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**Efficiency Lab for Architecture** is committed to a better understanding of efficiency in the built environment through research and design.

We are an architectural design firm. Our design approach is rational and rigorous. WE CARE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT. We advocate environmental consciousness at design and policy making platforms. WE INVENT. Aybars Asci holds a U.S. Patent for a highly energy efficient building enclosure system. DATA IS OUR ZEITGEIST. 90% of the data today in the world has been generated in the last two years alone. We believe design process needs to better integrate it. (X/Y=85%) WE CAN DO BETTER. We do not evaluate efficiency as a single ratio, but as an ecosystem made up of multiples, each fulfilling their individual mandate to their maximum potential while allowing others to reach theirs. WE TEACH EFFICIENCY. We launched an in-depth study on efficiency, through research seminars and studio projects in academia.

We believe that;

- efficiency is **good business**
- efficiency is **sustainable**
- efficiency is **beautiful**

CAMPUS TOUR



Avenues: The World School in Shenzhen is located in the Tanglang Industrial Zone, one of the few remaining underdeveloped areas of Nanshan District. The Tanglang area has been slated for redevelopment as an education and research zone capitalizing on synergies with neighboring institutions – Southern Science University and Shenzhen University Gymnasium. The project envisions a place of learning with welcoming, safe, and sustainable green spaces and connections to the landscape.

**Address:** Sofunland A, Xiangrui 3rd Road 133  
Shenzhen, Guangdong Province 518000 China  
**Program:** N-12 School. Classrooms, Common Spaces, Support Spaces, Recreation Areas, Offices  
**Campus Master Plan:** 300,000 sqft  
**Phase 1:** 82,000 sqft  
**Client:** Avenues World Holdings + Mingyang Education

**Team**

Masterplan: Efficiency Lab for Architecture PLLC  
Design Architect: Efficiency Lab for Architecture PLLC  
Interior Design: Efficiency Lab for Architecture PLLC  
Local Design Coordination: WAY Design  
Local Design Institute: CCDI  
Local Planning Institute: Shenzhen Urban Planning Institute  
Structural Design: Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP  
Landscape Design: Terrain  
Lighting Design: Claude Engel  
Acoustic: WSDG  
Structural Retrofit Contractor: Genzon  
General Contractor: EDG





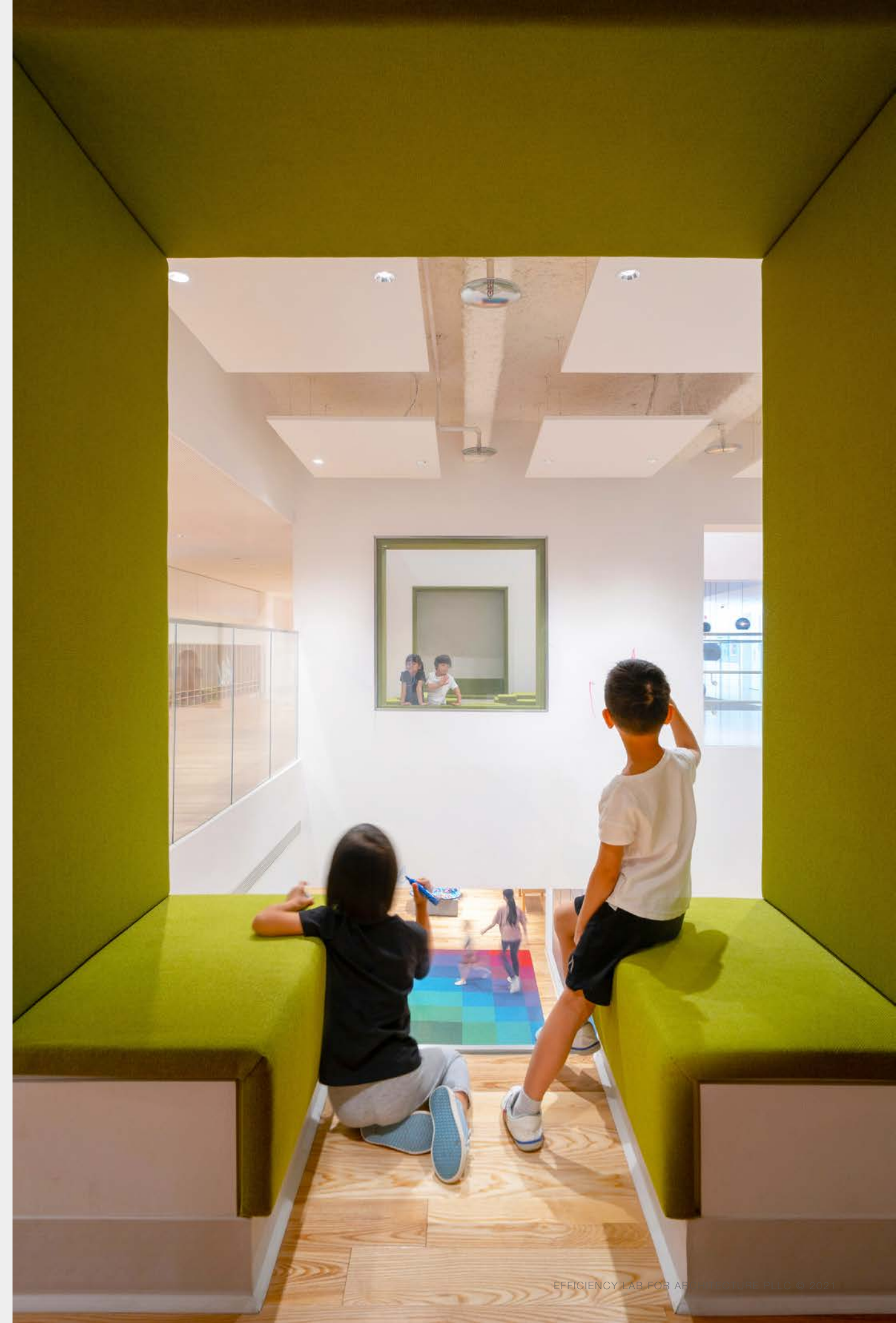
## LEARNING PODS ->

The Pods are organized around the atrium with views across one another. The writable glazing creates a fun and interactive learning surface.



## INTERCONNECTING ATRIA

The floor slabs of the existing building is carefully cut to create multistory openings, arranged to allow for diagonal views across the three floors





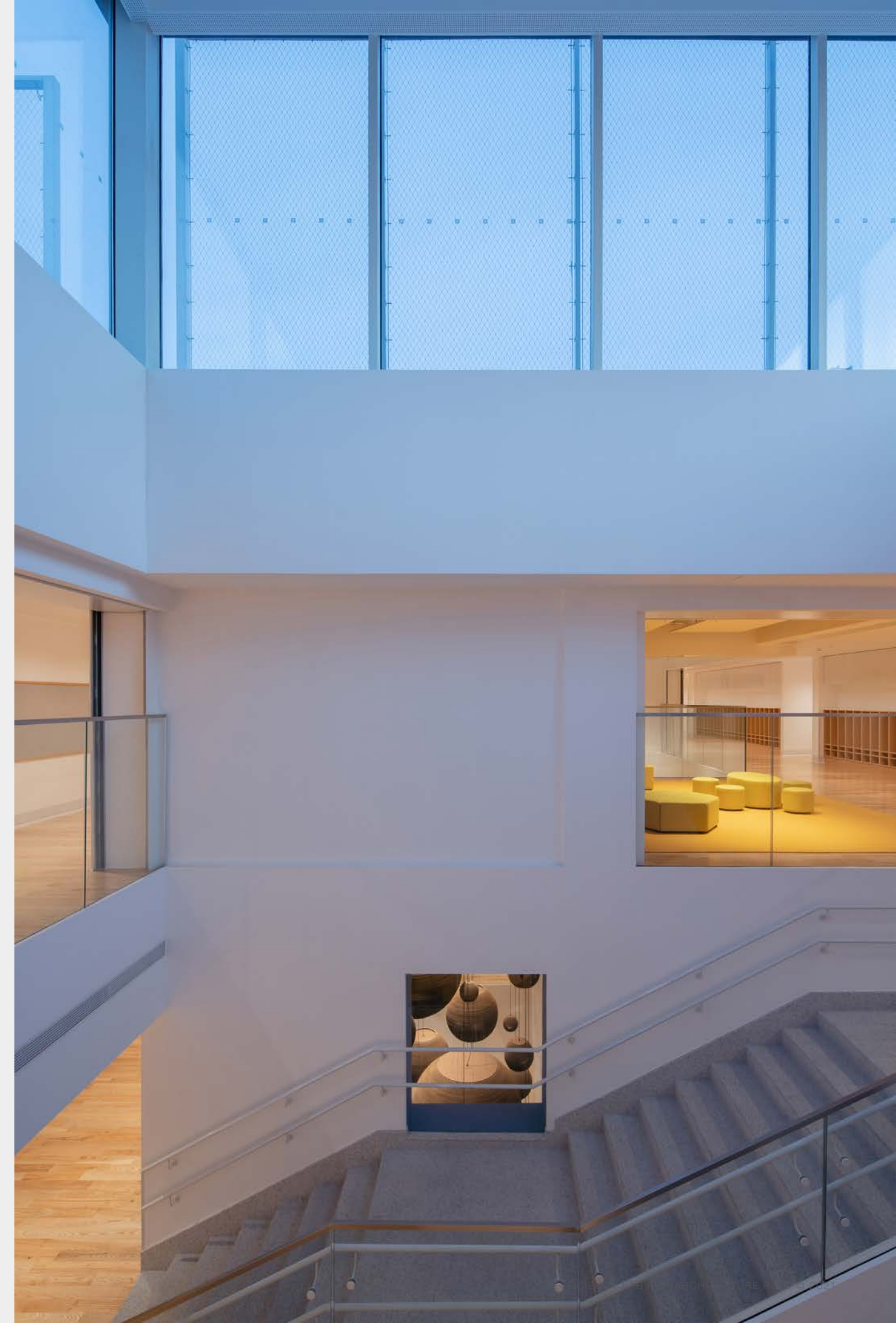
## CENTRAL ATRIUM ->

Located at the middle of the floor plate, the central atrium brings in natural light to the spaces below, as well as connecting the building up to the roof playgrounds.



## BLUE KEYHOLE

Next to the Student Commons underneath the clerestory windows, the keyhole acts both as a gateway entry and a fun area to hang-out.





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CAMPUS BRIDGES & VERTICAL PLAYGROUNDS ->

(1)



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(1) View of the Pedestrian Bridge Connecting Early Learning Center to the Administration Building

(2) & (3) Views of the pedestrian bridge perched high up within the canopies of the Banyan Trees

(4) View of the vertical playgrounds. The support of the bridges are designed as vertical playgrounds offering students an immersive experience with nature.



(3)



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## AVENUES: THE WORLD SCHOOL - SAO PAULO CAMPUS BRAZIL

Avenues Sao Paulo Campus is a Nursery through 12th Grade School. The project includes both refurbishments, improvements and landscaping for the existing campus building as well as a 250,000 GSF new campus expansion on a 1.6 acre adjacent site.

**Address:** R. Pedro Avancine, 73 - Real Parque, São Paulo - SP, 05679-160, Brazil

**Program:** Nursery - 12th Grade School

**Area:** 650,000 GSF (includes both existing and the expansion)

**Total Floors:** 9 above grade, 3 below grade

**Client:** Avenues: The World School

### TEAM

Design Architect: Efficiency Lab for Architecture PLLC

Landscape Architect: Terrain

Structure: Certiphic Engineering



## LOYOLA UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC HOUSING CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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The Loyola University student housing project is a mixed-use project with a retail base, student lounge and common areas on the second level that access an outdoor terrace for student use, and student housing above. The pleated facade provides long vistas for the dwelling units to the nearby waterfront of Lake Michigan.

