## THE GREEN FLOW

### A NEW DESIGN FOR THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL



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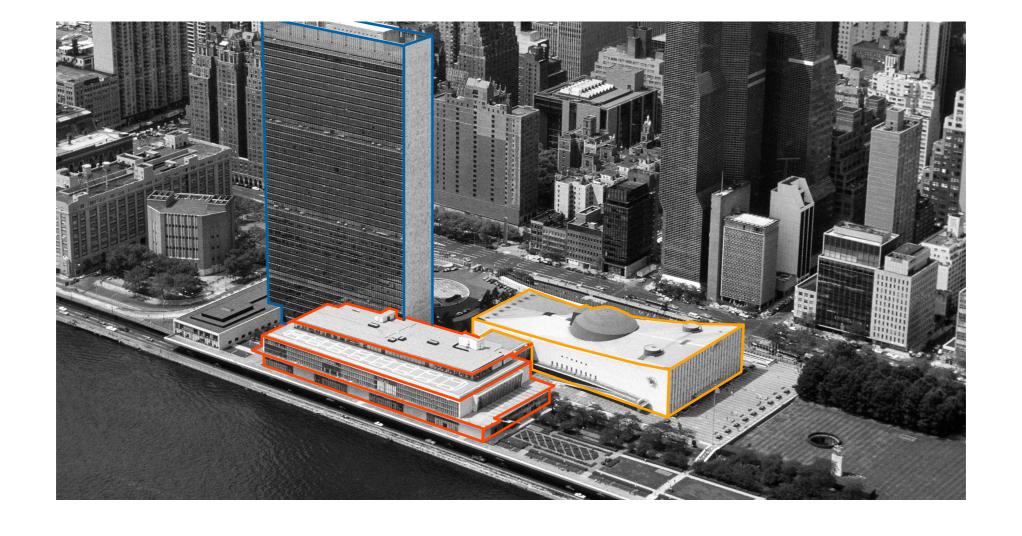
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## THE UNITED NATIONS

#### **The United Nations**





## **1.1 GOAL**



"The triple bottom line"
People - Planet - Profit





**Scale Midtown east** 



42<sup>nd</sup> str.

47th str. 48th str.



1st av.

**FDR** 

## **LOCATION**



### **1.3 PROBLEMS**

**Explosion risk** 

**Security check** 





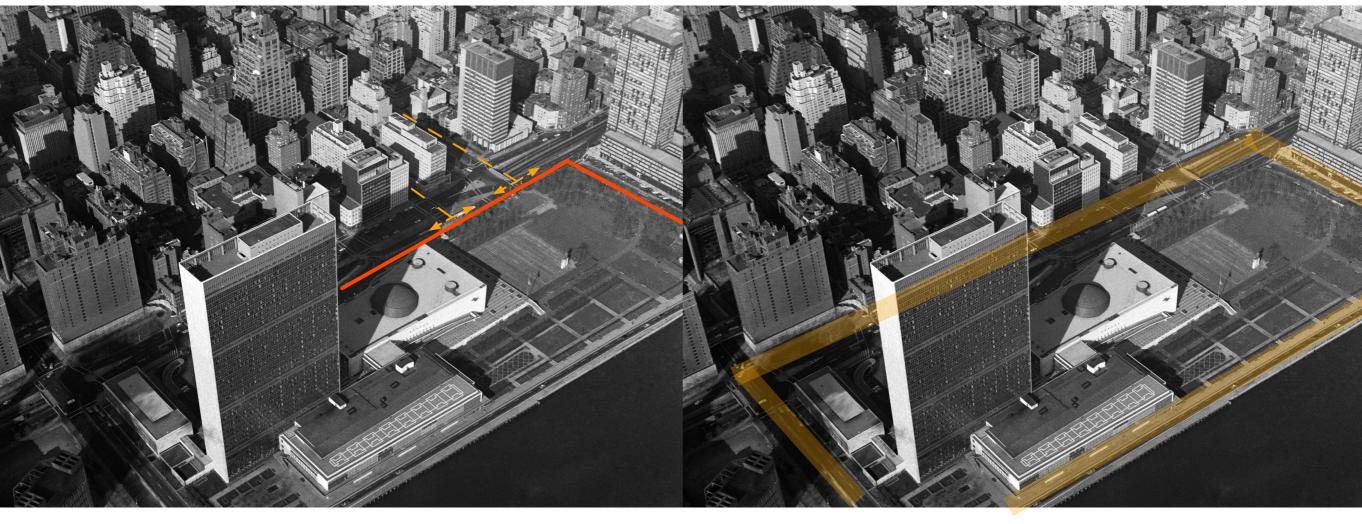






## **Connection New York / waterfront**

## **Heavy traffic arround site**











#### Lack of public green space

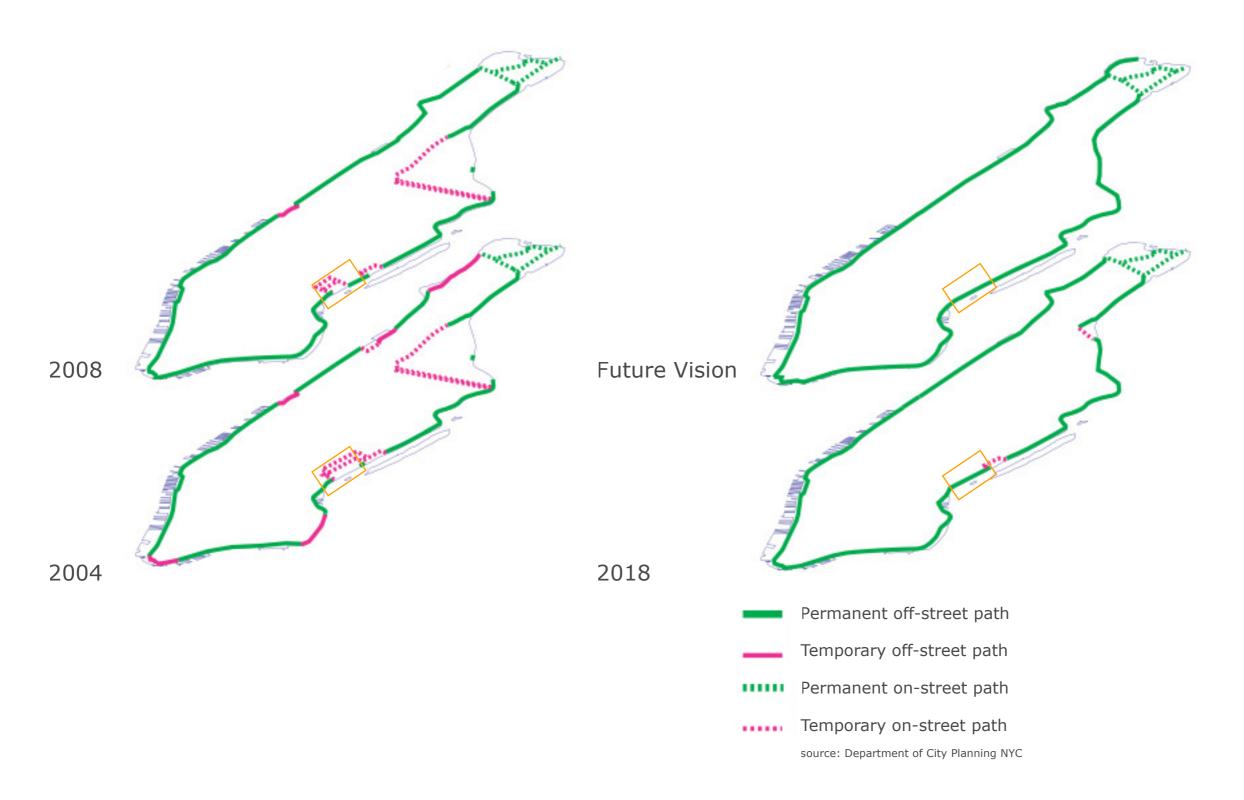


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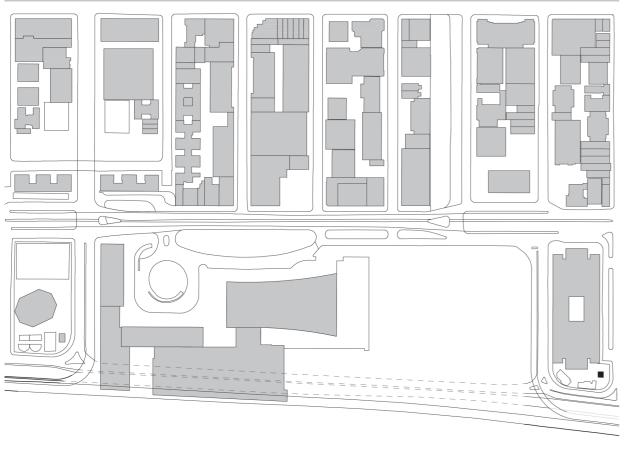
(source: PlaNYC update april 2011)

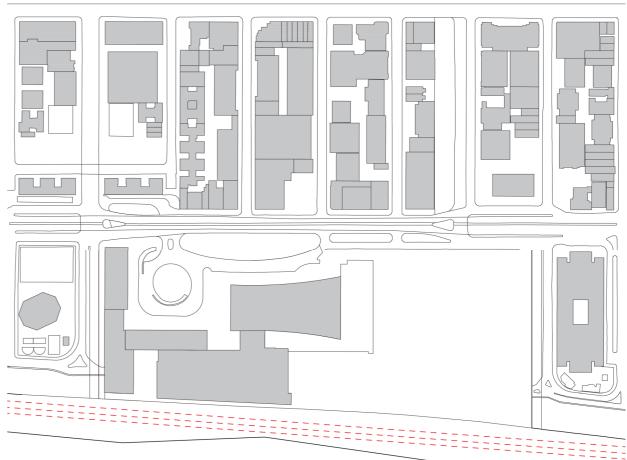
#### 1.4 SOLUTIONS

#### **MANHATTAN GREENWAY**



### **DIVERTING EXPLOSION RISK**



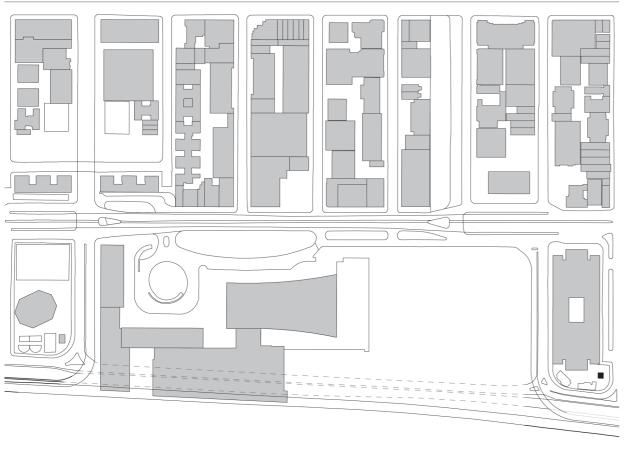


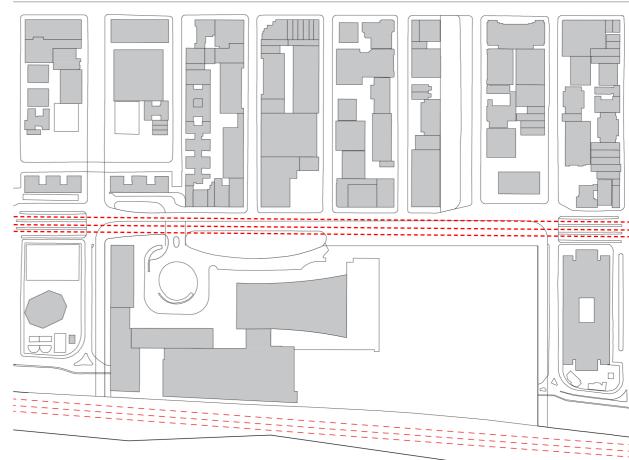
### **Old situation**

#### **New situation**

- Extend waterfront
- Create FDR tunnel

### **REDUCE TRAFFIC**

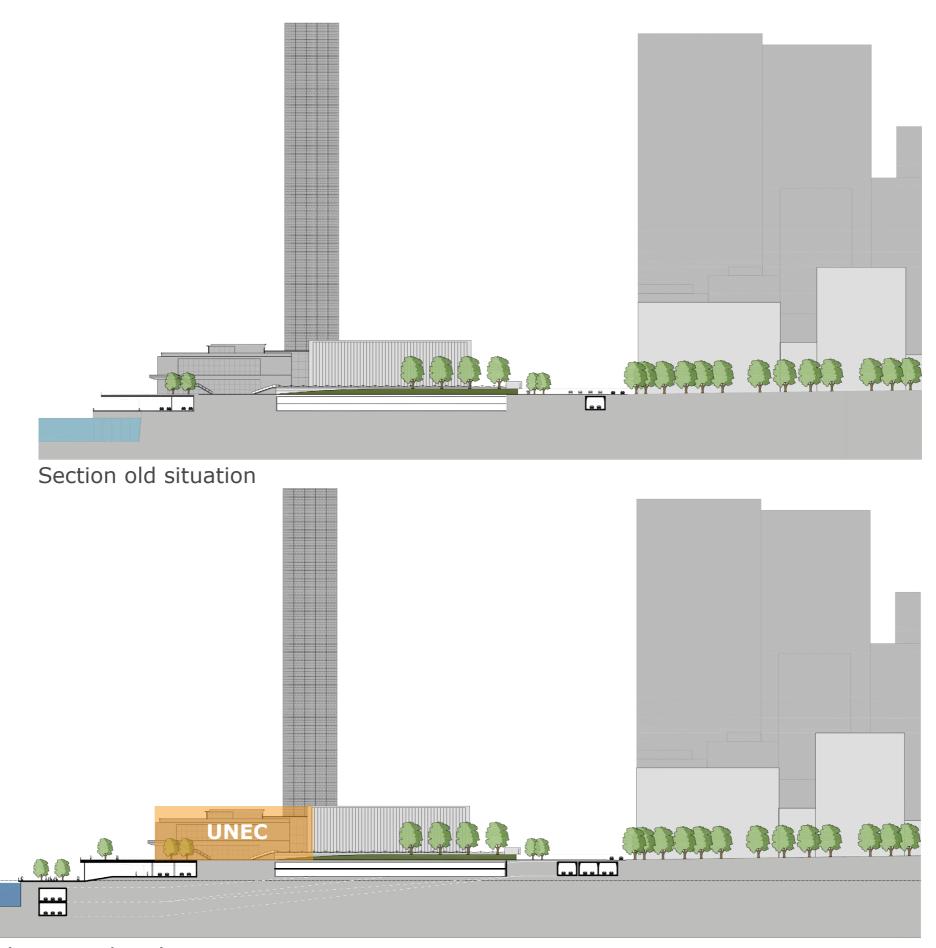




### **Old situation**

### **New situation**

- Reduce traffic Create new 1<sup>ste</sup> av. tunnel

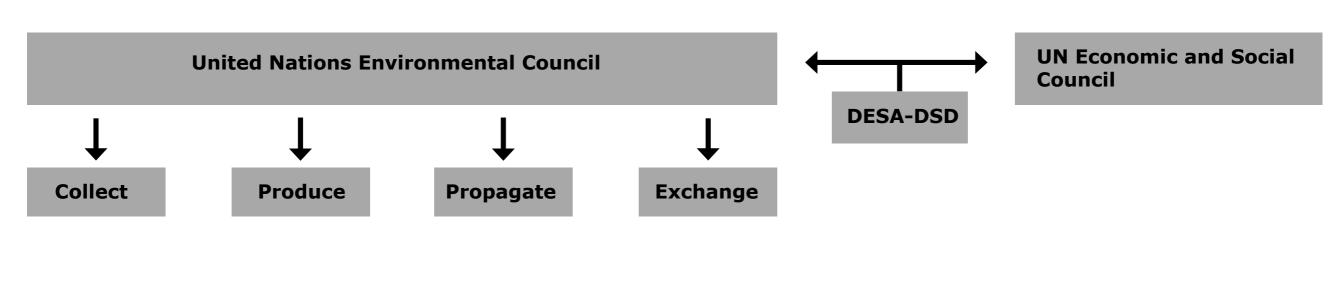


Section new situation

# H2 PROGRAM

#### **Functions Environmental Council**

#### **United Nations**



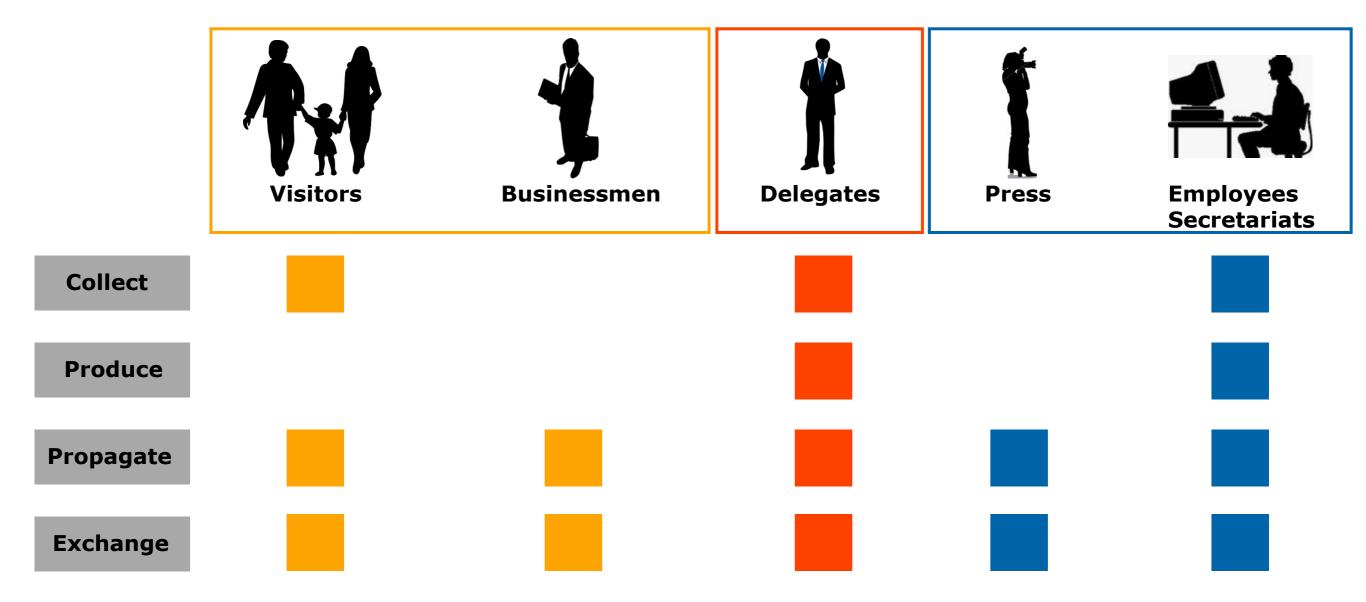








### **Seperating specific users**



#### **Program**



COLLECT 1.835 m2

12,3%



PRODUCE 1.224 m2

8,2%



PROPAGATE 3.136 m2

21,0%



EXCHANGE 3.337 m2

22,4%

GENERAL OFFICE SPACE 2.662 m2

17,8%

ENTRANCE AREA / FACILITIES 2.725 m2

18,3%

#### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

LIBRARY 965 m2

OFFICES 870 m2

#### HIGHLIGHTS:

BRAINSTORM ROOMS 240 m2

OFFICES 1.224 m2

#### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

PRESS ROOMS 390 m2

AUDITORIA 2020 m2

EXPOSITION SPACE 400 m2

PRODUCT SPACE 150 m2

OFFICES 461 m2

#### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

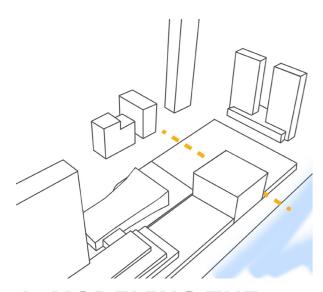
LOBBY 1.200 m2

COUNCIL CHAMBER 1.400 m2

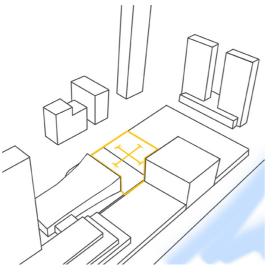
OFFICES 407 m2

# **RESEARCH**

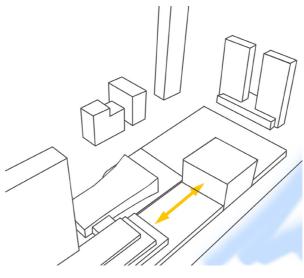
#### **FORM INVESTIGATION IN 4 STEPS**



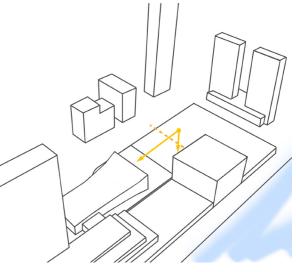
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2. DETERMINE THE SIZE OF THE SQUARE

