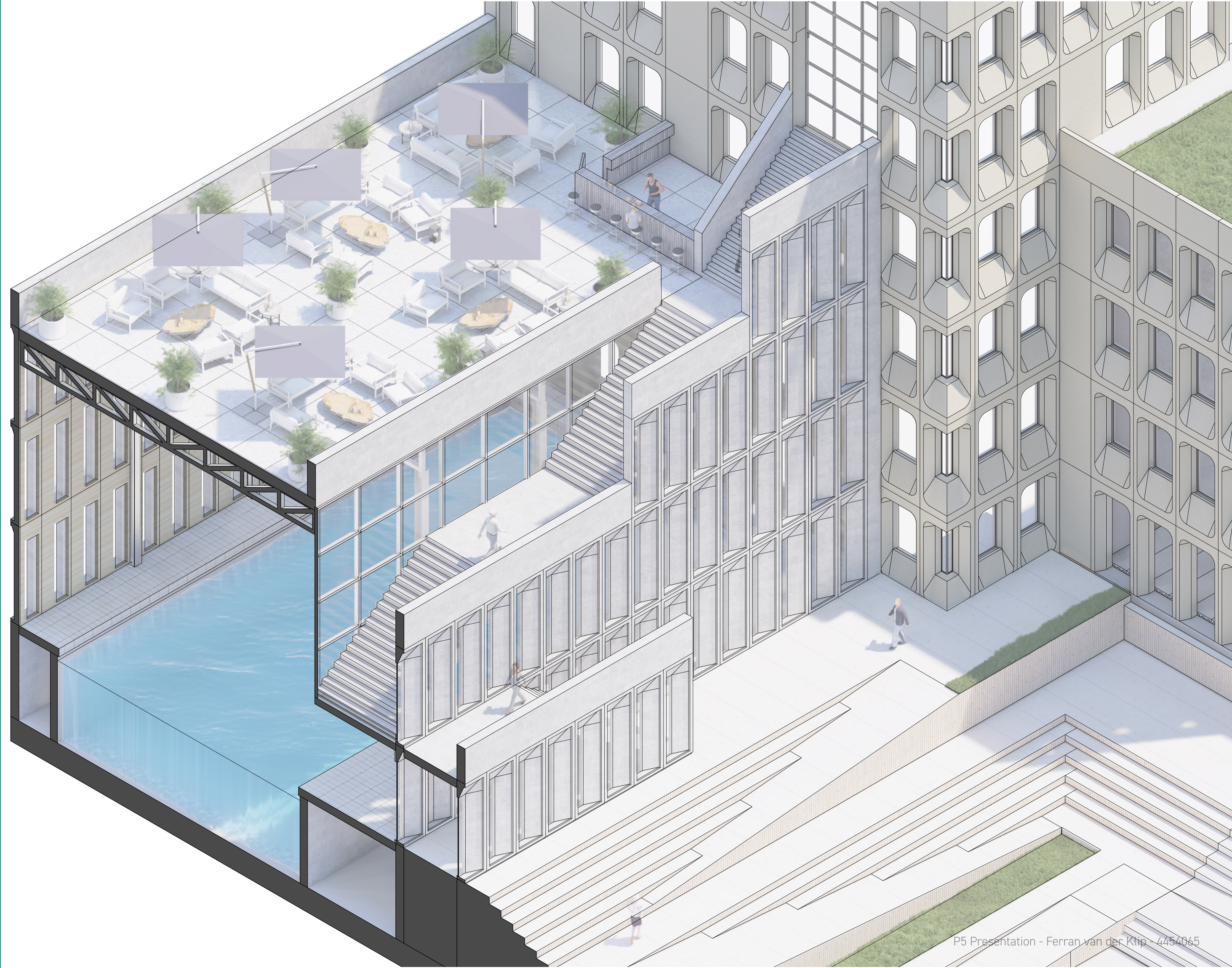
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- Swimming pool - overview



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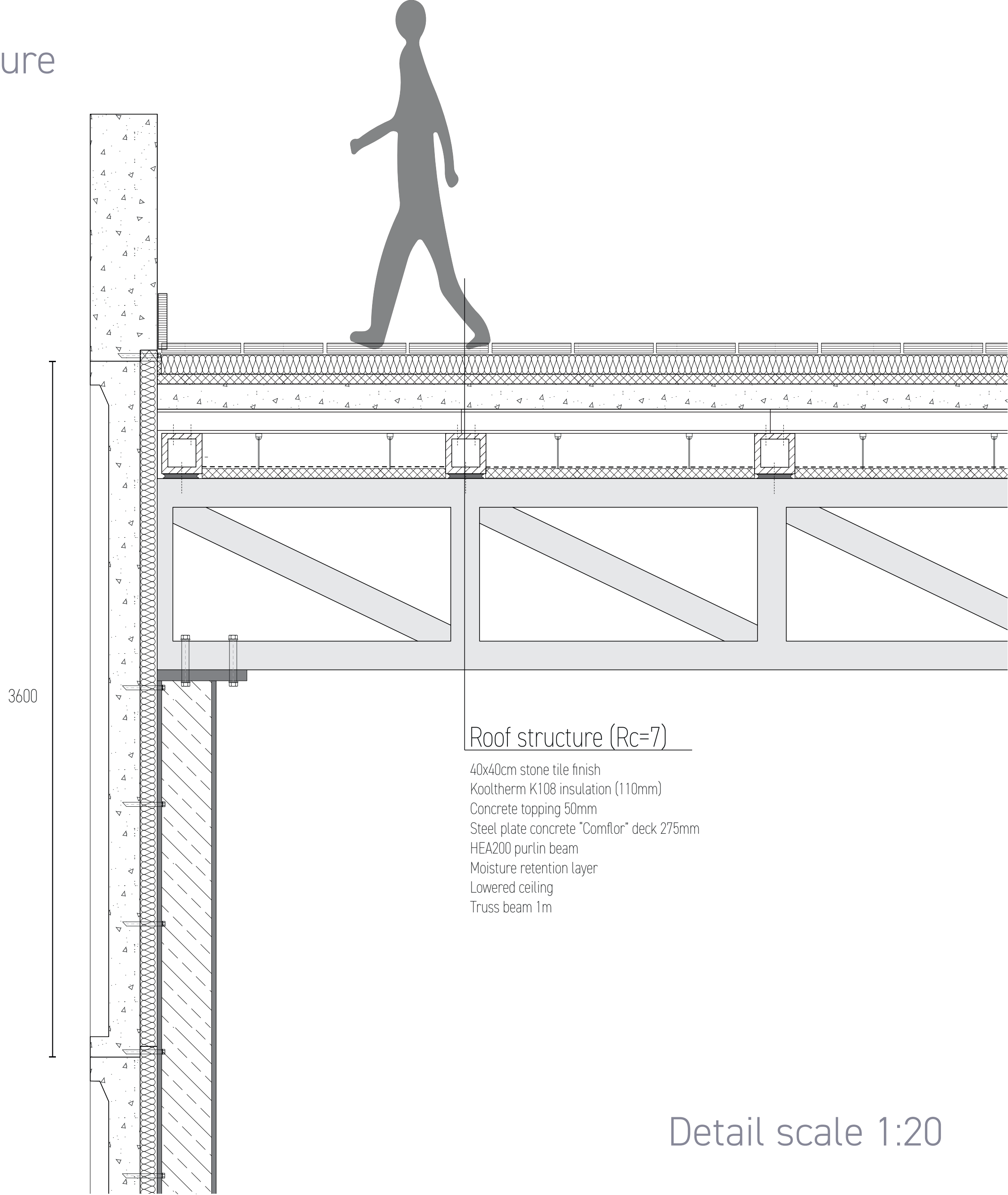
- Access leisure
- **Swimming pool - ambiance**



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- **Swimming pool - details**

Detail 1- supporting structure

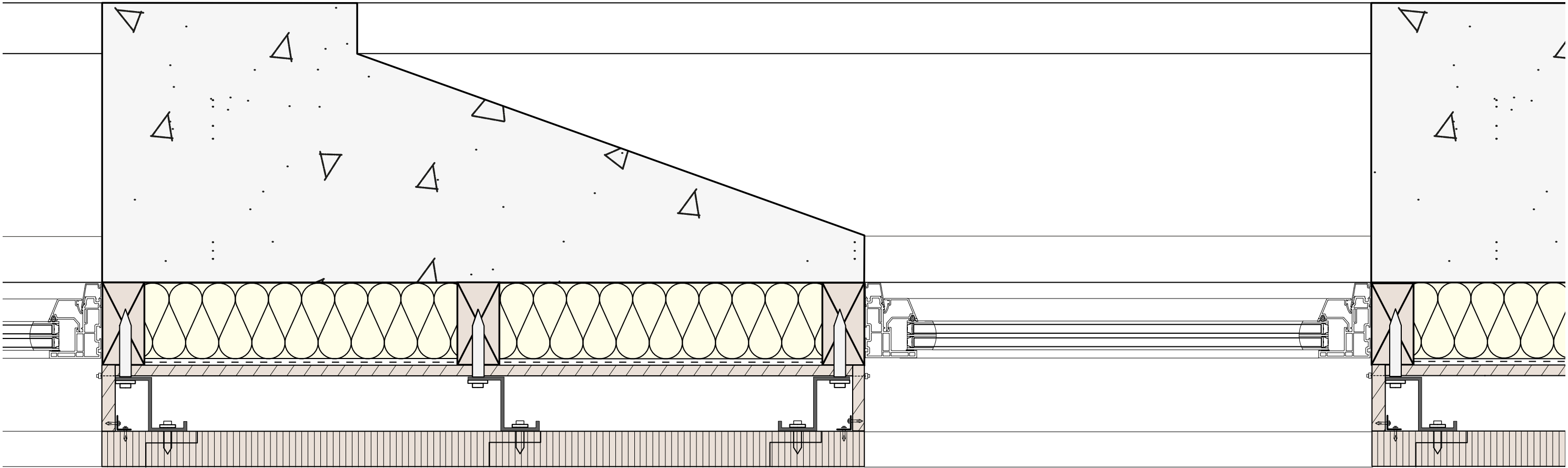
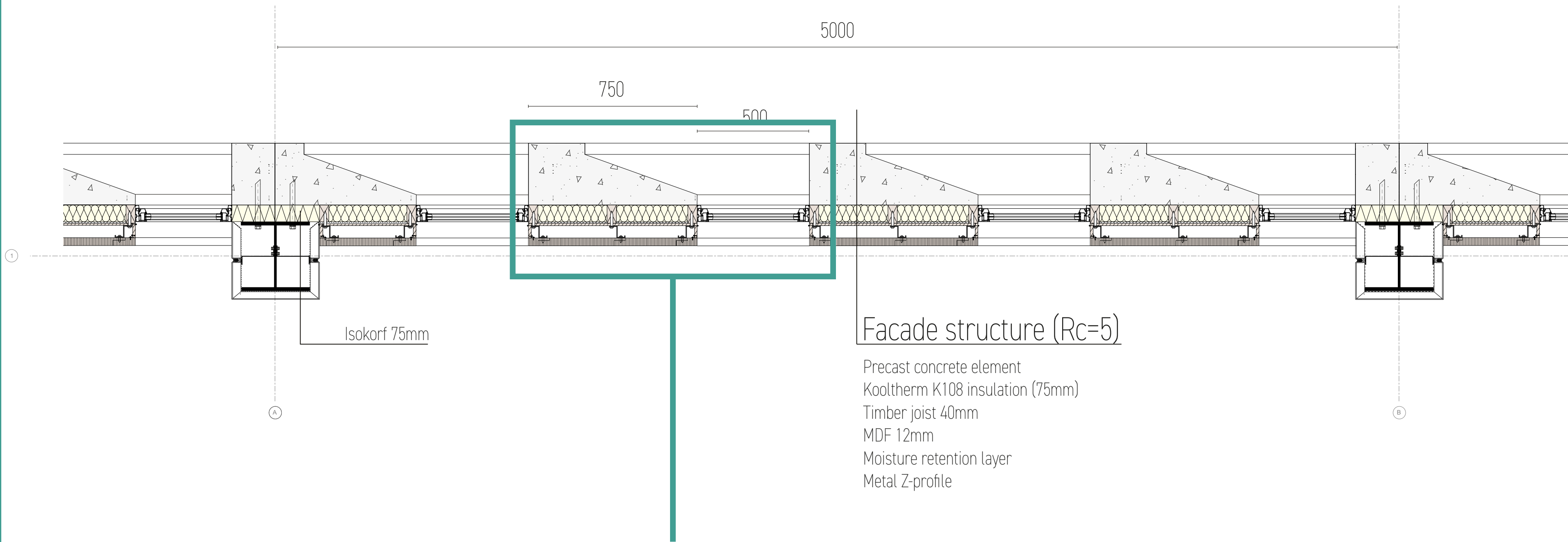


Detail scale 1:20

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- Swimming pool - details

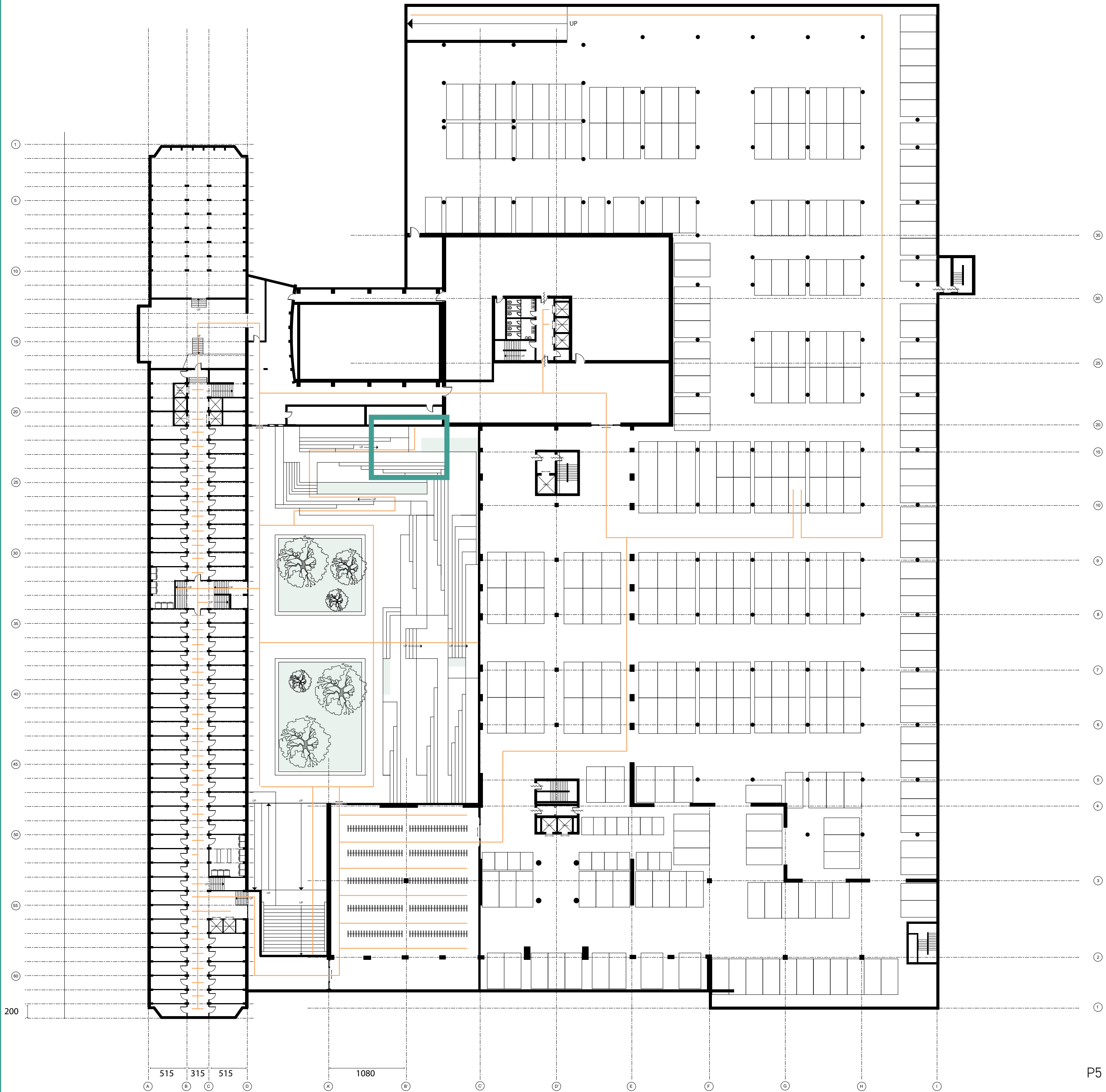
Detail 2- heavy prefab system



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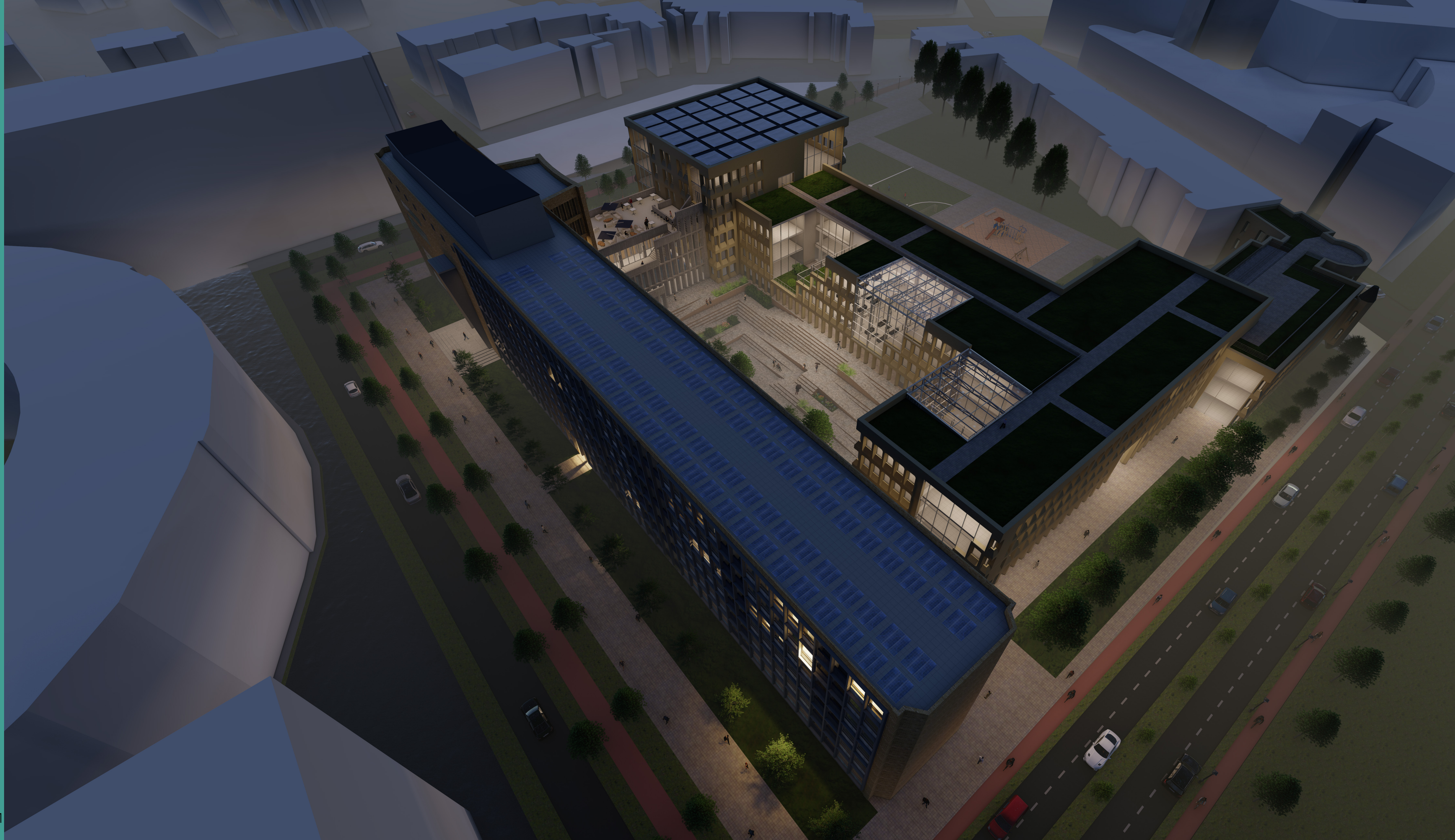
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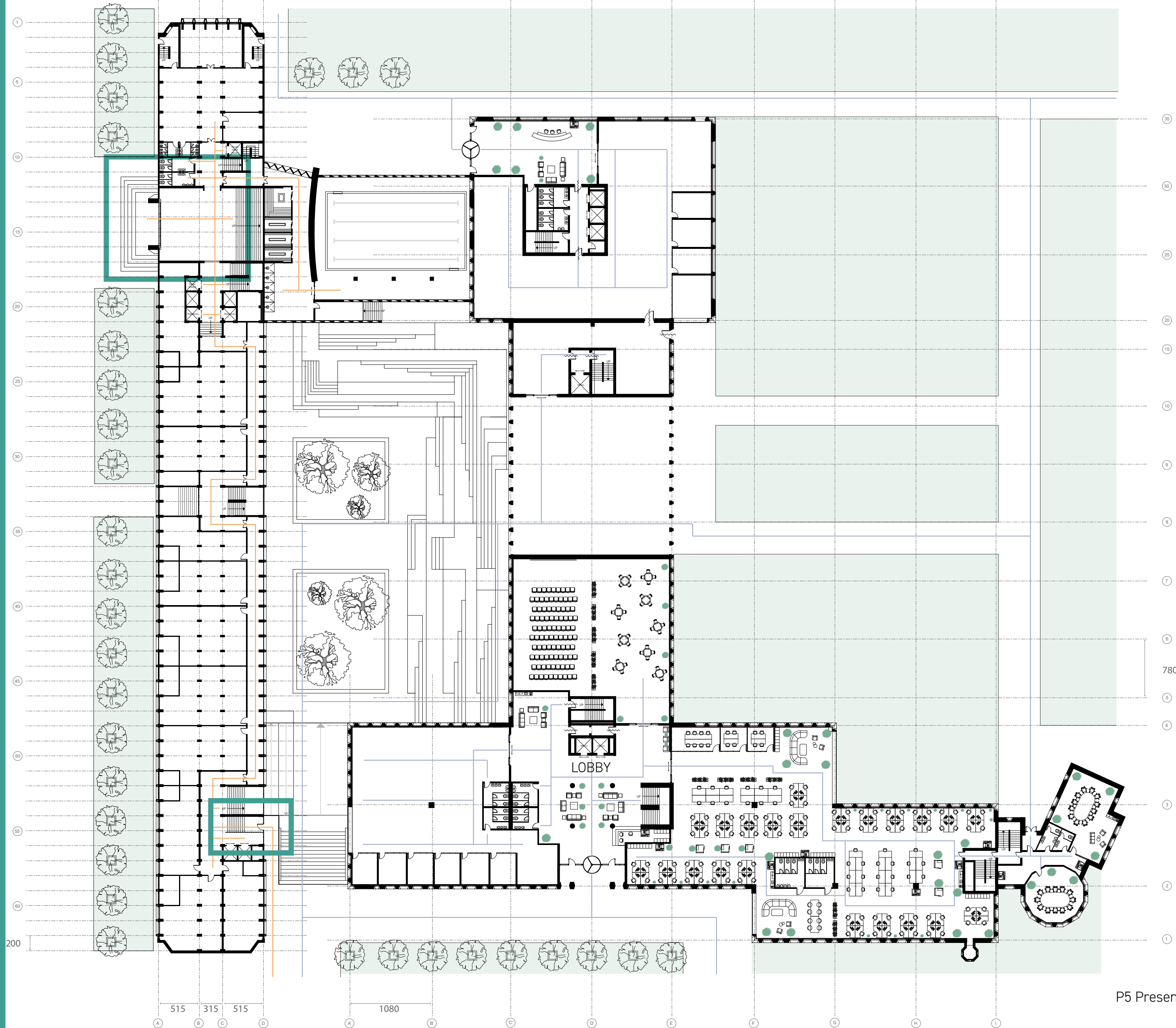