The enclosure design is a combination of stone and glazing components with operable windows. The pleating creates unique qualities of transparency and solidness as you move around the building.

**Address:** 6351-67 North Broadway, Chicago IL 60660

**Program:** 58 university student housing units and lounge spaces, 29 parking stalls, ground level retail

**Duration:** May 2017 – September 2019

(construction complete, building open and occupied)

**Area:** 105,000sqft

**Total Floors:** 7 above grade, 1 below grade

**Client:** Algonquin Venture Real Estate, LLC

### TEAM

Design Architect: Efficiency Lab for Architecture PLLC

Architect of Record: Hirsch Associates, LLC

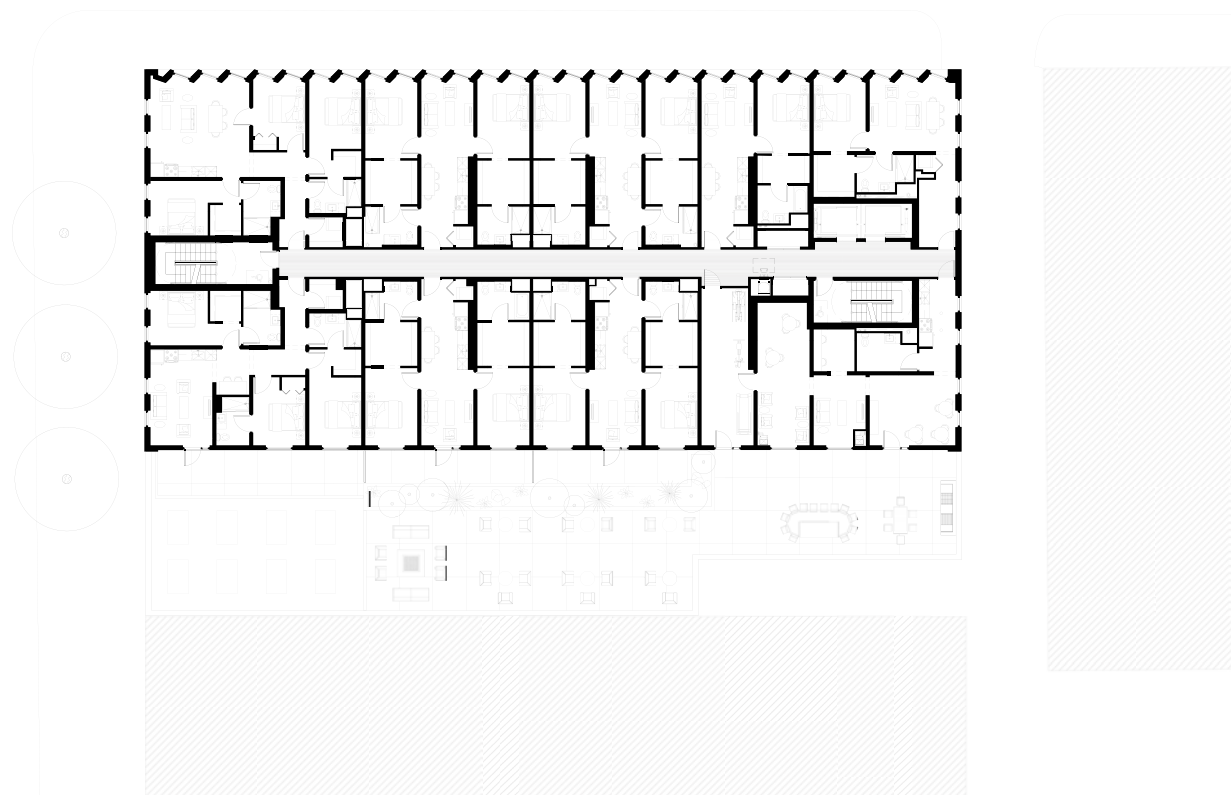
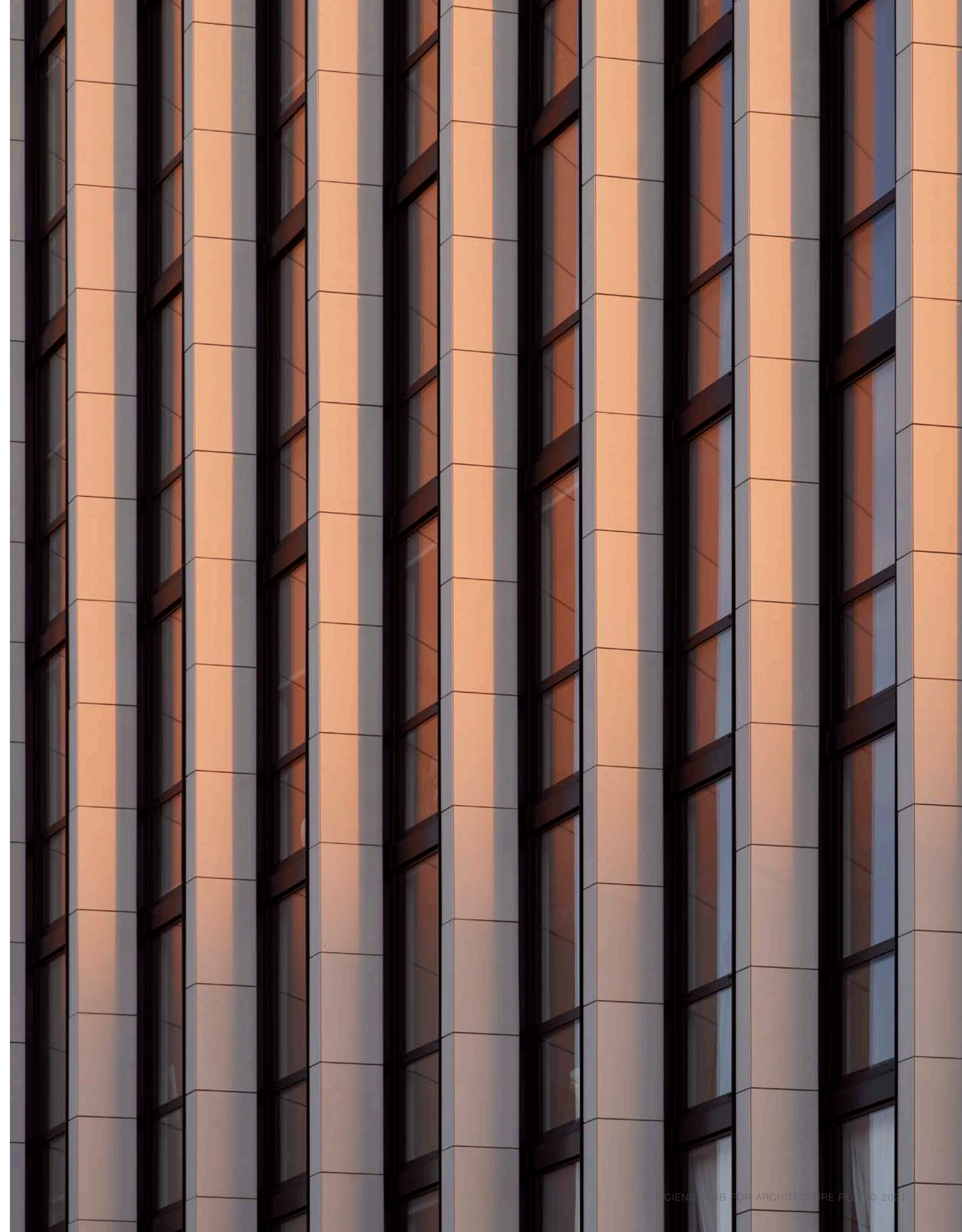
Structural Design: Simpson Gumpertz & Heger

MEP Engineer: The Engineering Studio, Inc

Civil Engineer: Eriksson Engineering

Landscape Architect: Daniel Weinbach & Partners, Ltd







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## AVENUES: THE WORLD SCHOOL - SILICON VALLEY CAMPUS SAN JOSE, CA

Avenues Silicon Valley is a 12-acre campus located in San Jose, California for 2,744 students. The project consists of the adaptive re-use of two commercial office buildings for academic purposes as well as the construction of five new buildings, inclusive of a Fitness Facility with a natatorium and a Performing Arts Center with a Theatre.

The campus is organized around a central campus pedestrian walk which allows the school to engage the landscape with learning spaces. The primary design feature for the project is a 50' steel portal structure that serves as a centralizing focal point for the school. New student common areas (both inside and outside) engage the portal on both sides with pedestrian bridges linking these spaces through the portal.

**Address:** 550 Meridian Avenue, San Jose, California 95126

**Program:** N-12 School. Classrooms, Common Spaces, Support Spaces, Recreation Areas, Offices, Performing Arts Auditorium, Laboratories