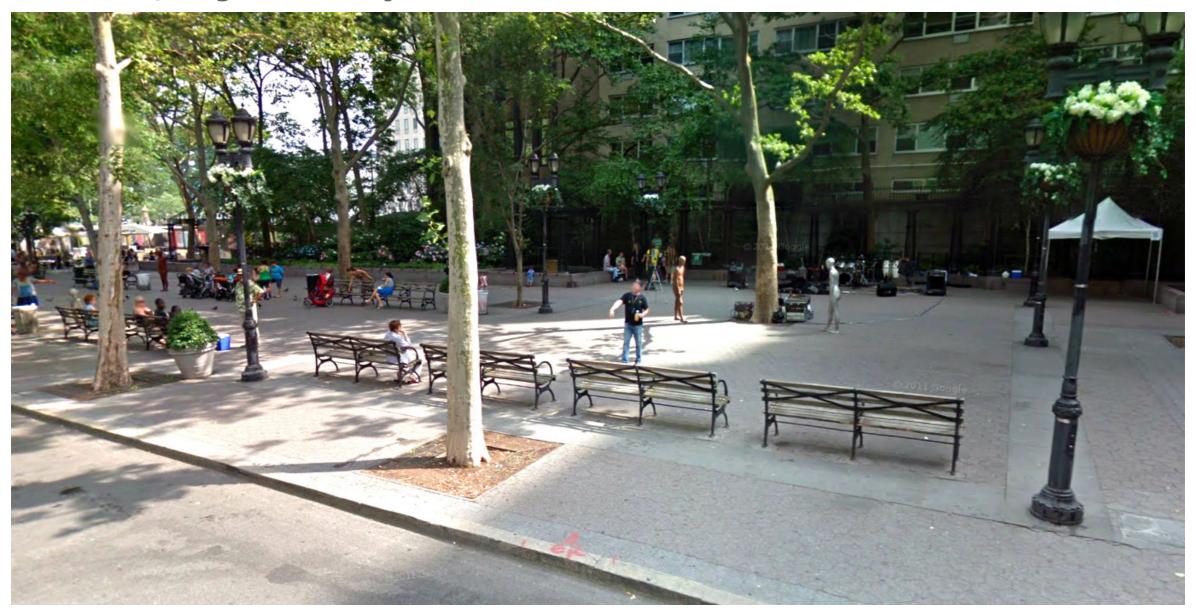


3. CREATING A WALKWAY FOR THE DELEGATES



4. SEARCH FOR AN ENTRANCE

#### 47<sup>th</sup> street / Dag Hammarskjold Plaza

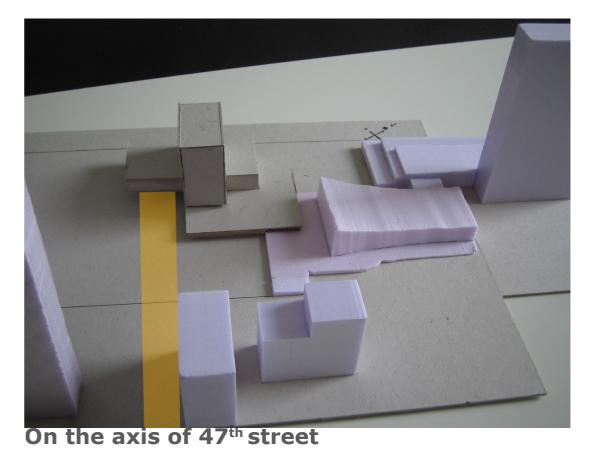


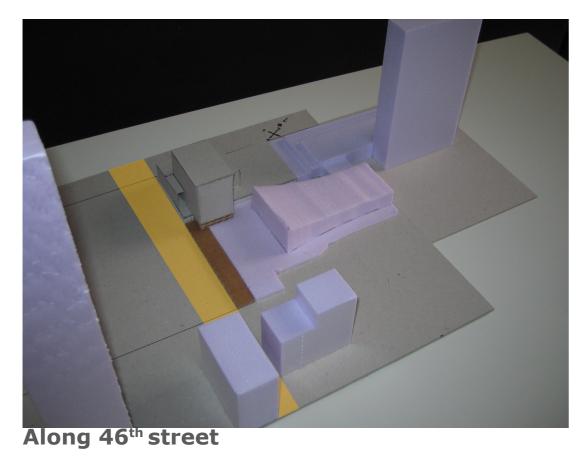


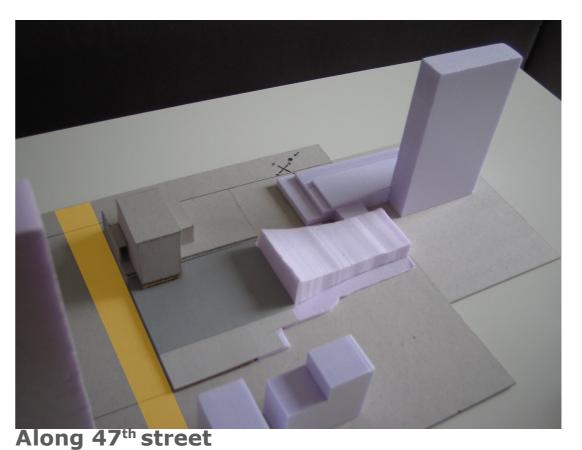
- Connecting New York with the waterfront via 47th street / Dag Hammarskjold Plaza
- Making a clear separation between public and secure
- Creating a public park and a secure formal square

#### **MODELLING THE SECURITY LINE**

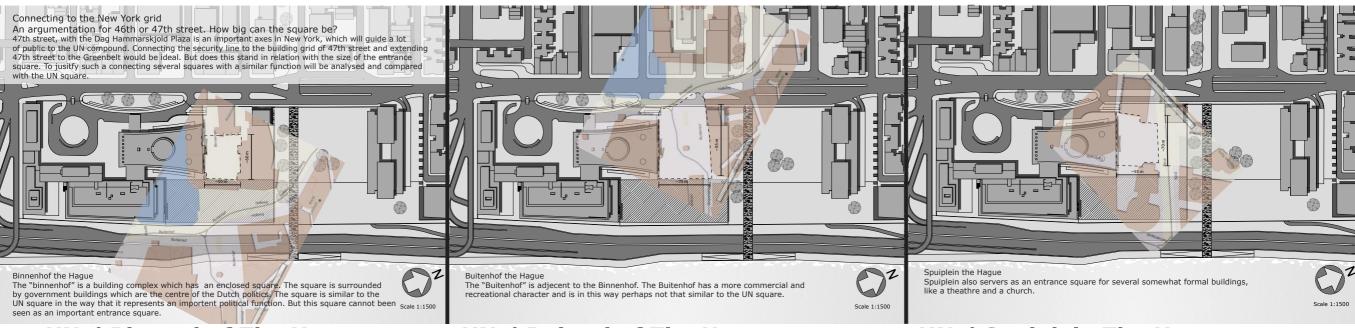








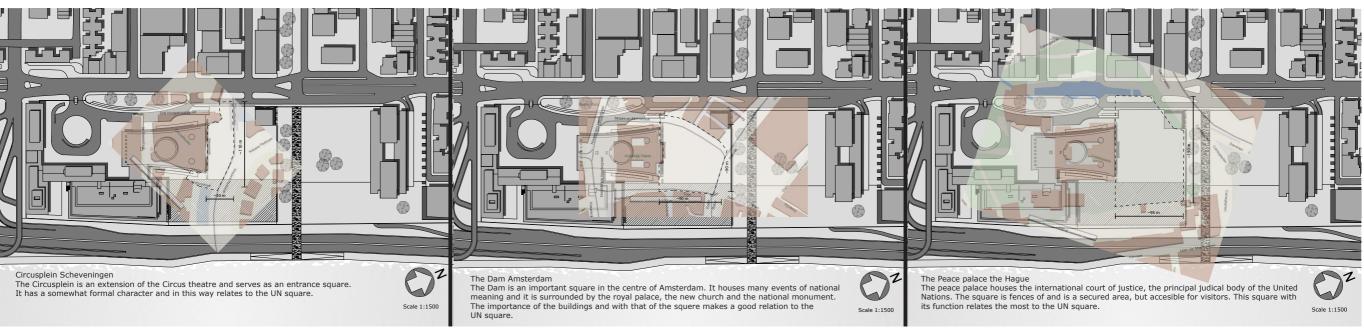
#### **DETERMINE THE SIZE OF THE SQUARE**



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**UN / Spuiplein The Hague** 



**UN / Circusplein Scheveningen** 

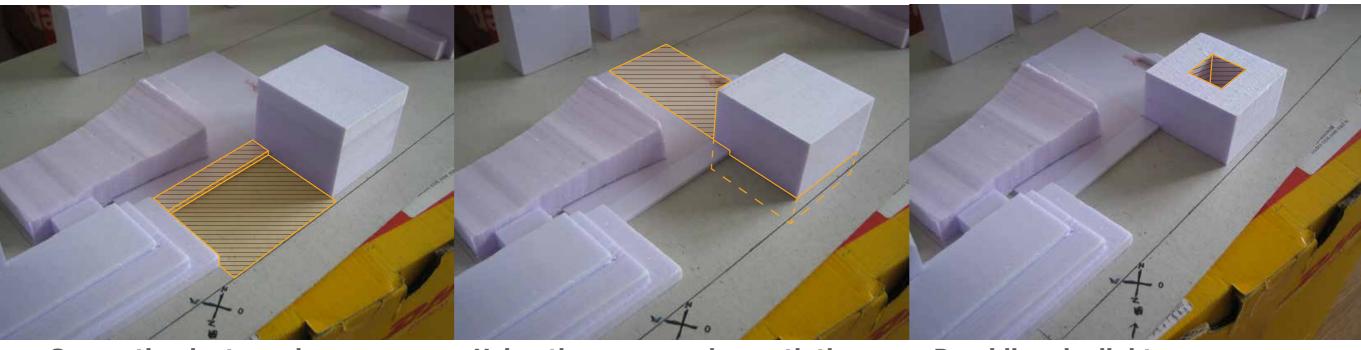
**UN / The Dam Amsterdam** 

**UN / The Peace Palace The Hague** 

#### **DEVELOPING THE BUILDING**



Creating a walkway for the delegates a connection by bridge

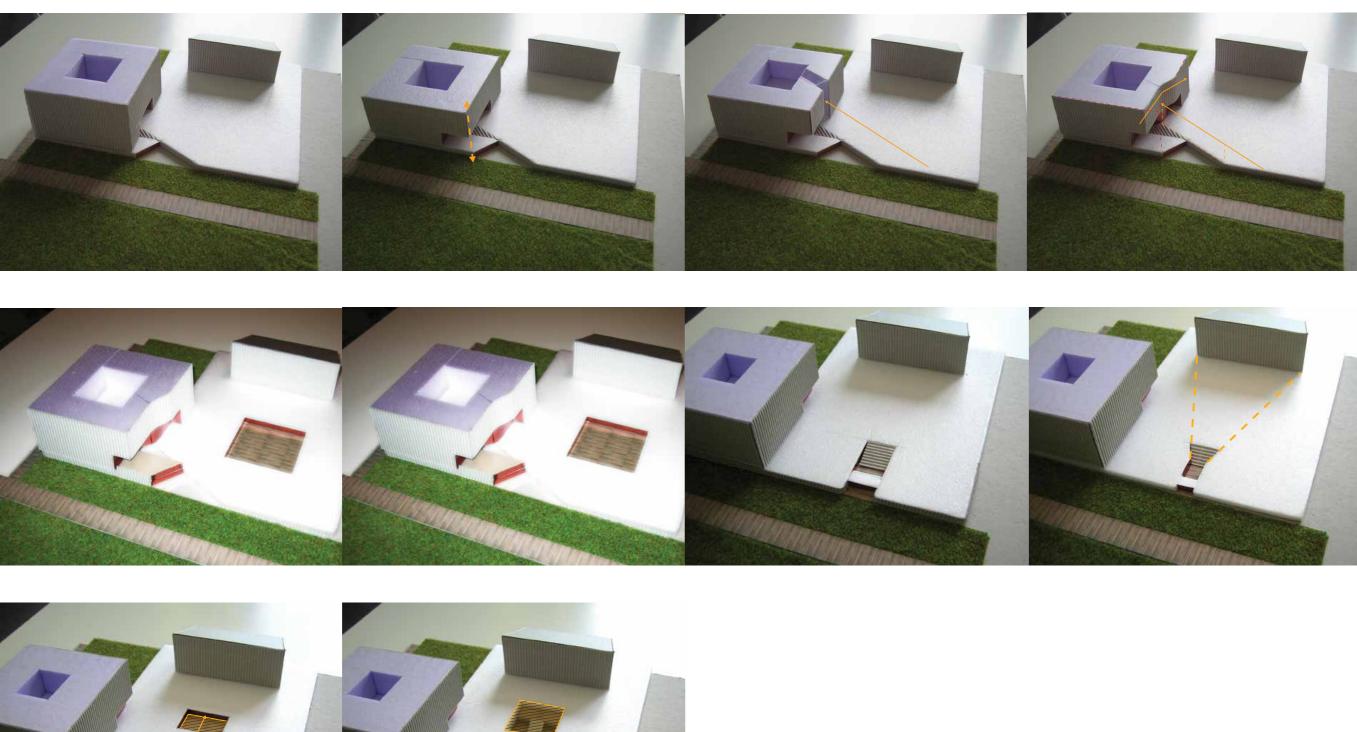


**Connection by tunnel** 

Using the space underneath the square

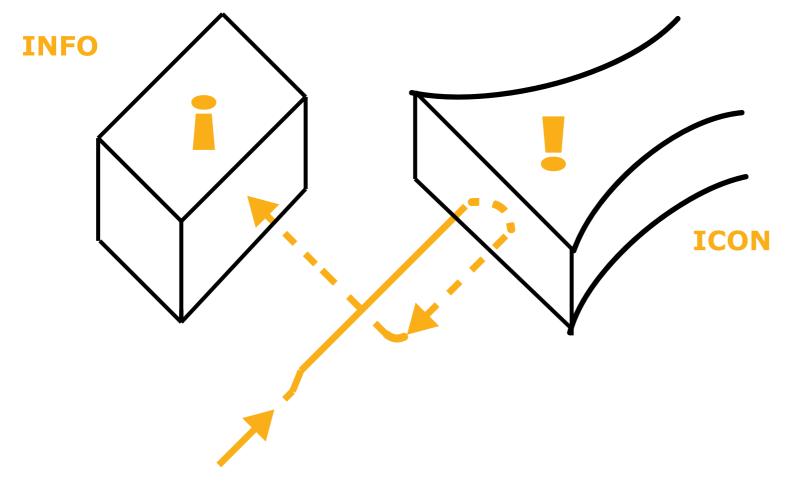
**Providing daylight** 

### **SEARCH FOR AN ENTRANCE**



## **BUILDING CONCEPT**

#### 4.1 CONCEPT



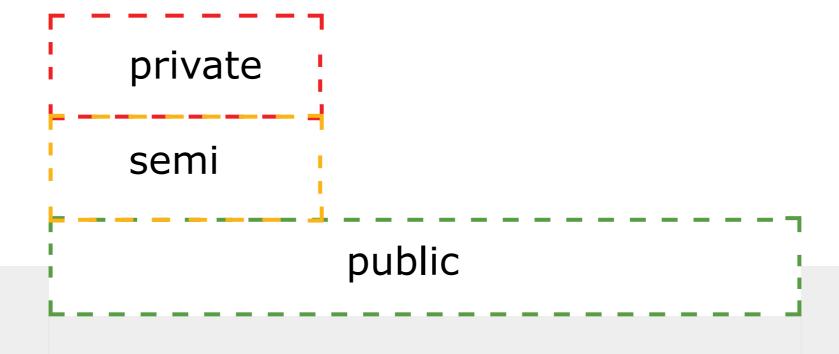
#### THE GREEN FLOW

The United Nations in New York is an **icon** on the World map. Thousands of people visit the compound each year. The United Nations Environmental Council has not yet earned this status and has an **subordinate function** on the compound. The majority of the visitors do not know of the existence of UNEC and **focus** their visit mainly on the **assembly hall.** 

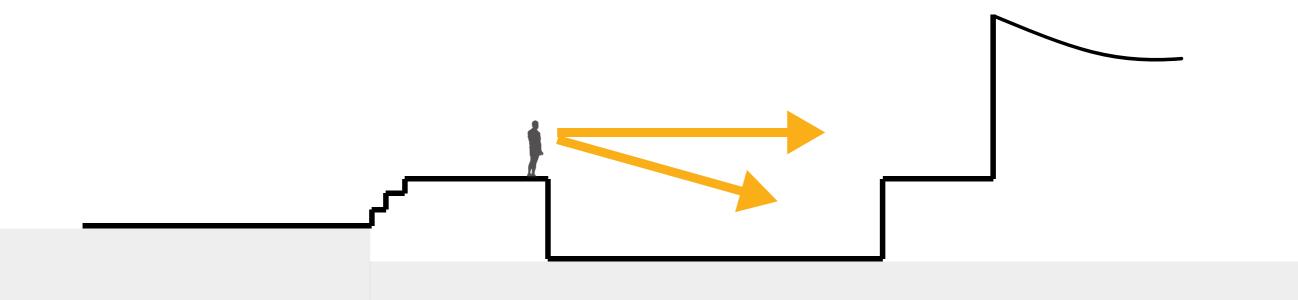
In order to inform the visitors about sustainability, **UNEC** should **attract** the **visitors**, without outshining the assembly hall.

A **connection** between UNEC and the assembly hall should be made to guide visitors towards the environmental council, so that a visit to the UN HQ does not end in the visitors lounge but it ends in UNEC.

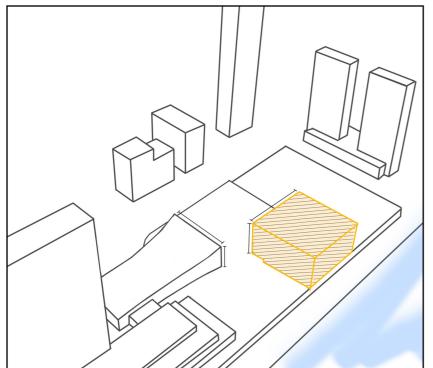
## **SEPARATING USERS**



### **VISIBLE RELATION**

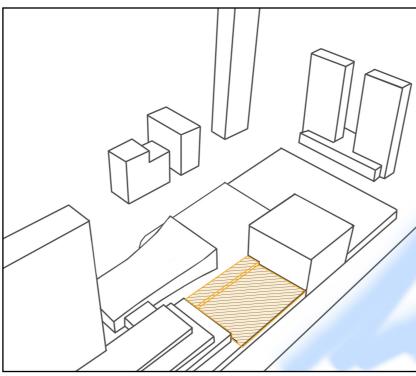


#### **4.2 DESIGN STEPS**



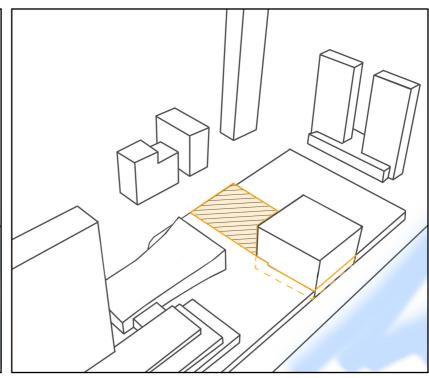
- Compact building

- Relate to the Assembly Hall by using the same dimensions

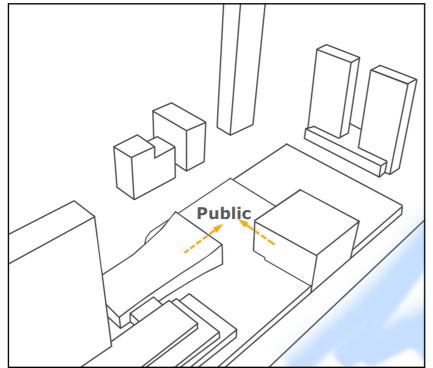


- Create a walkway for the delegates

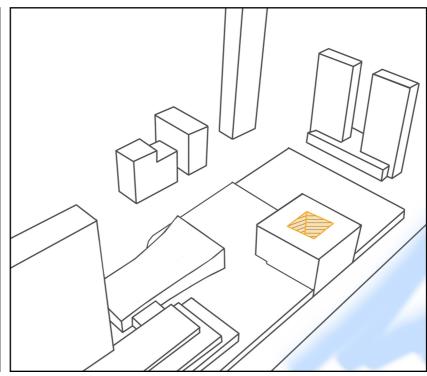
- Create garden for delegates



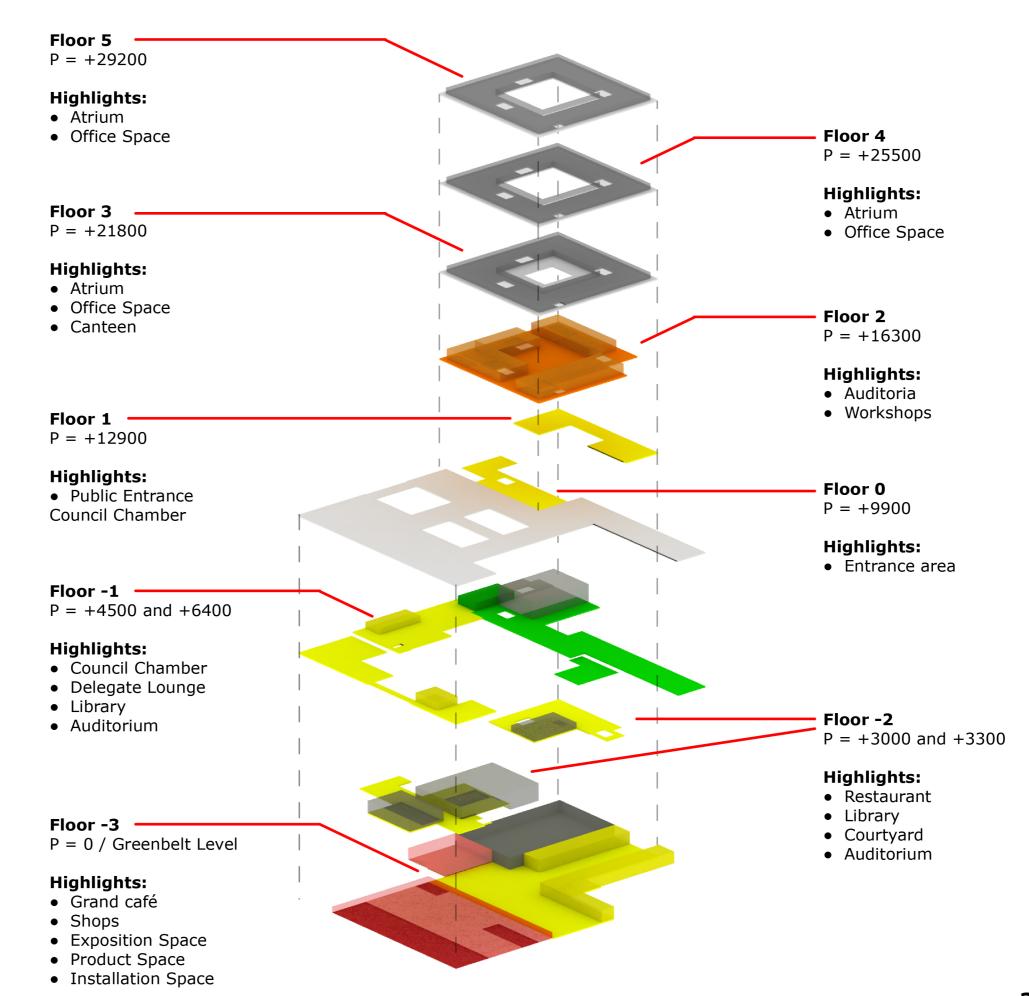
- Contain building height, re-use old FDR and use space underneath square



