CONTEXT

The Cité is located in Amsterdam Noord between the IJ-Plein scheme and Overhoeks. Through its position it can become the connection between the two schemes. The Cité will react on both schemes through its orientation and mass. To be able to function as a connection between the two schemes, the Cité will have to be easily accessible from all surrounding neighbourhoods. Therefore a pedestrian/bicycle bridge will be placed over the water that will connect the site of the Cité with the Overhoeks area.

SCHEME

How the Cité will be perceived will depend on from which side you approach it. Seen from the IJ-Plein the Cité looks like the blocks of the IJ-Plein scheme, while from Overhoeks it appears more dynamic. This comes through the fact that the Cité is build up out of different buildings that are connected with each other through decks, each deck is related to one of the functions of the Cité. At the same time these decks create different levels of privacy and a different experience, through the view that you have from them on the Cité itself and its surroundings. Through the placement of the different components that make up the Cité, an inner street is created which functions not only as the main axis of the Cité, but also as vista towards the IJ. Around this axis are the entrances of the main functions (dwellings, offices, commercial/retail space, public functions). When you move up in the Cité, the percentage of public areas and functions will decreases, while the percentage of dwellings will increases.

PROGRAMME

COMMERCIAL FUNCTIONS
- Restaurant 600m²
- Shops 1000m²

DWELLINGS
- Apartments (26*165m²) 4290m²
- Maisonettes (13*175m²) 2285m²
- Incl. shop (6*175m²) 1050m²

KNOWLEDGE CENTRE
- Mediatheque 2080m²
- Offices 2080m²

PUBLIC FUNCTIONS
- Youth Centre 905m²
- Yacht Club 600m²
- Swimming Pool/Fitness 2245m²

PARKING (205 parking lots) 7454m² +

TOTAL CÎTE 24929m²

SItuation

Strong Direction
Reaction both Areas
Fragmented
Vista towards IJ
Connect van der Pekbuurt and IJ-Plein
Strong Outside
Dynamic Inside
Different Levels that have visual relations
Improve accessibility
Relation with the water

Urban Concept
- Reaction surrounding areas
Architectural Concept
- Two main vistas
- Difference inside and outside
- Different areas
- Improve accessibility
- Relation with the water

Legend Sections
1. Apartments
2. Maisonettes
3. Mediatheque
4. Offices
5. Mediatheque
6. Children’s spaces
7. Restaurant
8. Shops
9. Shops + dwelling
10. Swimming Pool
11. Youth Centre
12. Yacht Club

Sec. A-A’

FACADE - looking towards the U
FACADE - looking from the IJ
IMPRESSION - bird’s eye

Sec. B-B’

FACADE - looking from the Meeuwenlaan
FACADE - looking from the park towards the Meeuwenlaan
IMPRESSION - view towards the Sixhavenweg
IMPRESSION - view towards the outdoor pool

Section 8-8’