**Site:** 11.87 acres

**Area:** Campus Master Plan: 550,000 sqft; Phase 1: 183,000sqft

**Client:** Avenues World Holdings

### Team

Masterplan: Efficiency Lab for Architecture PLLC

Design Architect: Efficiency Lab for Architecture PLLC

Interior Design: Efficiency Lab for Architecture PLLC

FF&E: Efficiency Lab for Architecture PLLC

Architect of Record: Adamson Associates

Structural Engineer: SOM

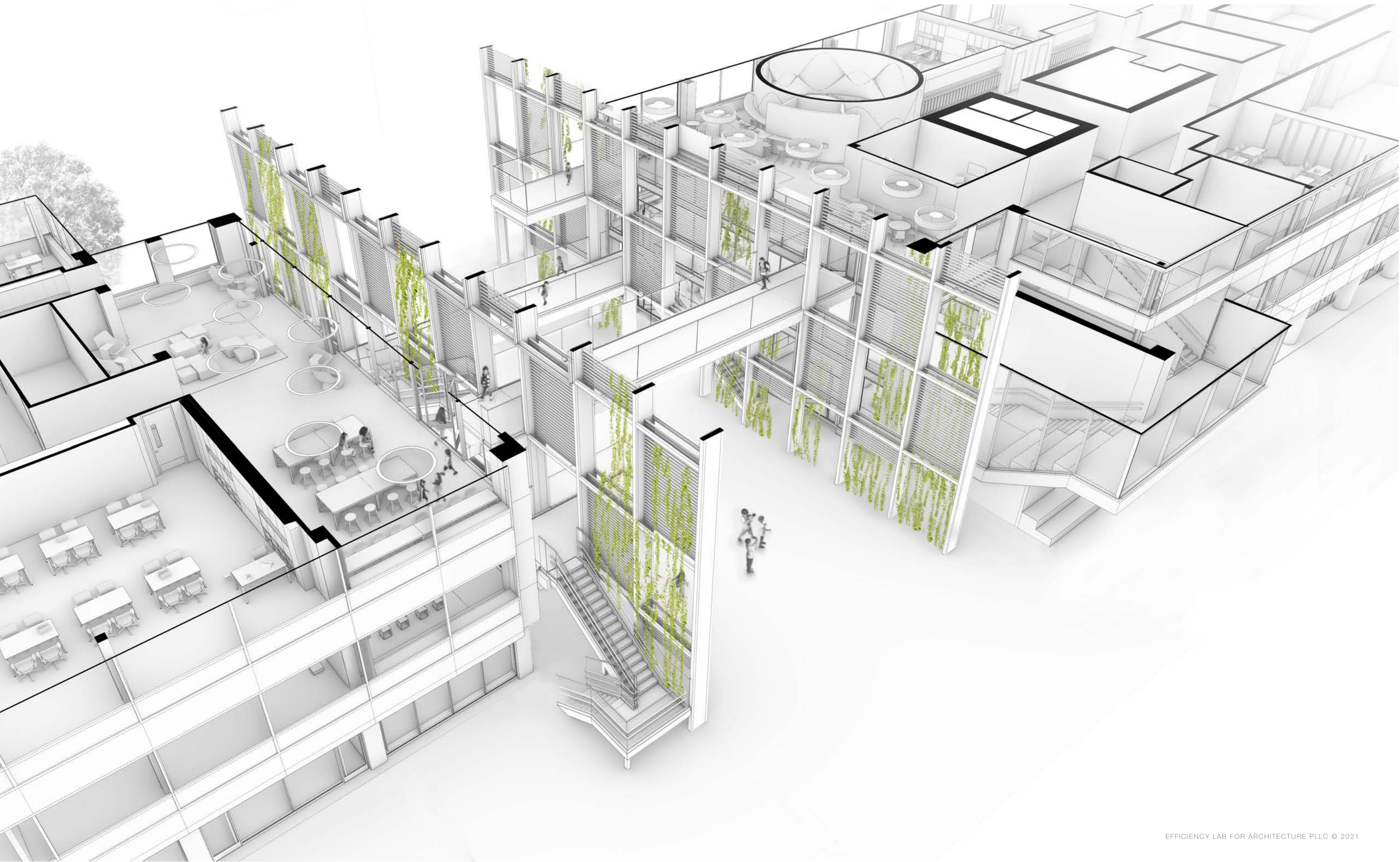
MEP: Syska Hennesy

Civil: Kimley Horn

Lighting Design: Claude Engel

Acoustic: Longman Lindsay







## COMMUNITY INFORMATION CENTER SAN JOSE, CA

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The Community Information Center in San Jose is a 10,000sqft ground level renovation project that creates a reception and lounge area with an adjacent presentation space in an existing commercial office building. Concrete portals located within the immediate landscape at the entrance welcome visitors to the center and serve to reorient their attention from its suburban office park context to a light filled open interiors.

**Address:** 570 Meridian Avenue, San Jose, California 95126

**Program:** Presentation Space, Pre-function and lounge space, Offices and Support Spaces

**Area:** 10,000 sqft

### Team

Design Architect: Efficiency Lab for Architecture PLLC

Interior Design: Efficiency Lab for Architecture PLLC

Furniture Design: Efficiency Lab for Architecture PLLC

Architect of Record: Adamson Associates

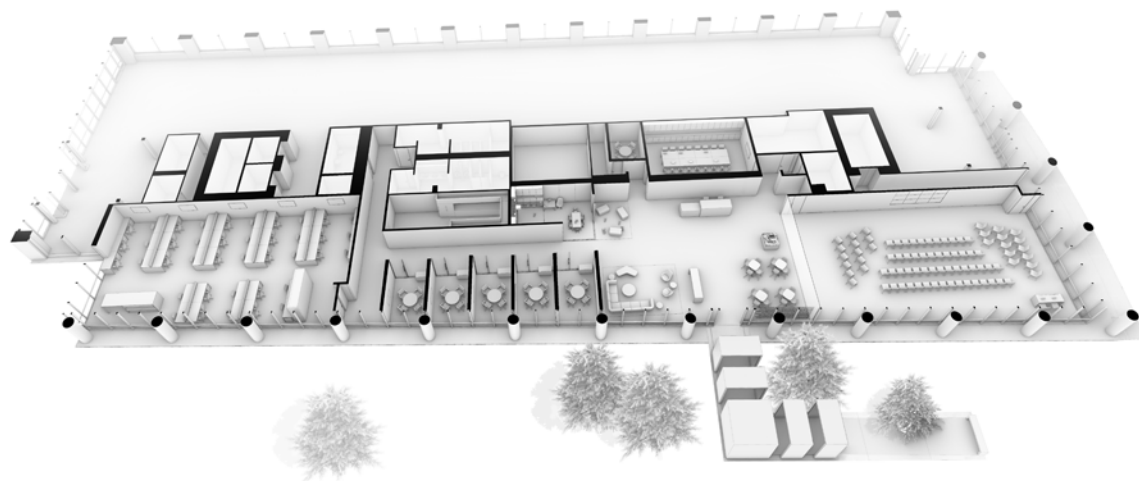
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MEP: Syska Hennesy

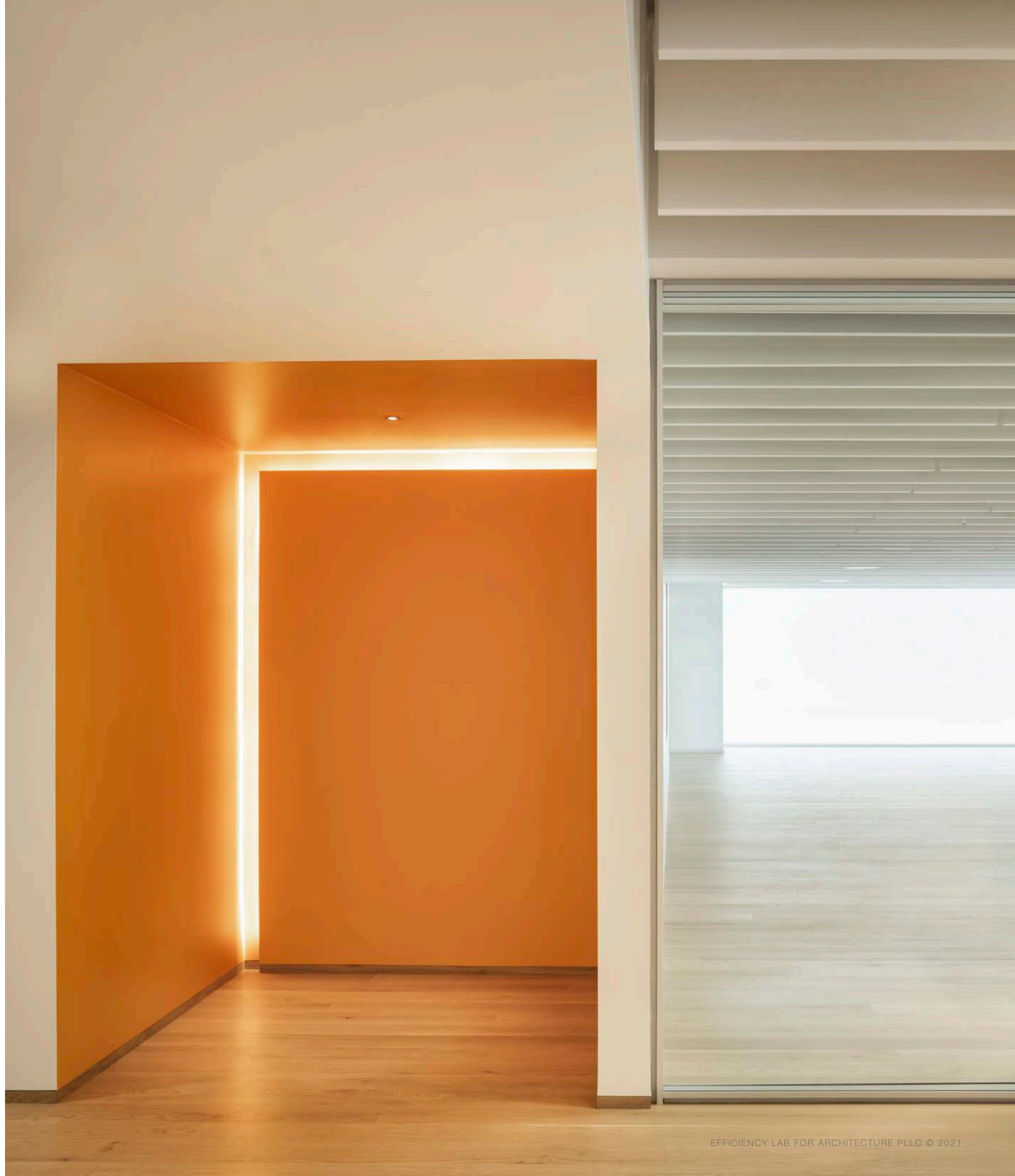
Civil: Kimley Horn

Lighting Design: Claude Engel

Acoustic: Longman Lindsay









### A NEW SCHOOL OF THOUGHT

WE WILL GRADUATE STUDENTS WHO ARE ACCOMPLISHED IN THE ACADEMIC SKILLS ONE WOULD EXPECT OF ANY COLLEGE GRADUATE. WE WILL GRADUATE STUDENTS WHO ARE TRULY FLUENT IN A SECOND LANGUAGE, GOOD WRITERS AND SPEAKERS, AND ALL-ROUNDERS BECAUSE THEY EXCEL IN A PARTICULAR PASSION, ARTISTS NO MATTER THE FIELD, PRACTICAL IN THE REALM OF THE WORLD, EMOTIONALLY UNAFRAID AND PHYSICALLY FIT, ABOUT THEIR GIFTS AND DEDICATED OF SPIRIT, TRUSTWORTHY, AWARE THAT THEIR BEHAVIOR MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN OUR ECOSYSTEM, GREAT LEADERS WHEN THEY CAN BE, GOOD FOLLOWERS WHEN THEY SHOULD BE, ON THEIR WAY TO WELL-CHOSEN HIGHER EDUCATION, AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, ARCHITECTS WHO ARE TRANSFORMING THE ORDINARY. WE WILL SHARE OUR PROSPERITY WITH THOSE WHO BELIEVE THAT THROUGH TRADITIONAL FINANCIAL AID AND, AS WE GROW, IN MORE INNOVATIVE AND BOLD WAYS, WE CAN LEAP THE WALLS OF OUR CAMPUSES. WE WILL PROVIDE OUR FACULTY AND STUDENTS A SPECIAL PLACE TO PURSUE THE SCIENCE AND ART OF TEACHING. WE WANT TO ATTRACT TEACHERS OF TEACHING MORE CLOSELY WITH THE VALUE IT BRINGS TO SOCIETY, PROVIDE THEM WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO DEEPEN THEIR SKILLS AND BE A PLACE WHERE CAREERS, IN AND OUT OF THE CLASSROOM, CAN FLOURISH. WE WILL ADVANCE EDUCATION BY SETTING AN EXAMPLE AS AN EFFECTIVE, DIVERSE, AND ACCOUNTABLE SCHOOL BY CONTINUOUSLY INVESTING IN WAYS TO BECOME BETTER AT WHAT WE DO. WE WILL MAKE OUR DISCOVERIES, LARGE AND SMALL, TO COLLEAGUES IN THE CAUSE OF EDUCATION.