- Merge public space of both buildings



- Providing natural light in the core of the building



**PROGRAM** 

# H5 MASTERPLAN

#### **5.1 KEYVALUES**

#### - PUBLIC PARK

There are no large scale public parks in the direct surroundings of the UN compound.

One of the goals of the PlaNYC 2011 plan is to ensure all New Yorkers live within a ten-minute walk of a park. (source: PlaNYC update april 2011)

The UN area gives a unique possibility to achieve this goal. Furthermore a large scale green area infront of the UN compound can strengthen the sustainability feature of the UNEC building.

#### - OPEN VS SECURE

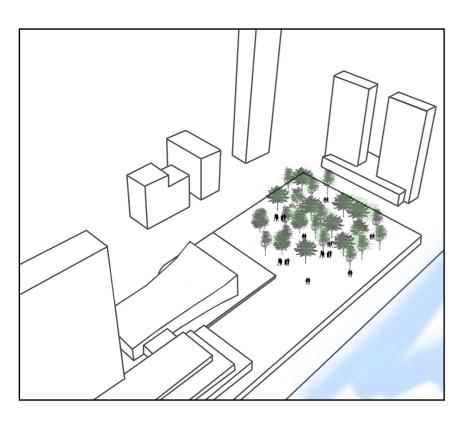
The United Nations are vulnarable for terrorist attacks. Security is an important topic with the design of the UNEC building. Furthermore, creating a public park as mentioned before may increase the security risk. So there should be a clear seperation between open and secure.

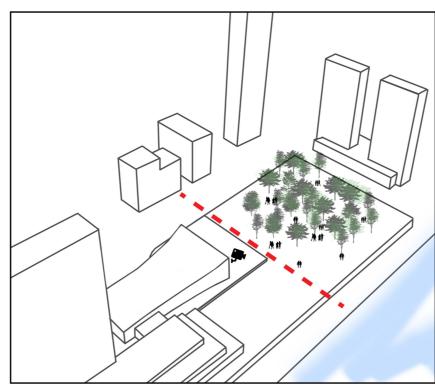
Both UNEC and the UN should work as one compound. The compound itself should have a clear security check.

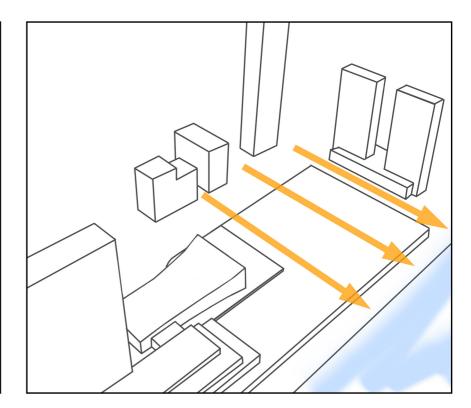
#### - CONNECTING TO THE WATER-FRONT

New York lacks a connection with the waterside, wich is a missed oppertunity. The new to develop "Greenbelt" plan, wich will create a public walkway along the shores, will coop with this disabilty.

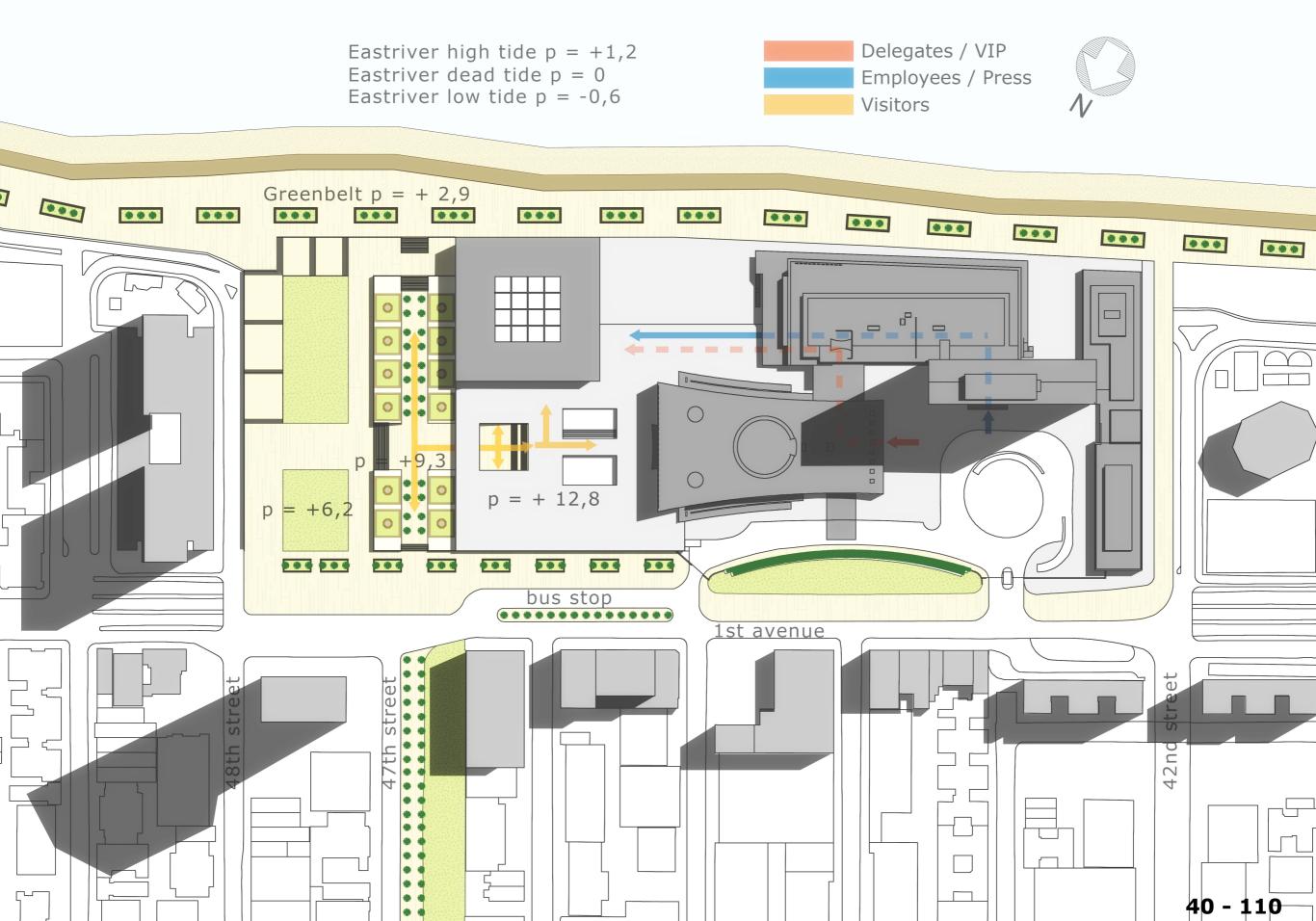
This greenbelt also runs along the UN compound. Connecting to the Greenbelt will not only create a connecting with the waterside, but will also provide an extra public acces to the park and the UN compound.