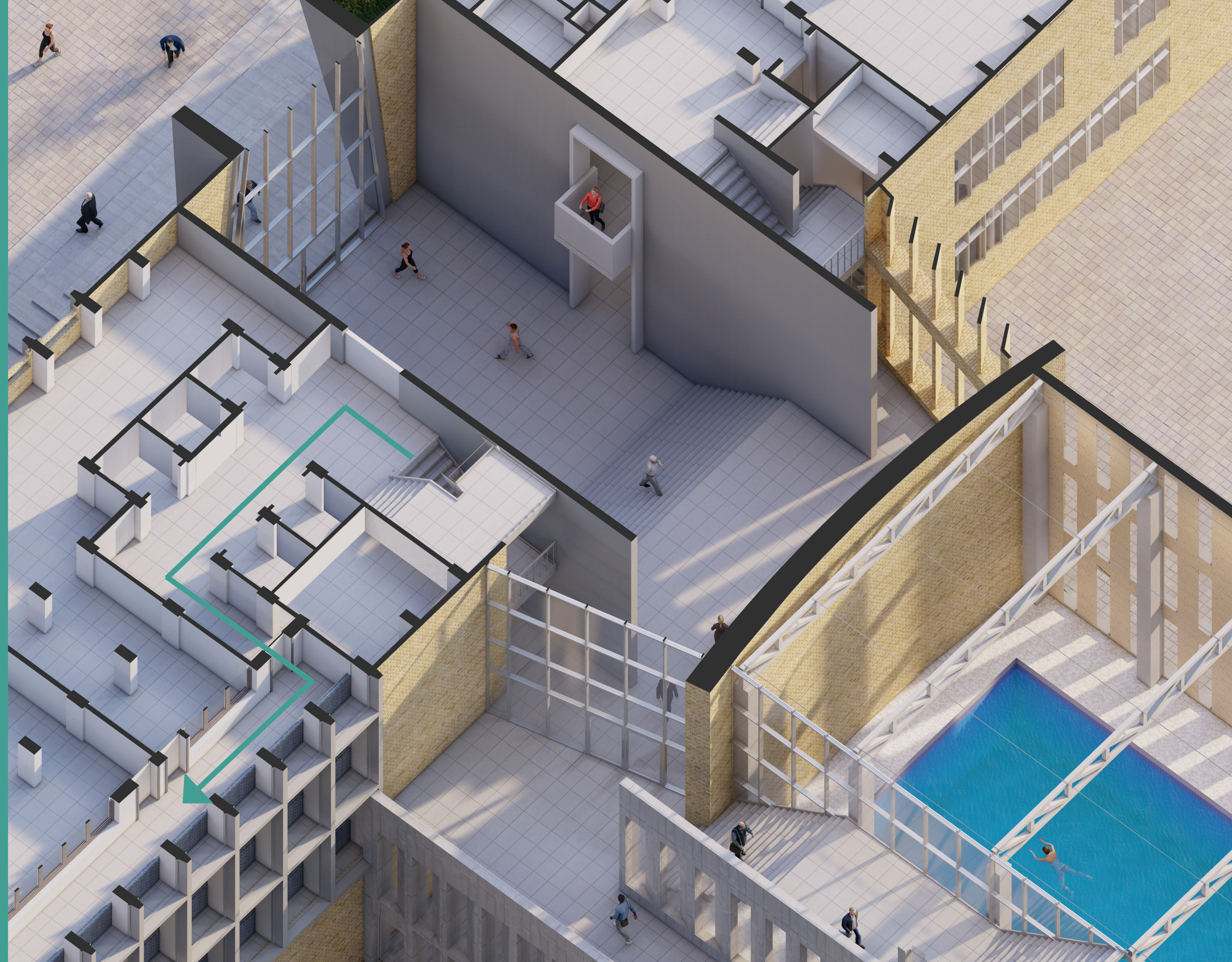
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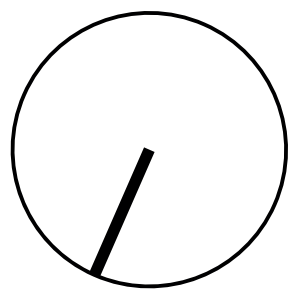
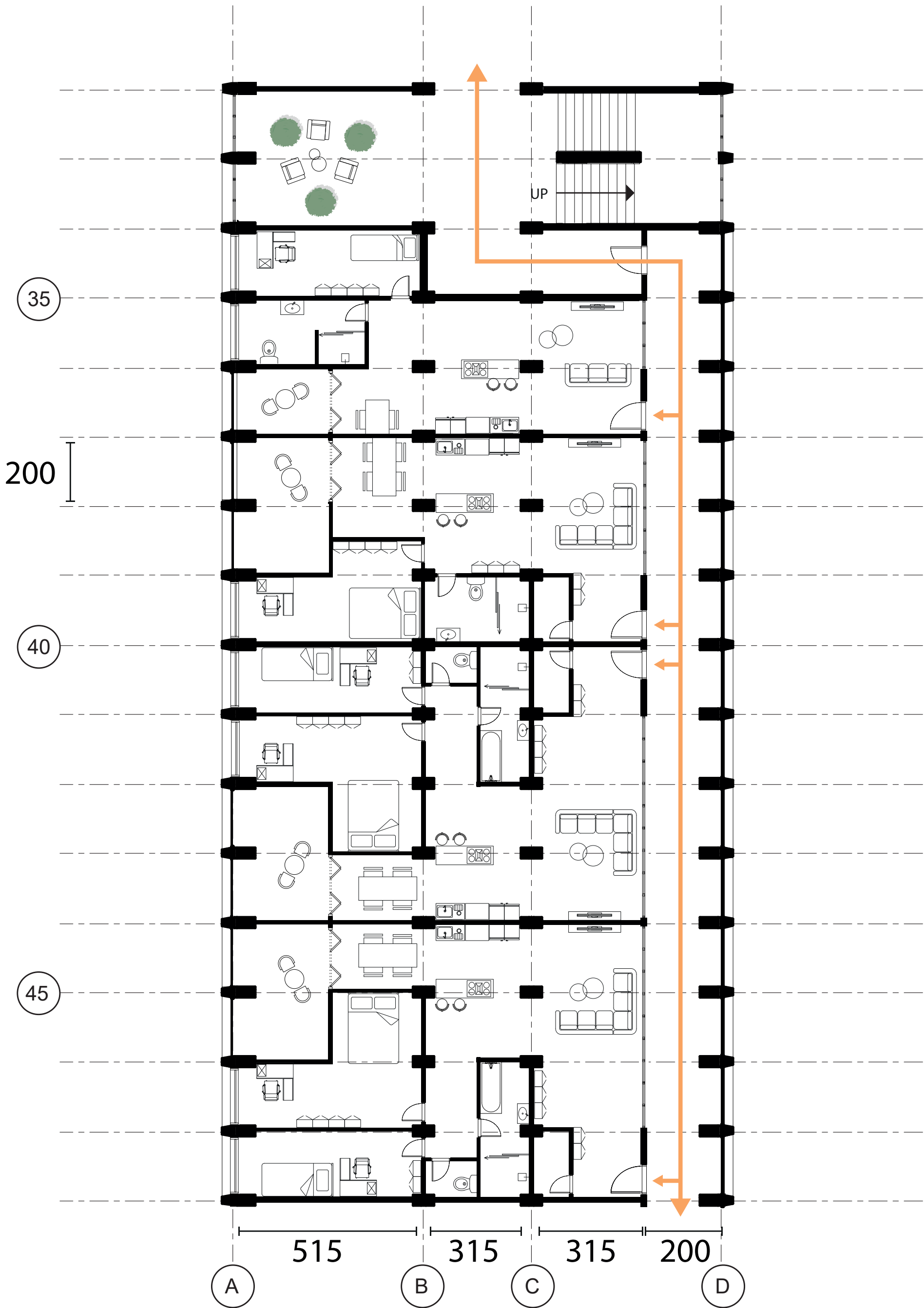
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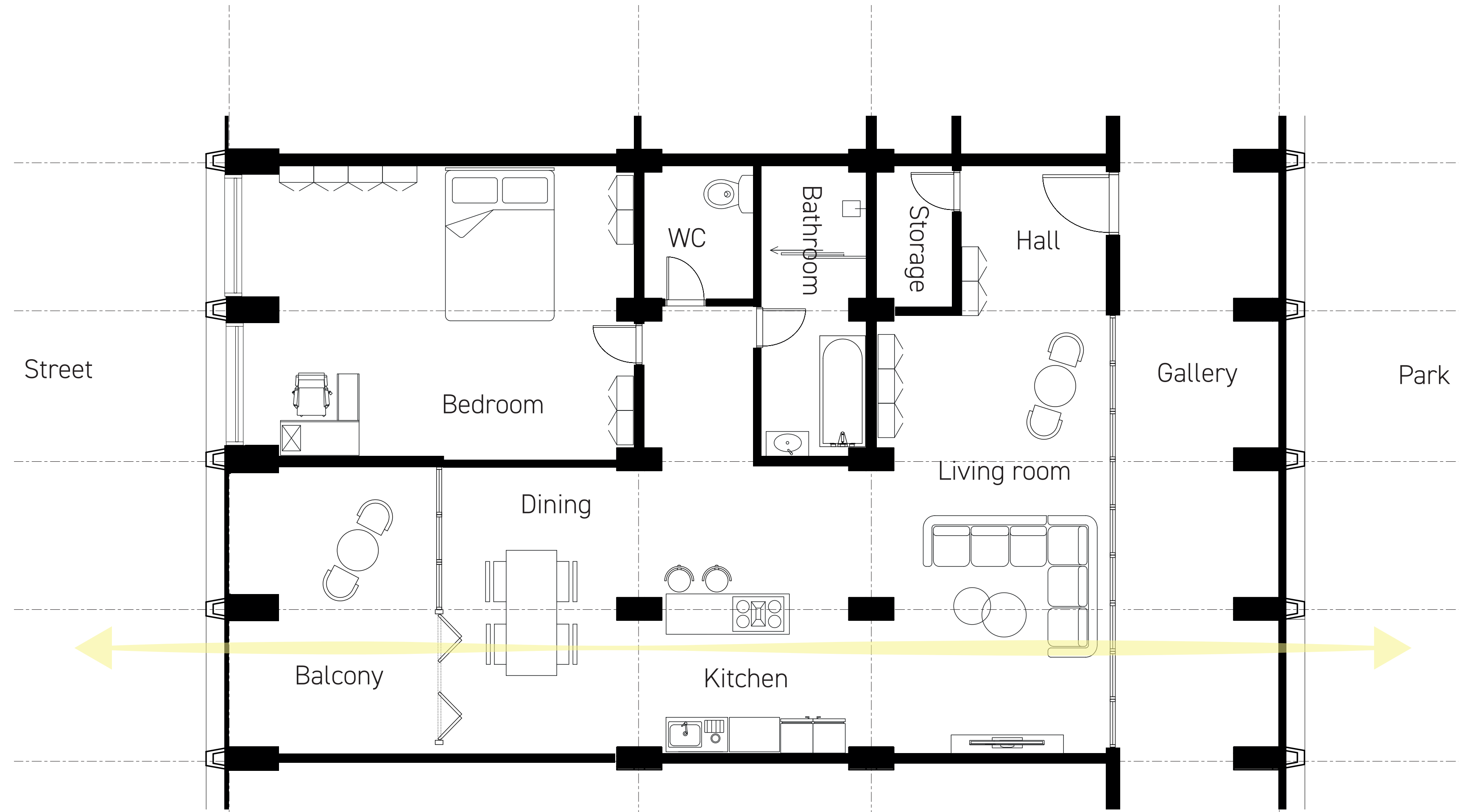
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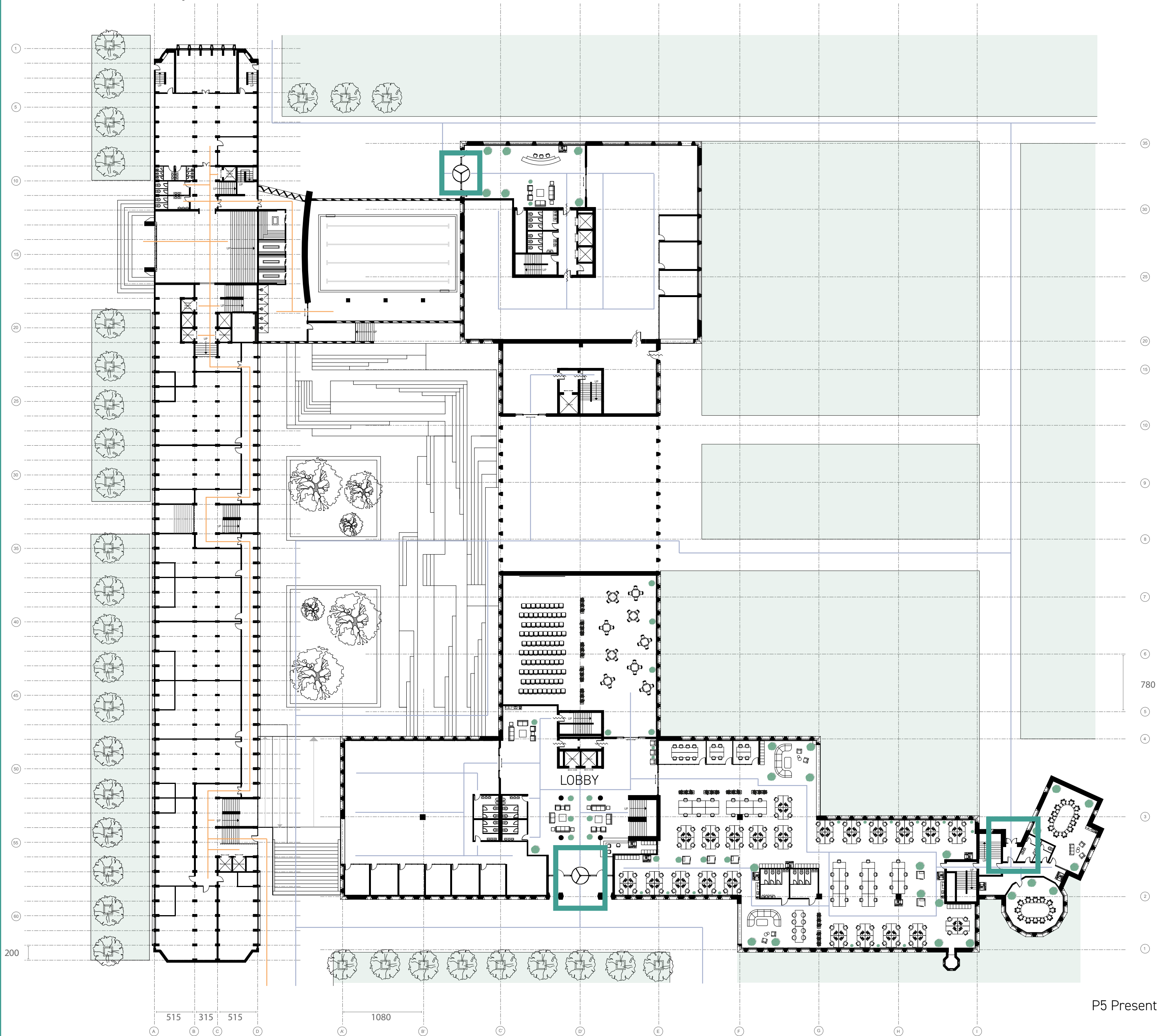
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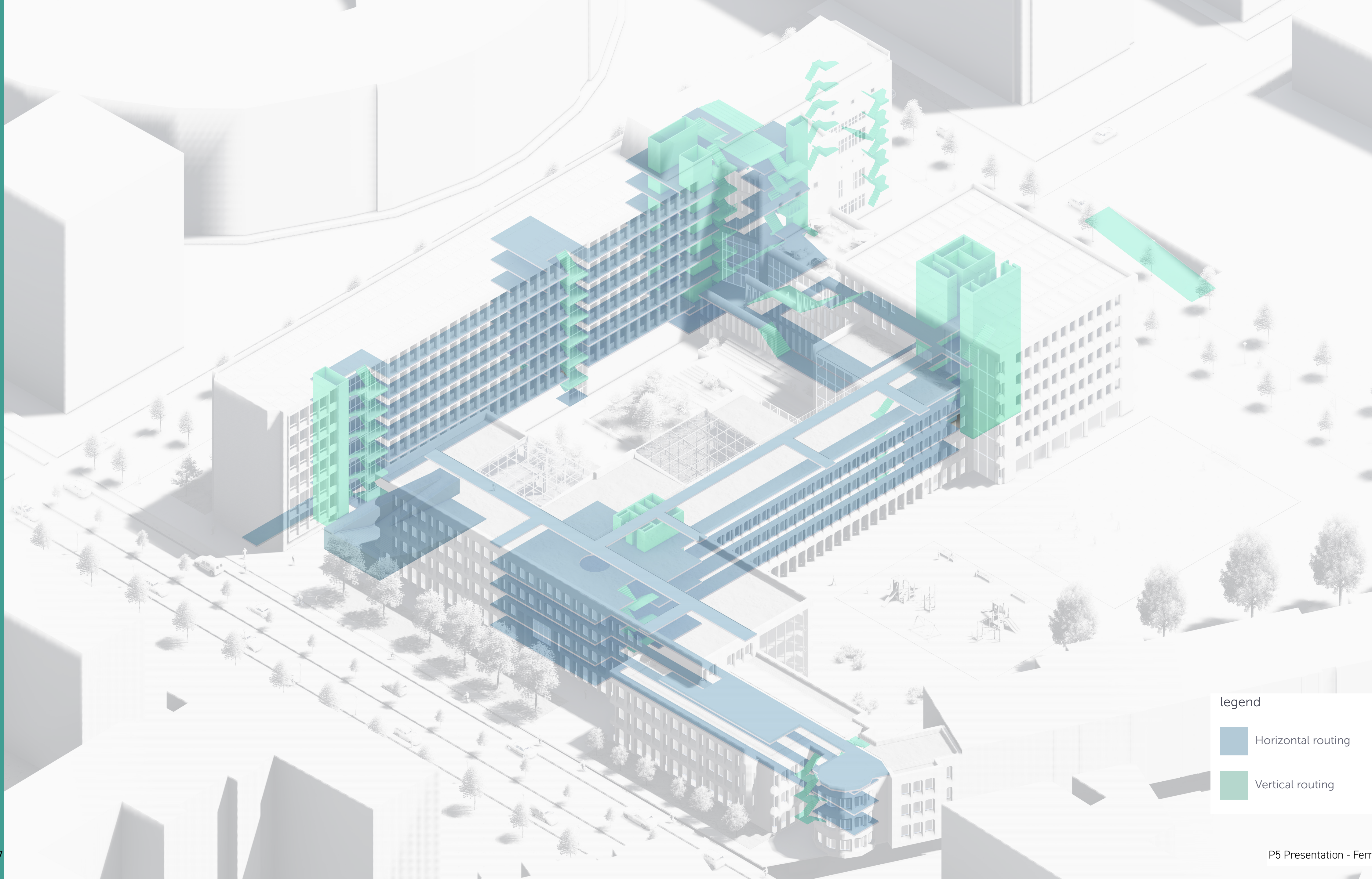