# PRIVATE N-12 SCHOOL CAMPUS MIAMI, FL

Completion: 2025  
Client: Confidential

Total Gross Floor Area: 600,000 sf  
Program: N-12 School. Classrooms, Support Spaces,  
Recreation Areas, Offices

## TEAM

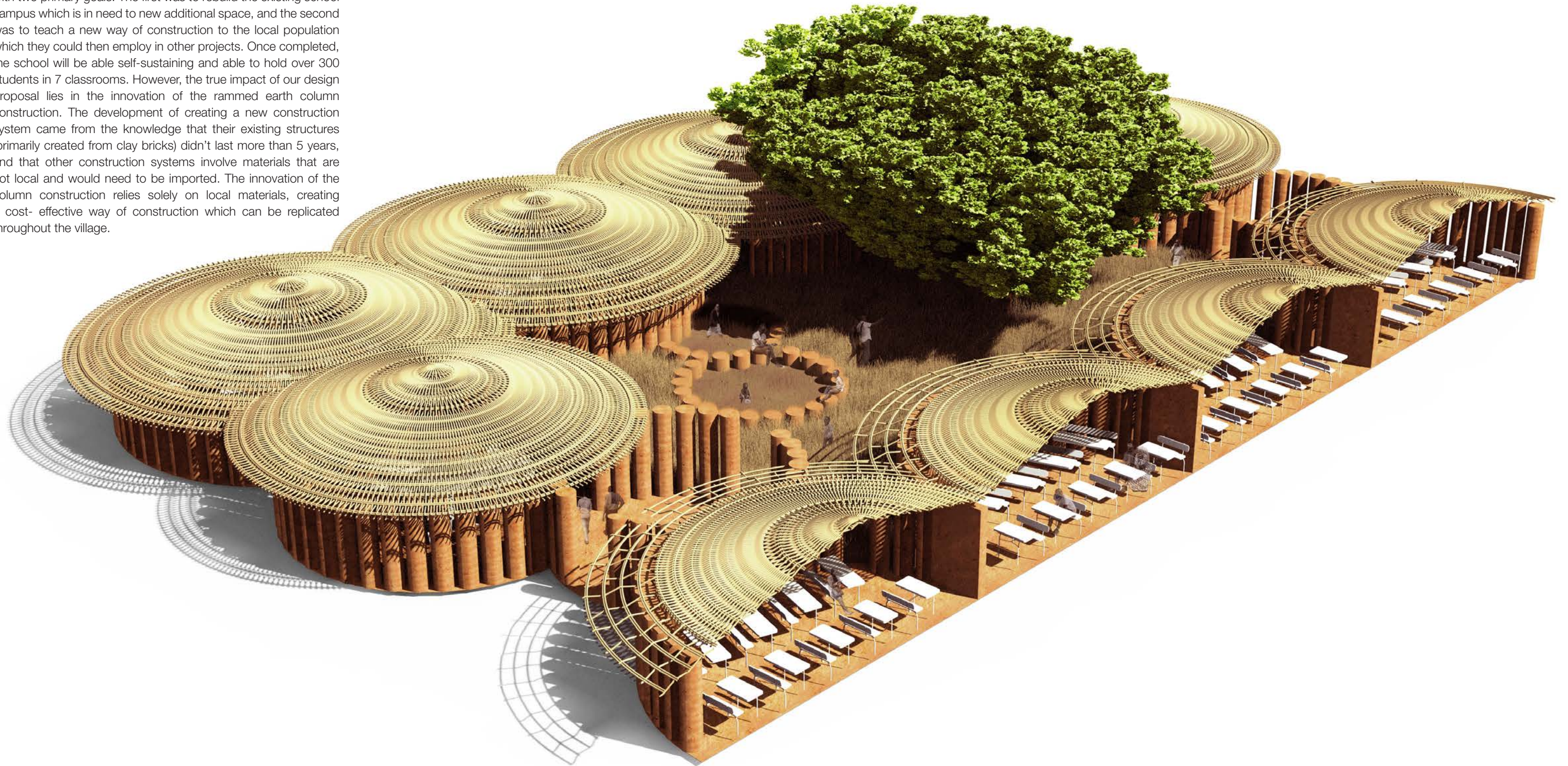
Masterplan: Efficiency Lab for Architecture PLLC  
Design Architect: Efficiency Lab for Architecture PLLC  
Interior Design: Efficiency Lab for Architecture PLLC  
FF &E: Efficiency Lab for Architecture PLLC  
Traffic: Langan  
Civil: Langan



## SAMBOU TOURA DRAME ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SENEGAL

Design Competition Entry: 2020  
Client: Let's Build my School - NGO

The competition was held by the NGO Let's Build My School, with two primary goals. The first was to rebuild the existing school campus which is in need of new additional space, and the second was to teach a new way of construction to the local population which they could then employ in other projects. Once completed, the school will be able self-sustaining and able to hold over 300 students in 7 classrooms. However, the true impact of our design proposal lies in the innovation of the rammed earth column construction. The development of creating a new construction system came from the knowledge that their existing structures (primarily created from clay bricks) didn't last more than 5 years, and that other construction systems involve materials that are not local and would need to be imported. The innovation of the column construction relies solely on local materials, creating a cost-effective way of construction which can be replicated throughout the village.



## THE LIMA ART MUSEUM - NEW CONTEMPORARY ART WING LIMA, PERU

Design Competition Entry: 2016  
Client: Lima Museum

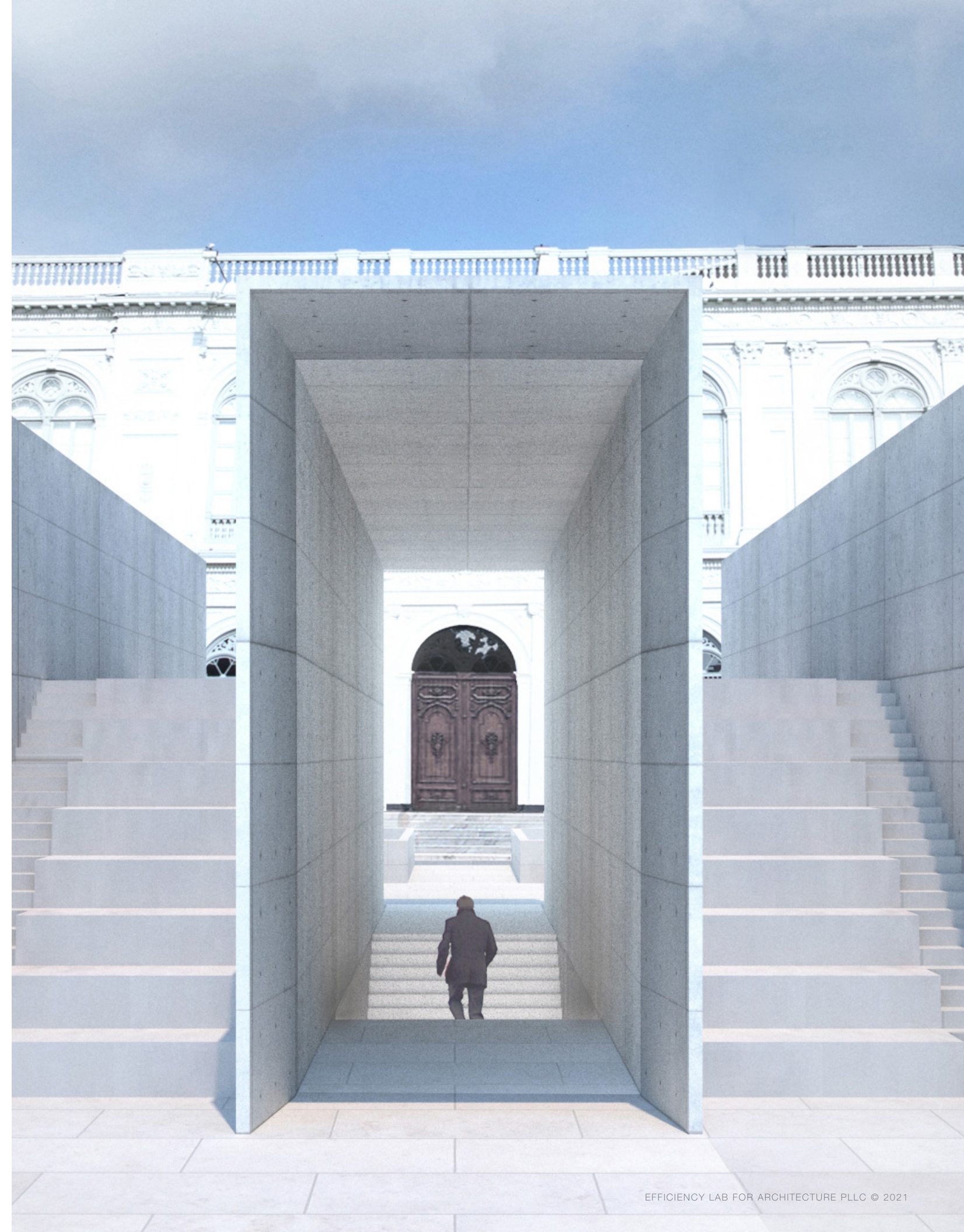
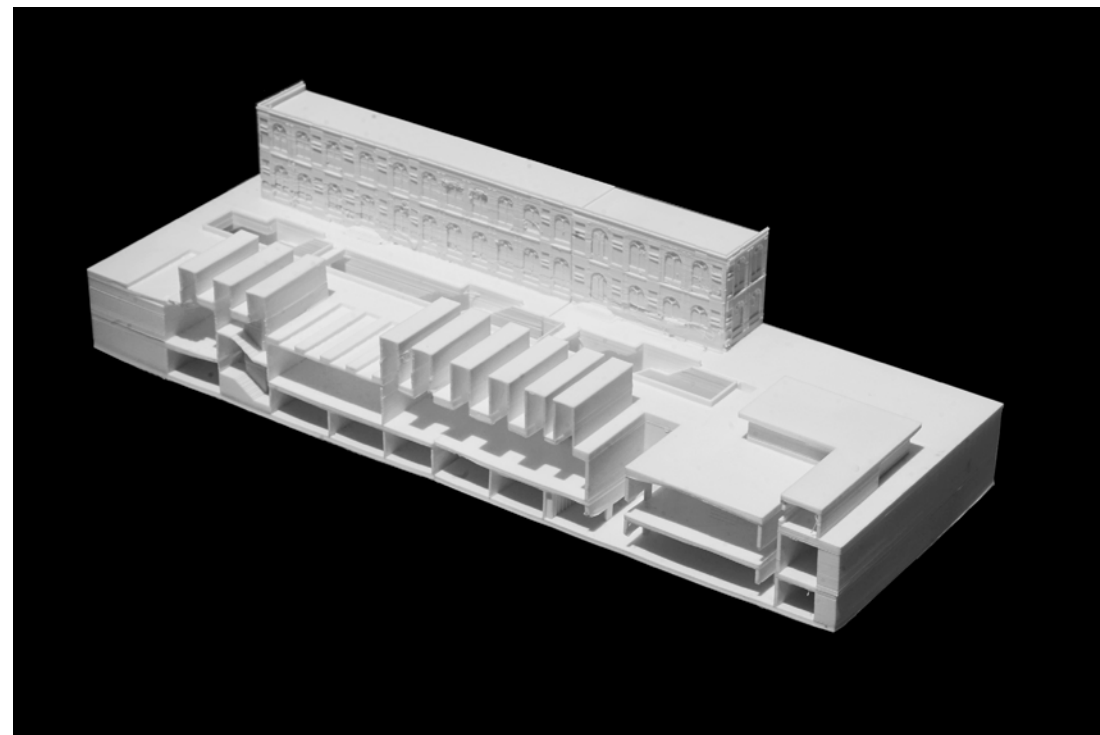
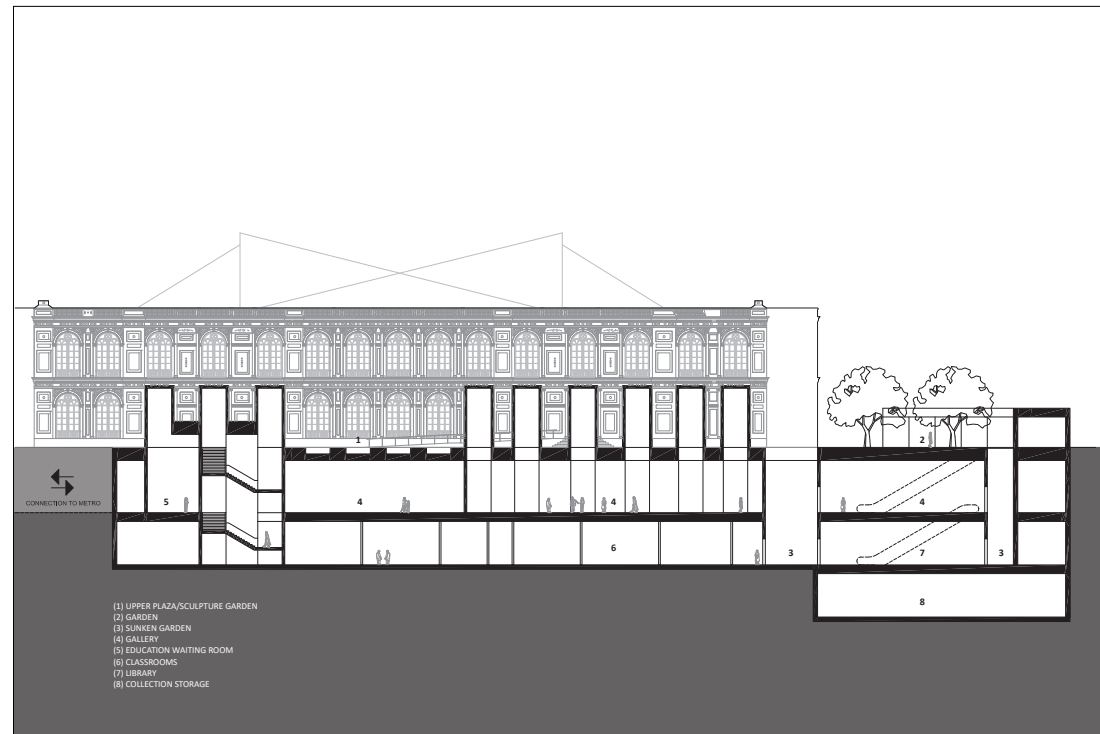
**Site Area:** 3,500 m<sup>2</sup>  
**Total Gross Floor Area:** 7,000 m<sup>2</sup>  
**Program:** Art Galleries, Education Center, Library