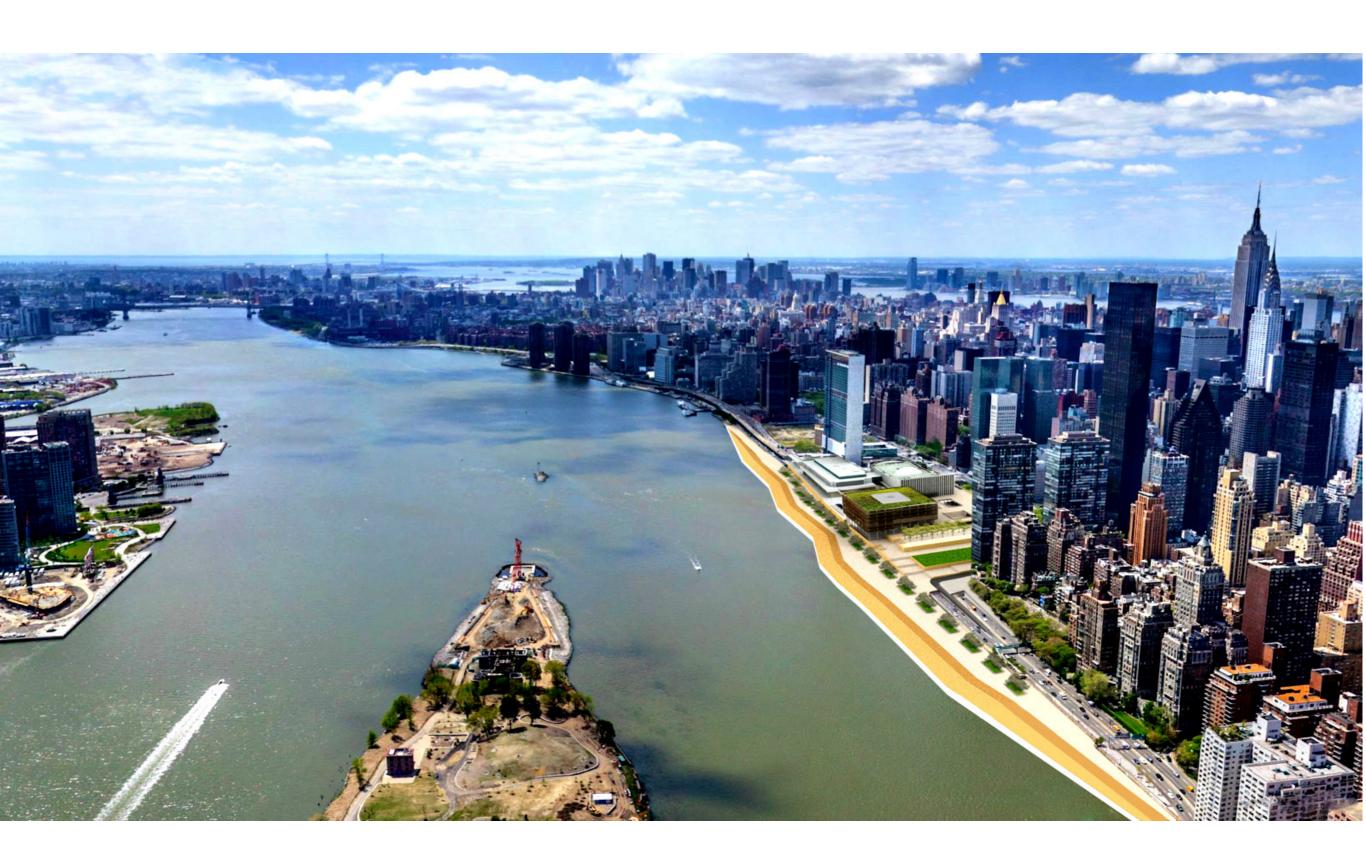






#### **5.3 MASTERPLAN**



















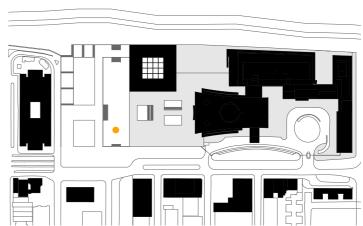




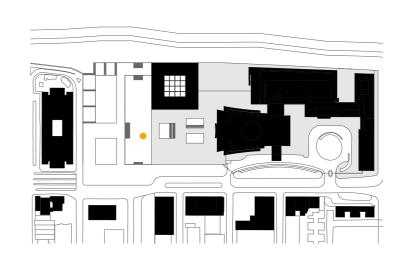




47<sup>th</sup> reference





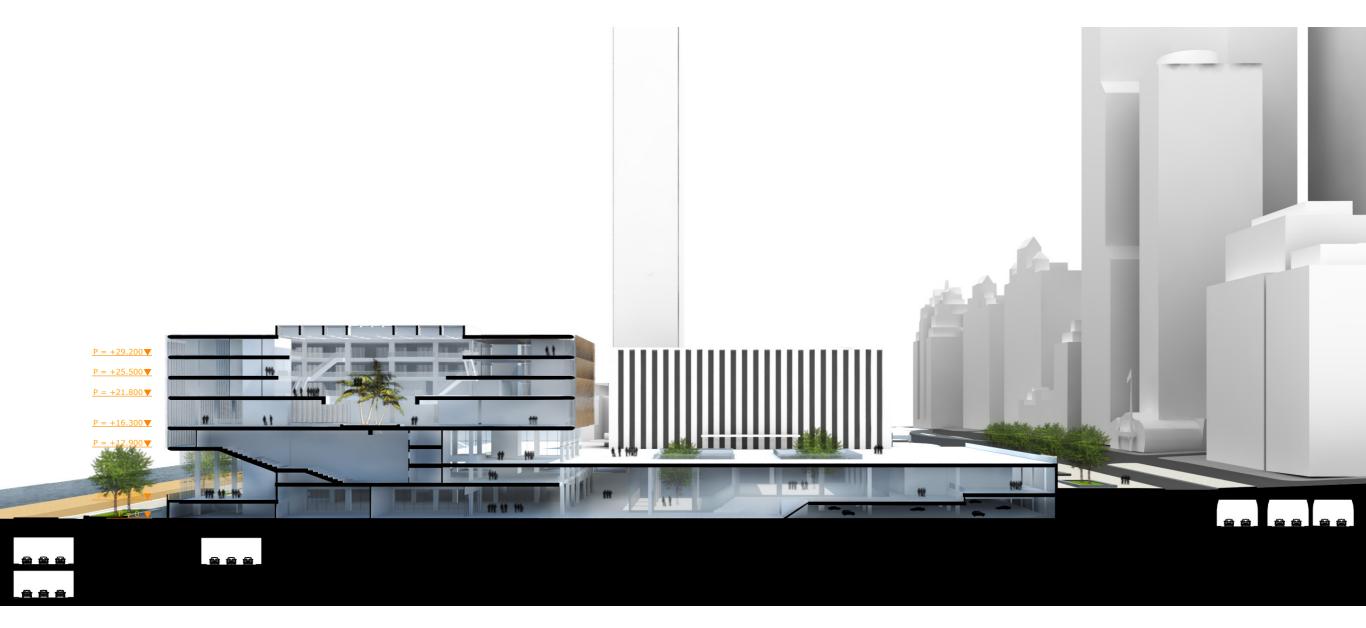


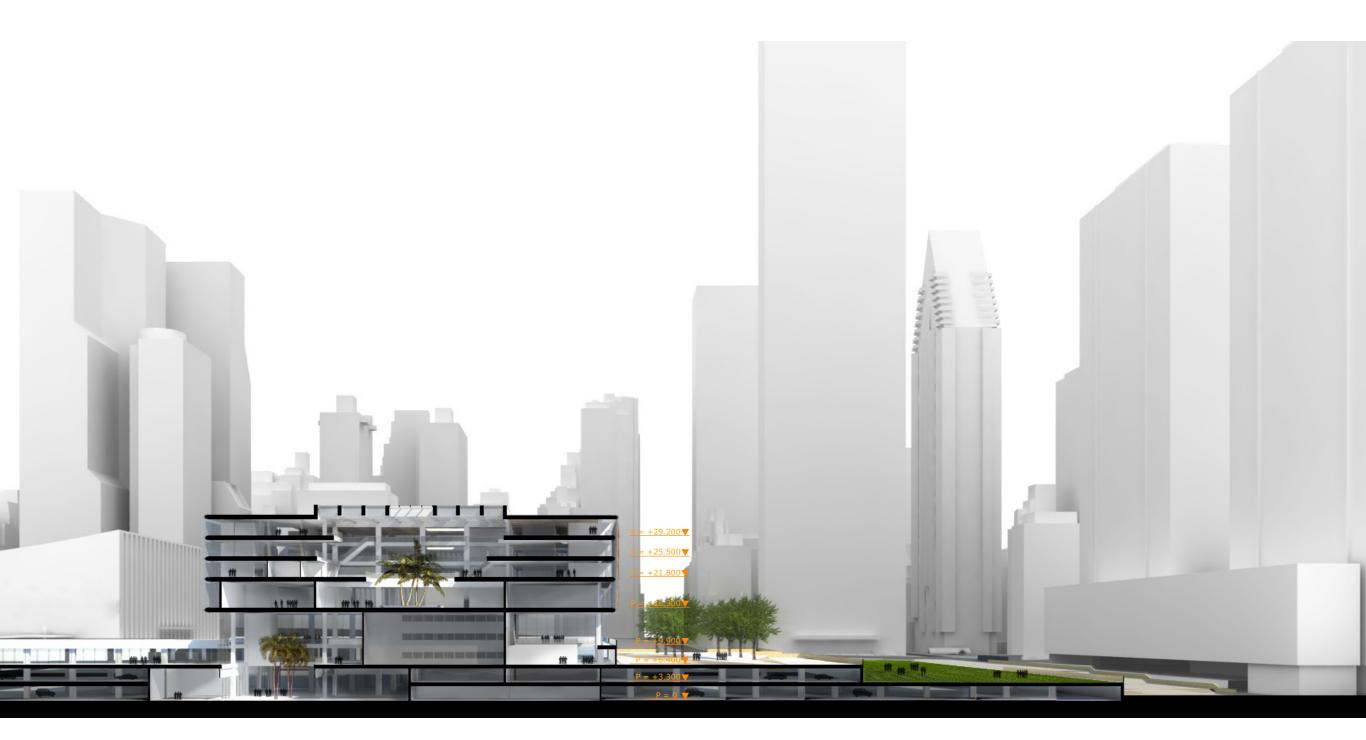


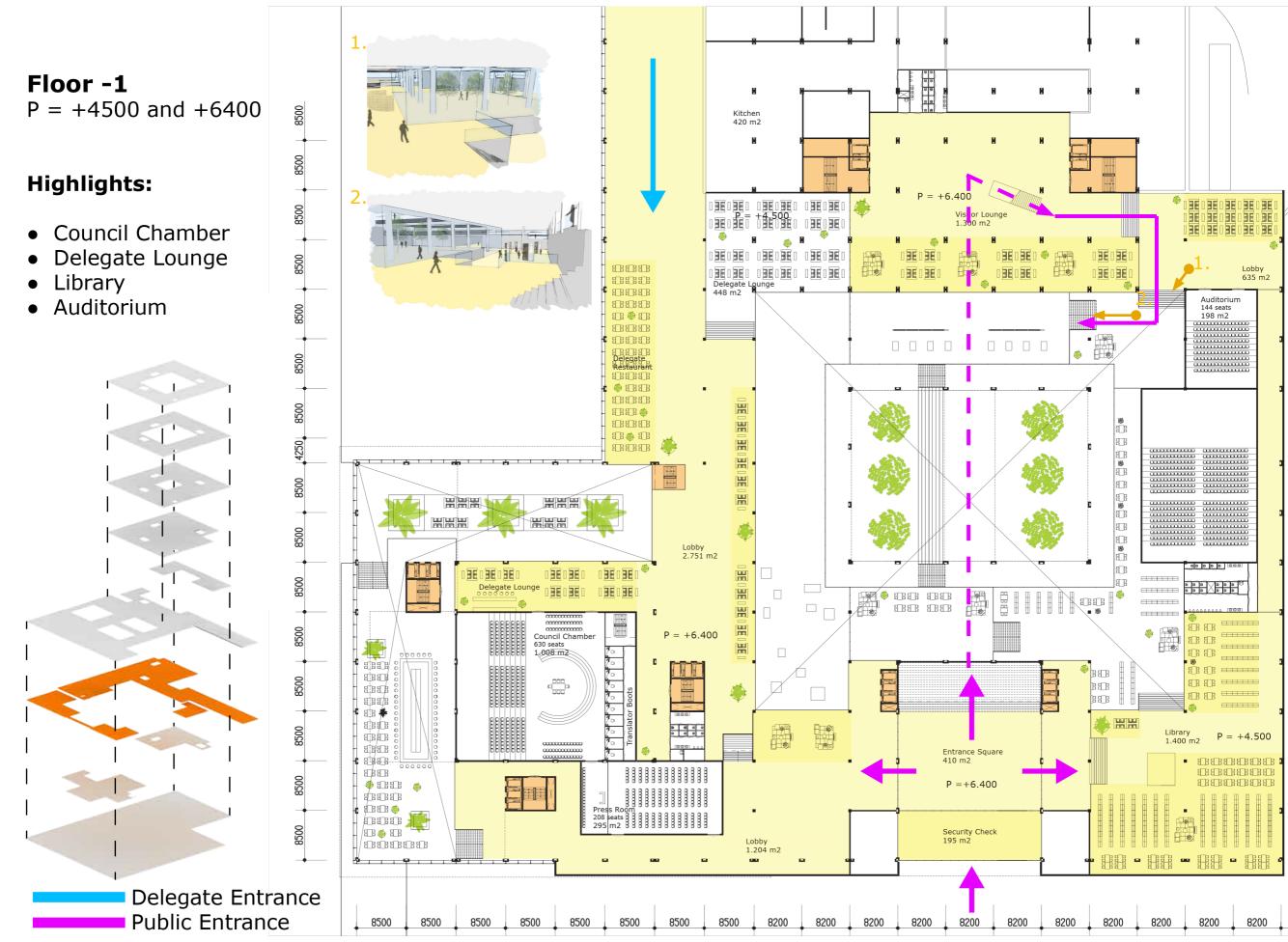
# **BUILDING DESIGN**











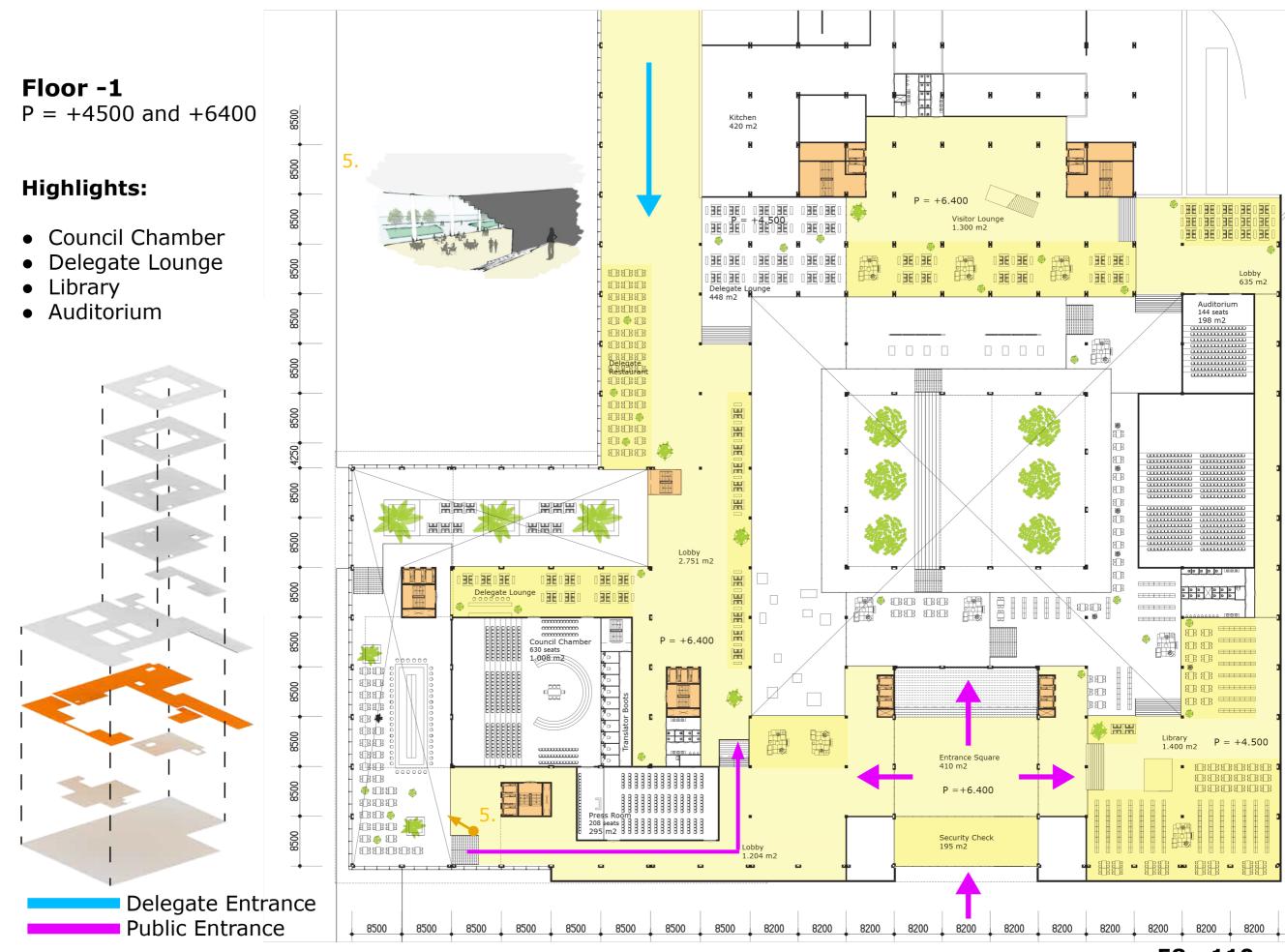
**55 - 110** 

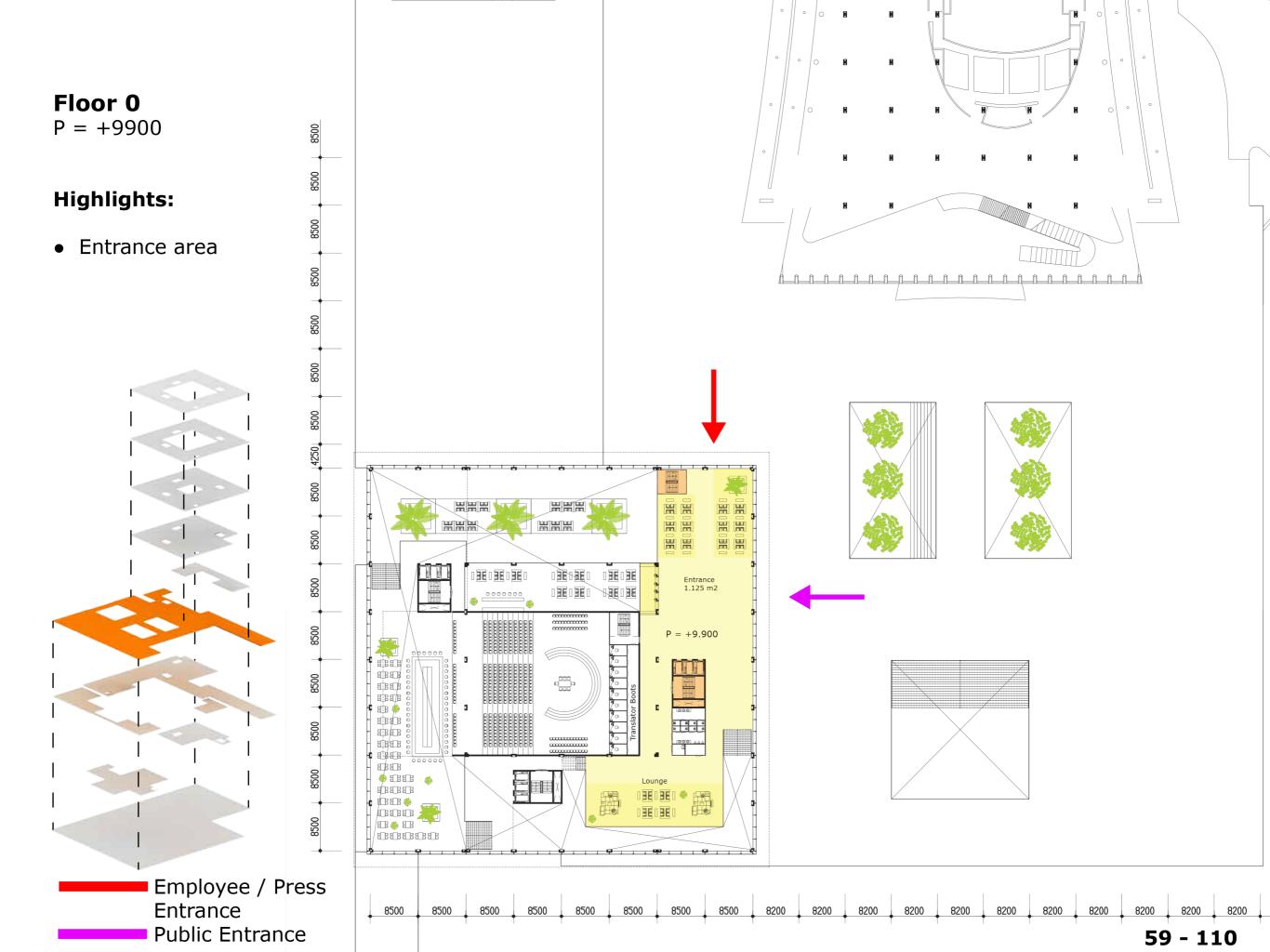
#### Floor -3 P = 0 / Greenbelt Level 8200 **Highlights:** • Exposition Space Product Space 8200 Grand café Shops Exposition Space Visitor Services Post Office Gift Centre 210 m2 Gift Centre 353 m2 Installation Space Lower part of the building P = 088 88 Bookshop 88 88 Kitchen 151 m2 Product Space 465 m2 Storage 102 m2 Installation Space Higher part of the building Facility Management Expedition 424 m2 Storage 205 m2 Employee / Press **Entrance** 8200 8500 8500 8200 8200 8200 8500 8200 8200 8200 8200 8200