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Floorplan - Ground level





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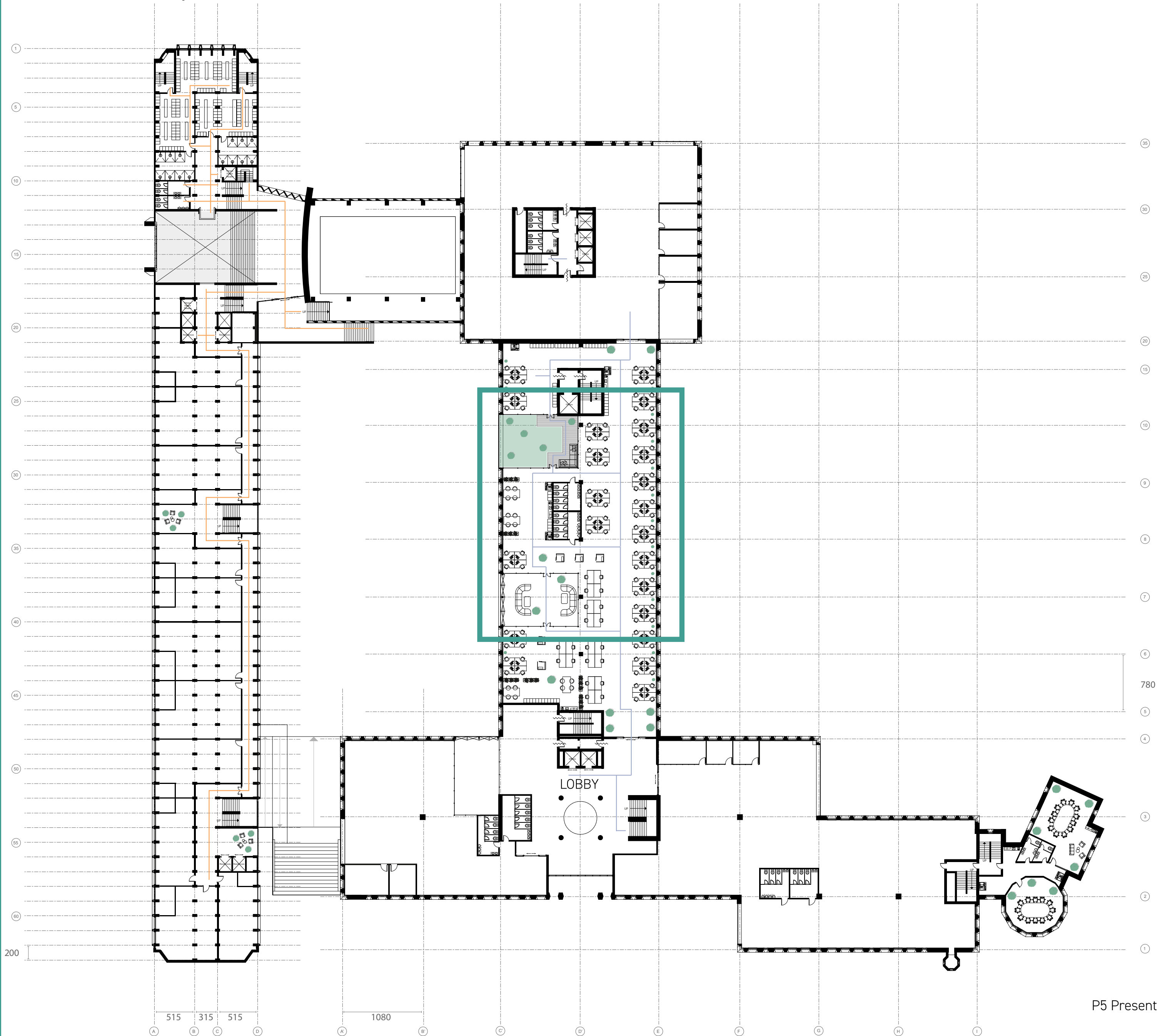
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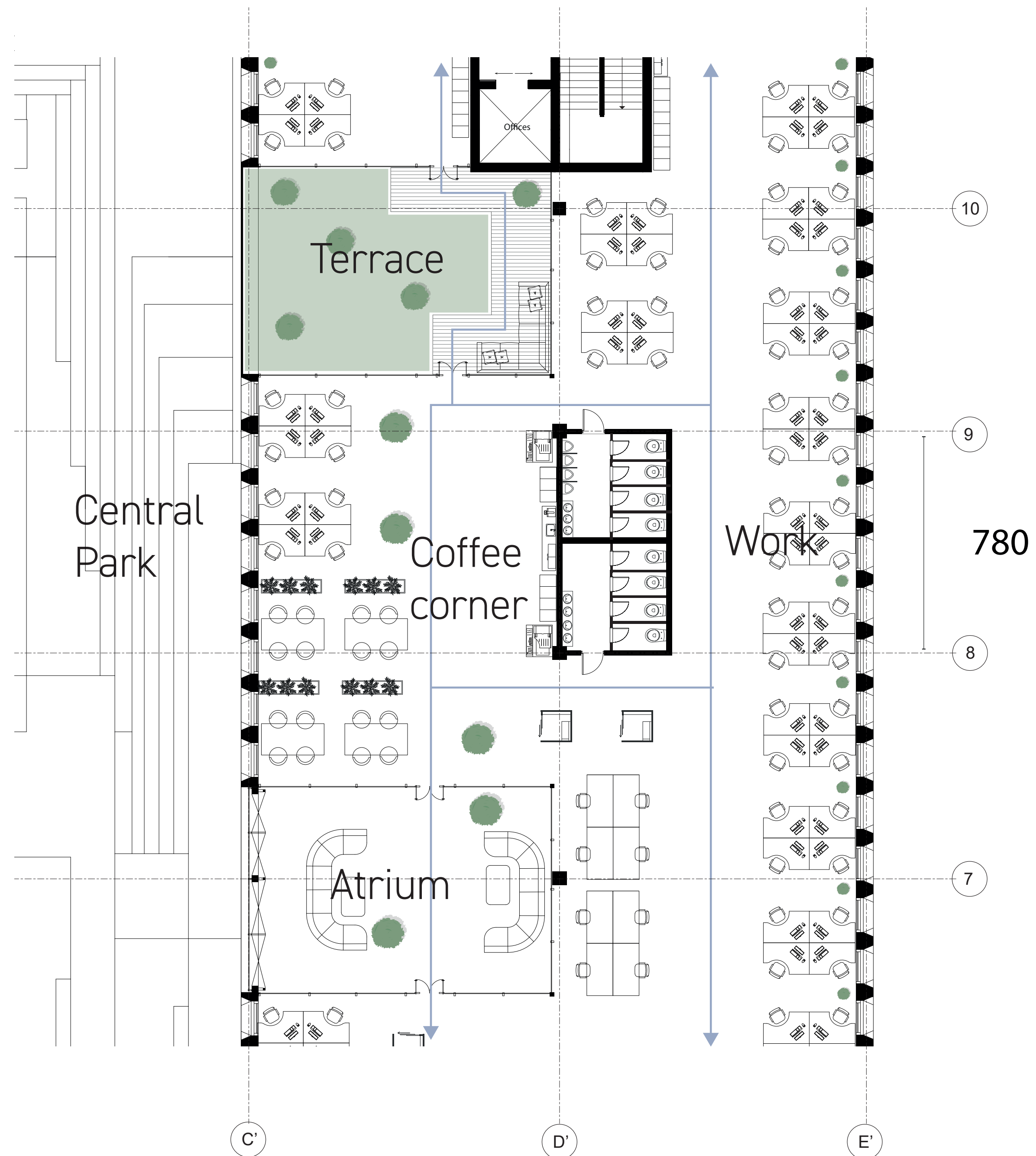
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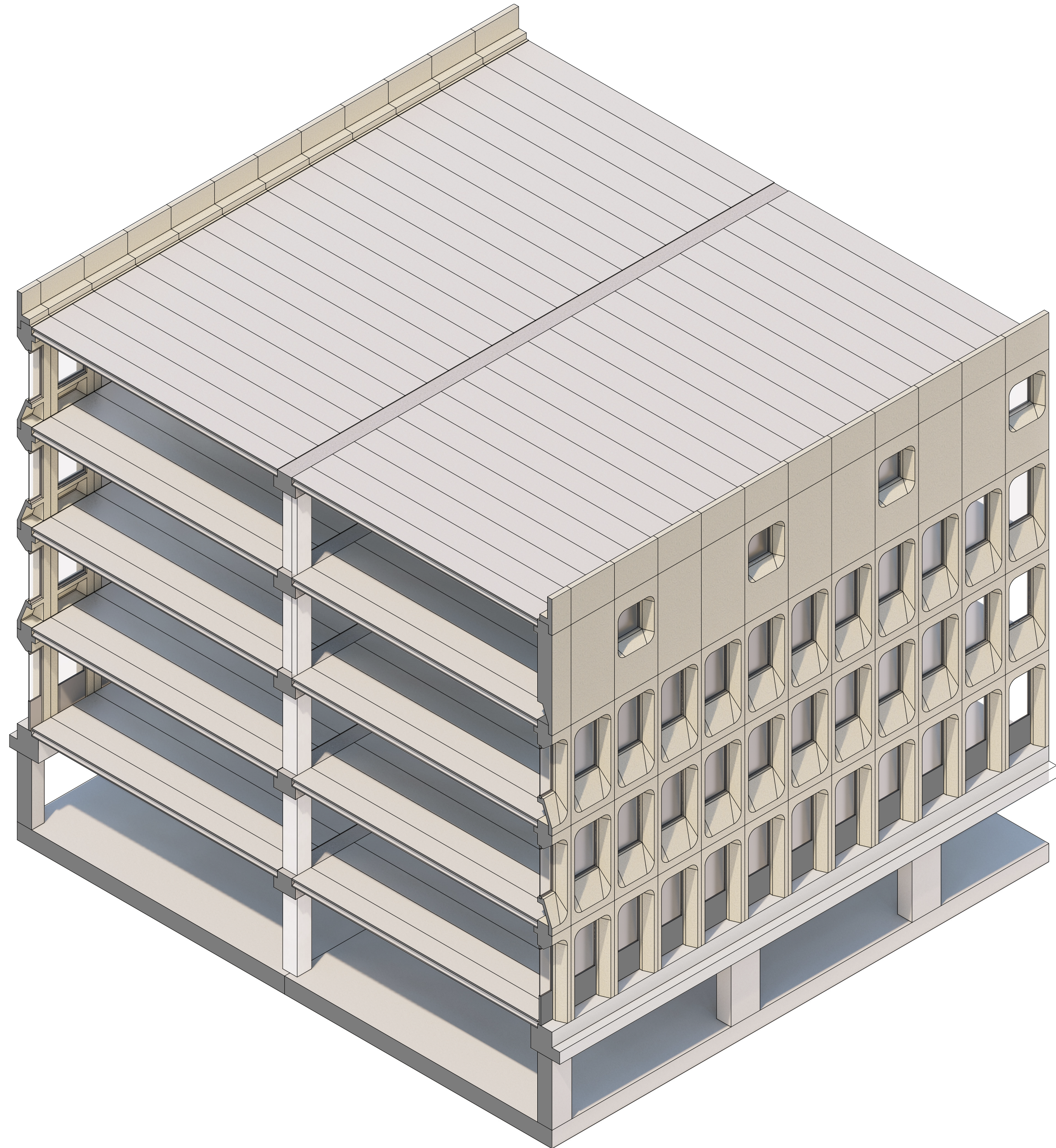
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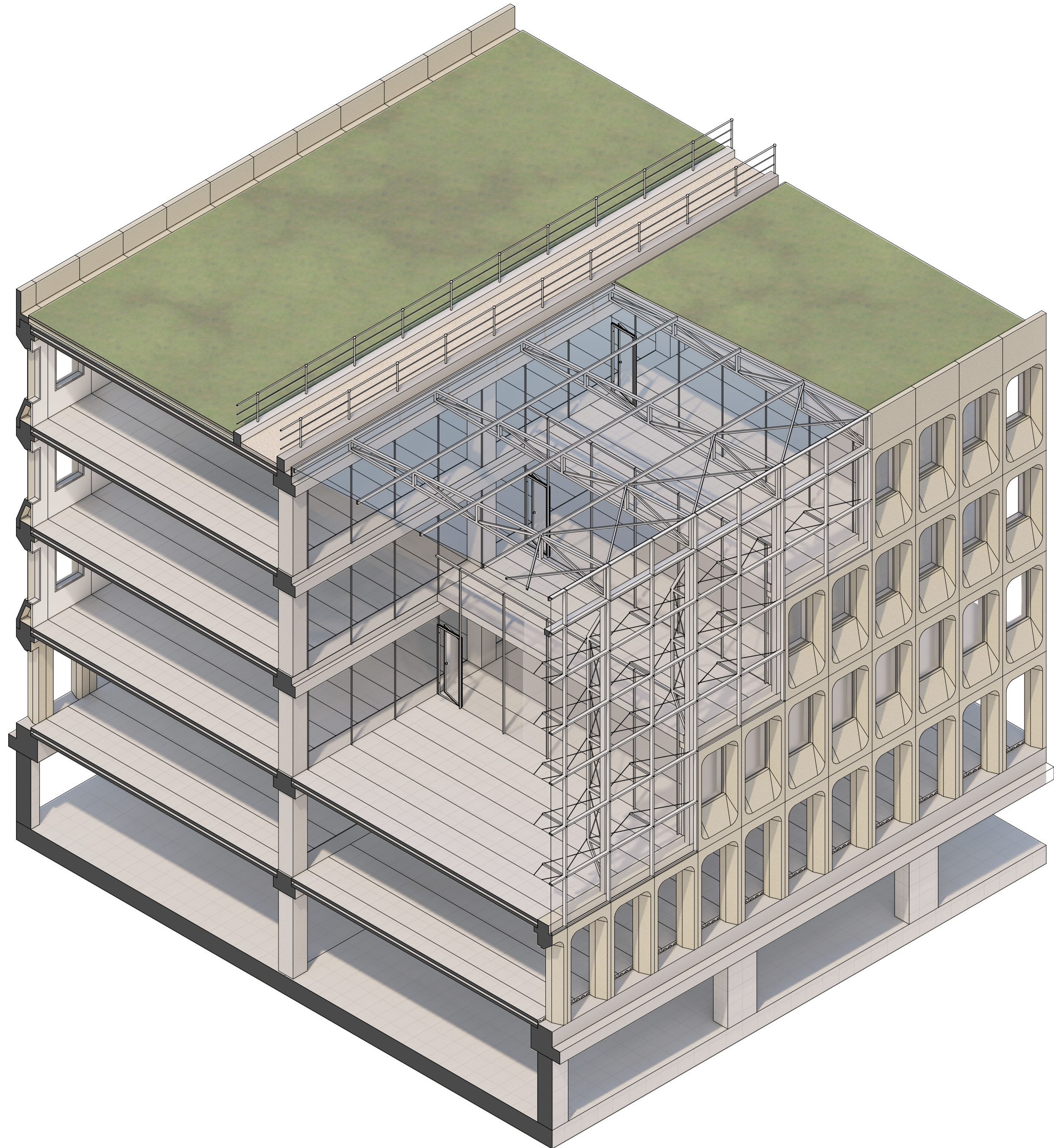
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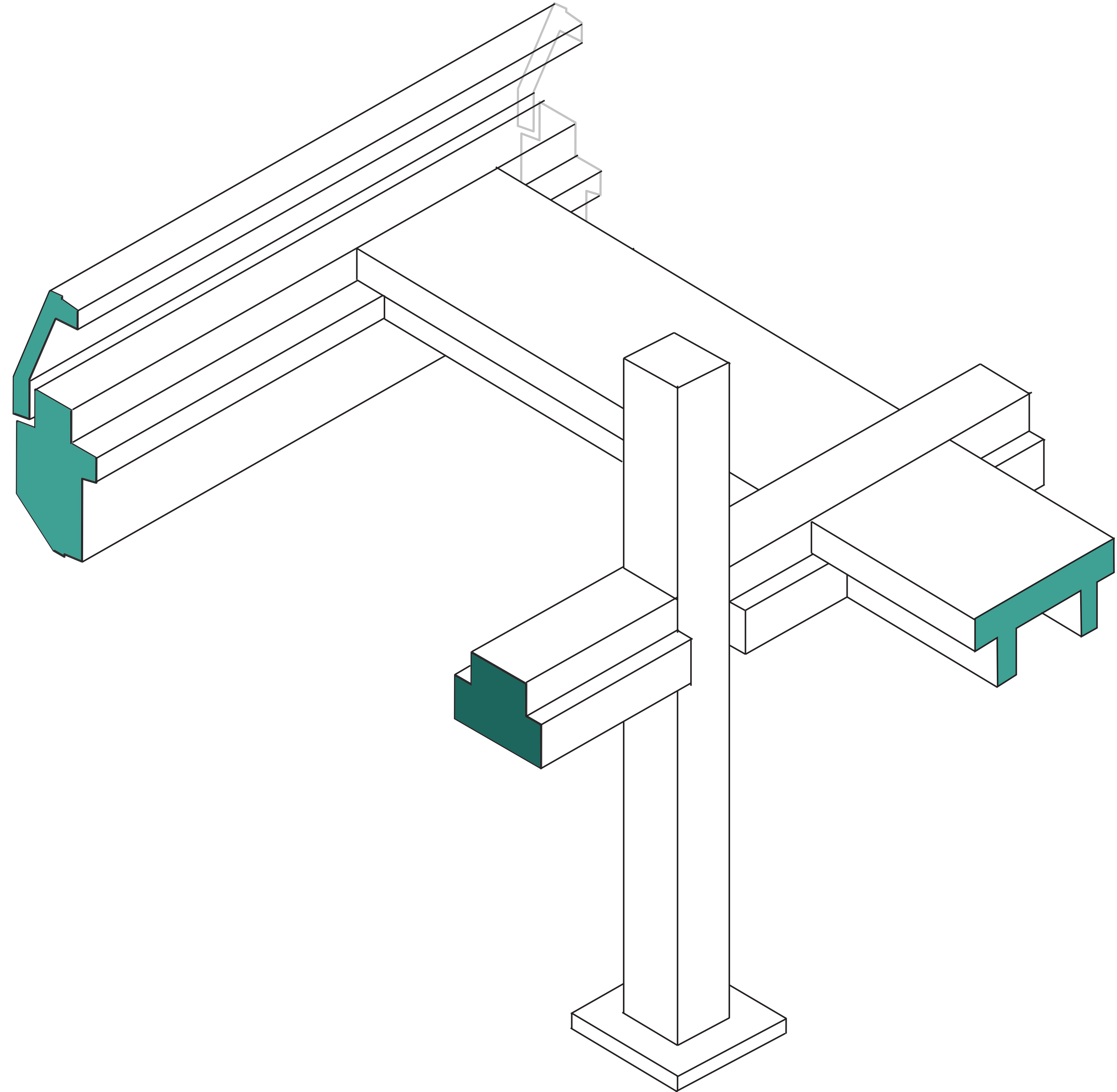
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Structural system - overview