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The New Contemporary Art Wing Expansion to the Lima Art Museum located in the 19th century Exposition Palace, creates a strong architectural dialogue between the historical structure and the new expansion; they connect without touching. The project requirement to create a below grade expansion to the current museum without touching the historical structure below or above grade, resulted in a careful exploration of how to spatially connect these two buildings that cannot physically connect. The new expansion is conceived as an architectural counterpoint to the historical museum, by creating echoes of the historical structure throughout the project. While establishing a respectful relationship to the historical context of the site, the proposed new expansion creates a strong architectural presence that augments the experience of the historical context and offers a rich series of spatial interventions to engage the urban context.

WINNER OF 2017 AIA NY DESIGN AWARD  
WINNER OF 2016 WORLD ARCHITECTURE DESIGN AWARD





# KAUNAS M.K. ČIURLIONIS CONCERT CENTRE KAUNAS, LITHUANIA

Design Competition Entry: 2017

**Site Area:** 48,000 m<sup>2</sup>

**Total Gross Floor Area:** 11,500 m<sup>2</sup>

**Program:** Concert Halls, Multi-Functional Spaces, Restaurants

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Polyphonic Projections - an ensemble of cellular structures, each designed specifically to enrich the aural, visual, tactile and environmental experience, form a series of unique spaces to house the Kaunos M.K. Čiurlionis Concert Centre. Inspired by the remarkable life & work of Ciurlionis, the phenomenological architectural approach of the proposed scheme emanates the Renaissance spirit of bridging different art forms.

The field condition created by the polyphonic projections - a silhouette of tapered forms - create a dialogue with the historical city fabric of Kaunos. The multiplicity of scales generated by the building massing and corresponding public spaces creates a permeable and active edge along the Nemunas River, forming an engaging civic space that will be a catalyst of activity for Aleksotas neighborhood.

Polyphonic projections spread out towards the park to create an active landscape/ a multi-faceted embankment which will create a unique park experience while forming sanctuaries of bio-diversity along the ebb and flow of the river's tidal reach.



# SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE TELLURIDE, COLORADO

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WINNER OF 2017 WORLD ARCHITECTURE DESIGN AWARD

Completion: 2021 (under construction)  
Client: Confidential

**Total Gross Floor Area:** 7,500 sf  
**Program:** Private Residence  
Open Living, Dining & Kitchen, 5 Bedrooms, Media Room,  
Library, Mud Room, 2 Car Garage

**Number of Floors:** 3  
**Floor to Floor Height:** 12'-6"  
**Floor to Ceiling Height:** 10'-0"

## TEAM

Design Architect: Efficiency Lab for Architecture PLLC  
AOR: Tommy Hein Architects  
Interior Design: Gachot Studios  
Structural Design: Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP  
MEP: Bighorn Consulting Engineers  
Civil Engineer: Uncompahgre Engineering  
Geo-Hazard Engineer: Trautner Geotech  
Avalanche Diversion Wall: Gordon Geotechnical Engineering  
Landscape Design: Caribou Design Associates  
Pre-Construction: Gerber Construction



Construction Photo (Winter 2020)

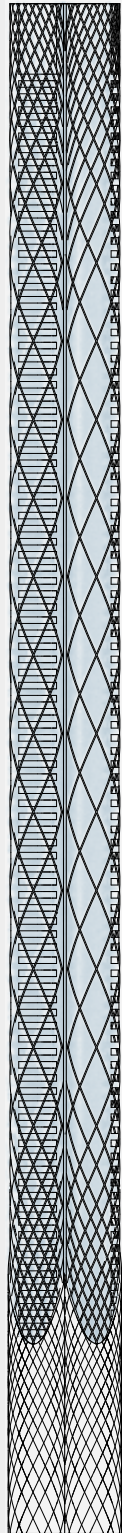




MIXED USE TOWER NEW YORK

Design Proposal: 2016  
Client: Confidential

**Program:** Hotel + Residential  
**Tower Height:** 1,400'  
**Total Gross Floor Area:** 1,000,000 sf



# SHUMYIP UPPERHILLS SHENZHEN, PRC

VIDEO



Completion Date: 2018 (under construction)  
Program: Office, Hotel, Retail  
Environmental: LEED Gold Certified (Tower 1)  
Client: Shum Yip Land

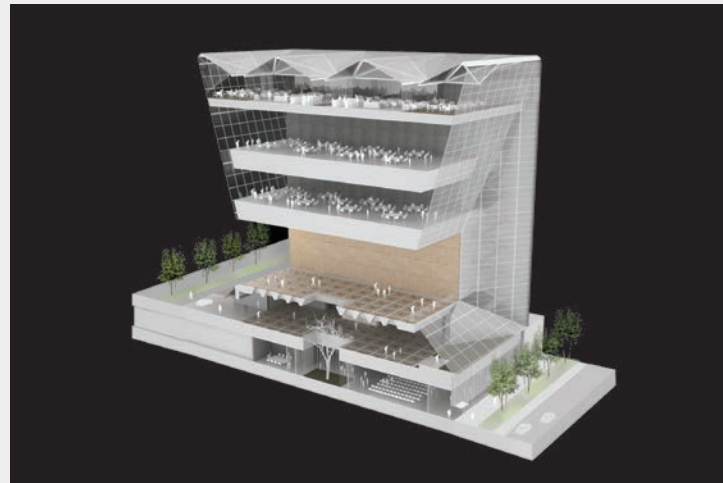
## Tower 1

Tower Height: 388 meters  
Tower Floors: 80  
Tower Gross Area (above grade): 228,600 m<sup>2</sup>  
Tower Office Area: 185,880 m<sup>2</sup>  
Tower Hotel Area: 36,500 m<sup>2</sup>  
Typical Floor Gross Area: 2,999 m<sup>2</sup>  
Typical Floor to Floor Height (office): 4,500 mm  
Typical Floor to Floor Height (hotel): 4,200 mm  
Typical Floor to Ceiling Height: 3,000 mm



## Tower 2

Tower Height: 300 meters  
Tower Floors: 62  
Tower Gross Area (above grade): 155,375 m<sup>2</sup>  
Typical Floor Gross Area: 2,543 m<sup>2</sup>  
Typical Floor to Floor Height: 4,500 mm  
Typical Floor to Ceiling Height: 3,000 mm



## Mandarin Oriental Ballroom Pavilion

Building Height: 58 meters  
Floors: 6  
Total Gross Area (above grade): 18,000 m<sup>2</sup>  
Total Hotel Area: 8,000 m<sup>2</sup>  
Typical Floor to Floor Height: 9,500 mm (ballroom levels)



Project designed by SOM (Aybars Asci, Director-in-Charge of Design)



## AL HAMRA TOWER KUWAIT CITY, KUWAIT

[DISCOVERY CHANNEL VIDEO](#)



Completed: 2011  
Program: Commercial office tower with retail podium  
Client: Al Hamra Real Estate Co.

Tower Height: 412.6 m  
Tower Floors: 74 floors  
Site Area: 10,480 m<sup>2</sup>

Tower Gross Construction Area: 186,381 m<sup>2</sup>  
Tower Gross Area (above grade): 178,061 m<sup>2</sup>  
Typical Floor Gross Area: 2,280 m<sup>2</sup> - 2,450 m<sup>2</sup>  
Typical Floor Lease Span: 12,000 mm  
Typical Floor to Floor Height: 4200 mm  
Typical Floor to Ceiling Height: 2700 mm  
Ground Floor Lobby Area: 1,200 m<sup>2</sup>  
Retail Podium: 34,000 m<sup>2</sup>  
Total MEP Area: 15,500 m<sup>2</sup> (8,100 m<sup>2</sup> above grade)

### Building Envelope

Total External Surface Area: 101,675 m<sup>2</sup>  
Total External Surface Glass: 60,680 m<sup>2</sup>  
Total External Stone/Trencadis Cladding: 40,995 m<sup>2</sup>