# Floor -2 P = +3000 and +3300

- Restaurant
- Library
- Courtyard
- Auditorium



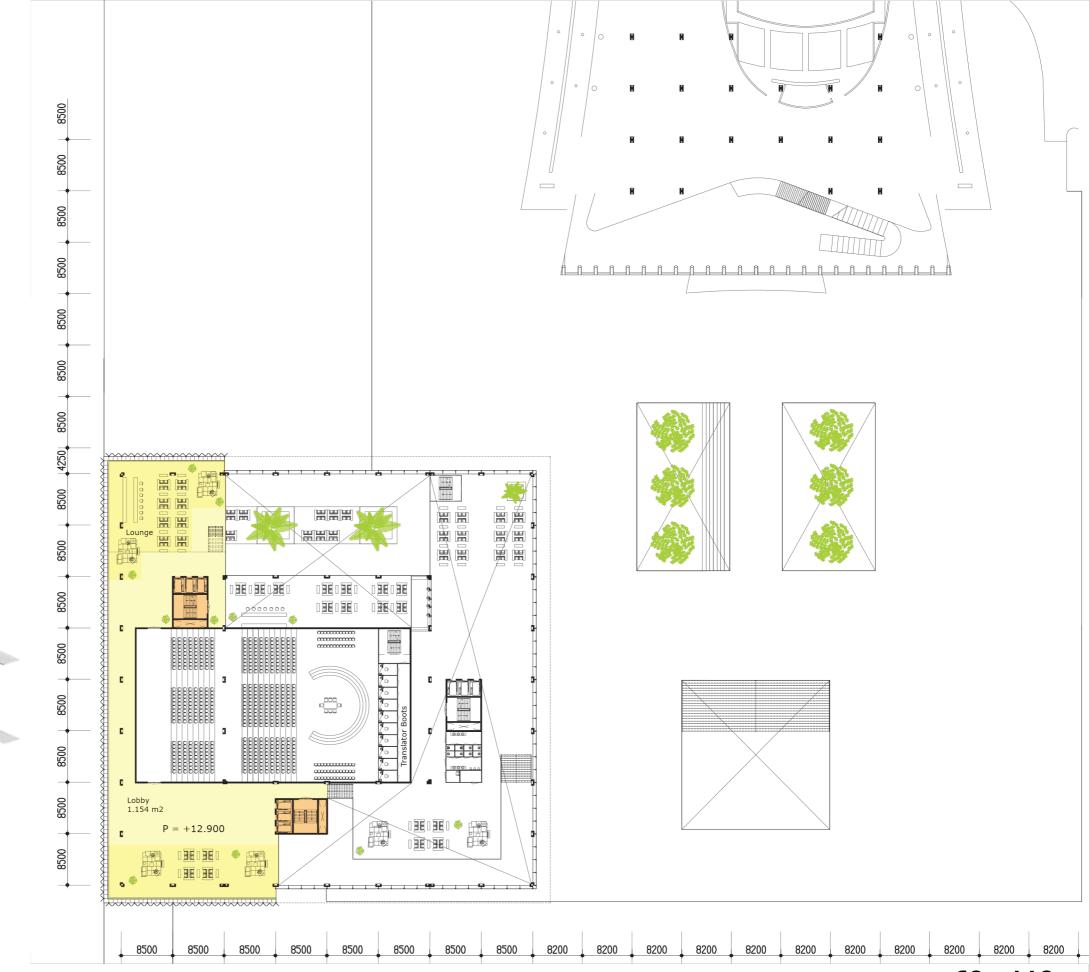




# **Floor 1** P = +12900

### **Highlights:**

• Public Entrance Council Chamber



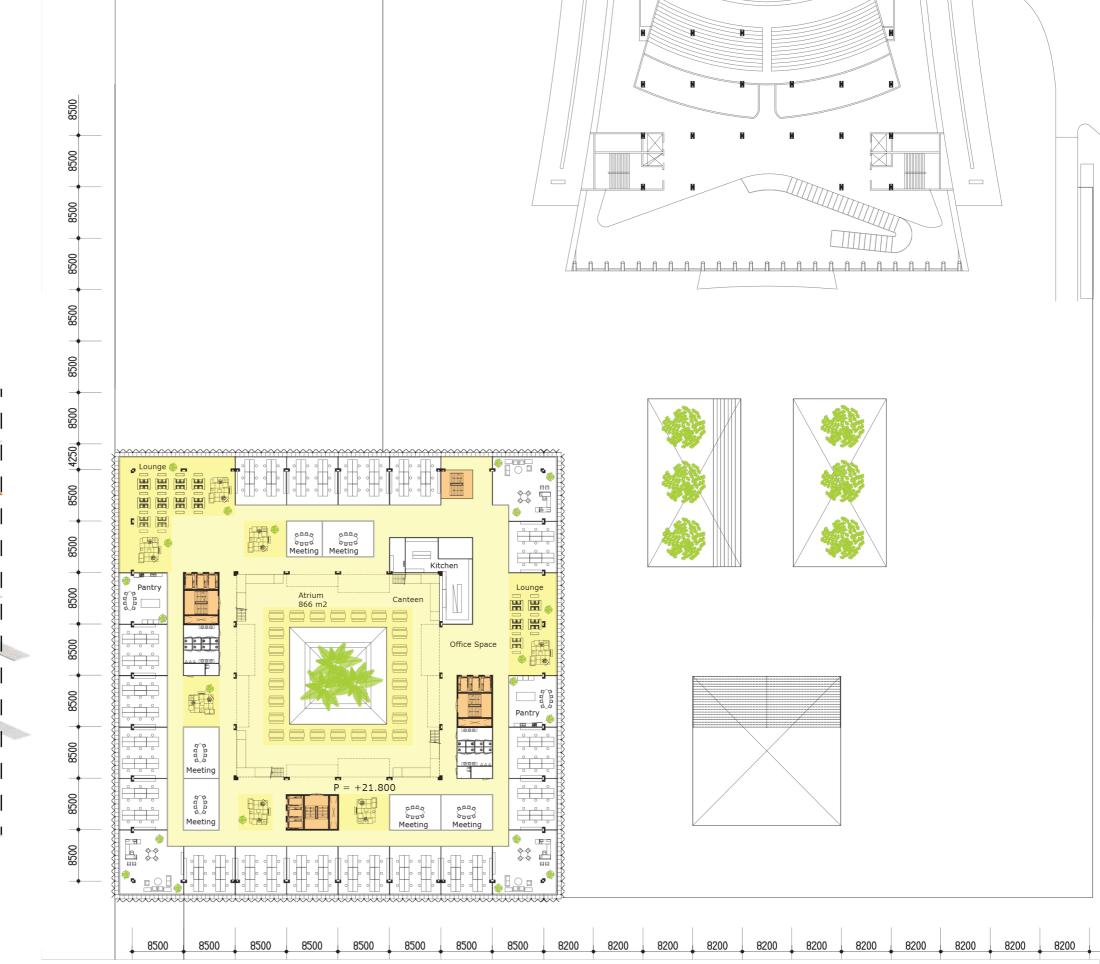
# **Floor 2** P = +16300

- Auditoria
- Workshops



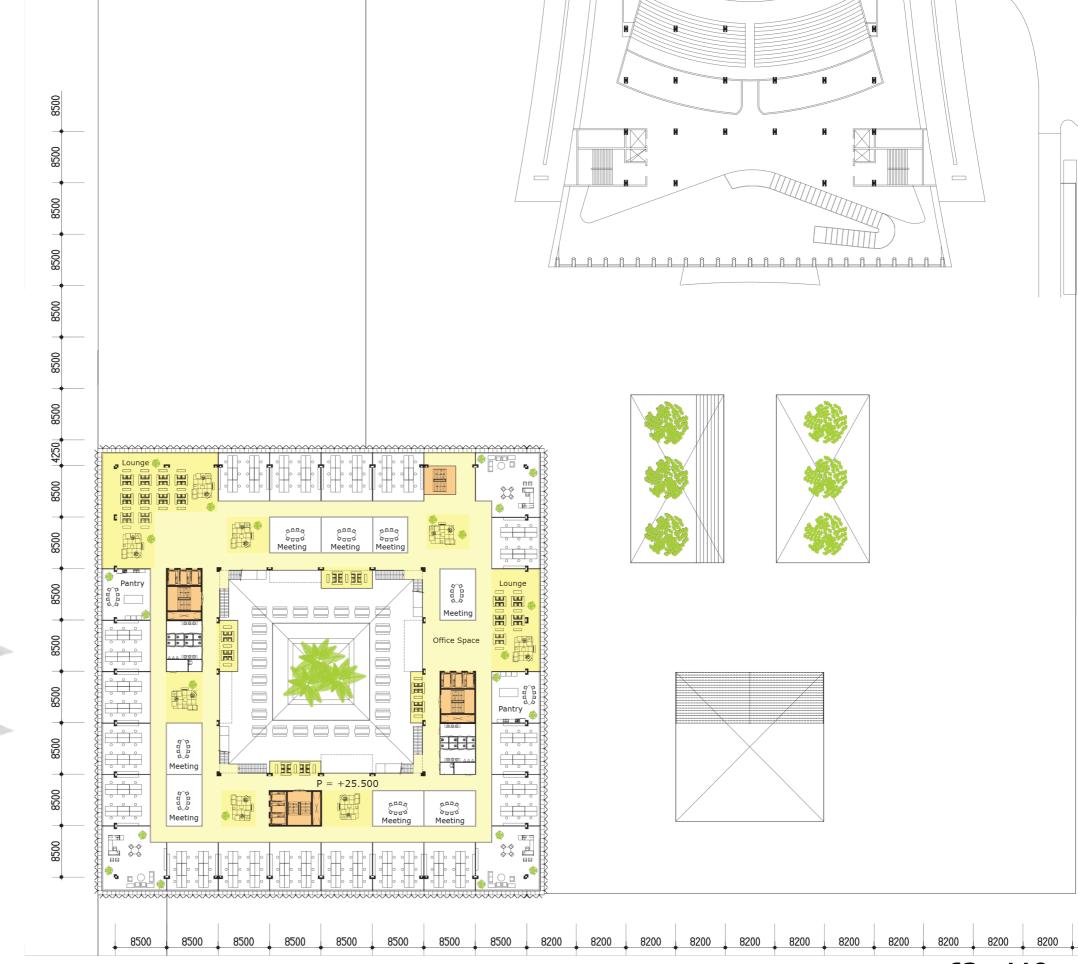
# **Floor 3** P = +21800

- Atrium
- Office Space
- Canteen



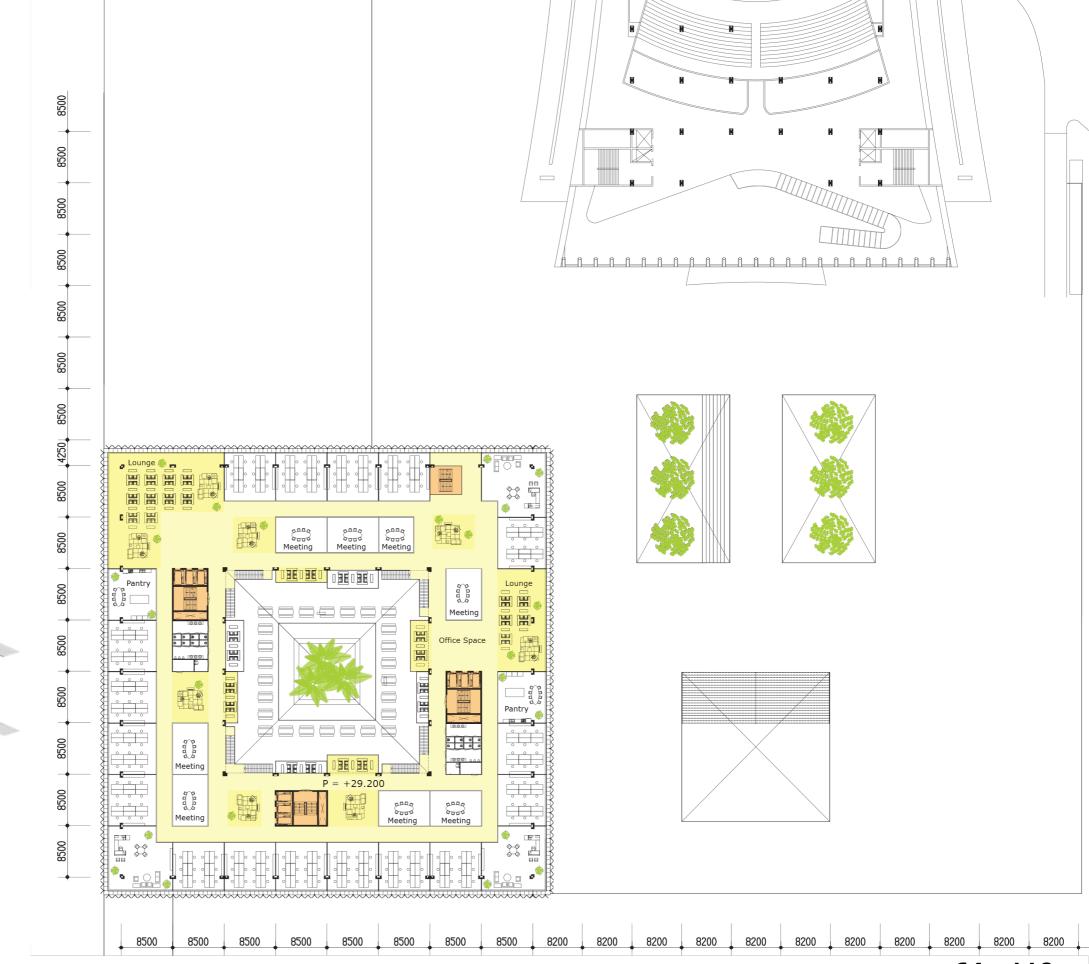
# **Floor 4** P = +25500

- Atrium
- Office Space



# **Floor 5** P = +29200

- Atrium
- Office Space



#### **6.2 STRUCTURE**

#### **HOLCON PREFAB CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION**

#### **CONSTRUCTION SPEED**

- All elements are prefab made, which provides for a high building speed.

#### **HIGH LOAD**

the floor provide large spans.

#### **CRADLE TO CRADLE**

- Integrated steel lattice girders in - Complete re-use of the standard elements is possible due to the use of mechanical dry clutches and the absence of a screed.

#### **FLEXIBILITY**

- Due to the large span a completely open floorplan can be made.
- Air ducts, service pipes and electric wiring can be placed in the space between the floor and the columns.

