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Floors will provide room for building functions

Structure of the building blends in with an abstracting pattern

20% closed

Structure in facade on existing UN grid

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