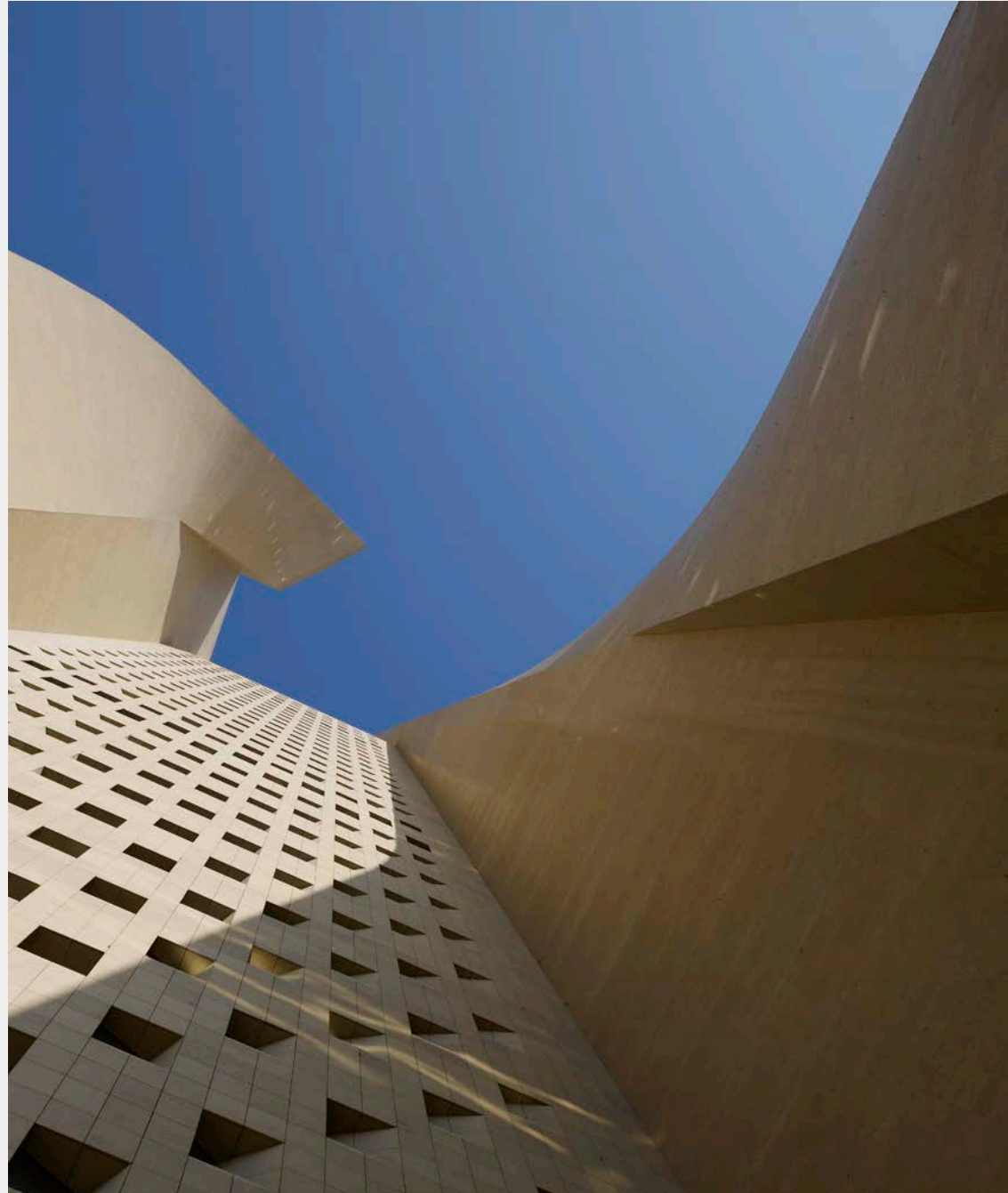
### Glass

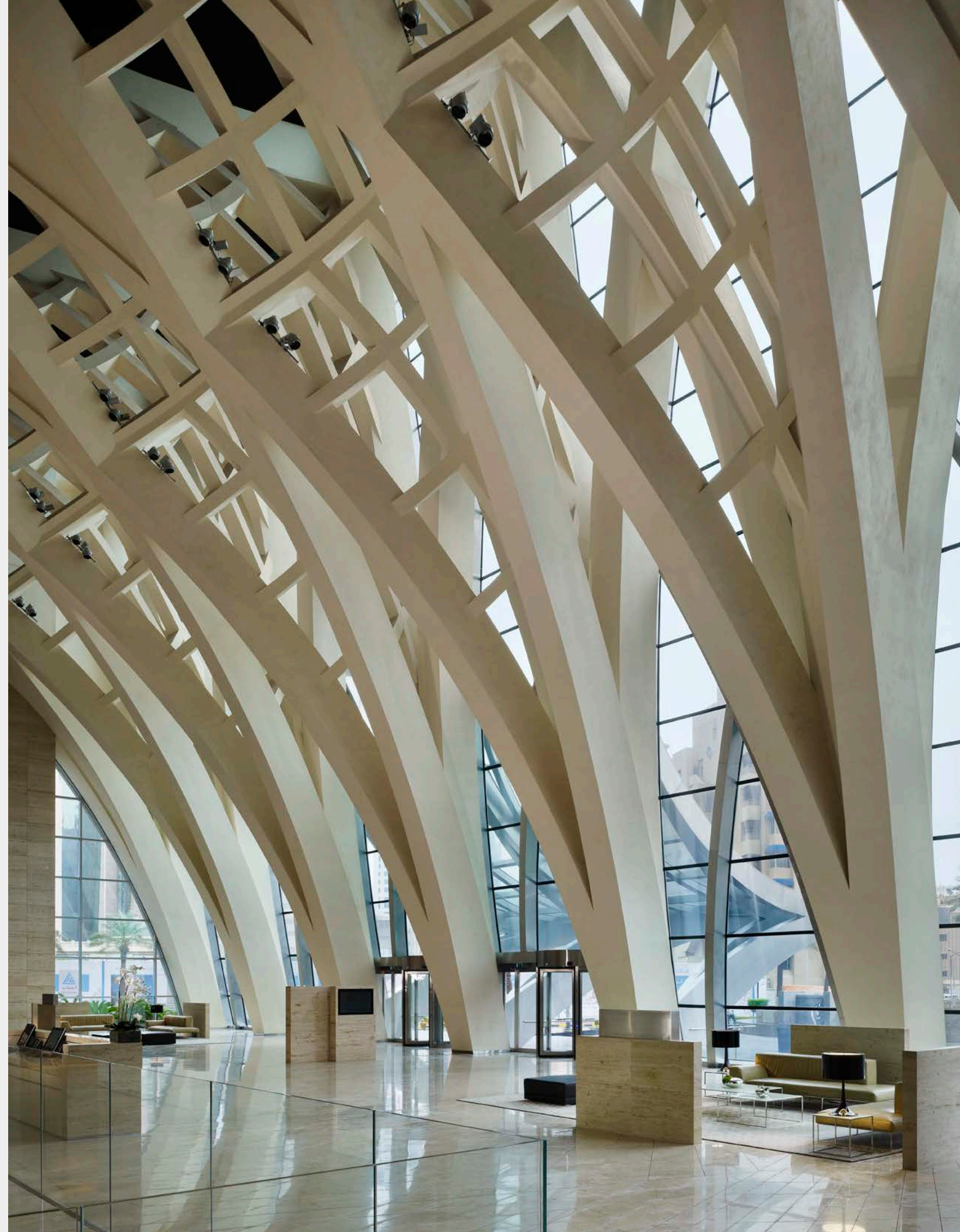
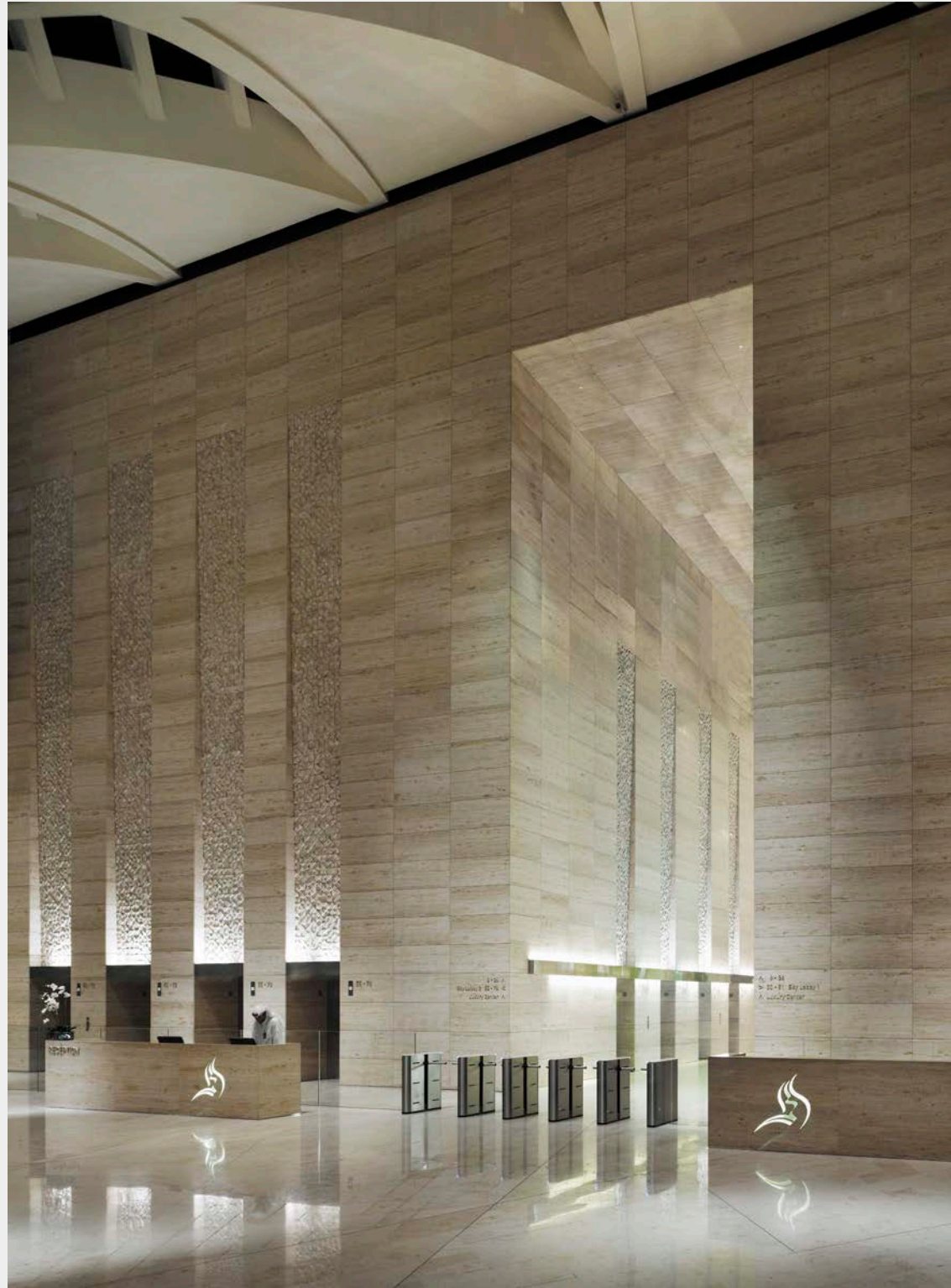
External Surface Area (Flat Glazing): 42,520 m<sup>2</sup> (70.0%)  
External Surface Area (Curved Glazing): 18,160 m<sup>2</sup> (30.0%)

### Stone/Trencadis

External Surface Area (Stone): 12,445 m<sup>2</sup>  
External Surface Area (Trencadis): 28,550 m<sup>2</sup>









# BACCARAT HOTEL & RESIDENCES NEW YORK

Completed: 2015  
Program: Hotel, Residential, Restaurant, Library, Amenities  
Environmental: LEED certified  
Client: Starwood Capital + Tribeca Associates

Tower Height: 605' - 4"  
Tower Floors: 46 floors  
Total Gross Floor Area: 346,702 sf  
Gross Area (above grade): 296,953 sf  
Total Residential Gross Area: 171,827 sf  
Total Hotel Gross Area: 146,802 sf  
Total Restaurant Gross Area: 4,486 Ssf  
Total Library Gross Area: 28,073 sf

## RESIDENTIAL

Residential Floors: 32 (Floors 14 -45)  
Floor to Floor Height: 11'-8" (typ.) 16'-8" (penthouse floors)  
Typical Residential Floor Area: 5,042 SF (110'-0" x 46'-2")  
Total Number of Units: 59