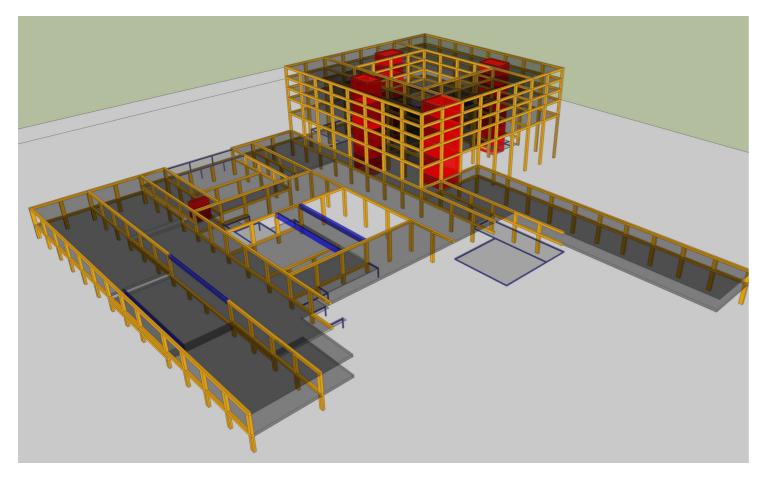


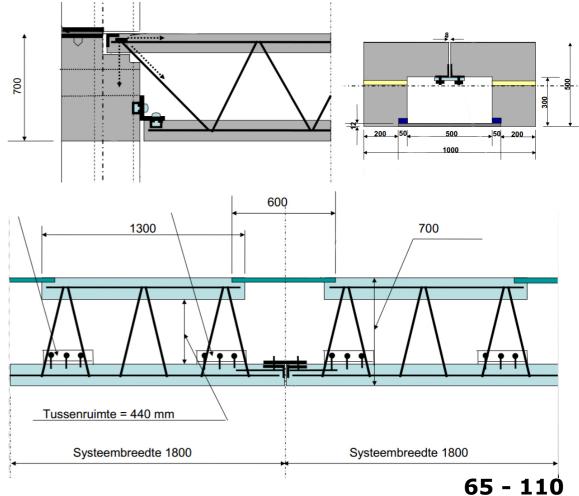




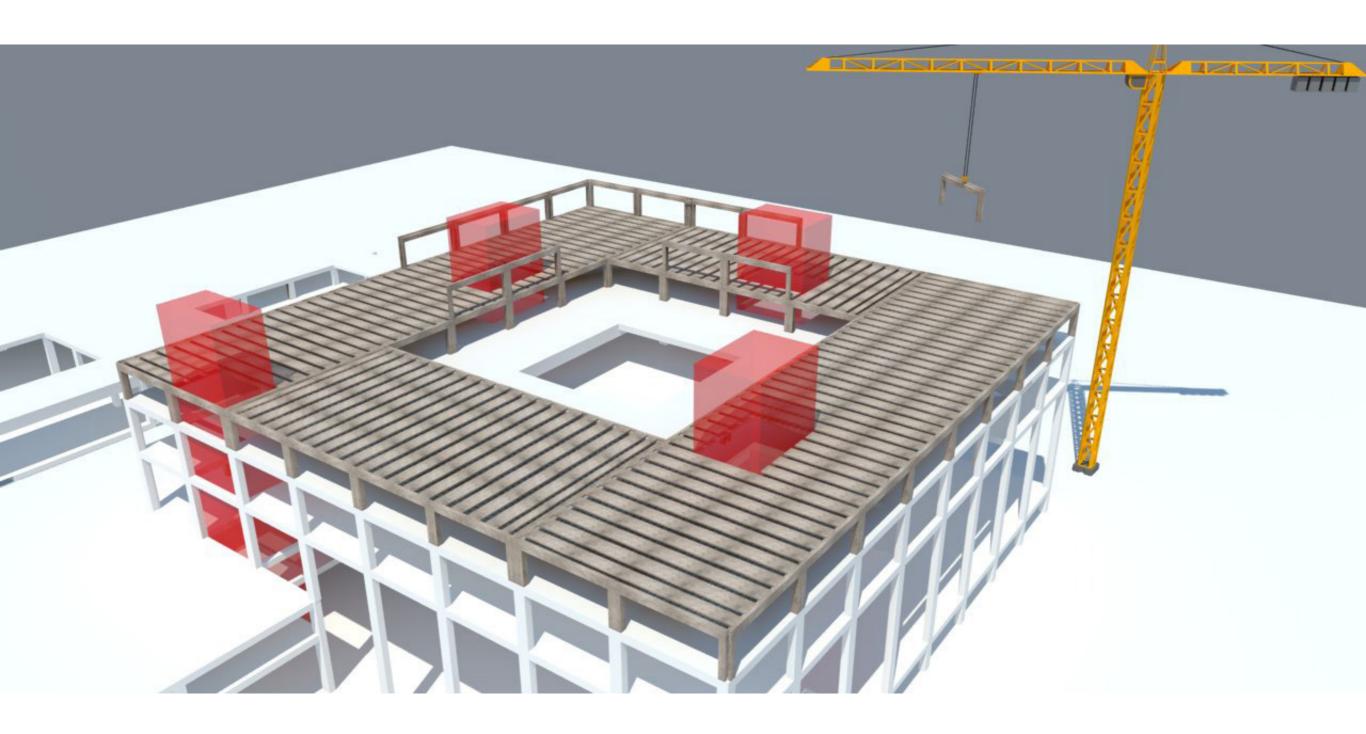




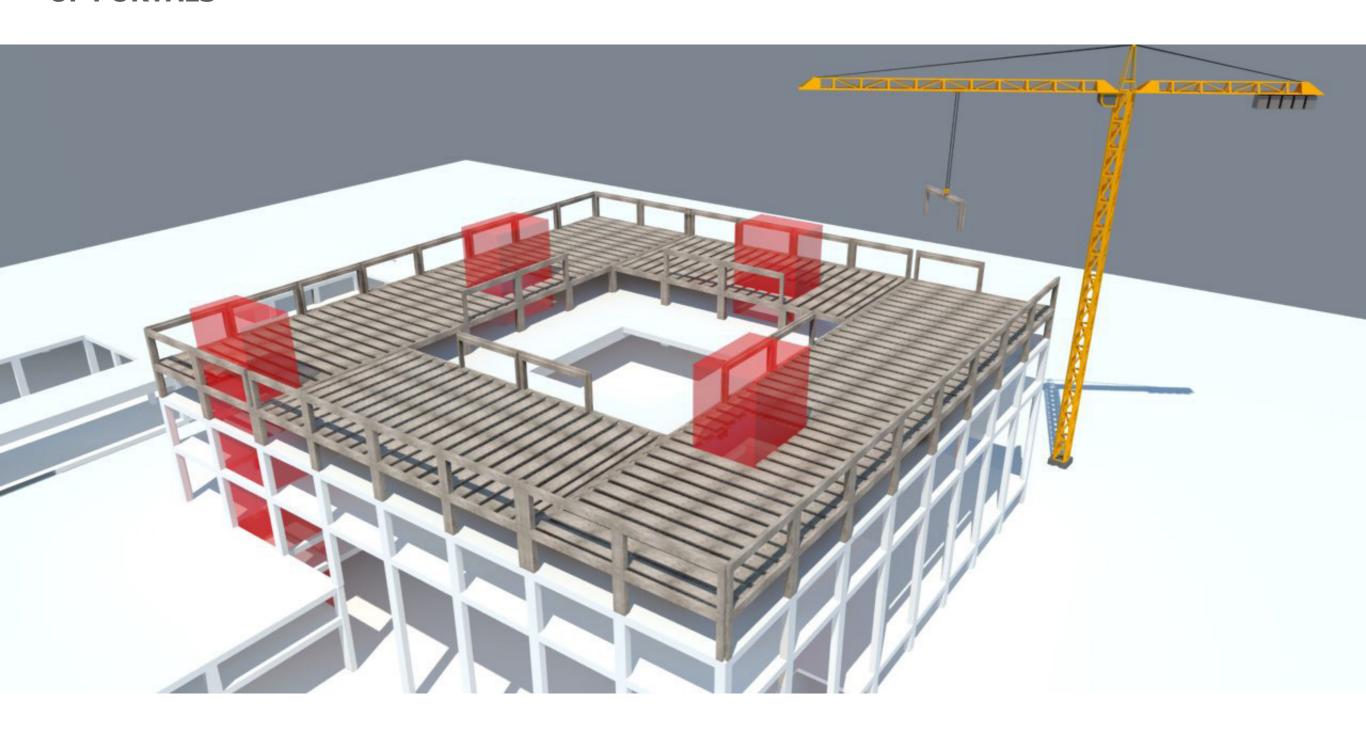




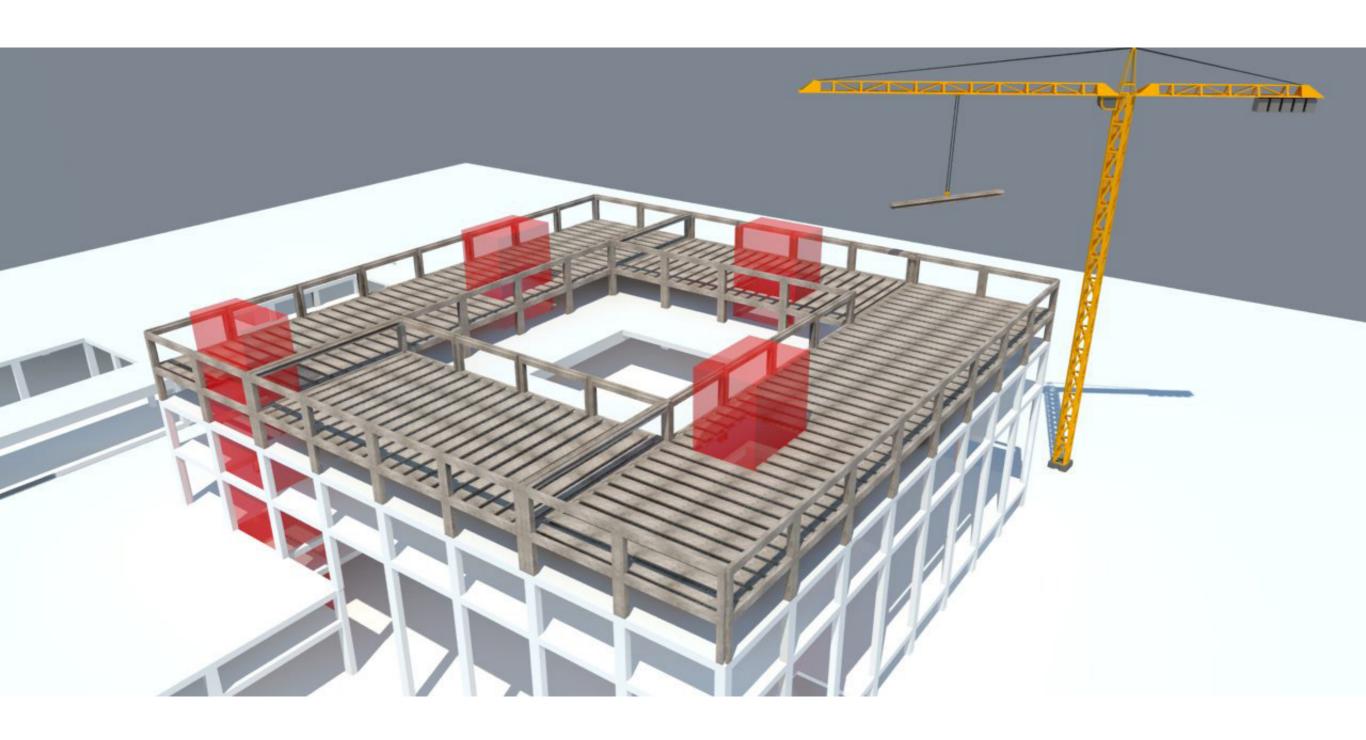
## **STEP 1 - PLACING PORTALS / MAIN LOAD BEARING STRUCTURE**



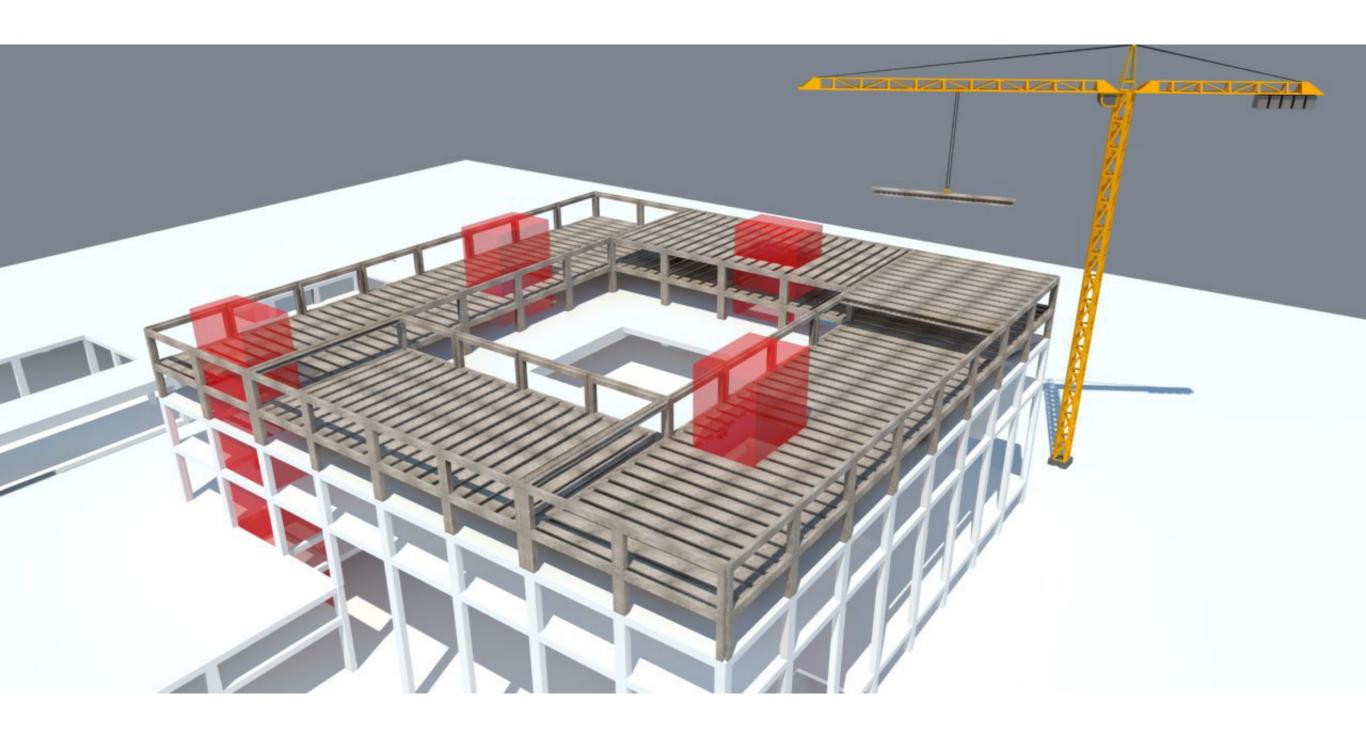
STEP 2 - THE BUILDING CONSISTS OUT OF AN INNER AND OUTER SQUARE OF PORTALS



### **STEP 3 - PLACING ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION BEAM IN THE CORNERS**



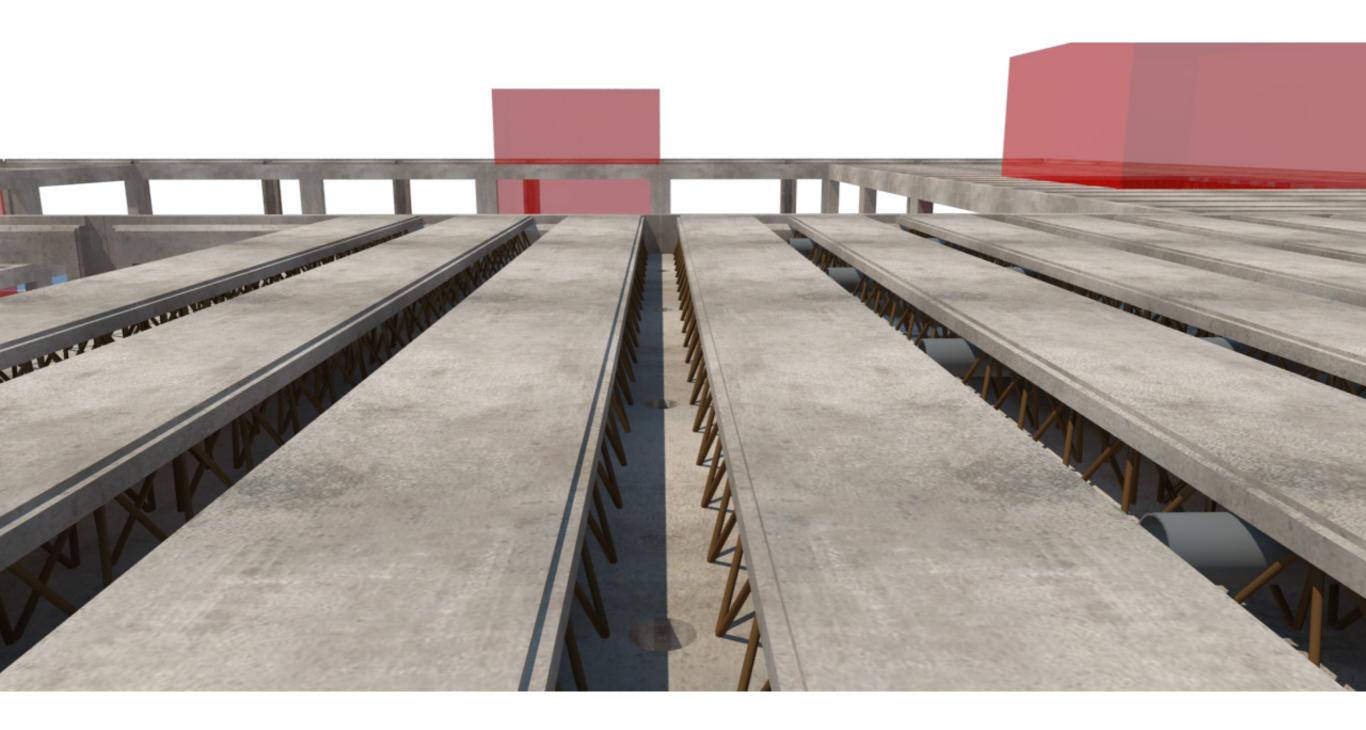
### **STEP 4 - PLACING THE FLOORS ON THE PORTALS**



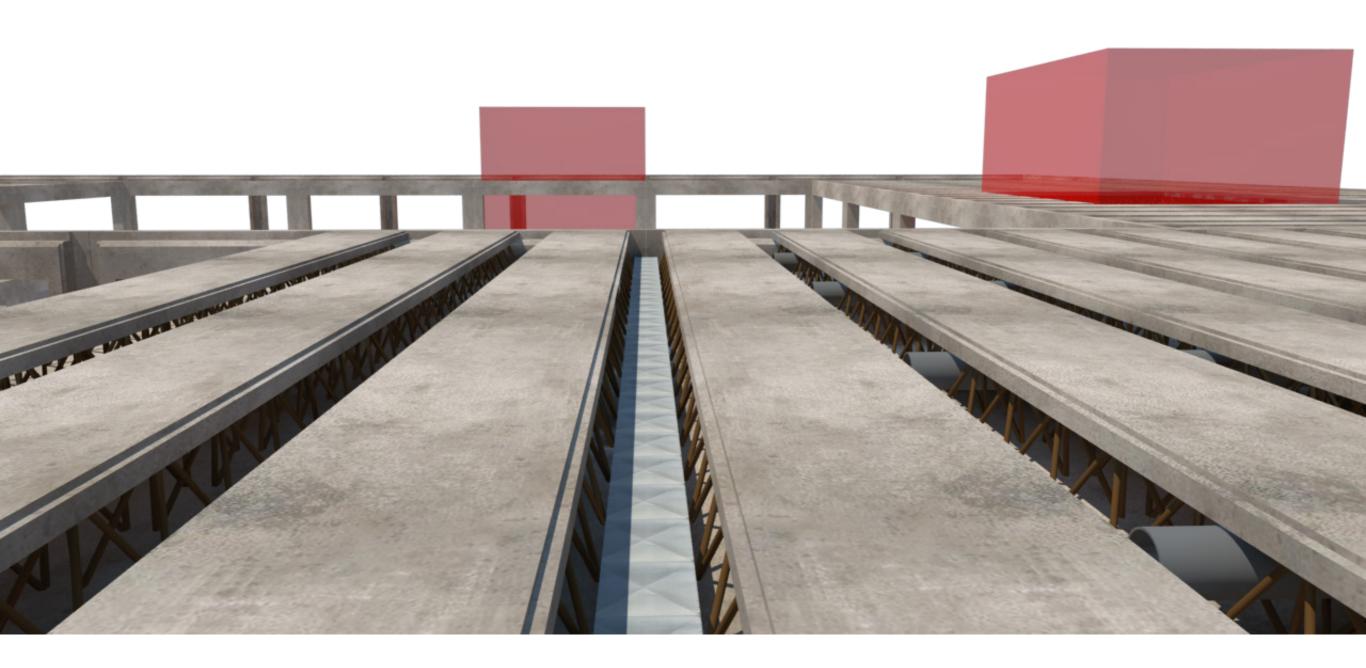
## STEP 5 - SLIDE AIR DUCTS BETWEEN FLOOR, WHILE PLACING THE FLOORS



### **STEP 6 - DRILL HOLES FOR VENTILATION GRID**



### **STEP 7 - PLACE AIR DUCTS FOR NATURAL VENTILATION ON EVERY GRID**



#### **6.3 FACADE**

#### **KEY-VALUES**

#### - USER CONTROL

Individual user control at the office space layers (open-able windows / controllable sunshading) building.

#### - SUBTLE FACADE

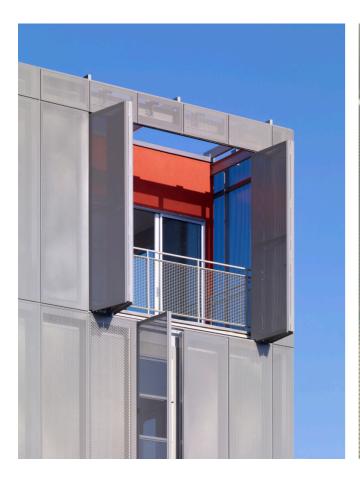
In its appearance the facade should not outshine the General Assembly. The General Assembly should be the main focus on the compound.

#### - OPEN VS CLOSED

The facade should show a clear separation between open vs closed. Where the open part can represent the public route in the building.

#### - OVERHANG AT OPEN FACADES

Transparent facade elements should be protected against solar heat gain. The open facades should have an overhang, which gives some sun protection.







### REFERENCE PROJECT CLOSING THE FACADE MAKING IT A SOLID VOID

Brooks + Scarpa's mixed-use Cherokee lofts source: http://www.archdaily.com/41775/lofts-cherokee-studios-pugh-scarpa/









# REFERENCE PROJECT CLOSING THE FACADE MAKING IT AN INSULATING SKIN

Ernst Giselbrecht + Partner Dynamic Facade source: http://cubeme.com/blog/2010/11/22/%E2%80%9Cdynamic-facade-at-kiefer-technic-showroom-by-ernst-giselbrecht-partner-zt-gmbh/

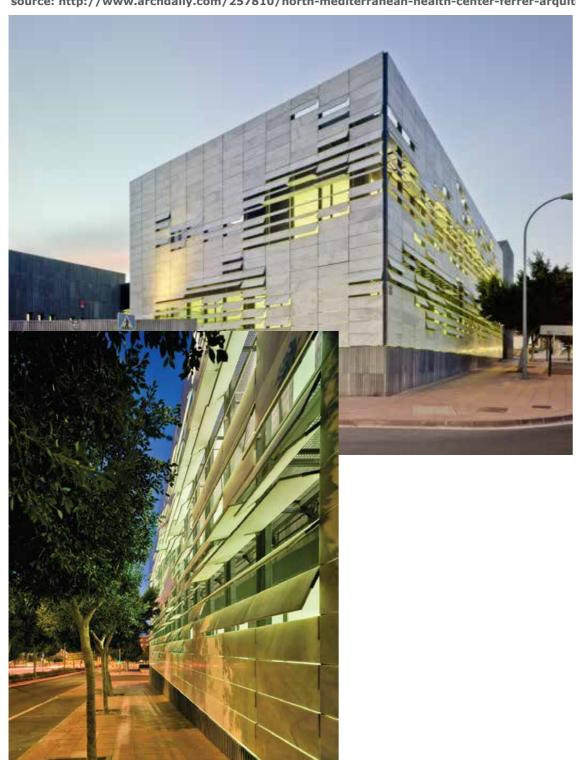






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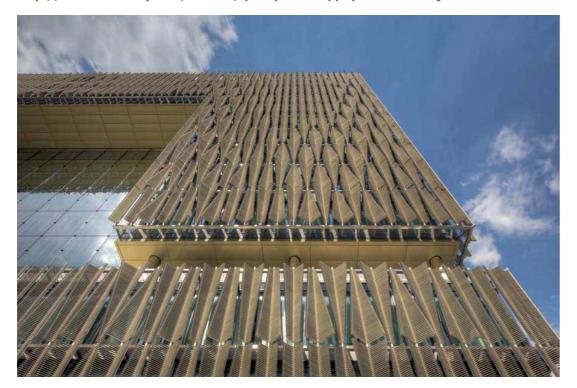
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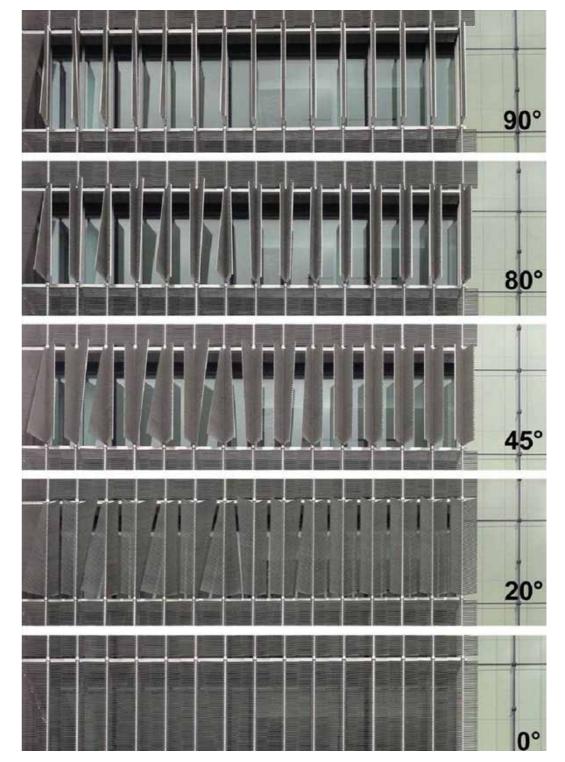


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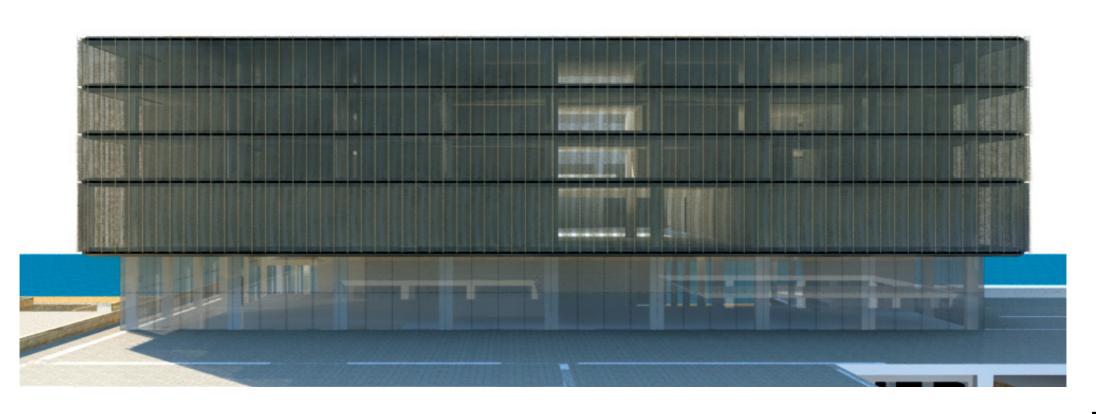
Q1 Headquarters building in Essen Germany http://www.archdaily.com/326747/q1-thyssenkrupp-quarter-essen-jswd-architekten-chaix-morel-et-associes/