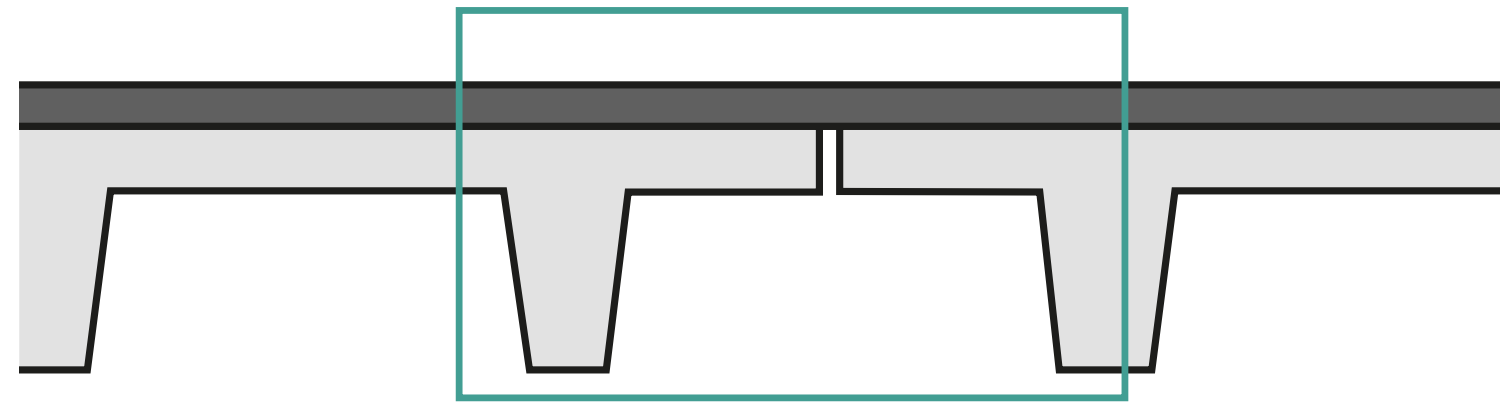


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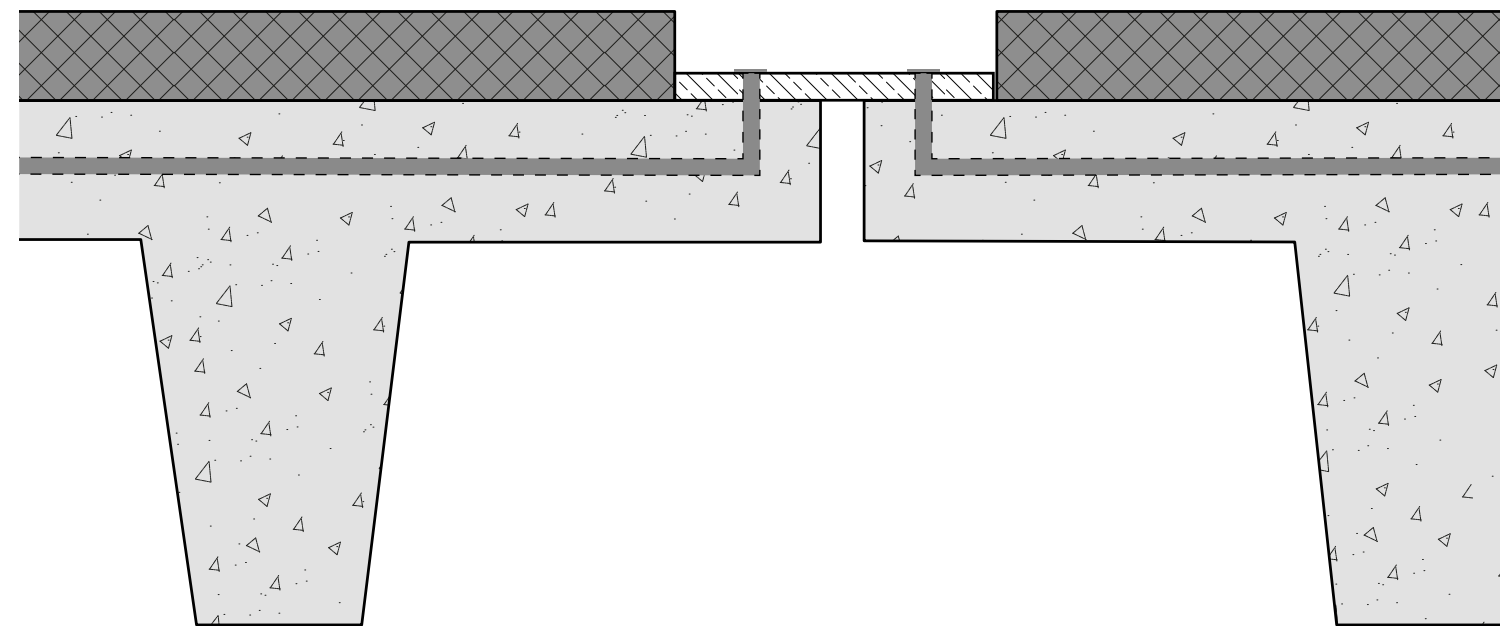
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Structural system - floor types

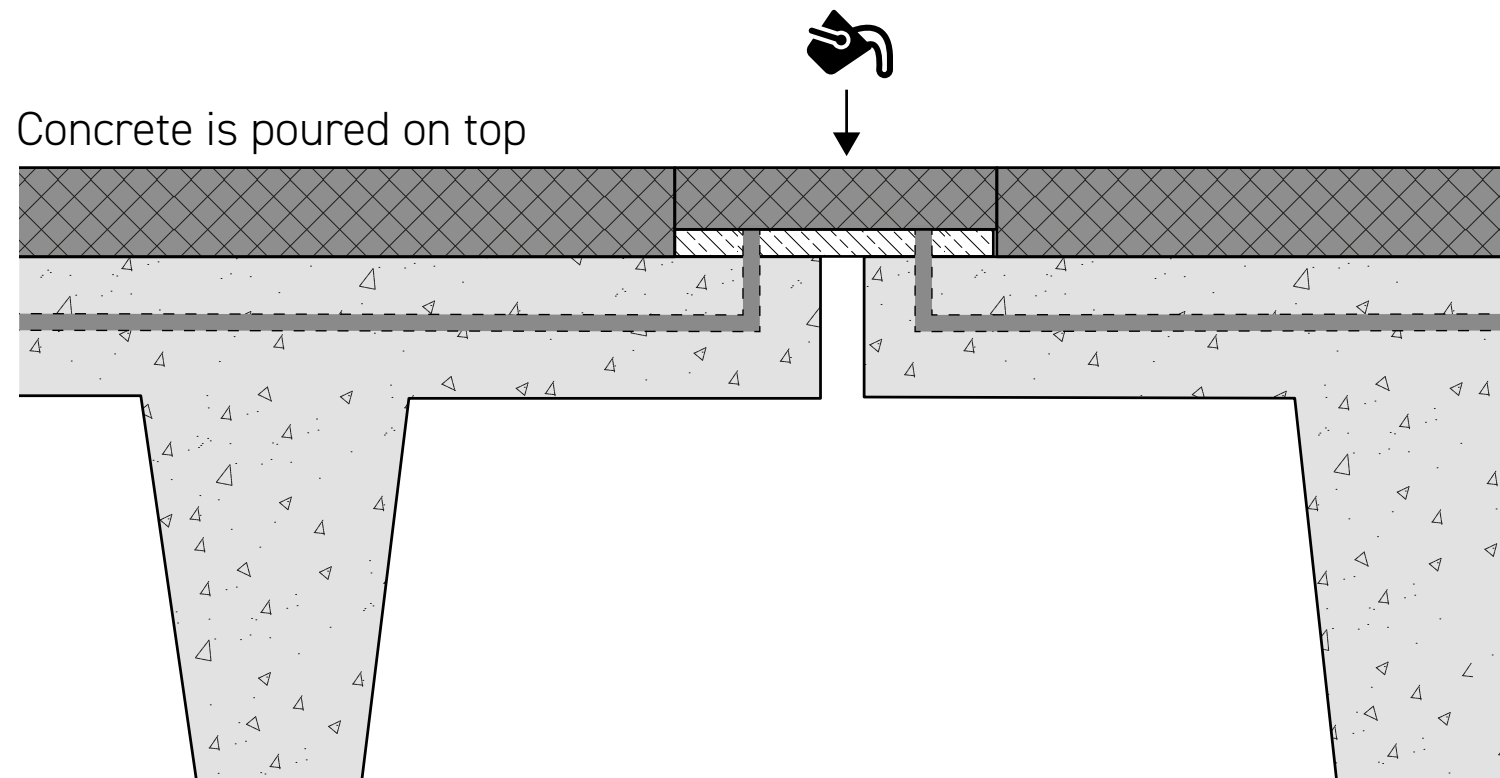
Double-T floor



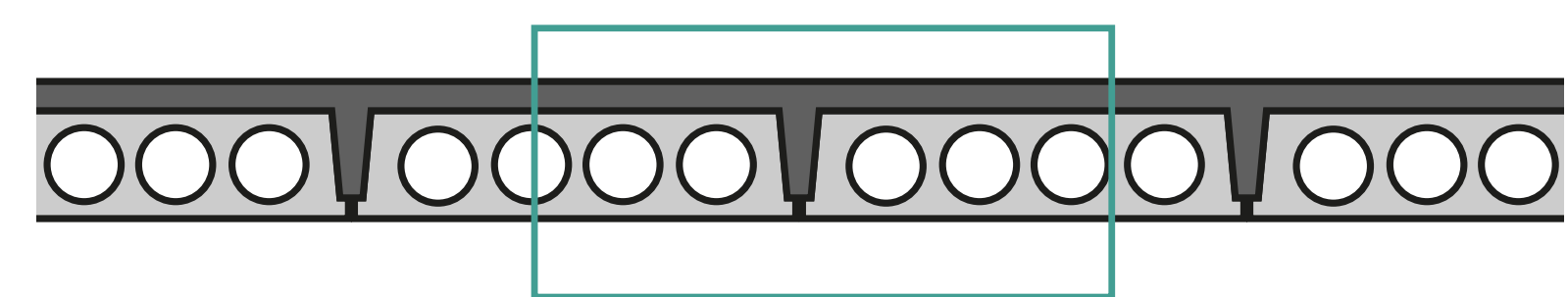
Steel plate is welded on the steel reinforcement of the double-T floor



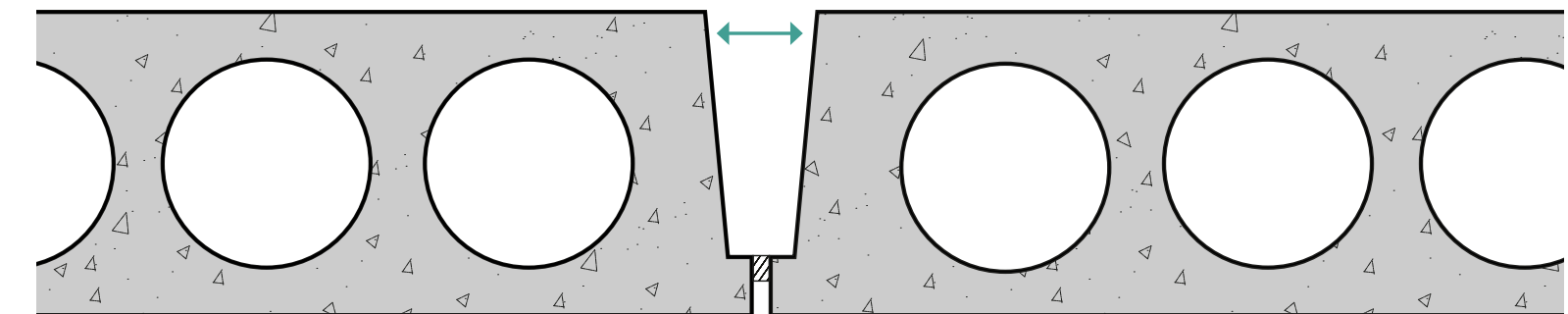
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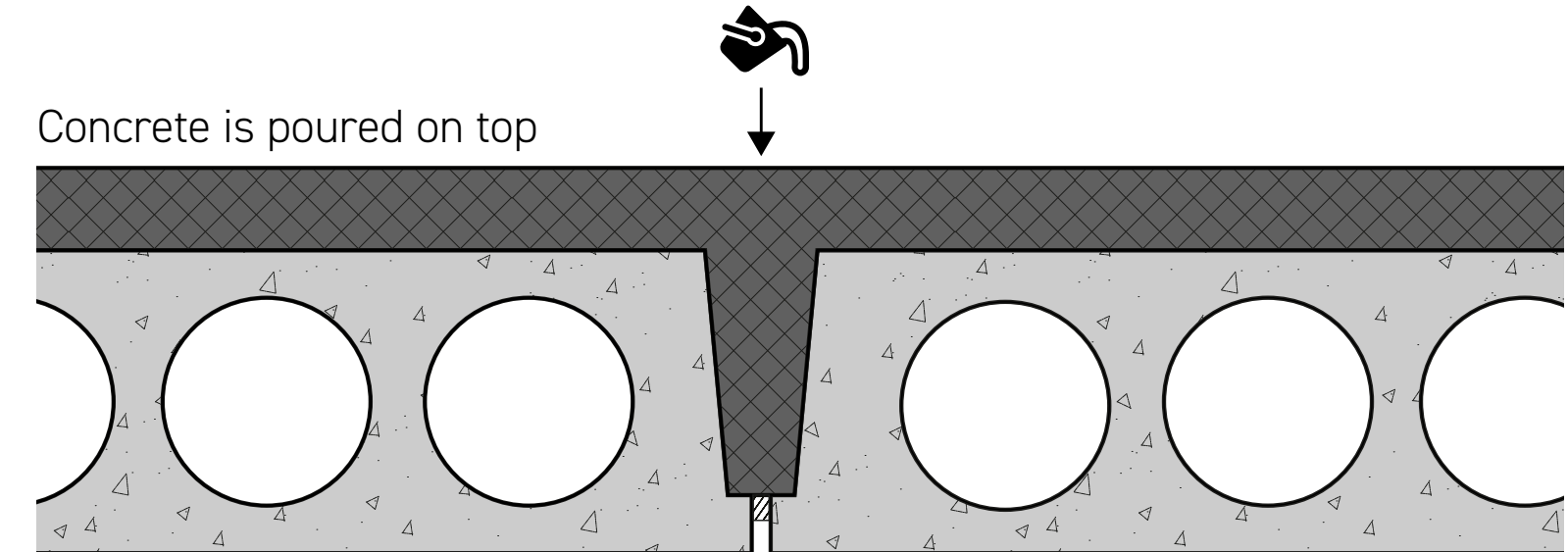
Hollow-core slab



Opening between hollow-core slabs due to trapezium shape.



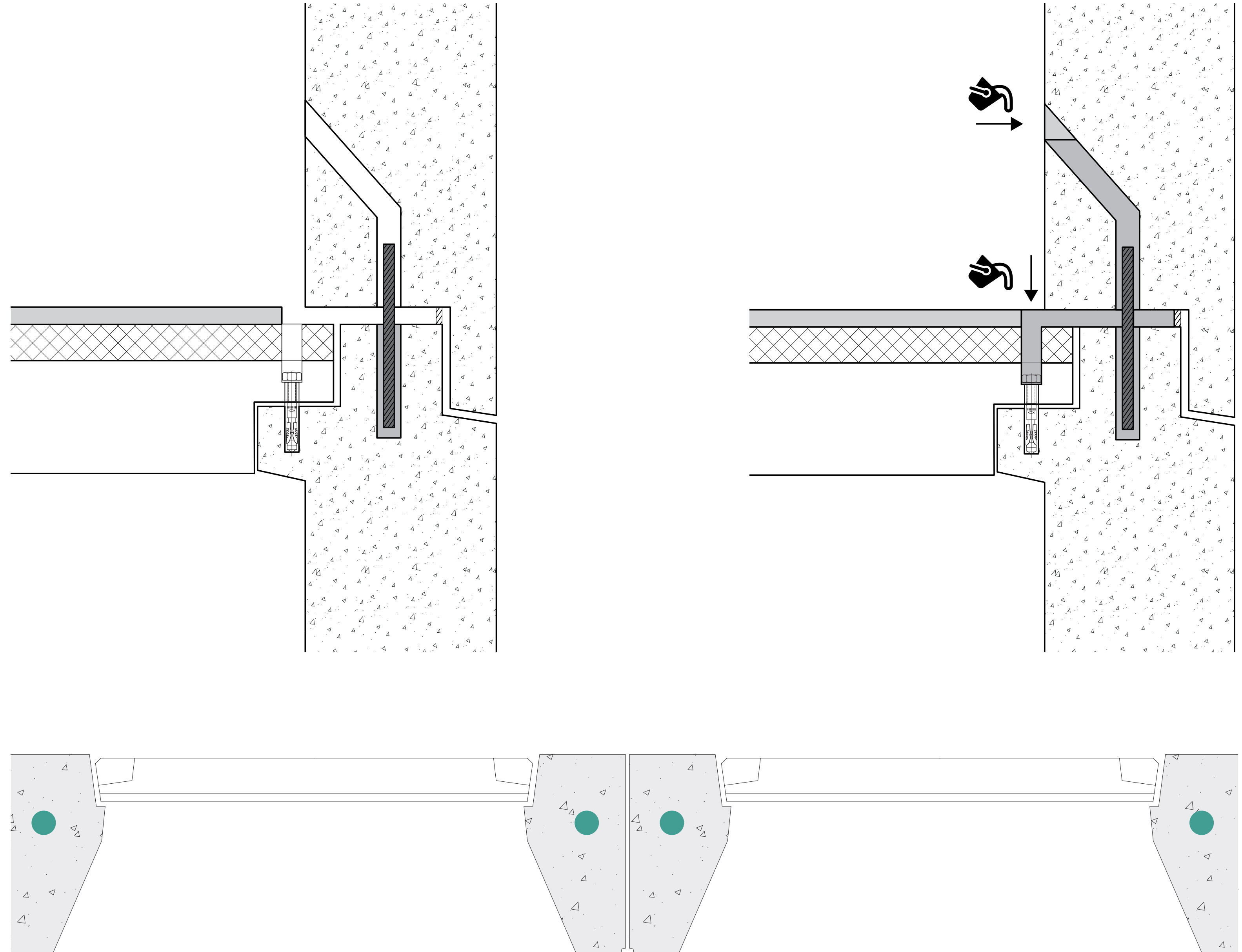
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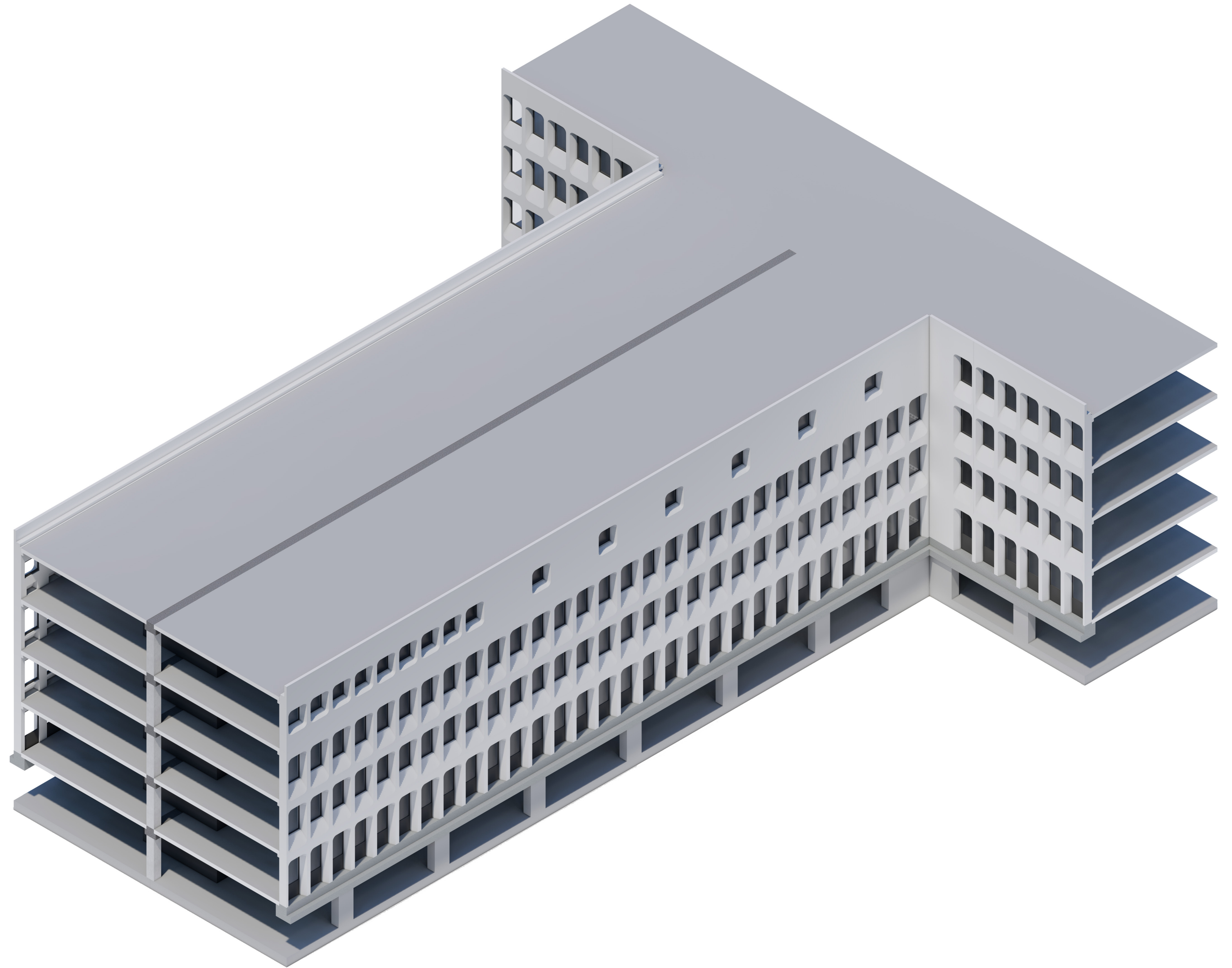
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Structural system - precast concrete panels