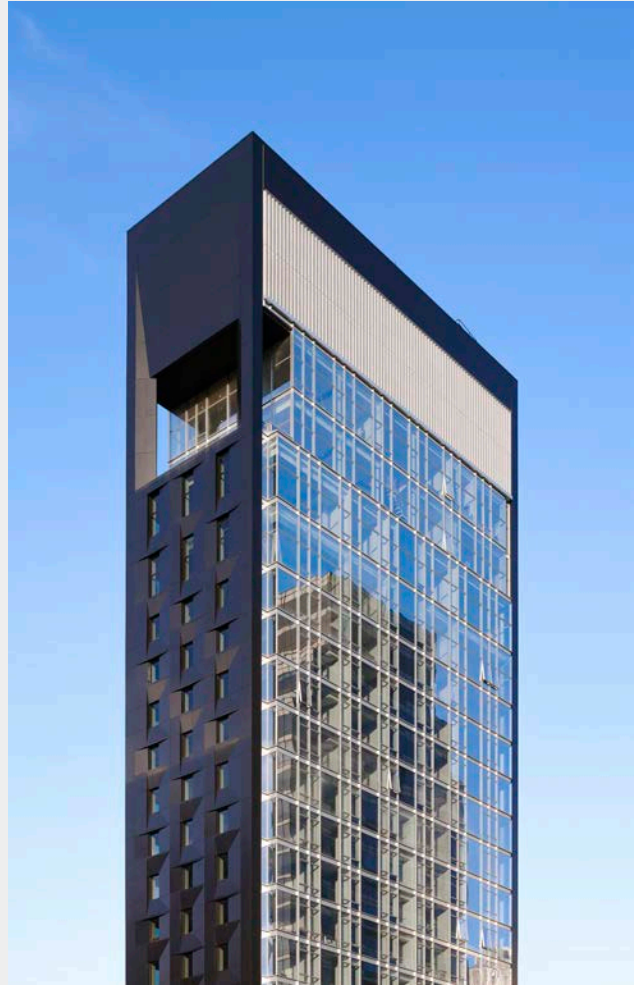
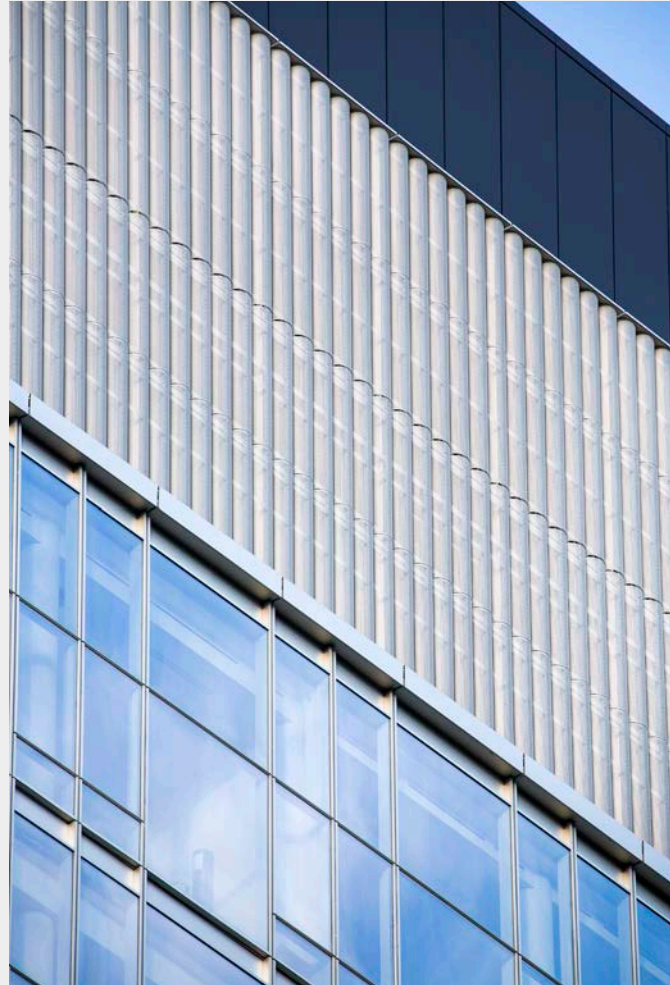
## HOTEL

Hotel Keys: 114 (23% Suites); 435 SF typ. bay size  
Typical Hotel Fl. to Fl.: 10'-8"  
Typical Floor Plate Size: 9,500 sf (139'-8" x 70'-5")  
Amenities: 12,000 sf  
Pool (14'x65'), Spa (3,500 sf), Fitness Center (1,200 sf)

## BUILDING ENVELOPE

Total Exterior Wall Area: 196,992 sf  
North-South Curtain Wall: 131,532 sf  
East-West Metal Panel: 56,007 sf  
Prismatic Storefront Area: 6,782 sf  
B-Bar Terrace Curtain Wall Area: 1,219 sf  
New York Library Storefront Area: 1,452 sf









Commercially available in 2017

*"The nature of concrete as a material has always been very inspiring to me - it is poured in a liquid state, and it takes its ultimate form as it cures. There is poetry in a material that finds its form as it changes phases. When I see a concrete surface, I always imagine its liquid state, its movement as it is poured. The concept I explored for this design was the expression of flow and movement in a solid form.*

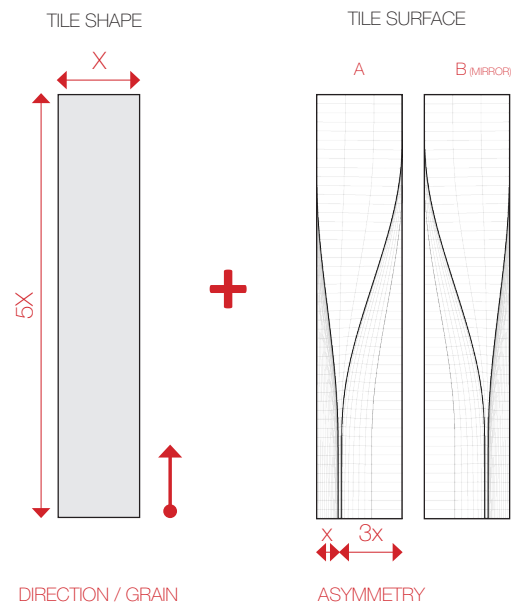
*And perhaps the best examples of this phenomena manifests itself in the mastery of Baroque sculptors - chiseled into marble. The ephemeral qualities of capturing movement in stone in Bernini's masterpieces has been an inspiration for me*

*And how does the idea of capturing movement translate itself into tiling?*

*Tiling by nature is about repetition. And repetition can be a powerful design tool. Imagine the music of Steve Reich or Philip Glass. Creating a single tile design that can generate multiple patterns was very important to the ethos of this idea. 'Liquid forms' tile is aesthetically versatile. All the different patterns it generates have unique visual qualities that will give architects and interior designers a rich palette to work with."*

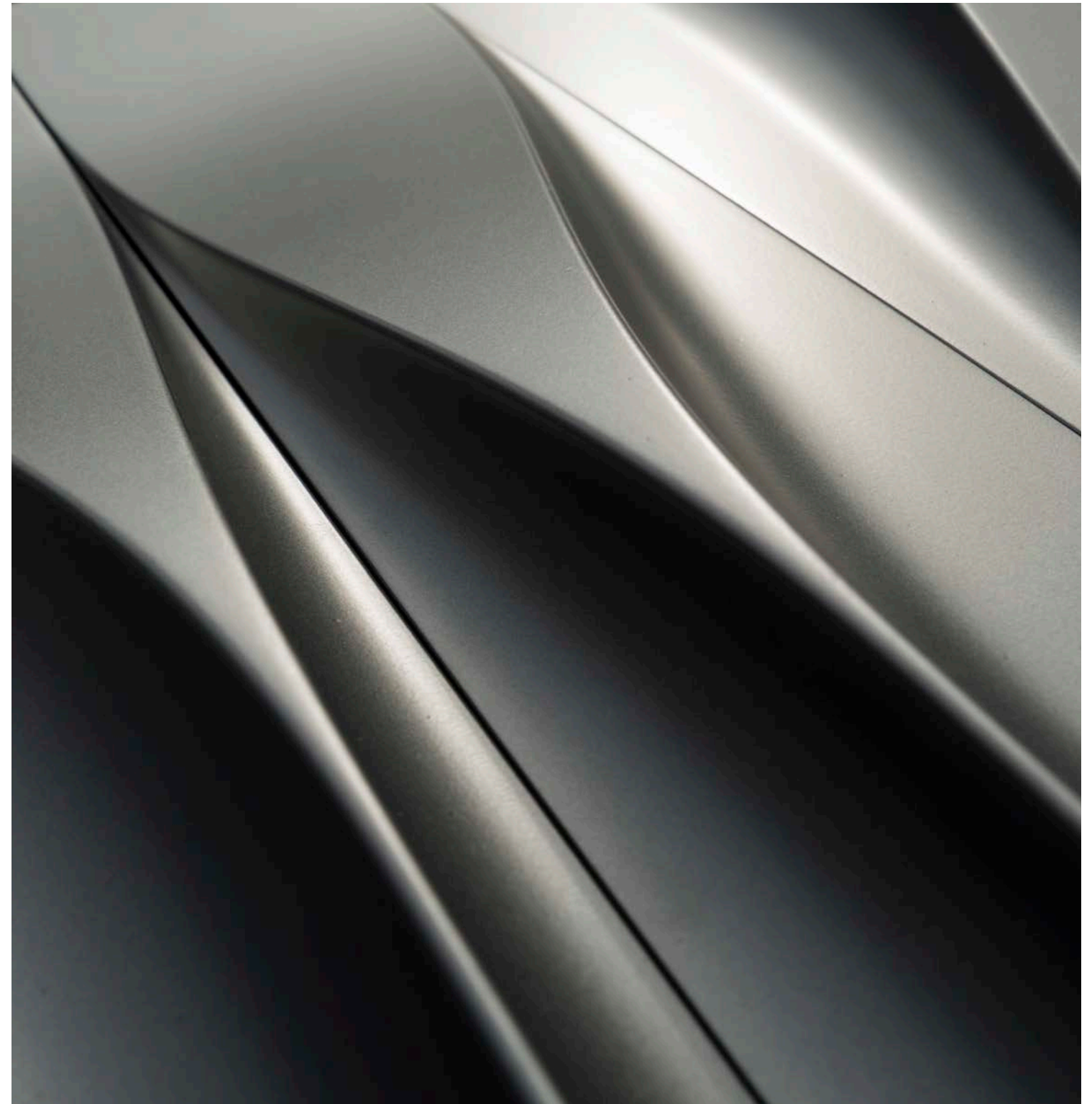
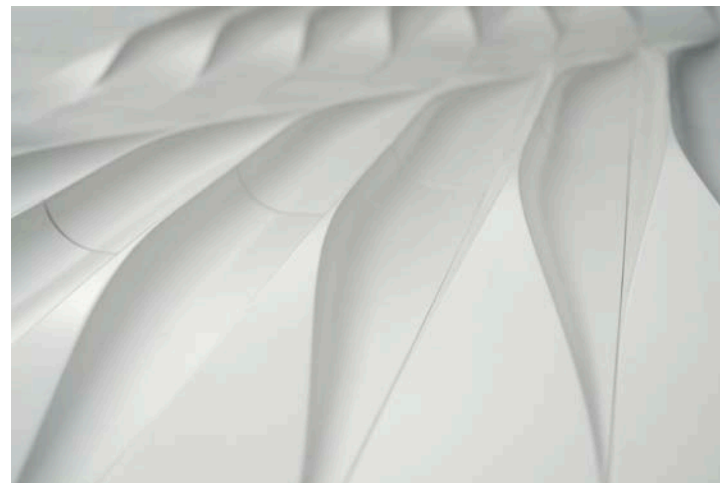
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**ONE TILE MULTIPLE PATTERNS**



The proportion of the tile gives a directionality to the pattern.

The asymmetric surface texture allows the same individual tile to generate a variety of patterns.



WINNER OF WALKER ZANGER KAZA DESIGN COMPETITION - 2016



Fabrication Photos (December 2017)



# VACUUM INSULATED TUBES INVENTION

U.S. Patent Awarded: 4-14-2015  
Aybars Ascı, Inventor

Tube Assembly: Two uniform-radiused-curved pieces of laminated glass forming an evacuated chamber. The system is assembled by thermally broken aluminum extrusion and plate framing.

Claims Summary: Superior thermal performance due to evacuated chamber\*; modular assembly; self supporting due to system cross section depth

\* 0.06 Btu/hr-ft<sup>2</sup>-0f for a 100% window to wall ratio (desktop study results)

**(12) United States Patent**  
**Asci et al.**

(10) Patent No.: **US 9,003,727 B2**  
(45) Date of Patent: **\*Apr. 14, 2015**

(54) **MODULAR, SELF SUPPORTING EXTERIOR ENCLOSURE SYSTEM WITH INSULATING, EVACUATED TUBES HAVING SOLAR COLLECTOR RODS**

(71) Applicant: **Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP,**  
New York, NY (US)

(72) Inventors: **Aybars Ascı, New York, NY (US); Gary Haney, New York, NY (US); Teresa Rainey, New York, NY (US); Christopher Olsen, New York, NY (US); Elizabeth Boone, New York, NY (US)**

(73) Assignee: **Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP,**  
New York, NY (US)

(\* ) Notice: Subject to any disclaimer, the term of this patent is extended or adjusted under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) by 0 days.  
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See application file for complete search history.