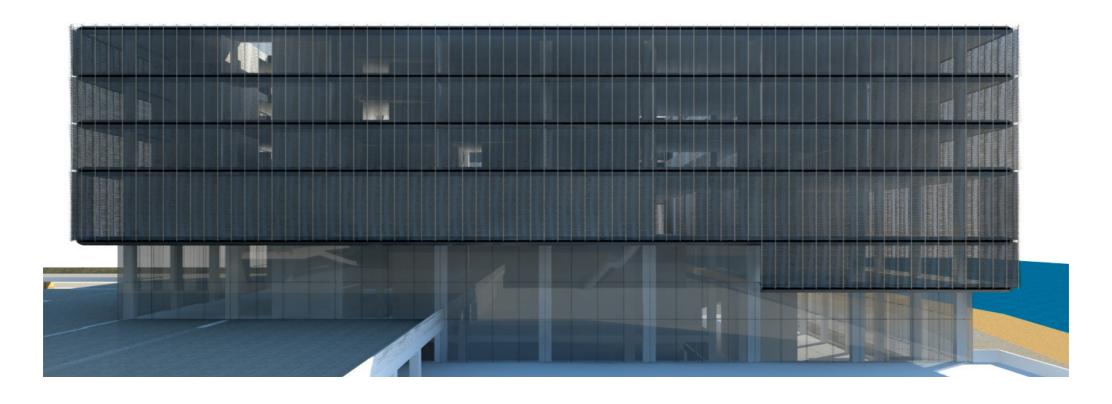


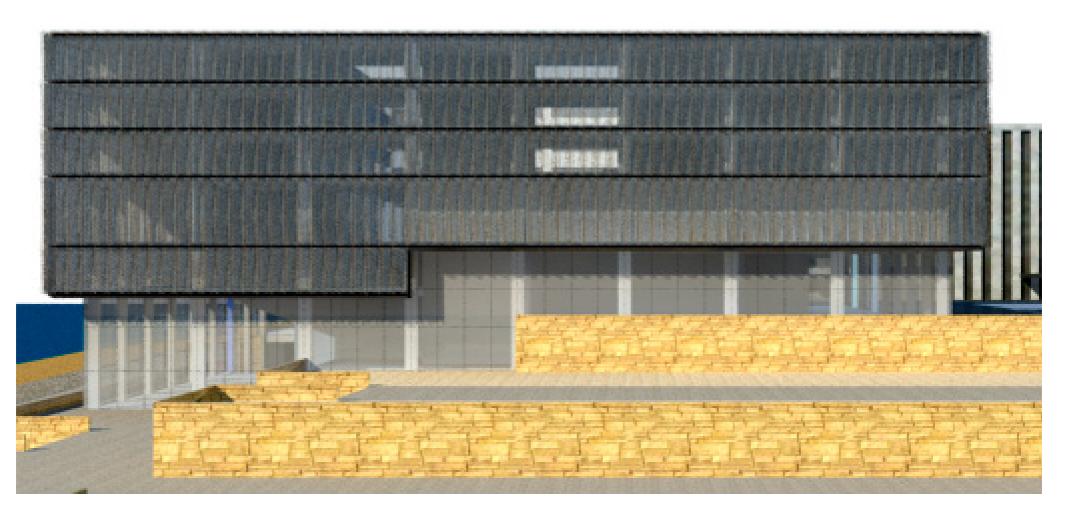


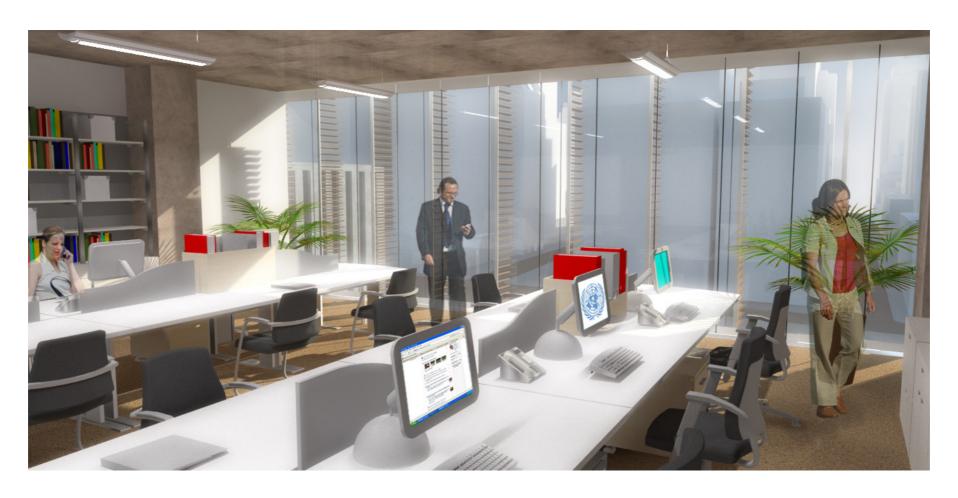




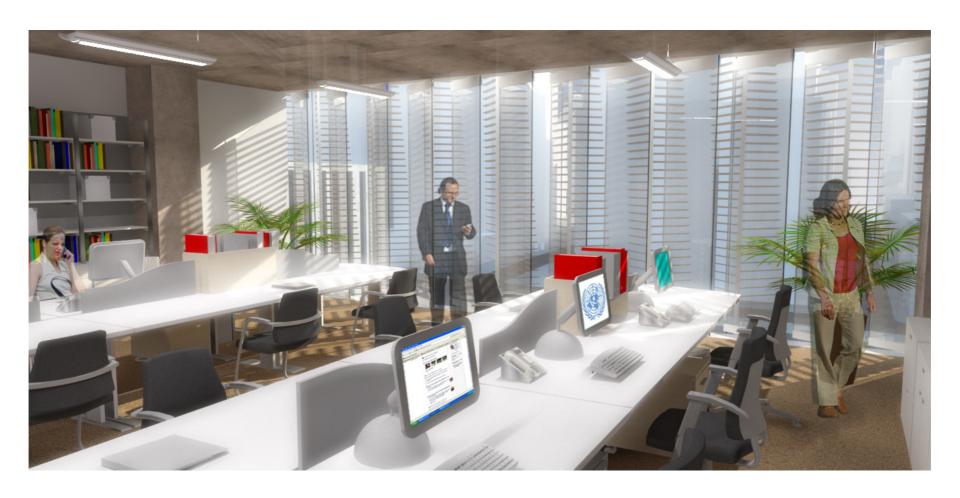


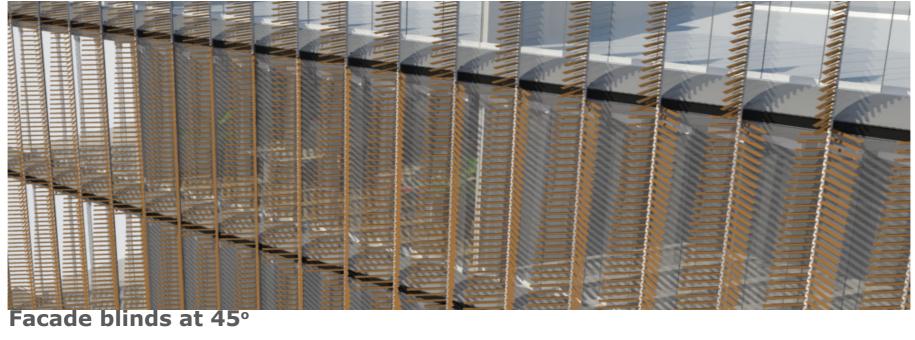






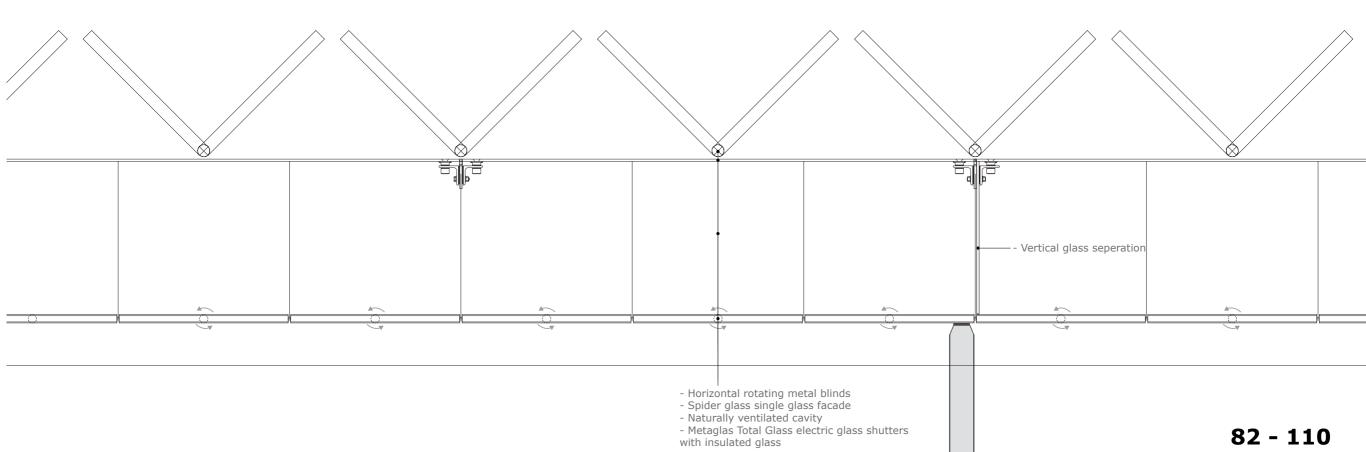




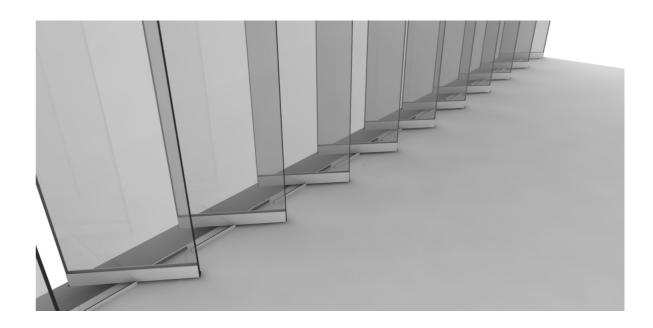




Facade blinds at 90°









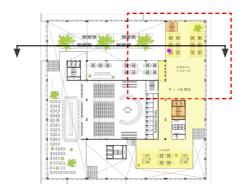
**NIGHT VENTILATION** 

#### **6.4 CLIMATE CONTROL**



# H7 ENTRANCE DESIGN

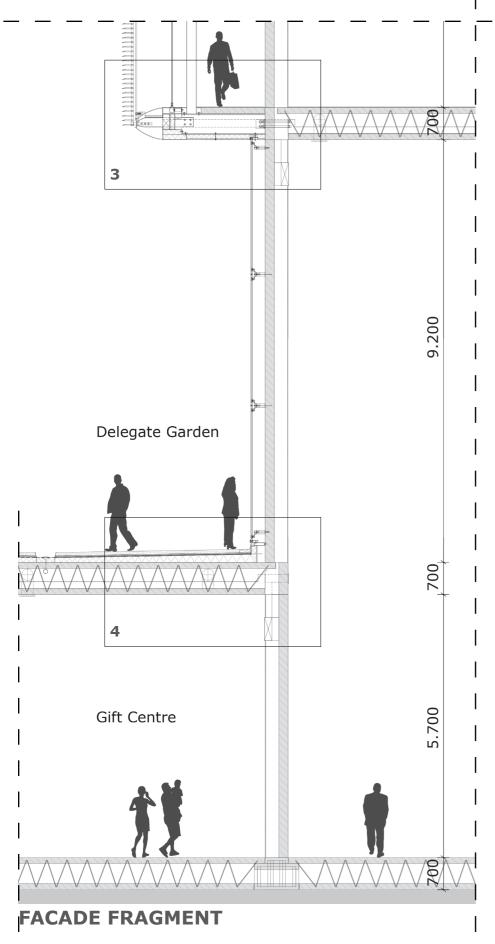
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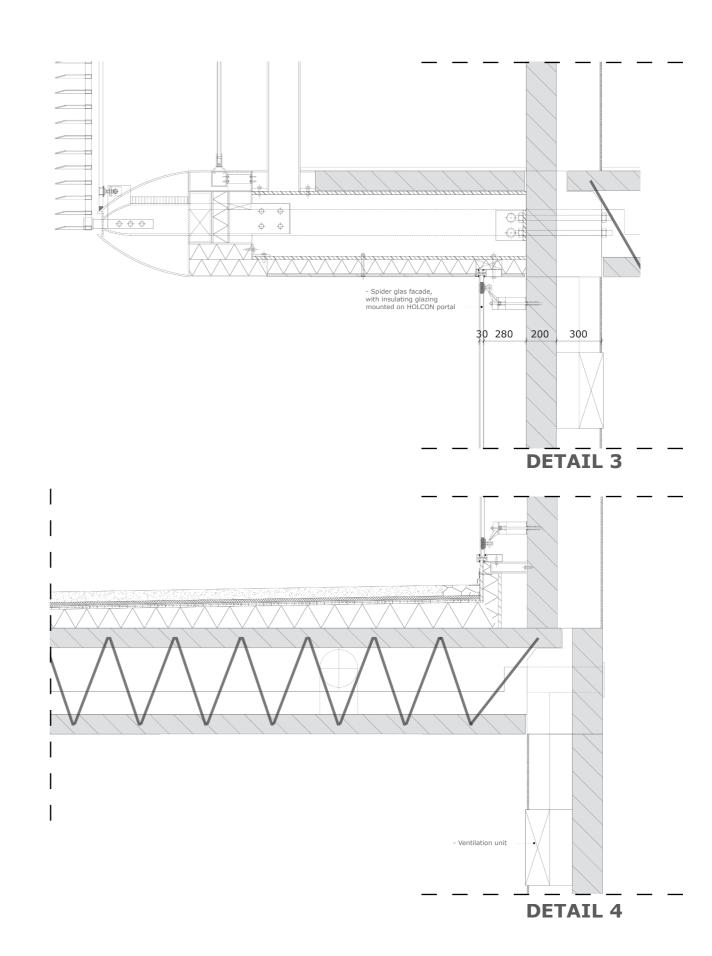






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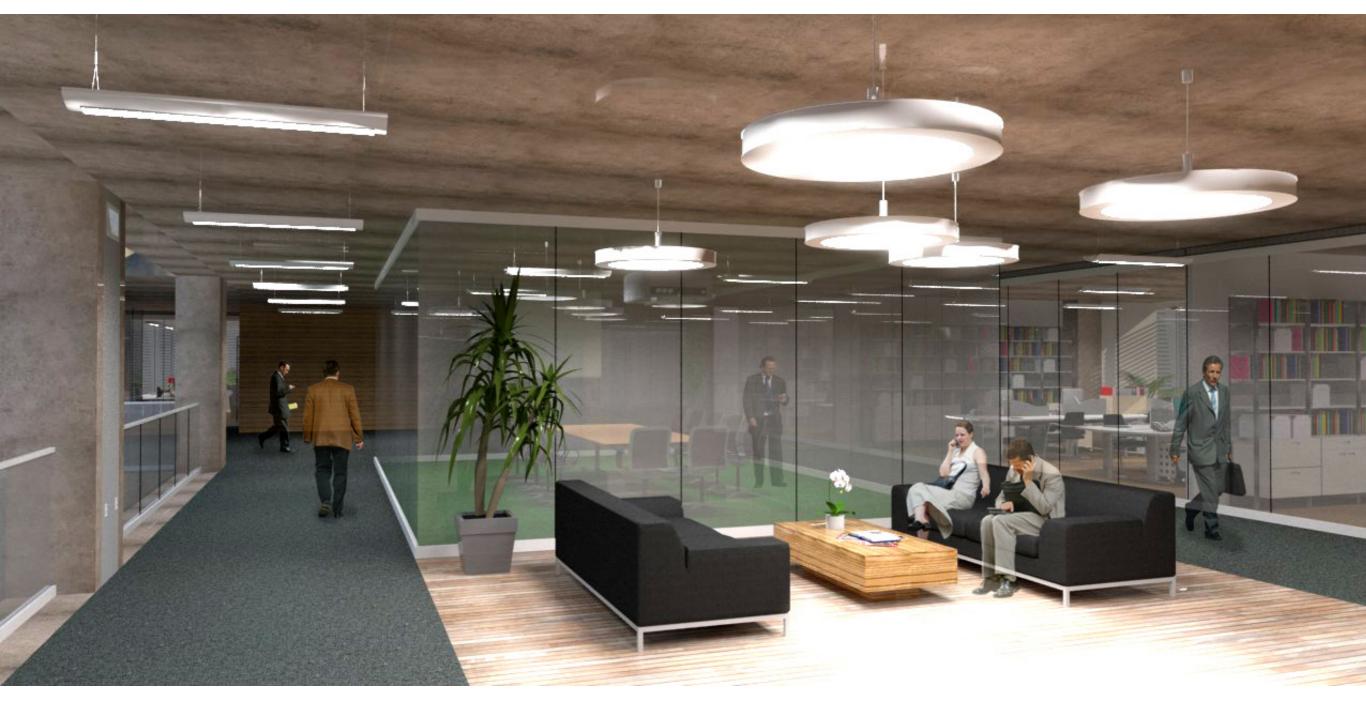


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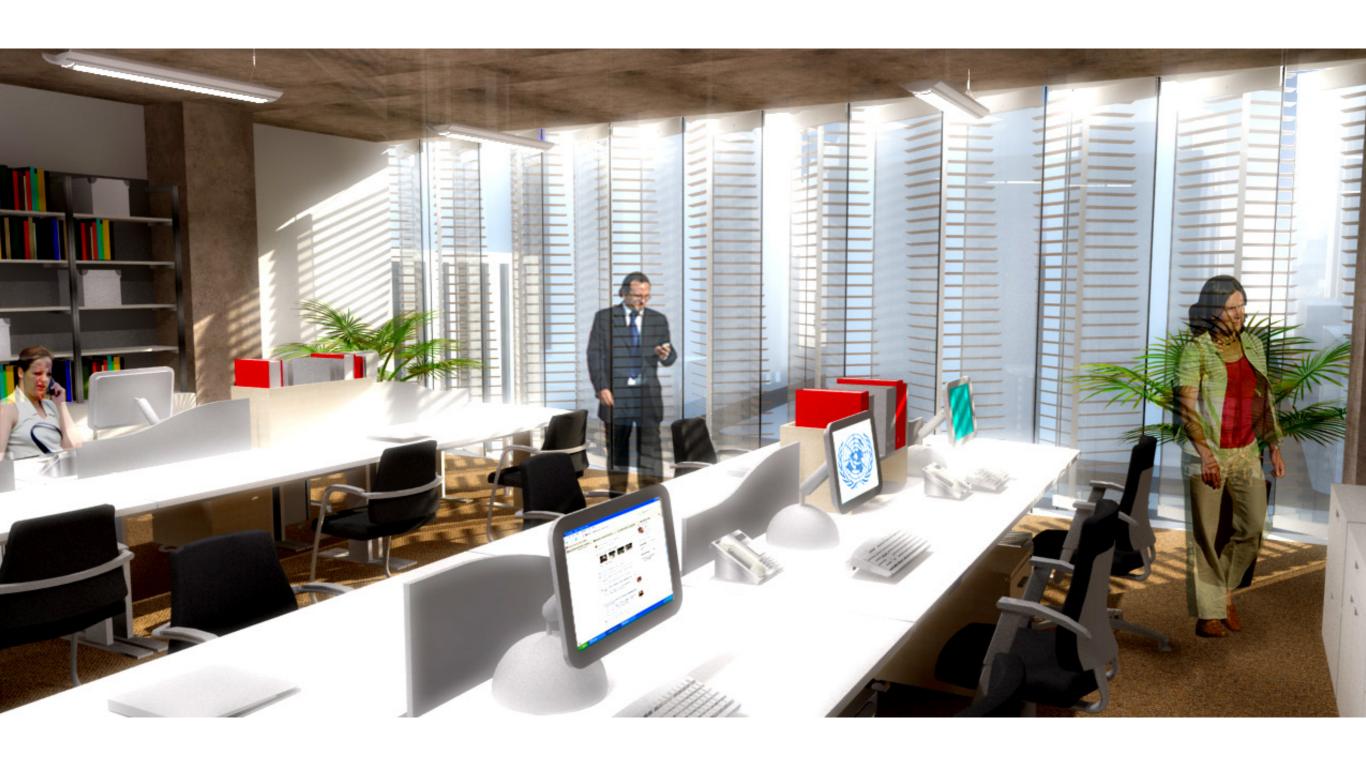
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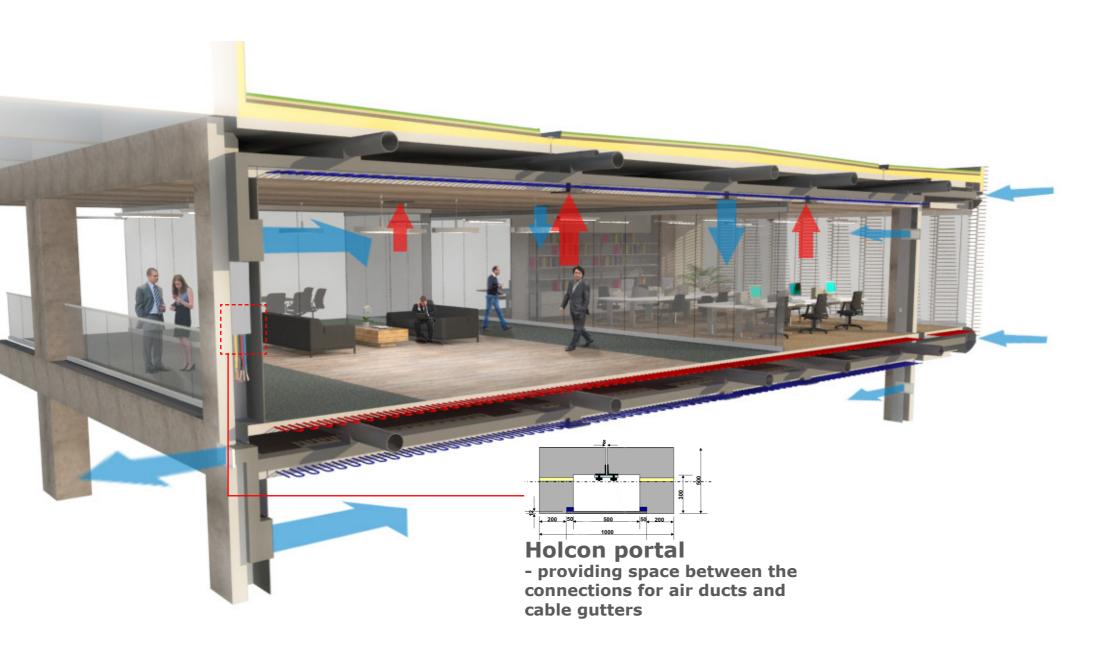


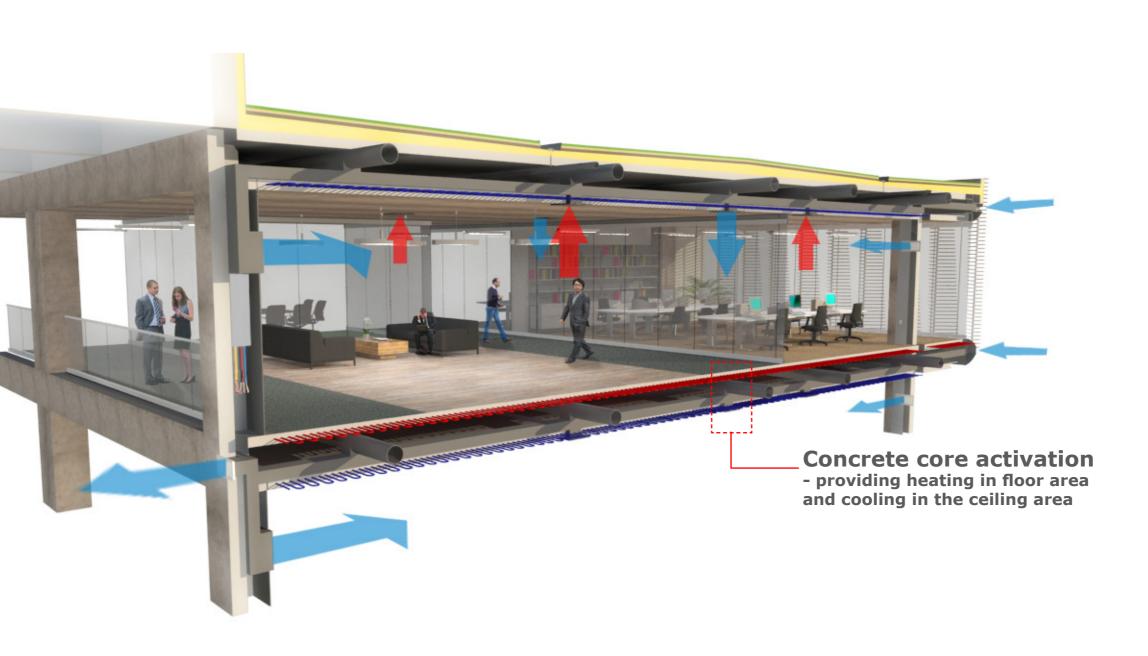


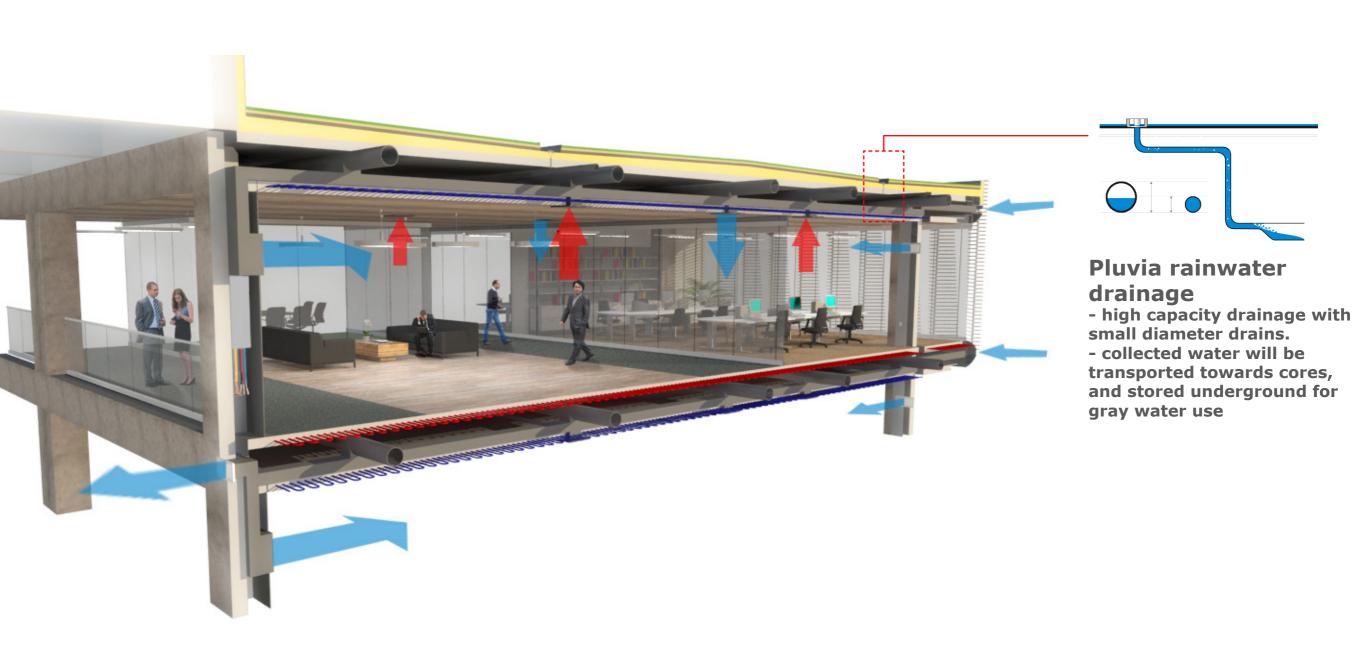


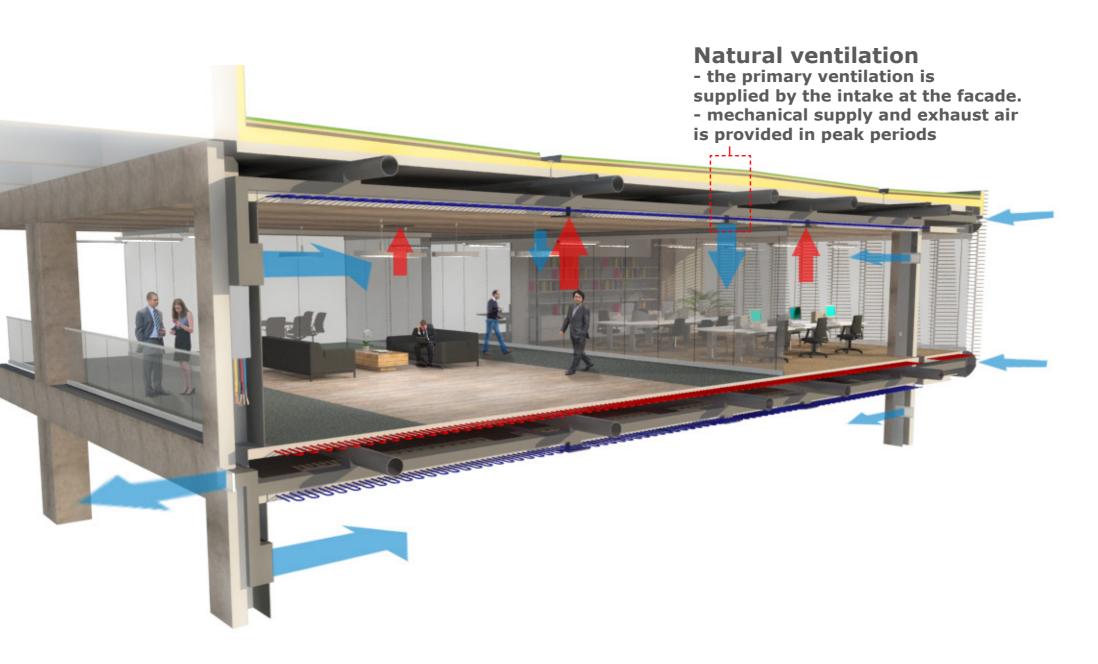


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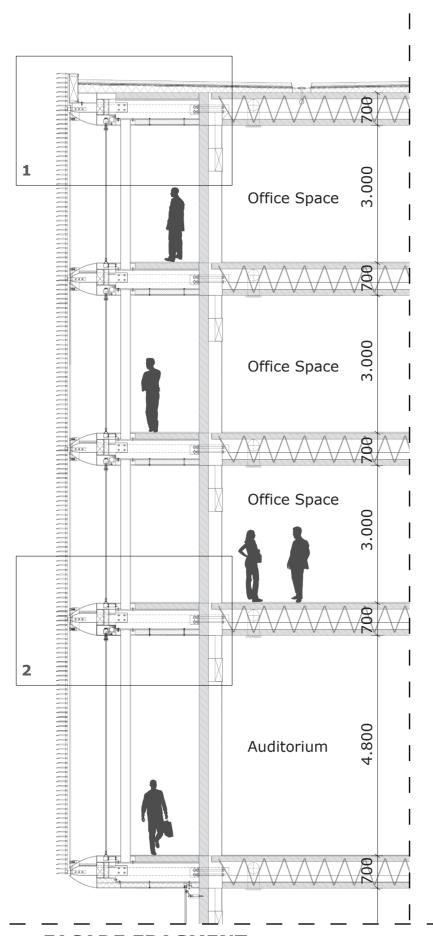