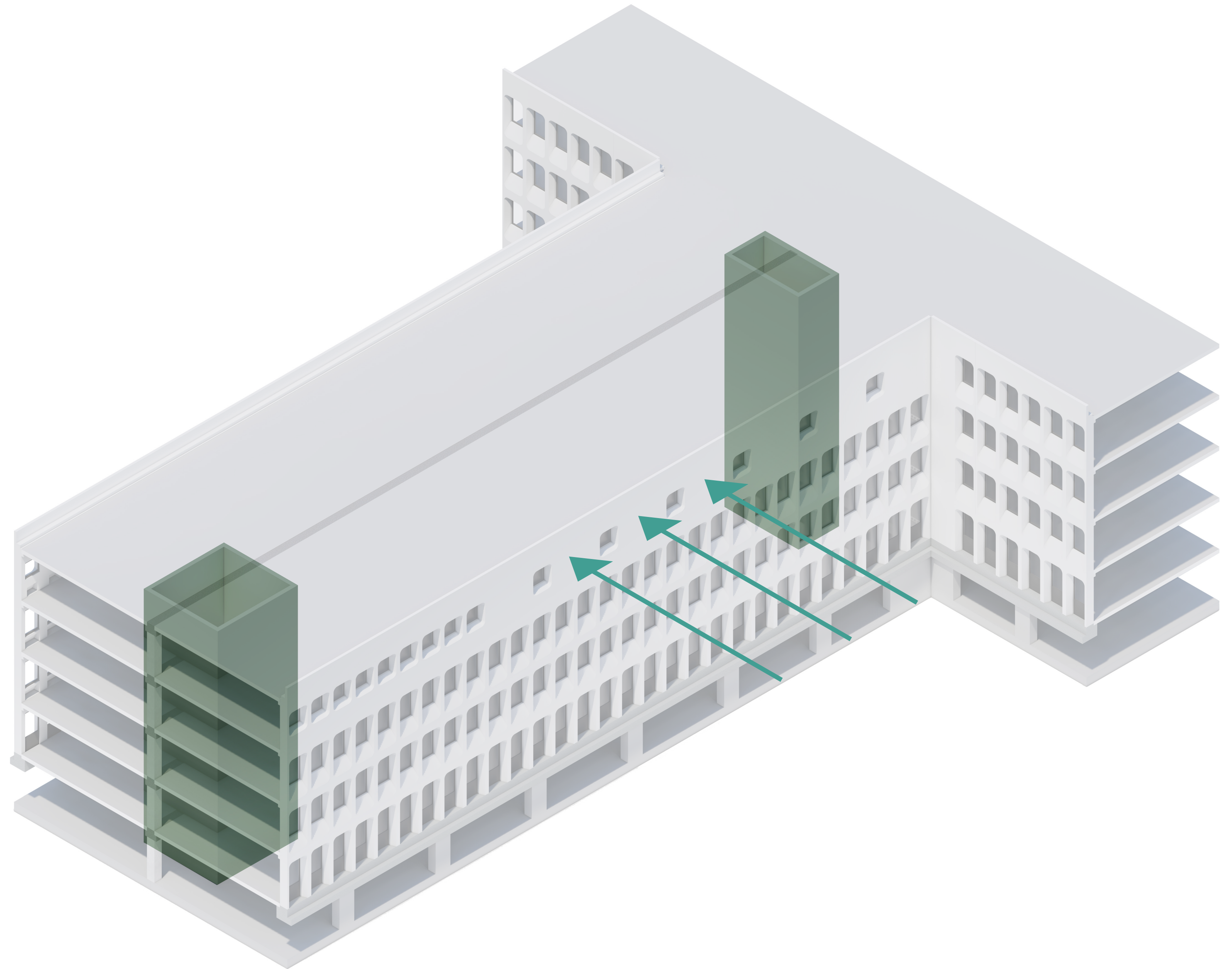
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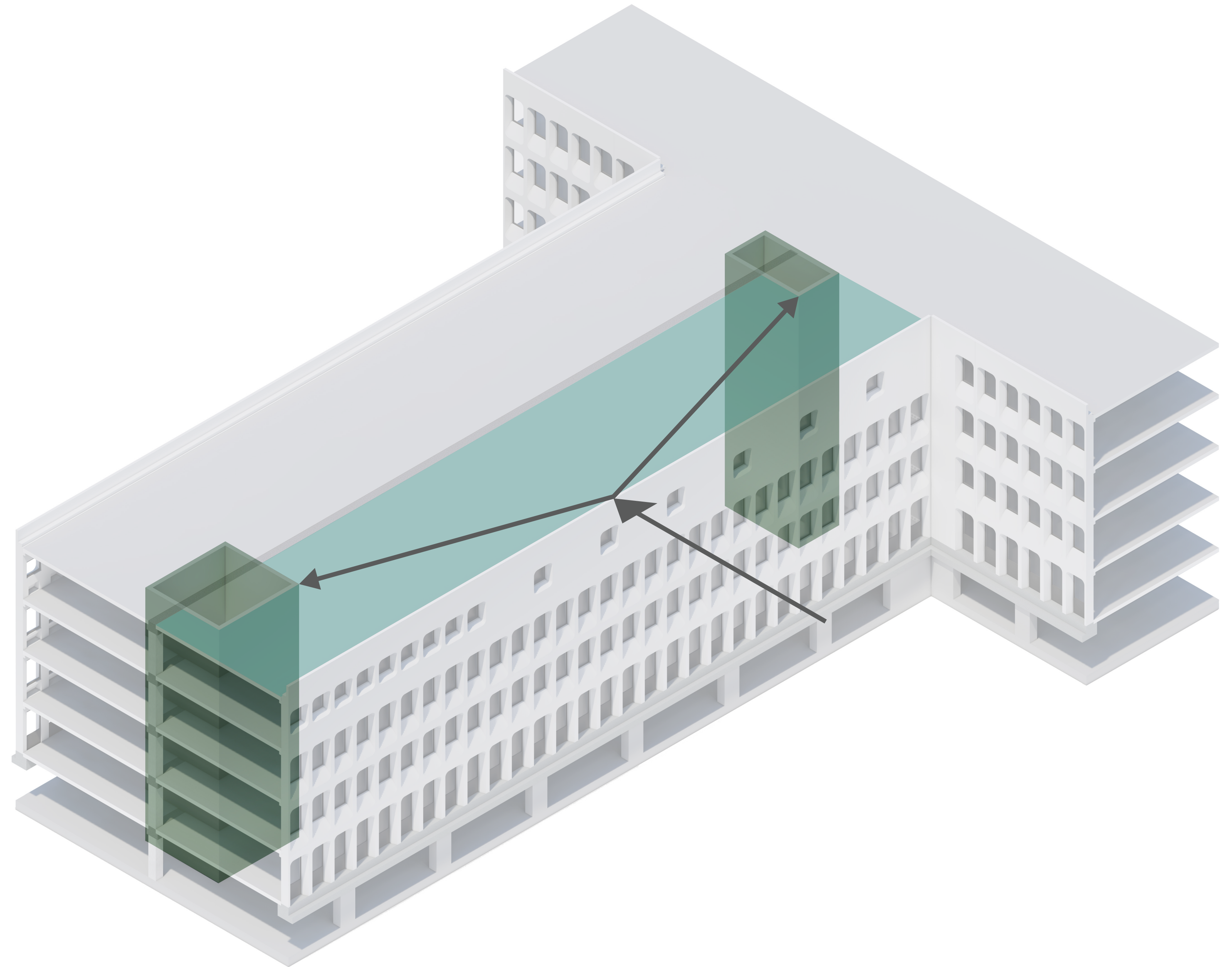
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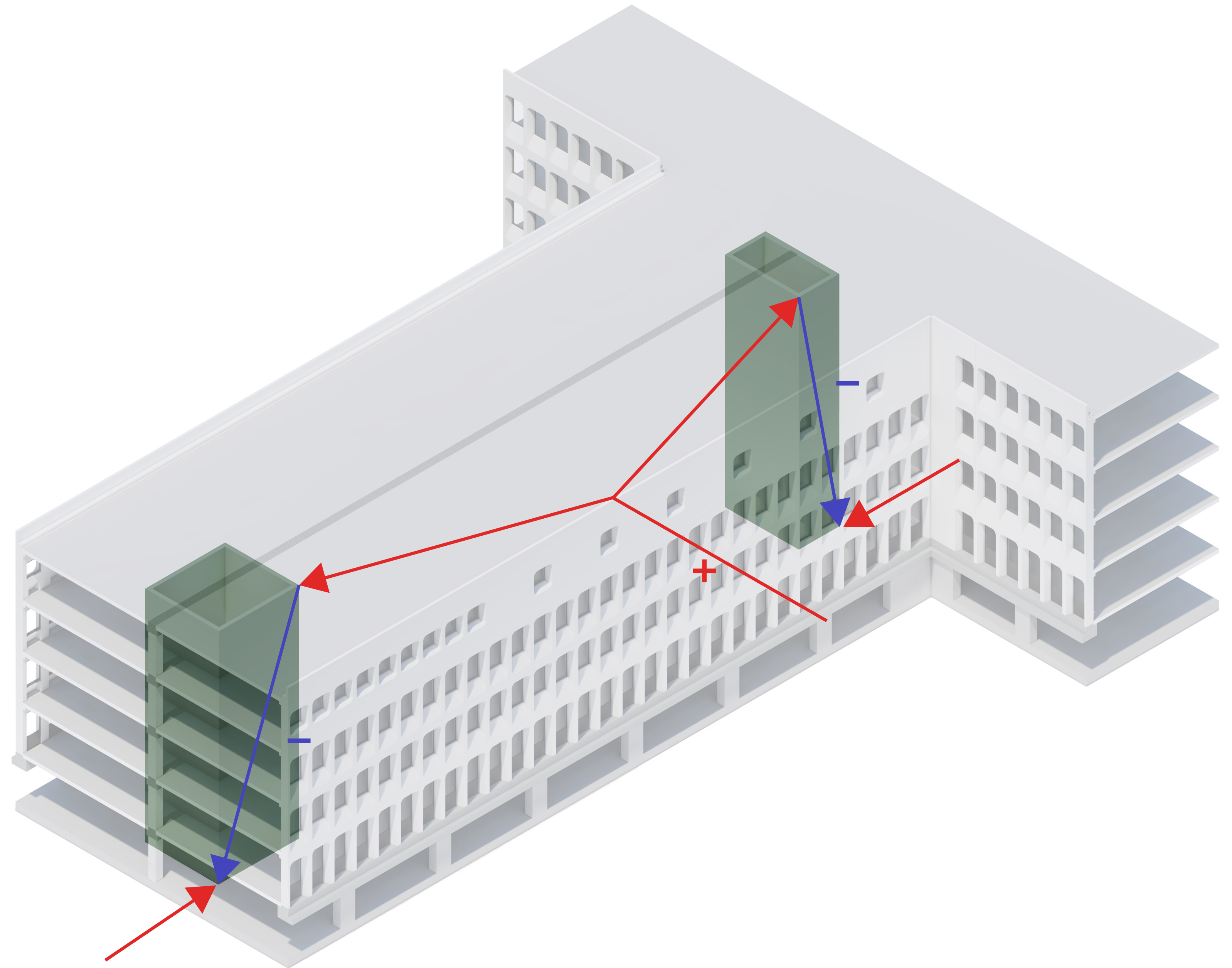
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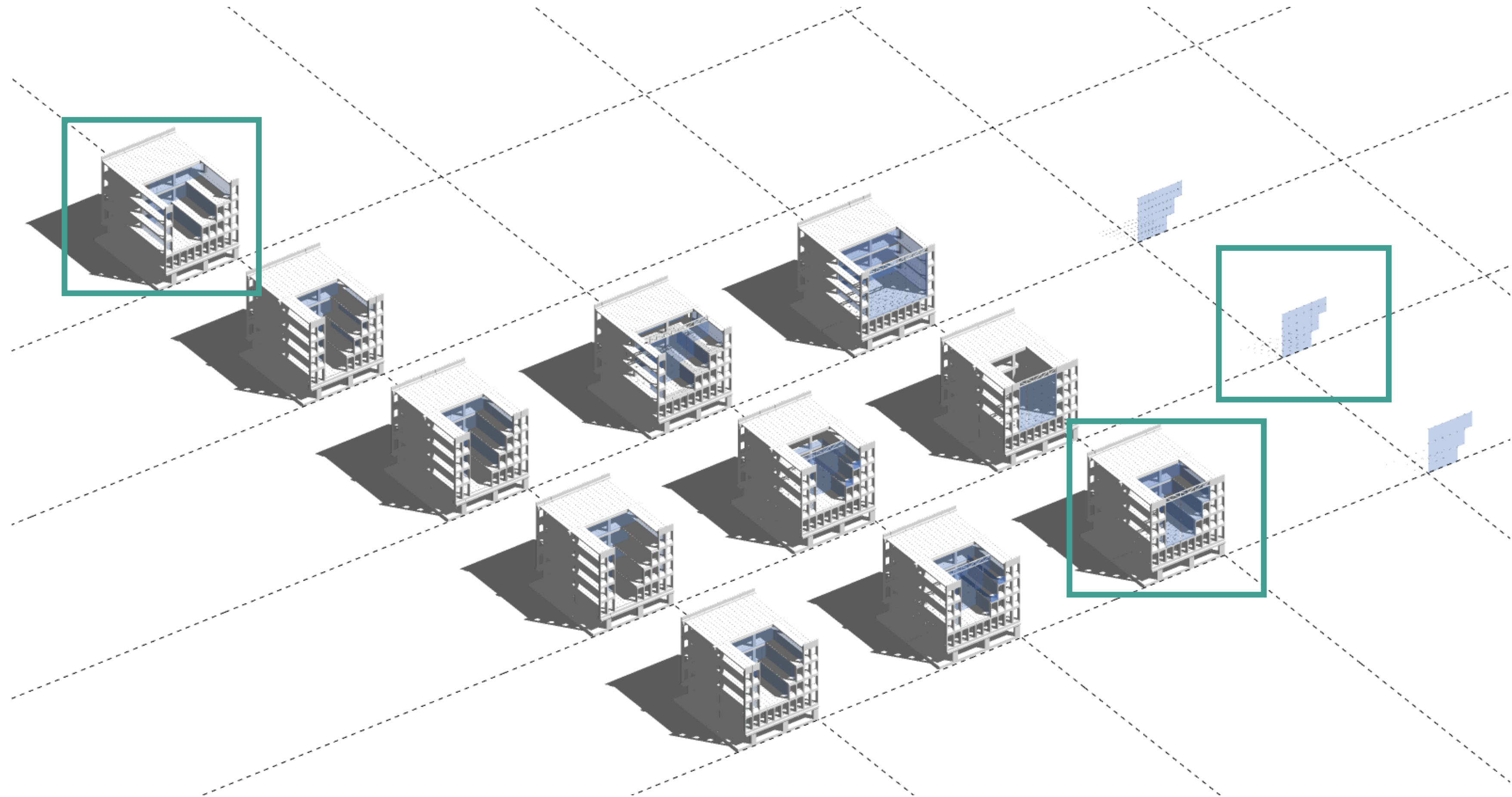
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Atrium - concept testing