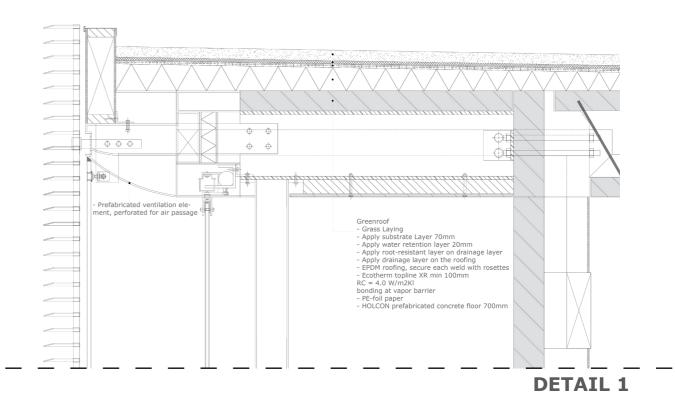


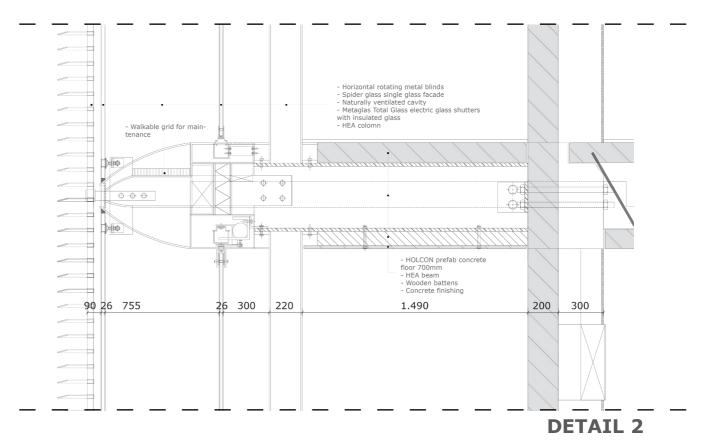






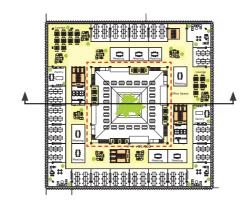


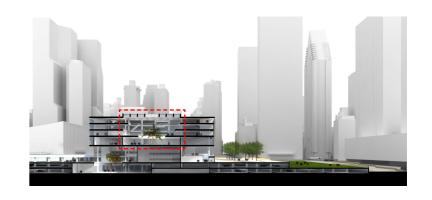


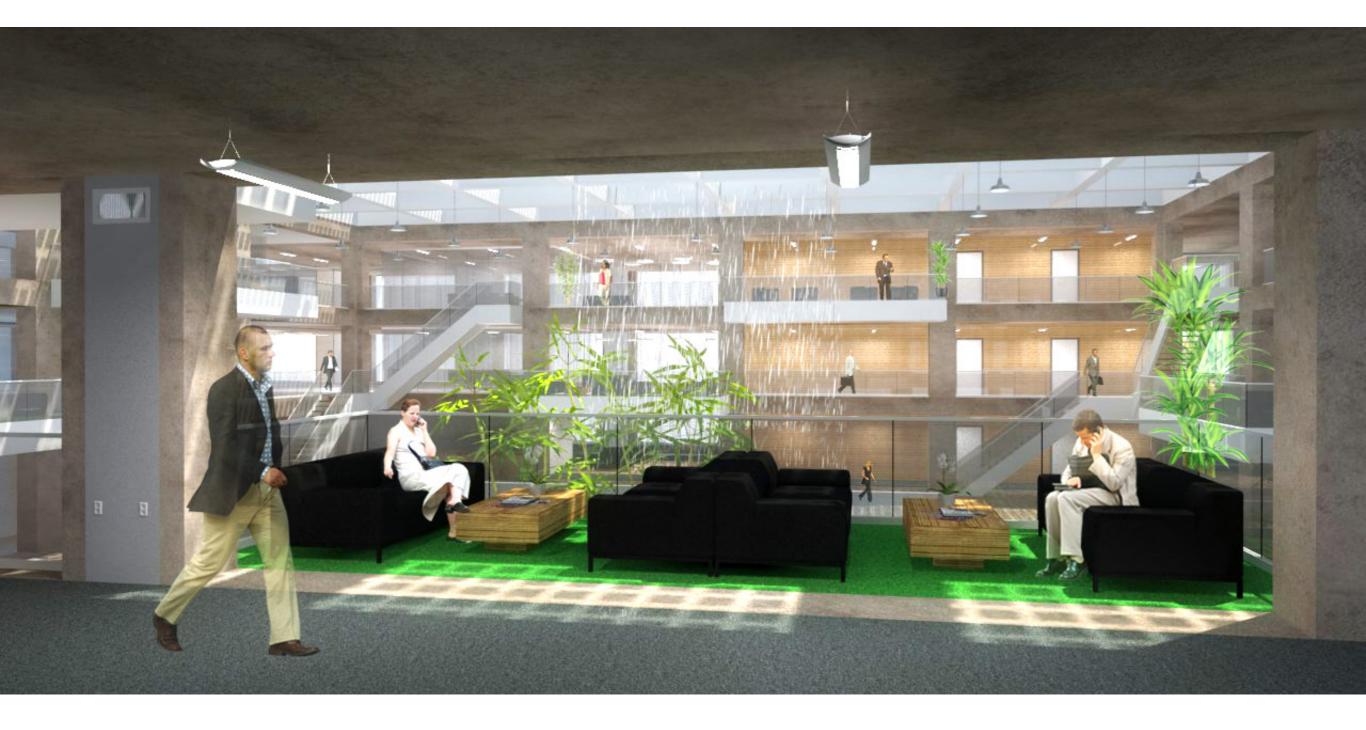


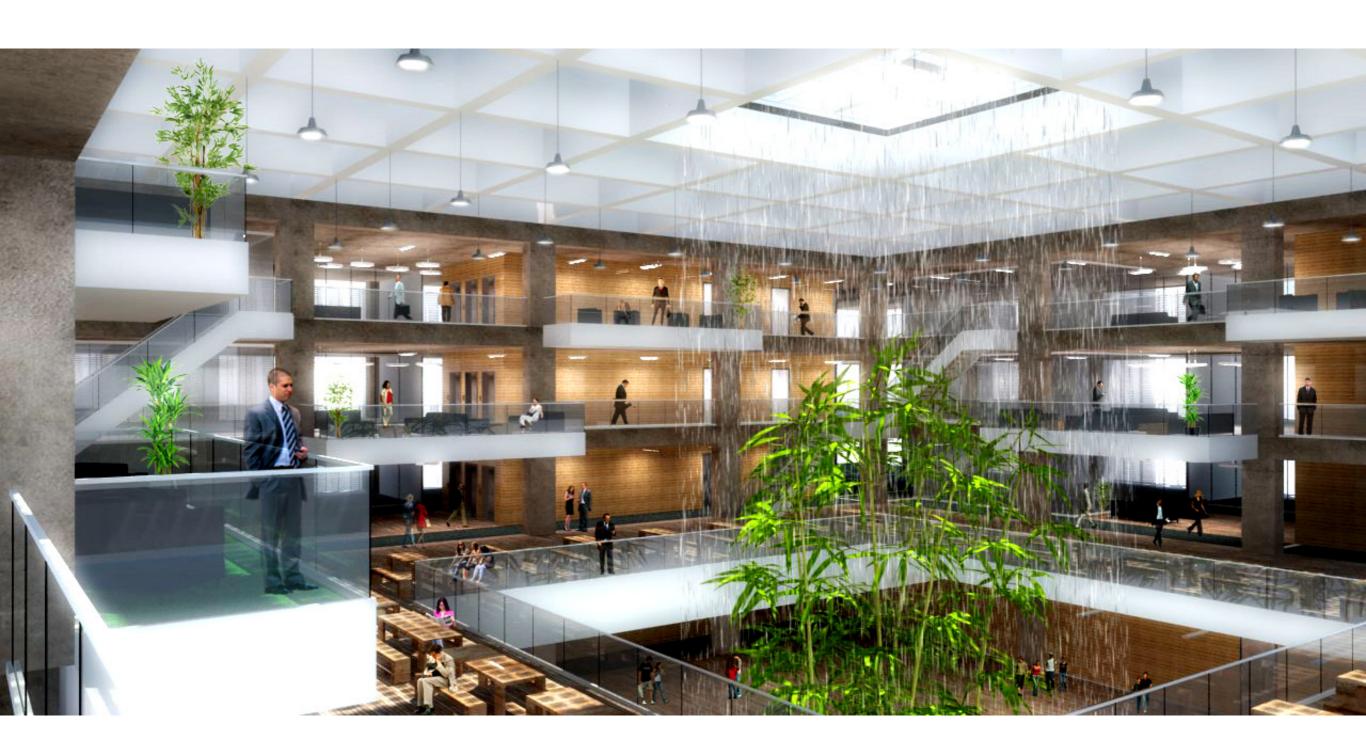
# H9 ATRIUM DESIGN

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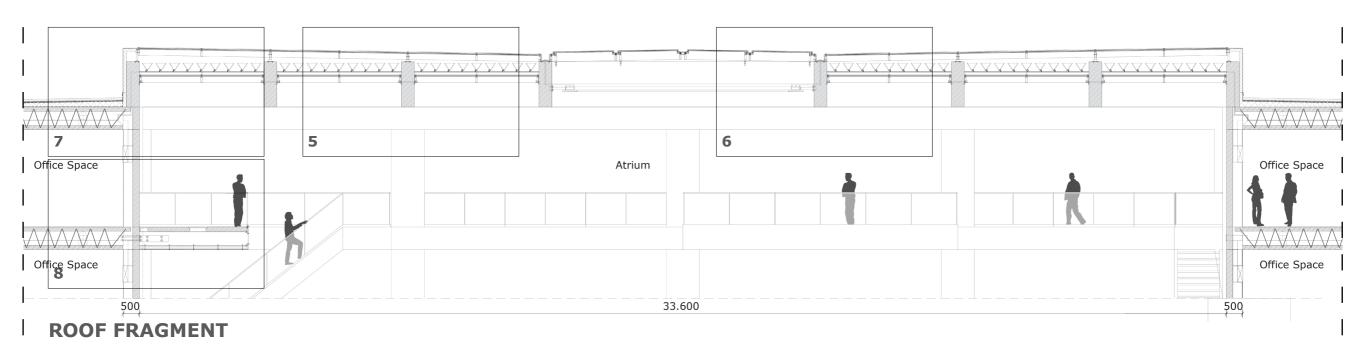


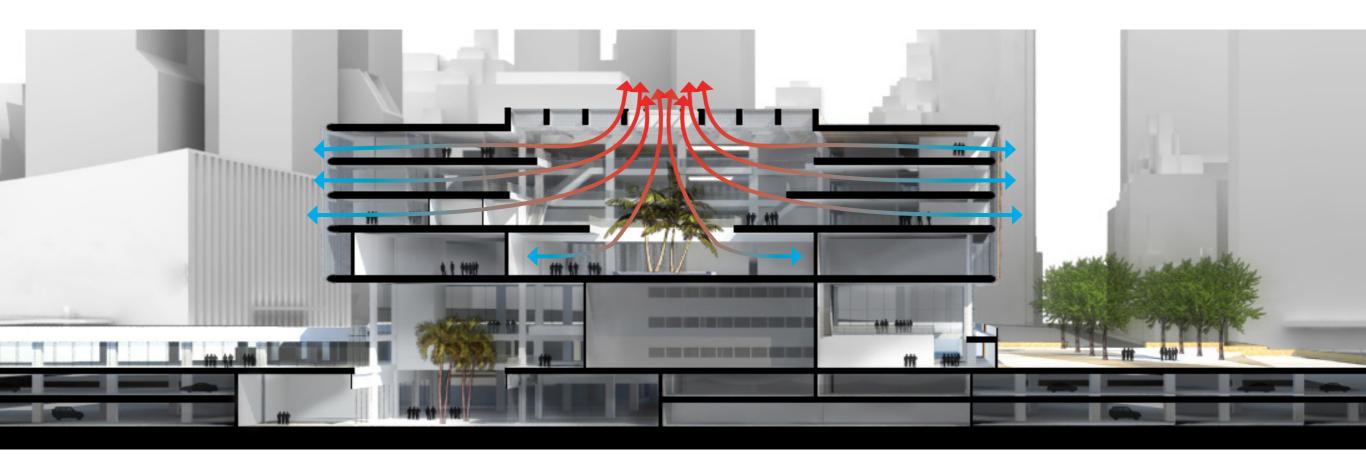


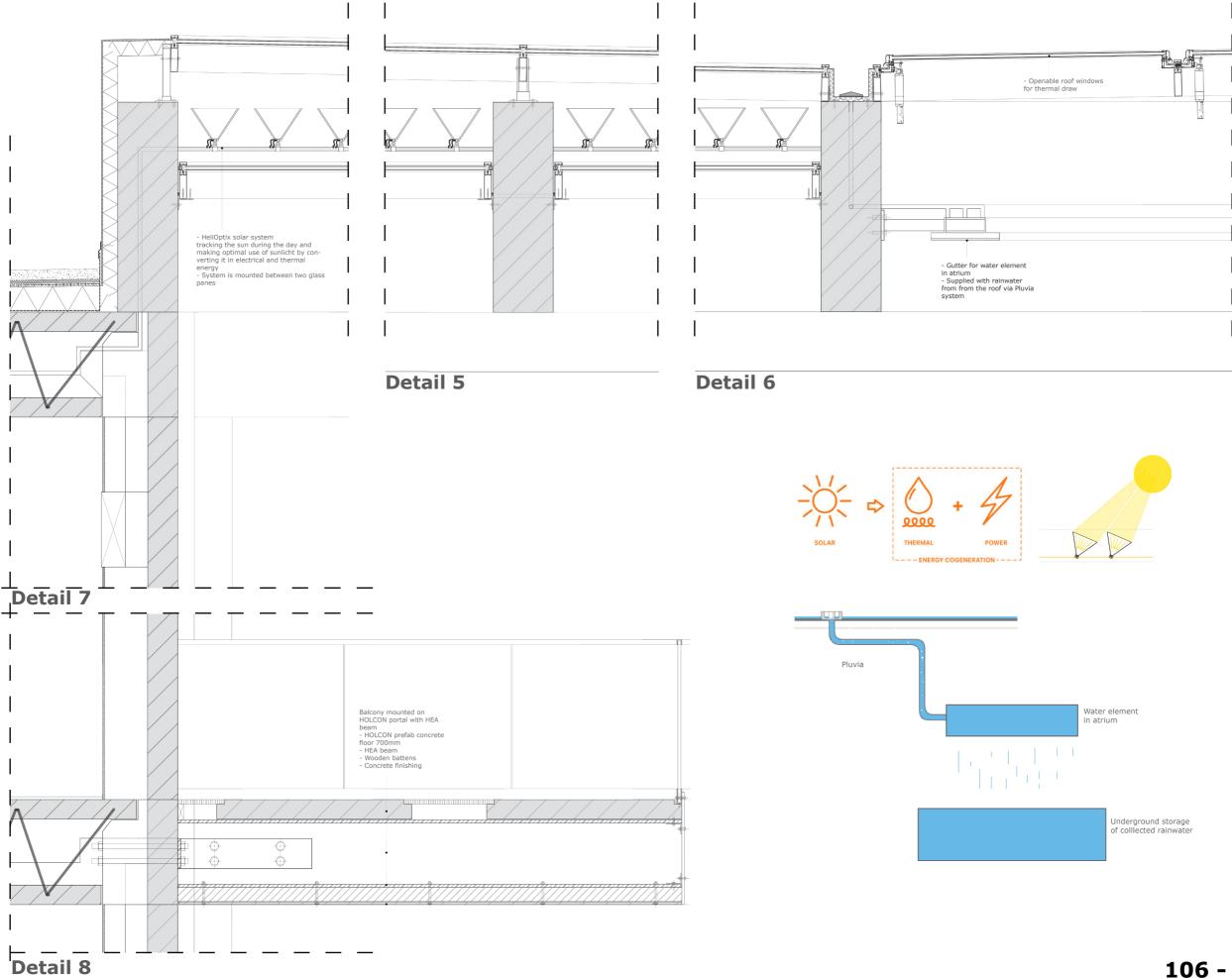




#### 9.2 BUILDING TECHNOLOGY







# H<sub>10</sub> CONCLUSION

#### The design in the larger social context

- Generating a new public park serves the people of New York which didn't live in a walking distance of 10 min of a green space.
- Extending 47<sup>th</sup> street to the east river gives New York a new, much wanted, connection with the water side.
- Linking the Manhattan Greenway helps finalizing this ambitious project. And generates a better public connection with the United Nations compound and New York.

#### The United Nations

- The design makes one compound which both serve UNEC and the United Nations. There is only one security check needed to room freely between the buildings and this is well incorporated in the square.
- The design of UNEC has the same dimensions as the assembly hall and with its modest facade is a good fit on the compound. The building will get the attention it needs without outshining the assembly hall.

#### **Sustainability**

- The compact design of the building makes optimal use of the given floorspace and program, with limited facades it also has limited energy loss at this parts and a minimal amound of material needed for the construction of the building.
- Load bearing construction of the building is a unique construction. The per-fabricated concrete parts can all be taken apart after the lifespan of the building and all standard elements can be re-used. Due to the large spans and the fact that all ventilation ducts and electrical wiring can be put between the floor slabs makes it a highly flexible building.
- The building has a second skin facade with external sunshading. The second skin facade provides better insulating properties and has the ability to use natural ventilation. It gives a combination between an energy efficient facade with the ability to manually control the indoor environment.
- The interior glass layer of the second skin facade can be opened completely, this gives the ability to use the facade for night ventilation on hot summer days. The Outerskin provides for security.
- With the natural ventilation in the second skin facade and the open-able roof windows in the atrium, the building gets a thermal draft which can ventilate both offices and atrium with natural ventilation.
- The HeliOptix solar panels in the atrium roof makes use of the available sunlight and with that also act as a sunscreen, only letting diffuse daylight in the atrium.
- The Pluvia systems on the roof catch the rainwater and store it underground for gray water use.
- The building has a greenroof giving it better insulating properties, is makes use of water / air purification and enhances the biodiversity.