• Daylight entrance

• Balcony space

• Type of glass facade

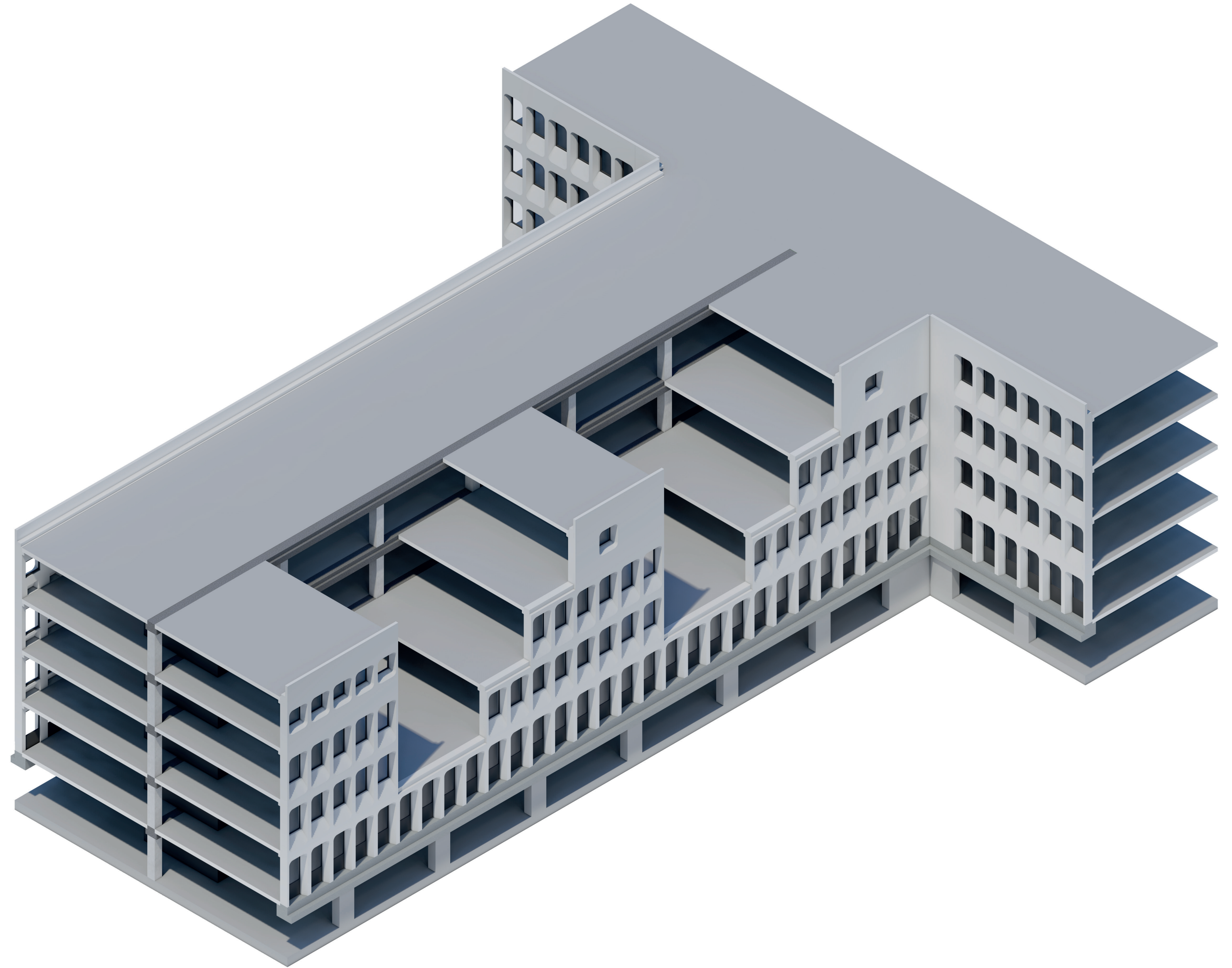
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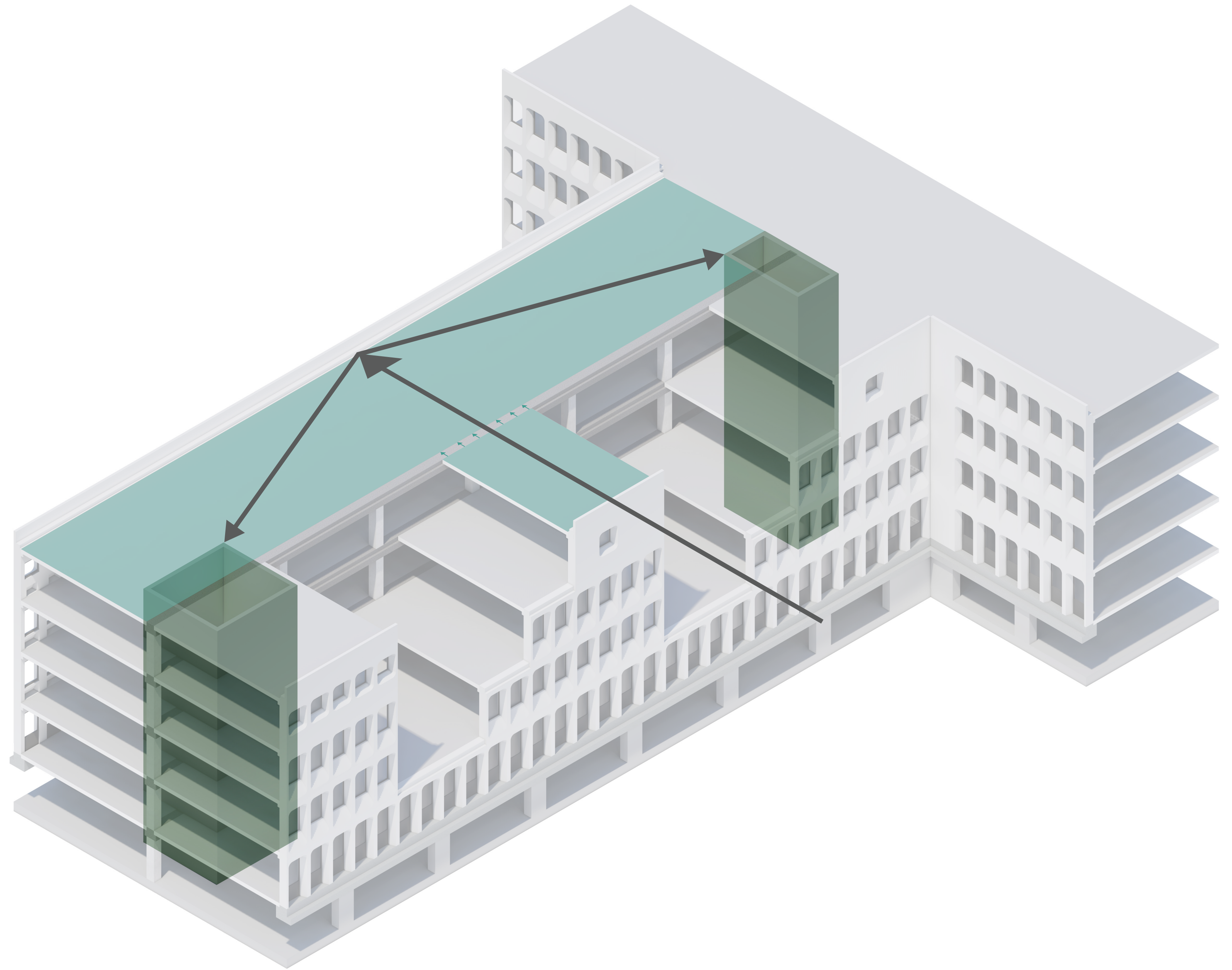
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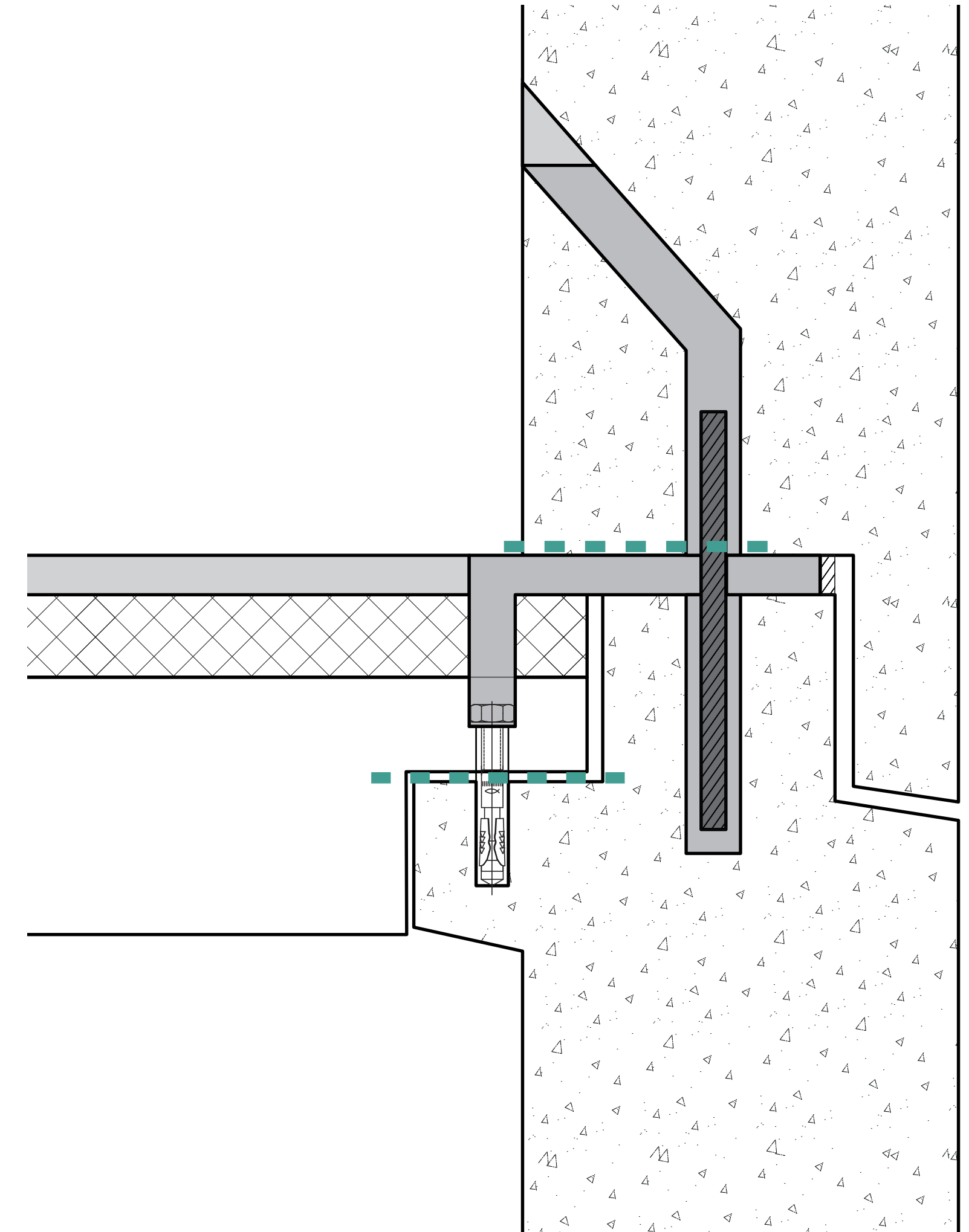
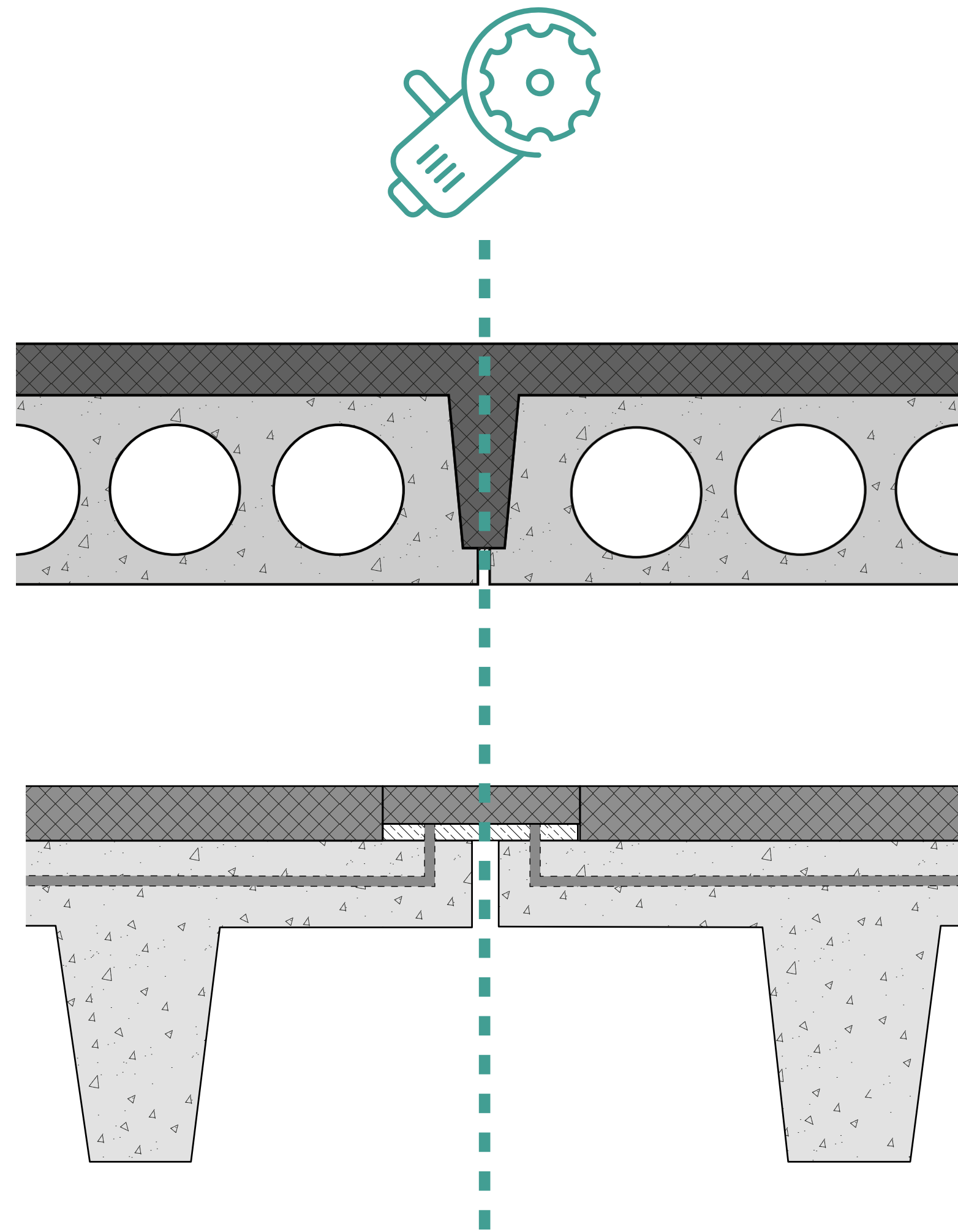
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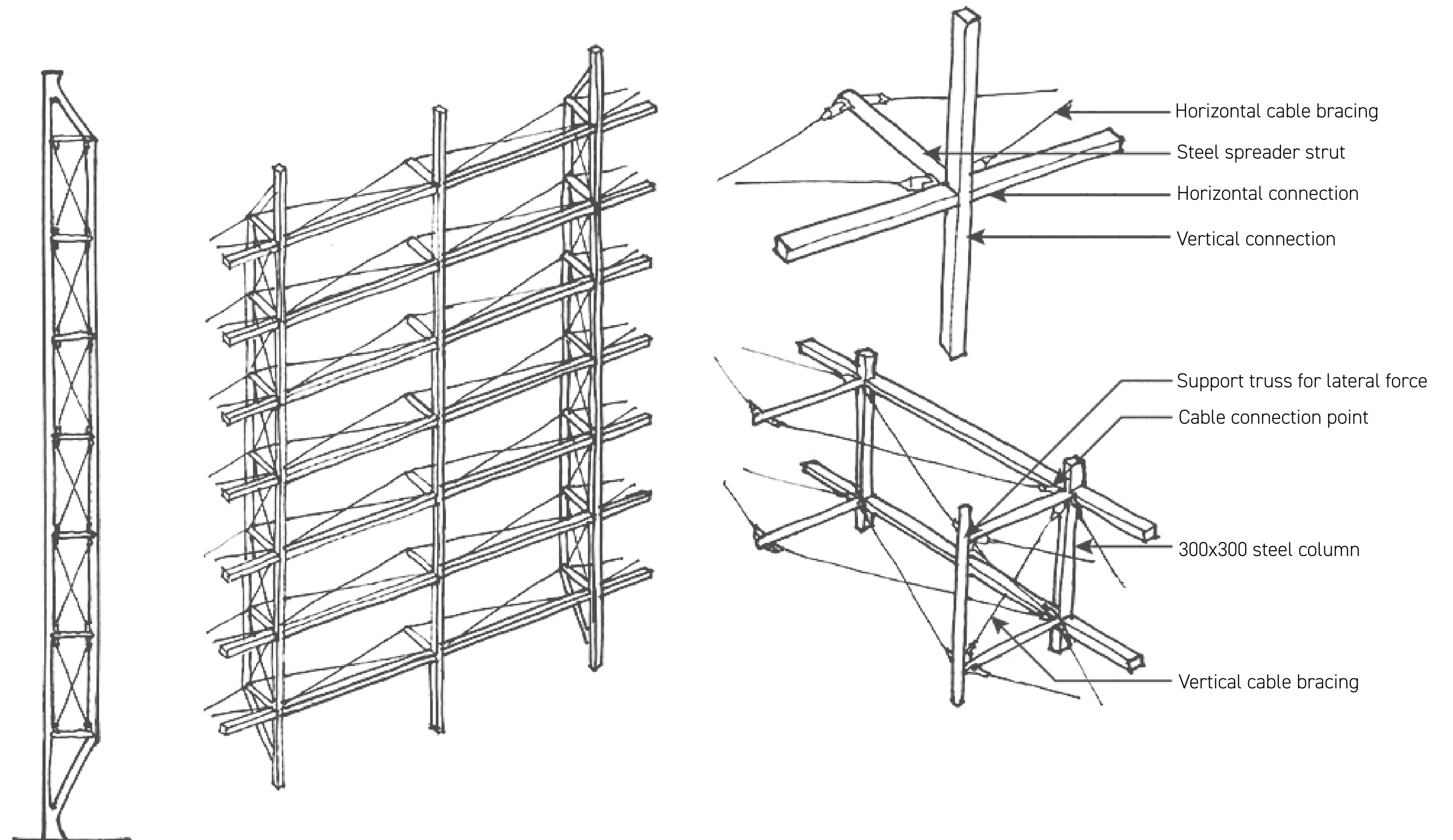
Atrium - facade removal



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- **Atrium - curtain wall**

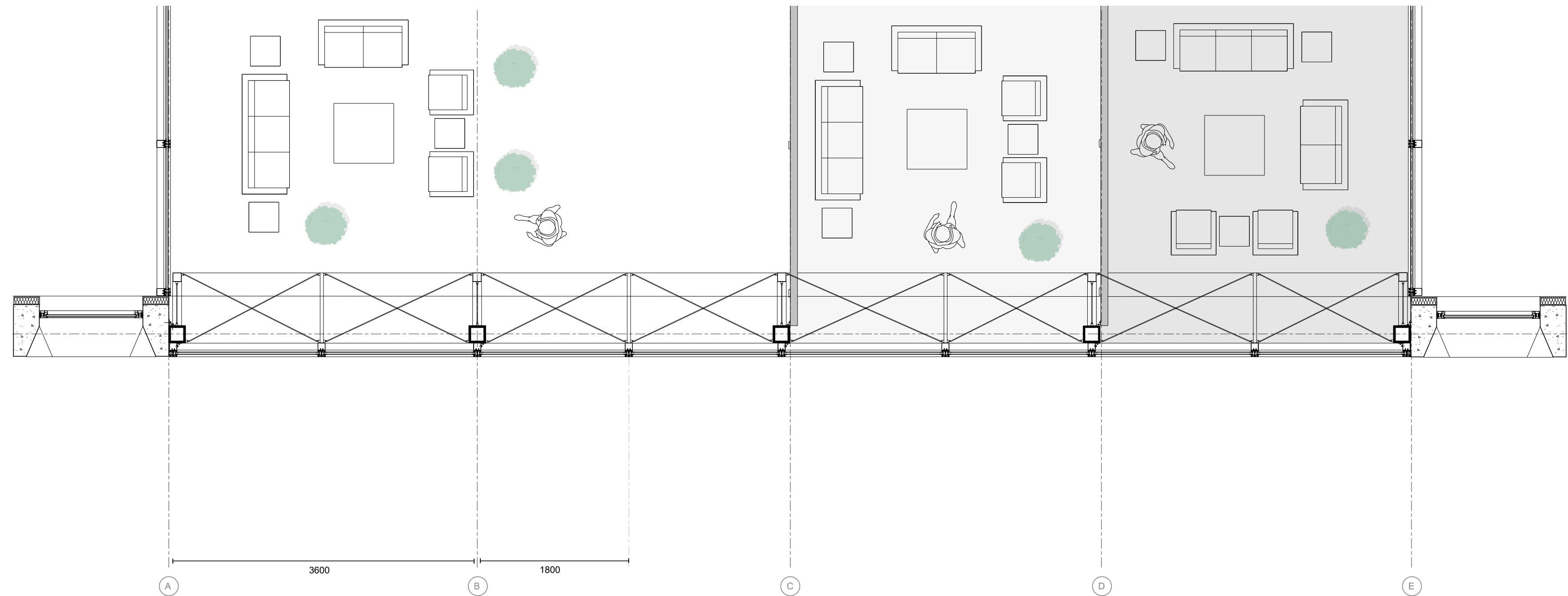
Atrium - cable-truss curtain wall



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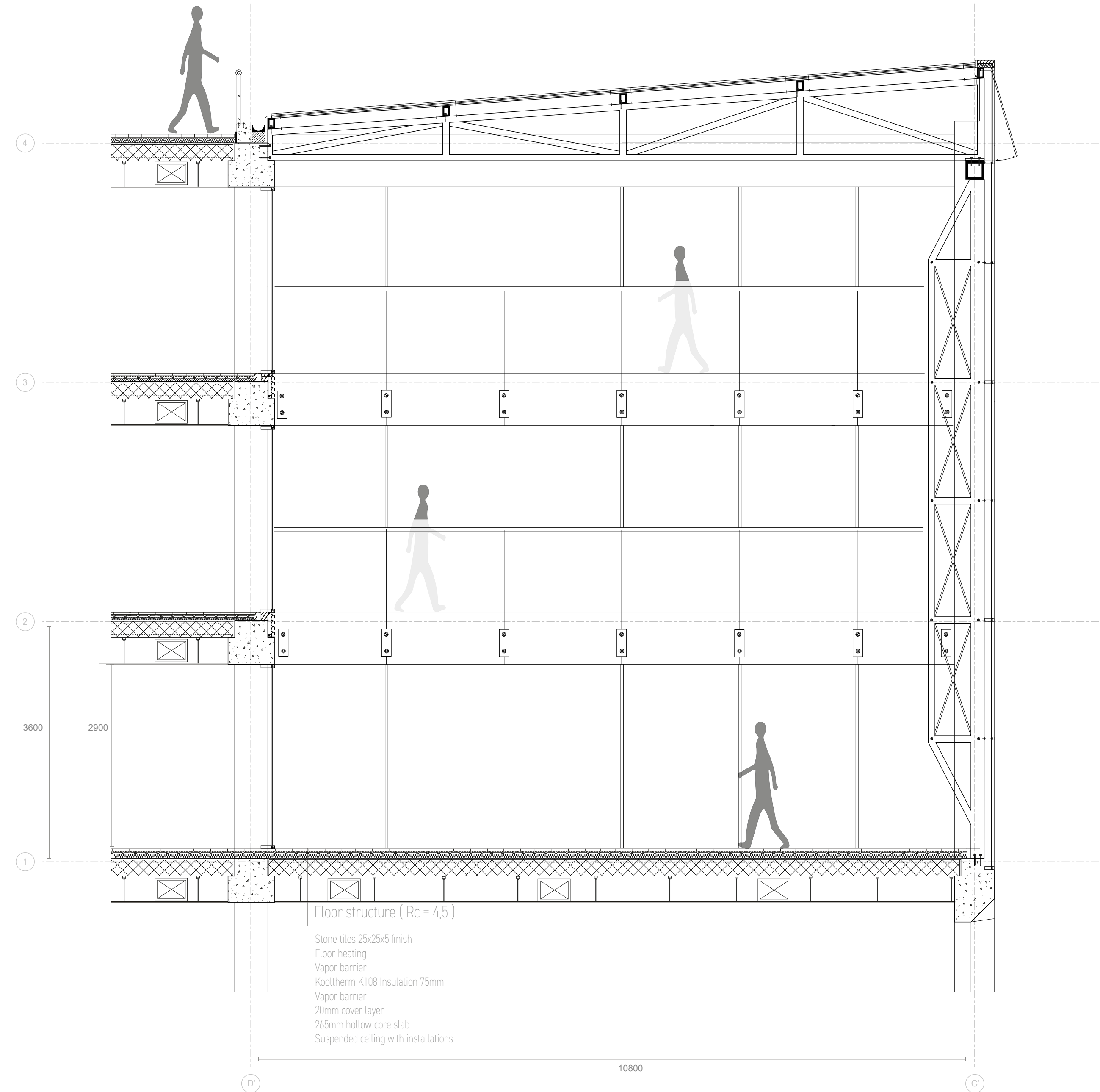
Atrium - horizontal section



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Atrium - section overview

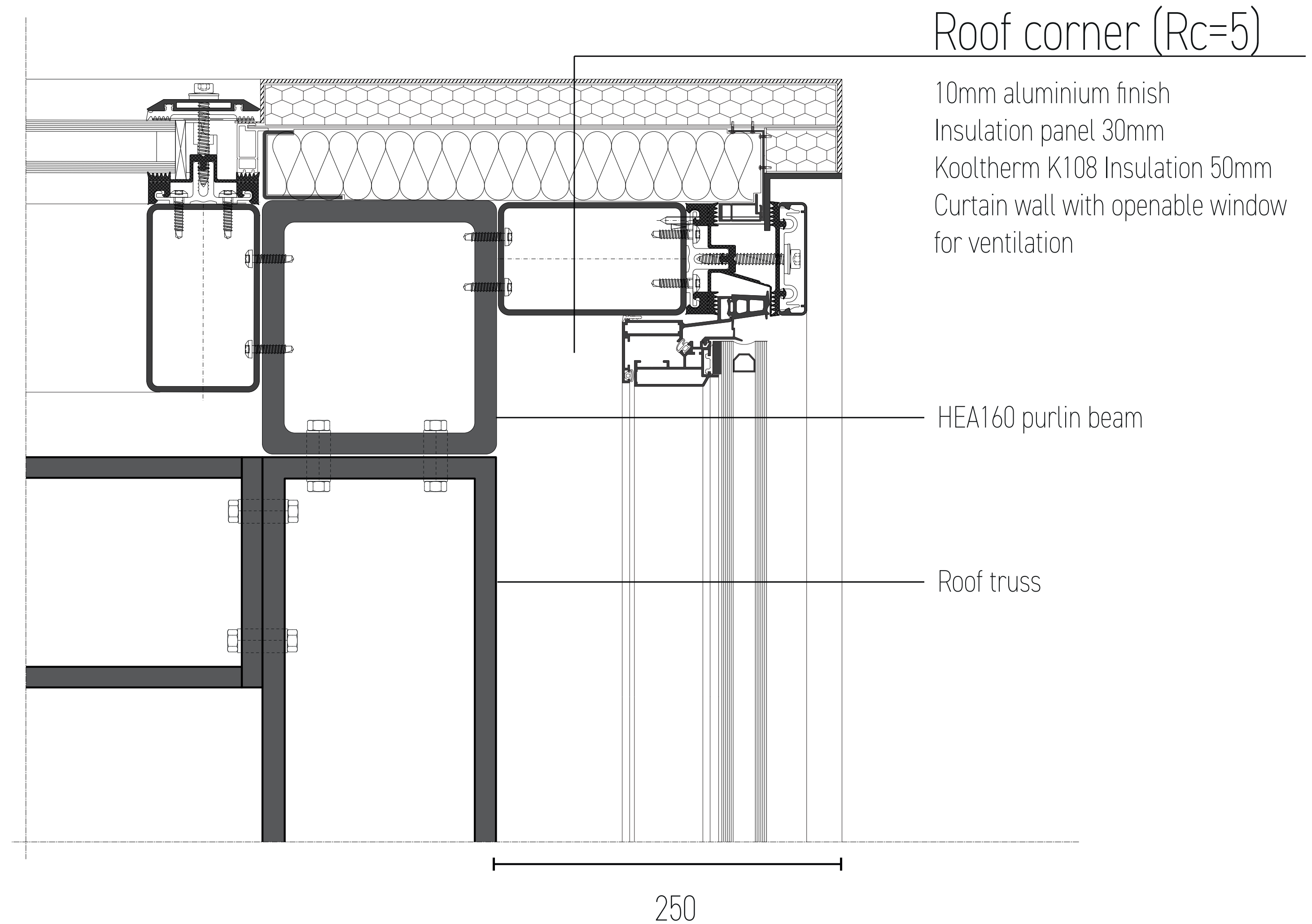


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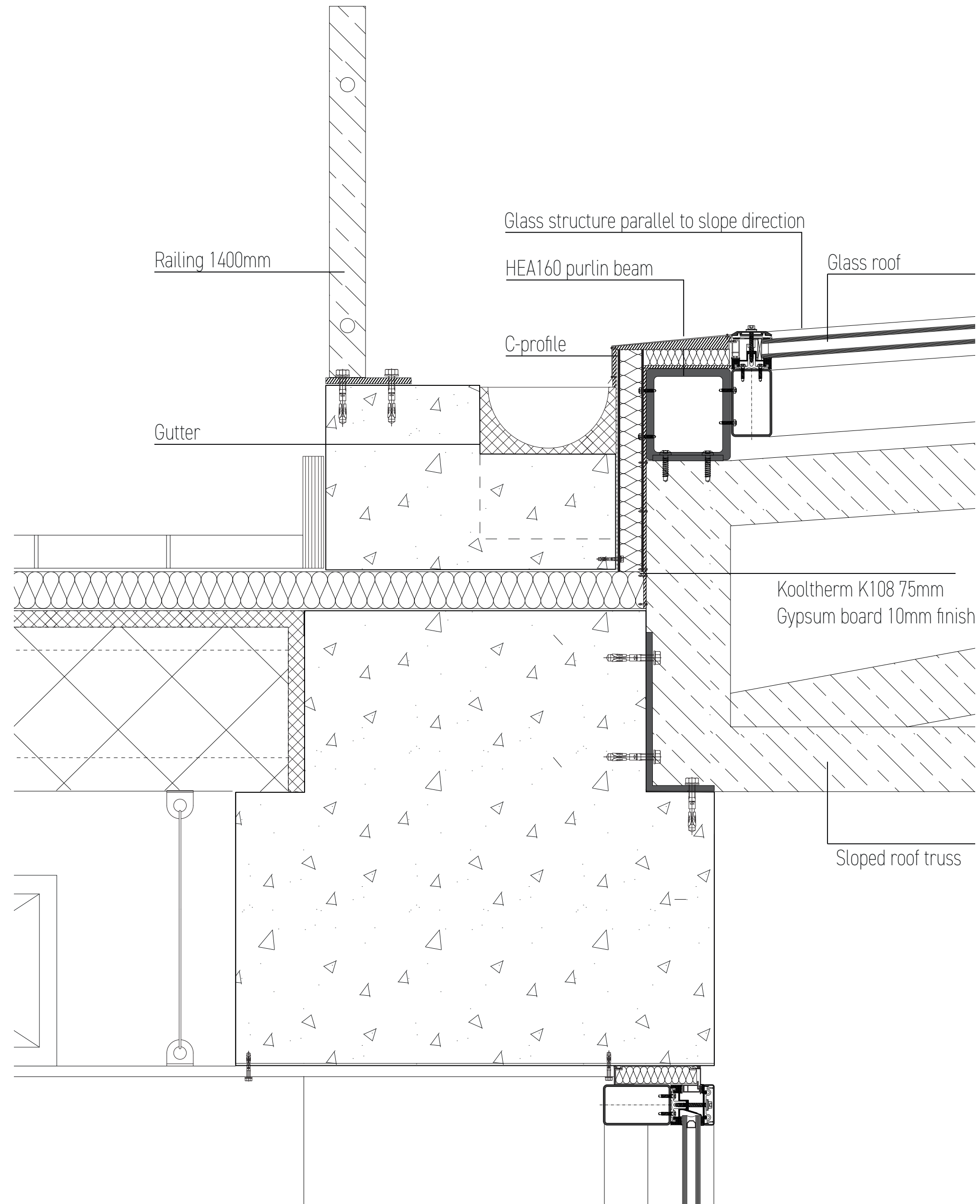


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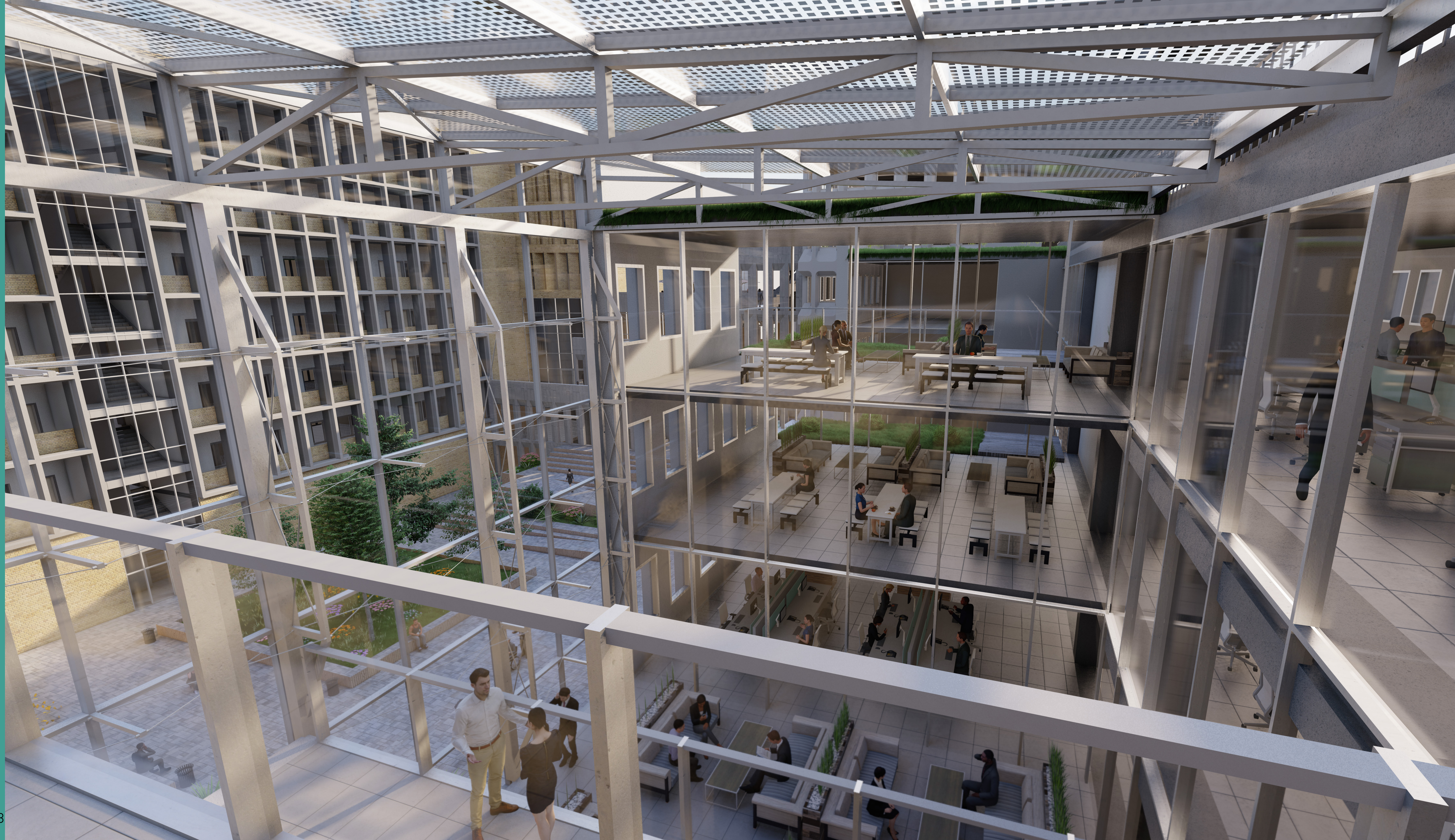
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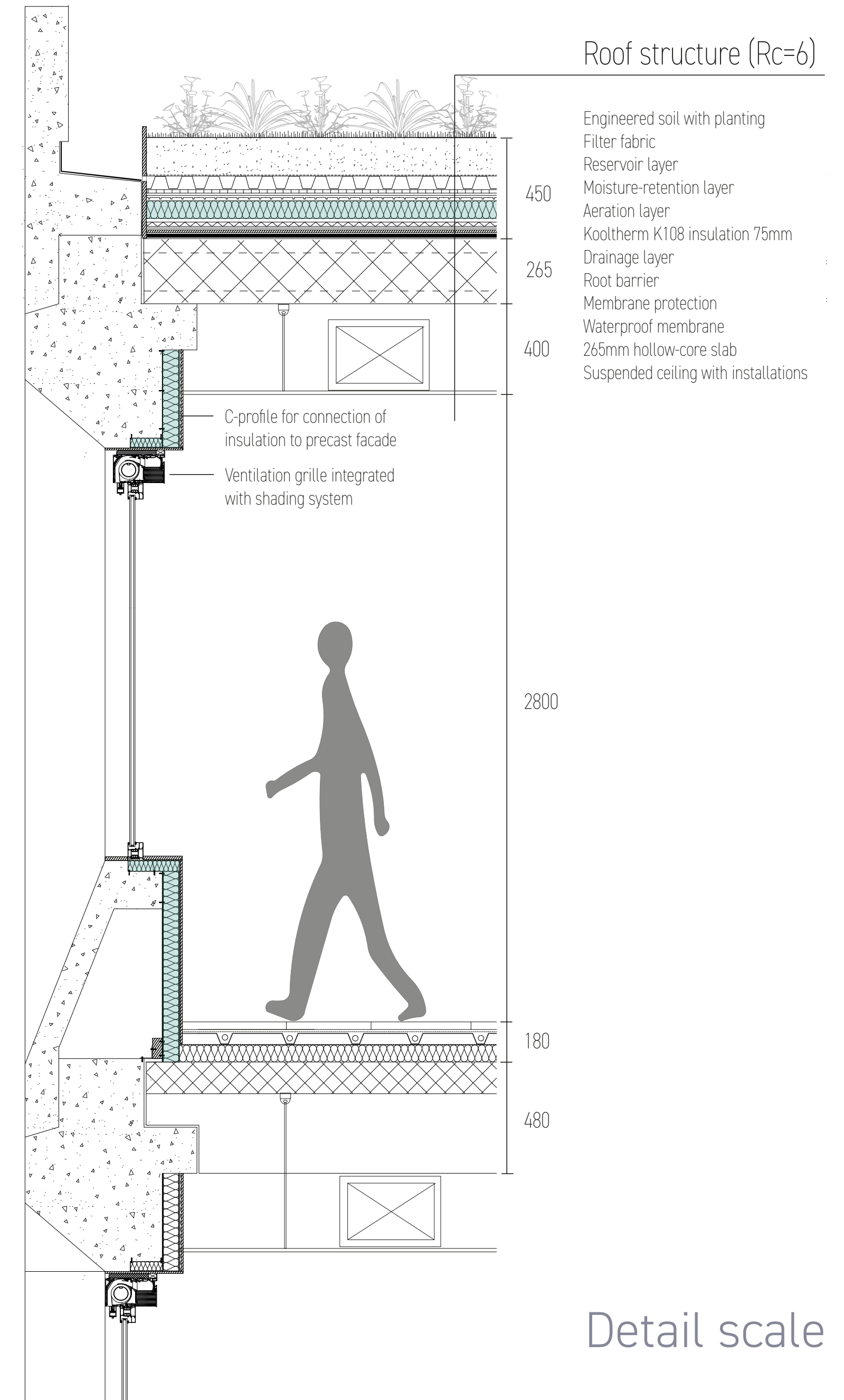
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Climate - added insulation

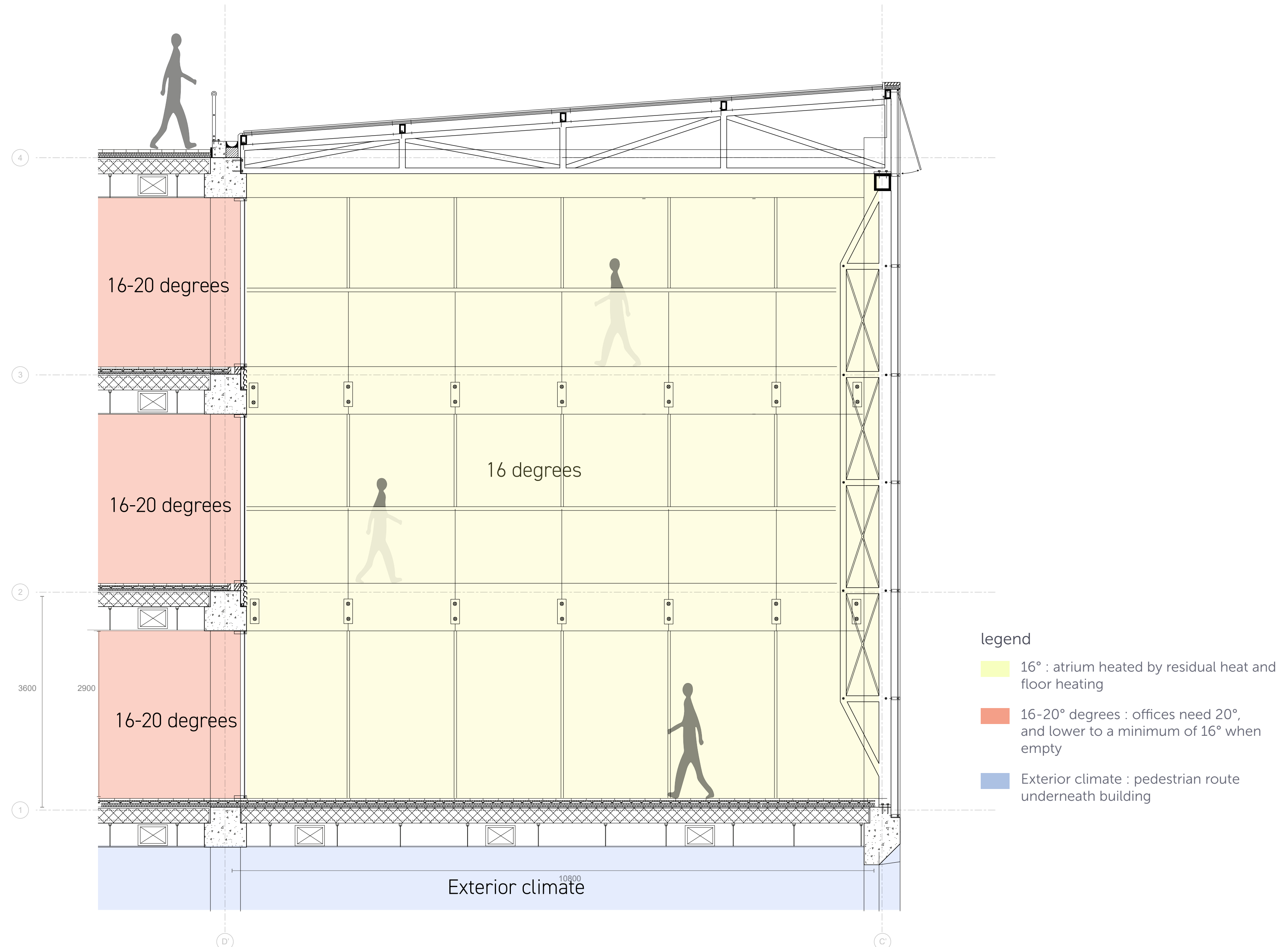


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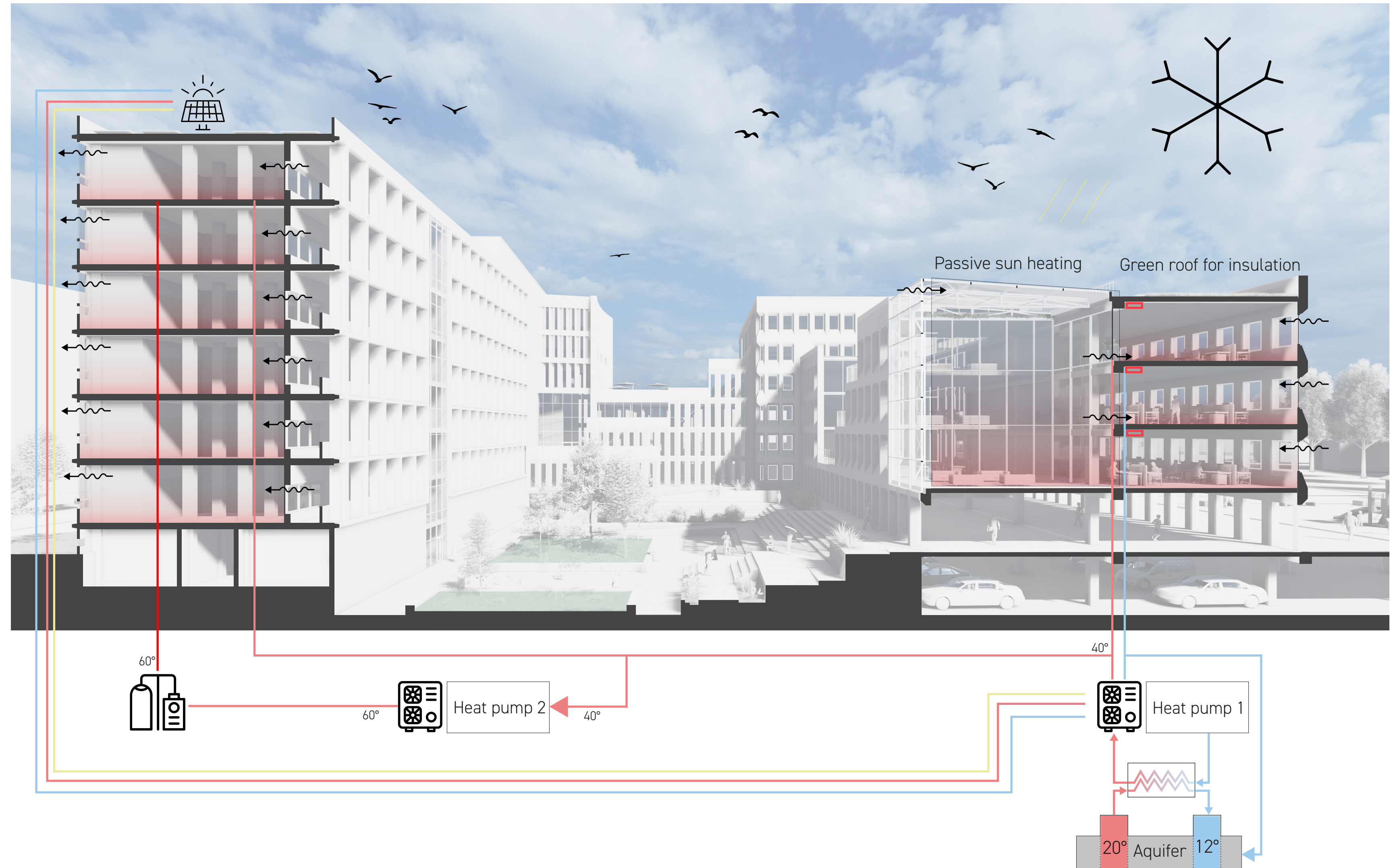
Climate - thermal zones



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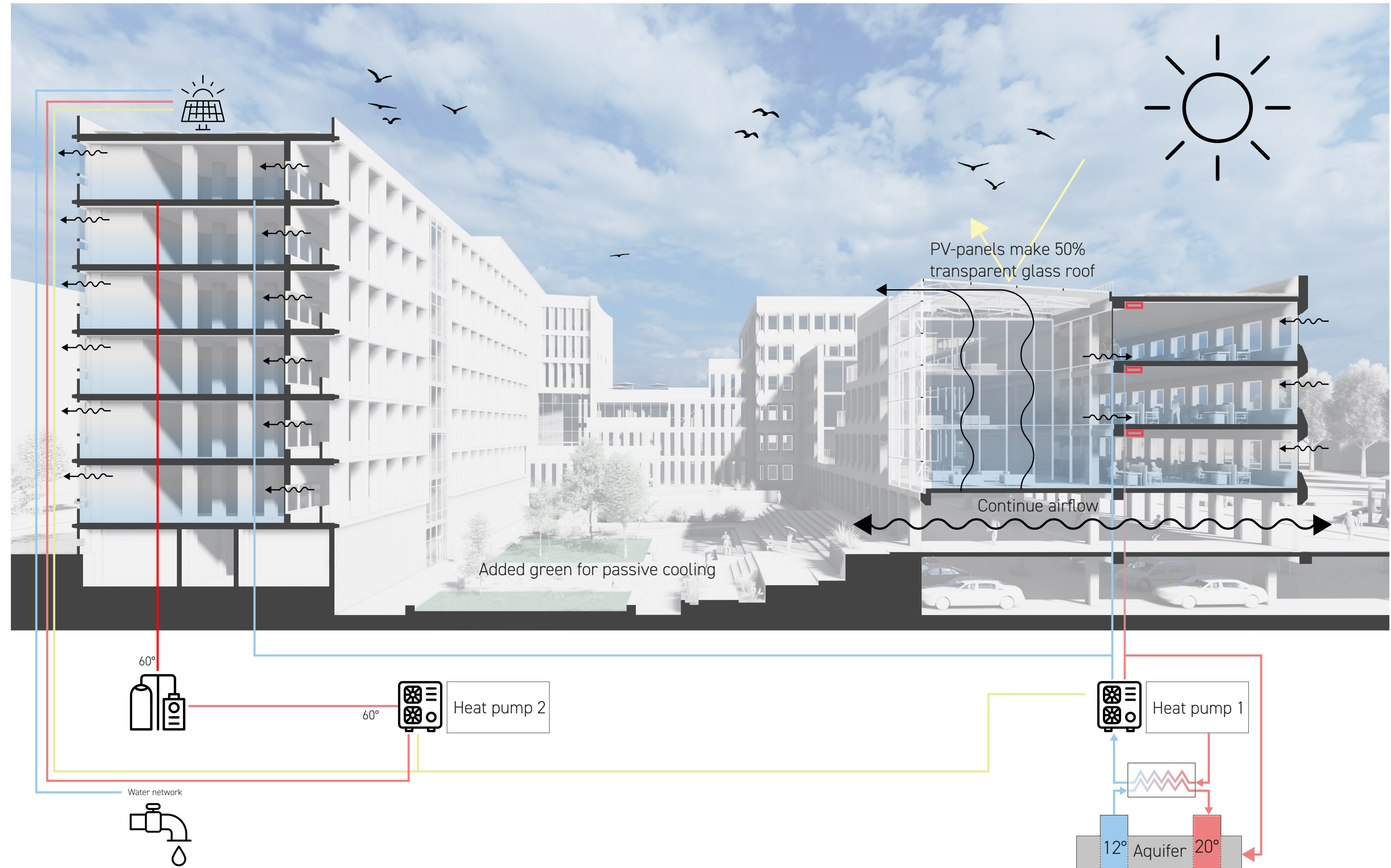
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Climate - summer situation



The Conclusion



Main Research Question

"To what extent does the precast concrete façade in the police headquarters in The Hague influence our approach to a redesign?"

Research paper conclusion

- Symbol of transition ————— Conceptual value
- Symbol of transformation ————— Technological value
- Technological advancement ————— Technological value

Design

- Preserve and emphasize on Schokbeton facade
- Adjust character to new function
- Operate on non-loadbearing parts
- Create relation between the 1959 and 1980 part

'Answer'

Most post-war precast concrete facade are unique examples of craftsmanship and technology, while reflecting the ways we lived and built in the past. As an architect, it is important to acknowledge this before making a decision on these type of facades.

Design Research Question

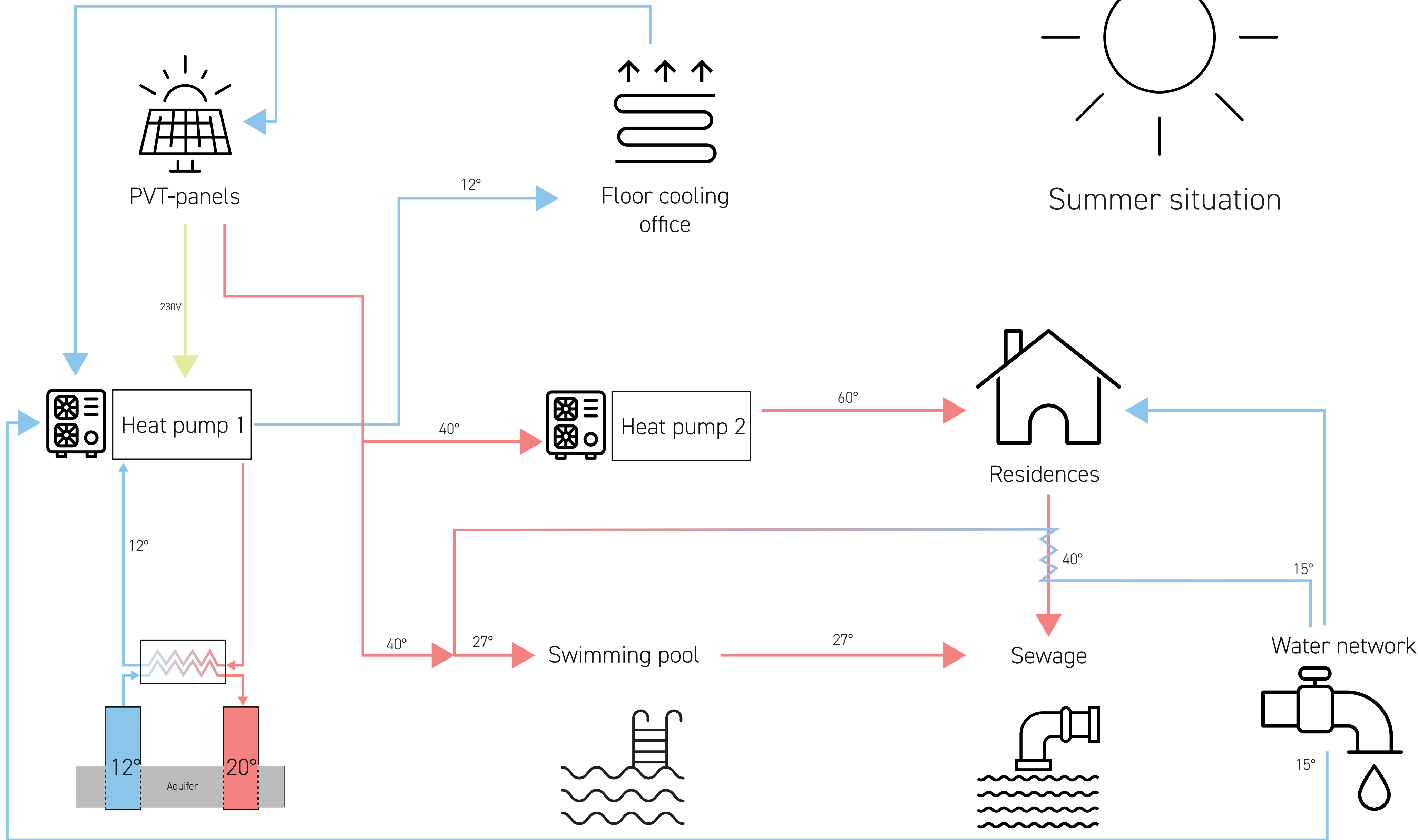
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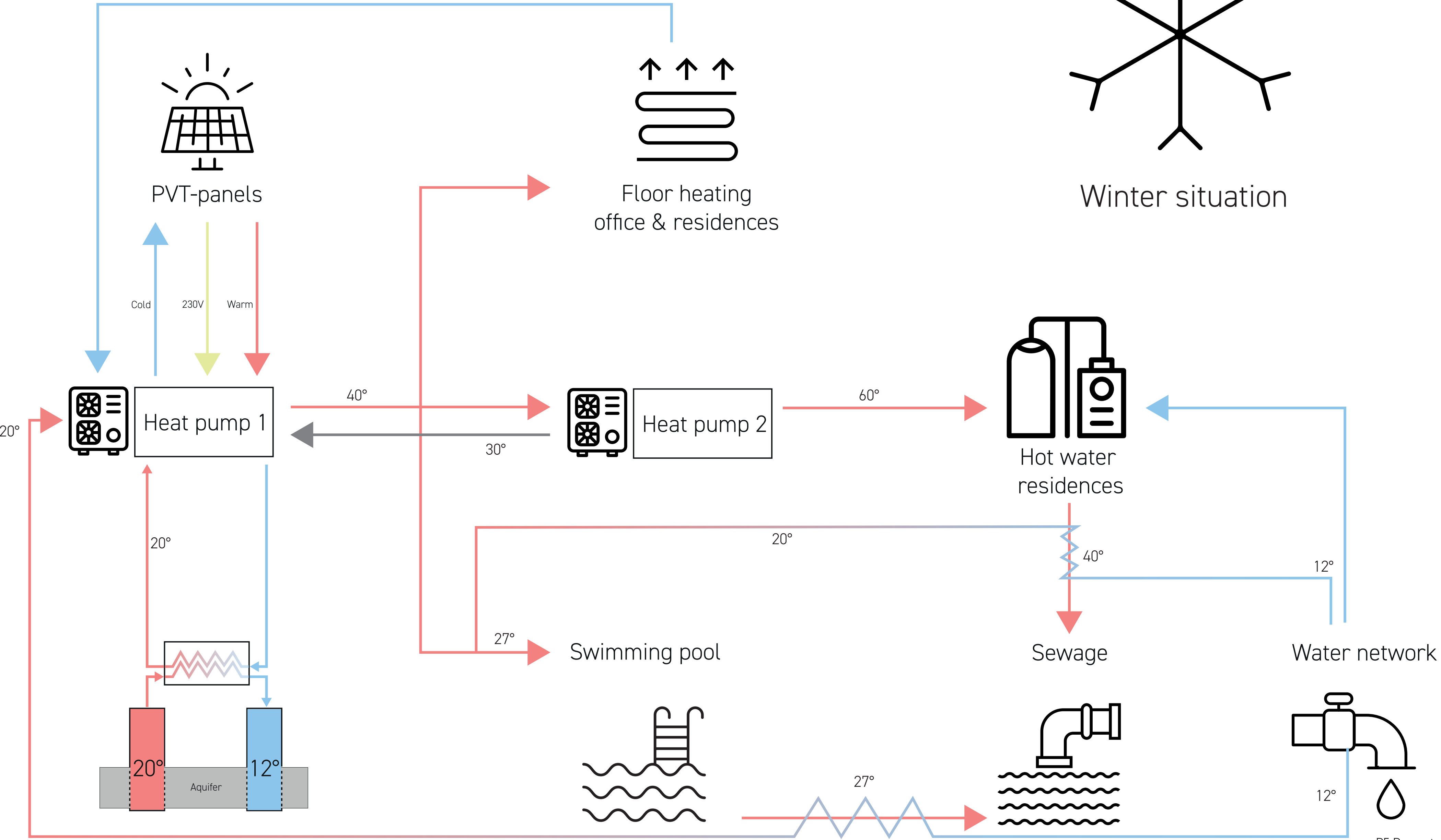
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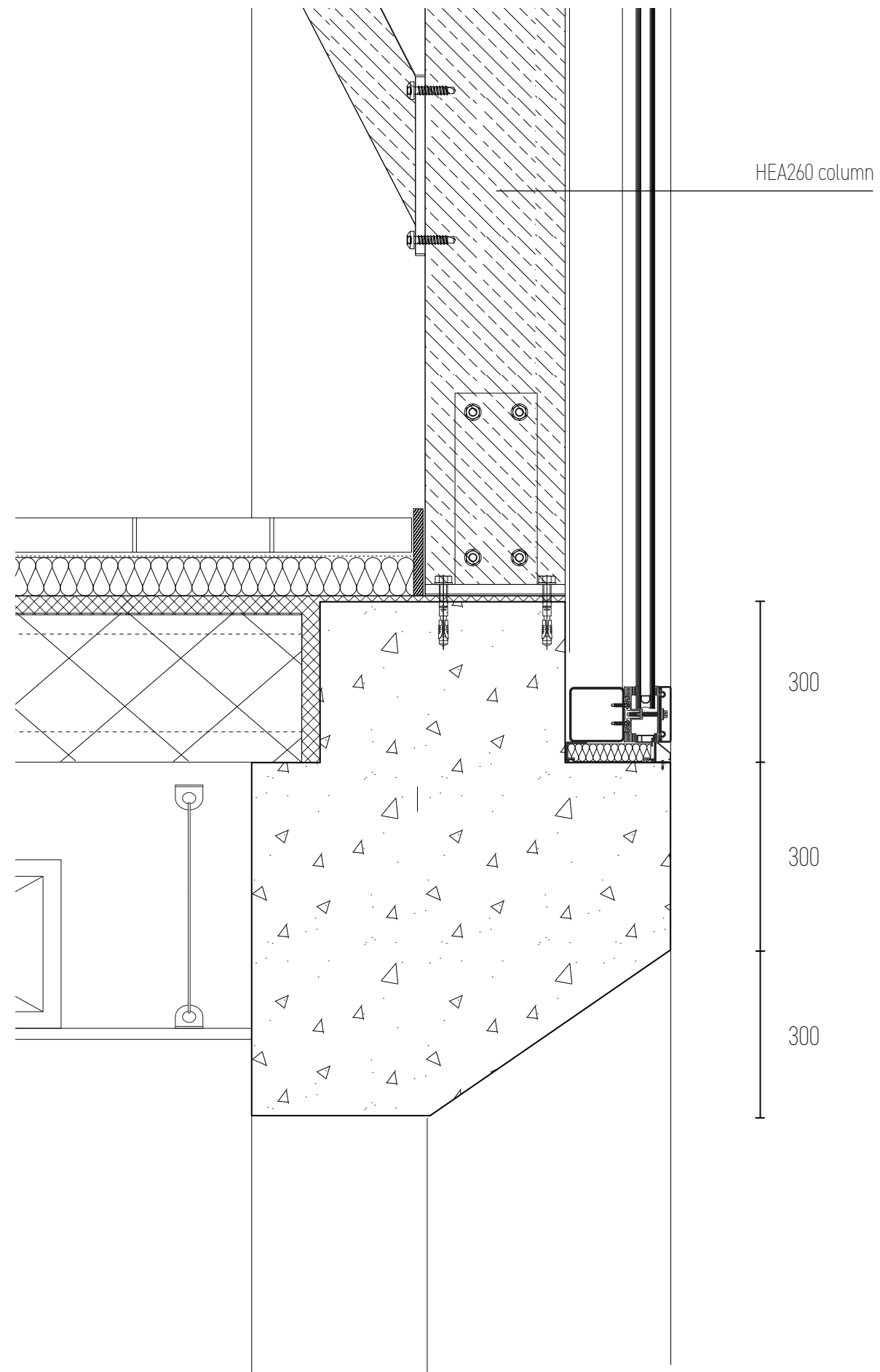


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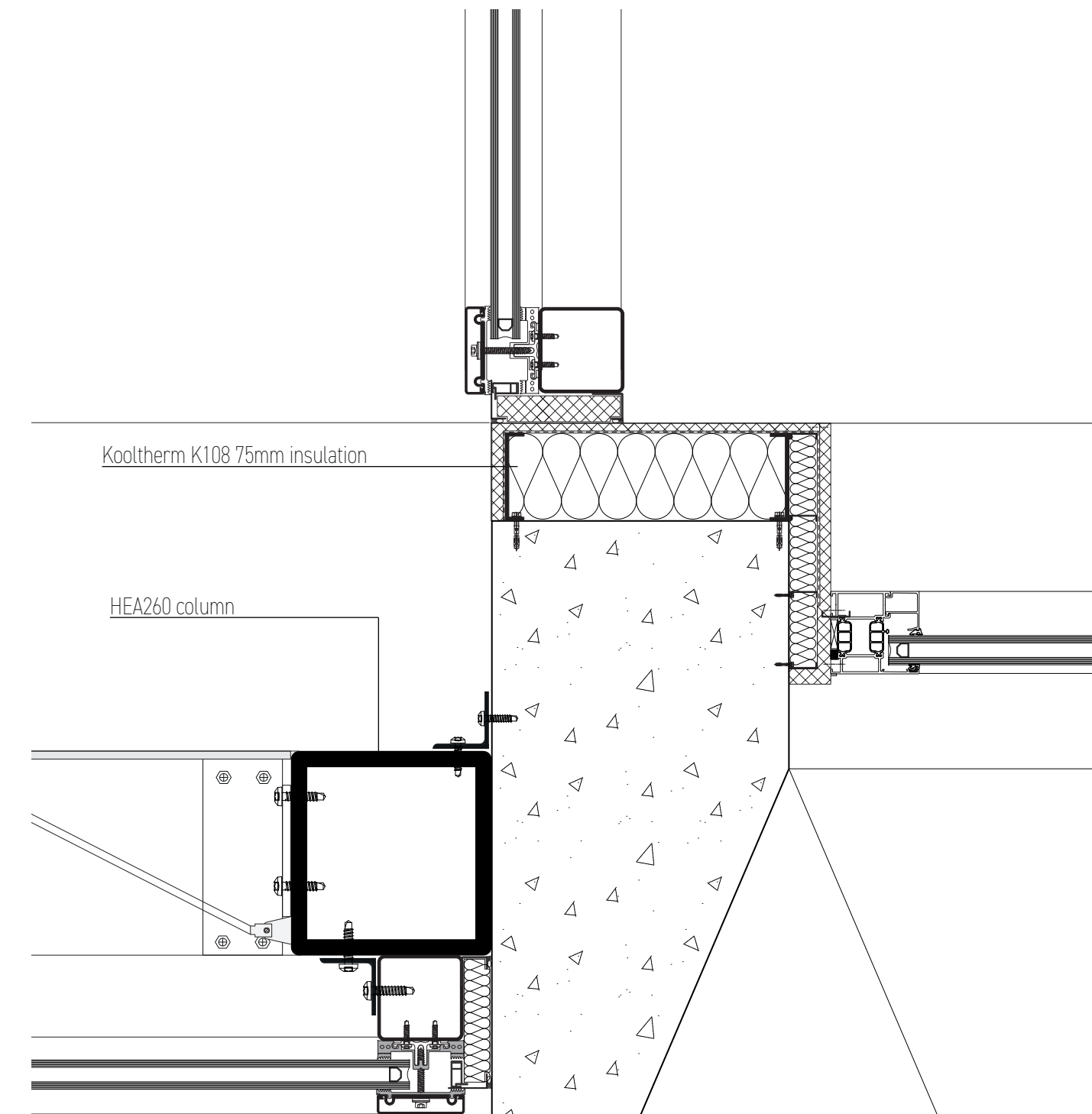


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