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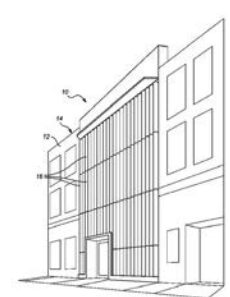
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(57) **ABSTRACT**  
A tubular building enclosure system for unitized assembly in rows and columns to form a structurally self-supporting, thermally insulating, and solar energy collecting facade.

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# EFFICIENCY RESEARCH

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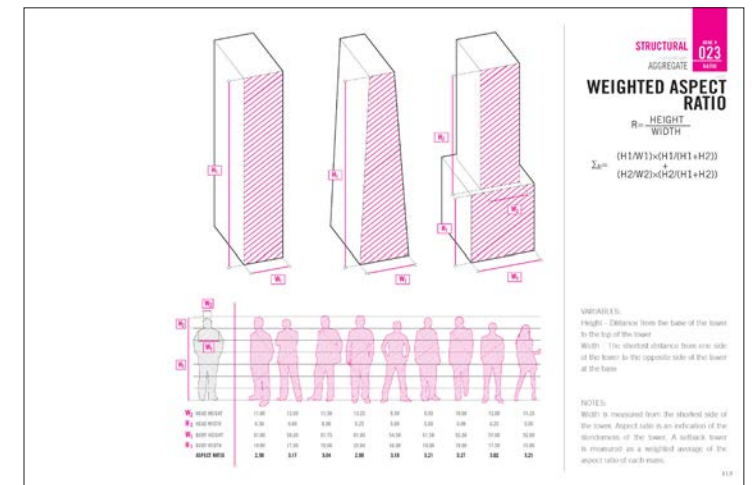
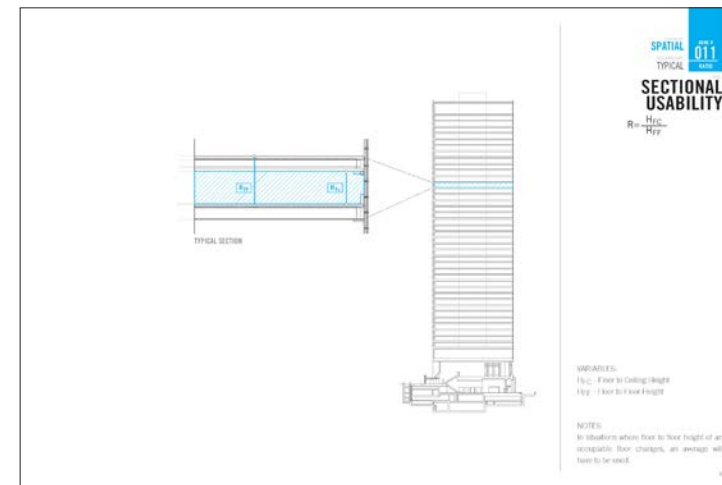
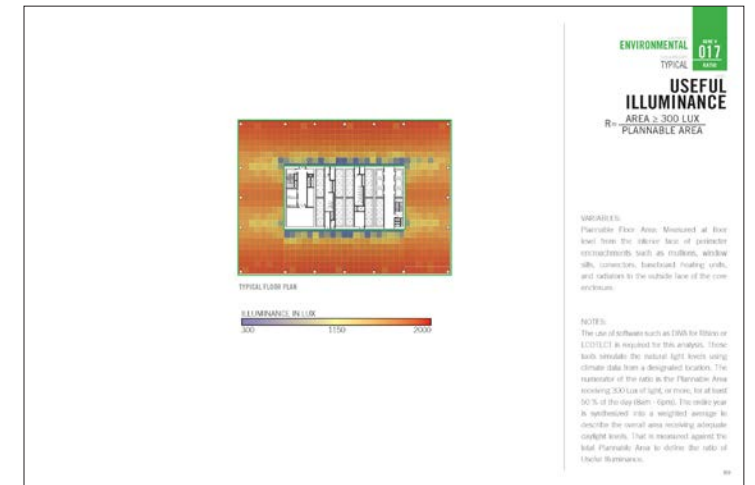
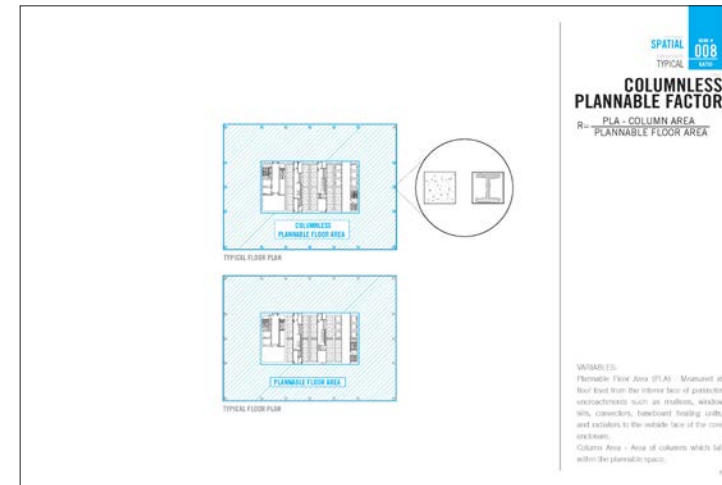
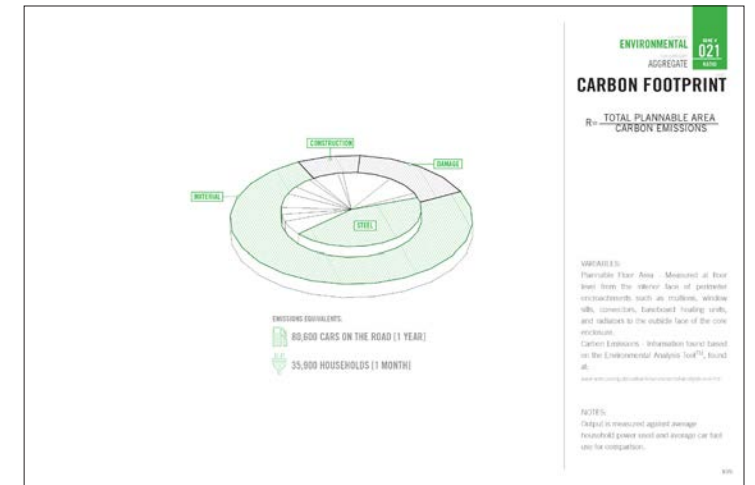
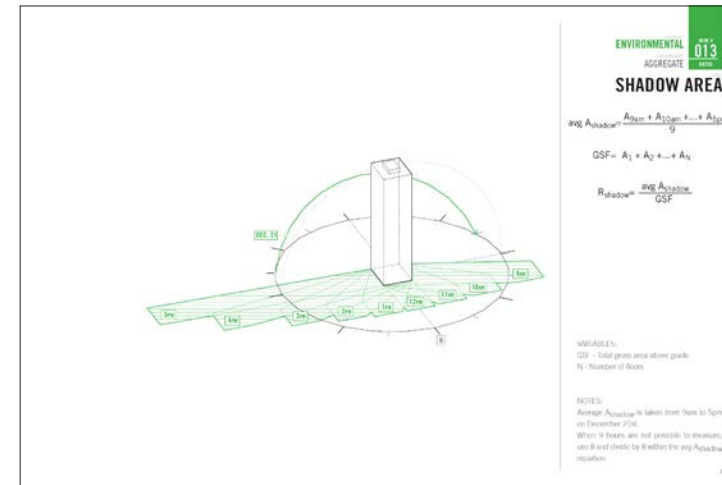
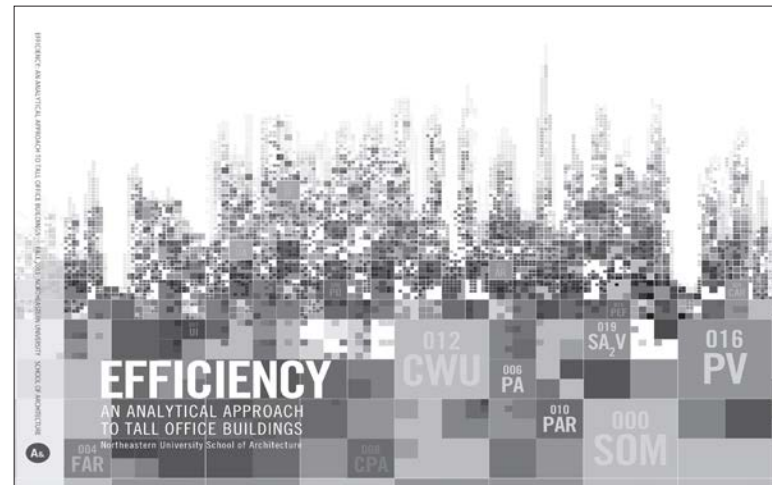
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In architectural discourse, the use of efficiency oscillates between loosely-defined anecdotal claims of 'buildings being highly efficient' and the short-sighted analytical approach of simple ratios, usually reported in a single percentage like sellable-to-gross floor area. There is a lack of a cohesive discussion on efficiency that takes into account the complexity of various building attributes and how they relate to each other. Moreover, there is an urgent need to begin an analytical discourse that demystifies some of the metaphorical claims of efficiency, and build a real foundation that can be used as a tangible model. This research study on tall towers is an attempt to formulate one. Tall tower typology is chosen as a case study because of its following characteristics: a) large scale b) repetition and c) extremeness. Even though these characteristics are intrinsic to tall buildings they are not exclusive to them. That is why the research for these three characteristics took a broader perspective. For each of these, the students looked at natural and manufactured landscapes, works of art, utilitarian objects, highly engineered products, work processes, behavioral patterns, etc. The class also surveyed efficiency concepts in other fields, such as 'pareto efficiency' to understand their applicability to the built environment.

The tall buildings were studied under three categories; spatial, structural and environmental. The spatial efficiency category covered topics like floor plate size, core configuration, planning module and vertical stack. The structural efficiency category covered forces, structural systems, placement of material, form-finding algorithms and structural optimization. The environmental efficiency category covered building systems, enclosure design, thermal comfort, energy and life-cycle analysis. Each student were given a case study, and they analyzed these buildings with the measuring eye of the surveyor, cataloging them diligently to create a data base of information.



# PROJECTS / RECOGNITIONS

## LIST OF PROJECTS

2023	Avenues World School Campus, Miami, FL
2021	Avenues Sao Paulo, Brazil
2021	Avenues World School Campus, Silicon Valley, San Jose, CA
2019	Avenues World School Campus, Shenzhen, PRC
2019	Student Housing, Loyola University, Chicago, IL, USA
2019	Single Family Residence (under construction), Telluride, CO, USA
2019	35 Hudson Yards, New York City, NY, USA
2018	Four Seasons Jeddah (under construction), Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
2018	Shum Yip Upper Hills, Shenzhen, PRC
2015	Baccarat Hotel & Residences design competition, Doha, Qatar
2015	Baccarat Hotel & Residences, New York City, NY, USA
2014	Financial City, Taiyuan, PRC
2014	Midtown Masterplan, Shenzhen, PRC
2012	Central Park Masterplan, Xian, PRC
2011	Al Hamra Tower, Kuwait City, Kuwait
2010	3 Columbus Circle design competition, New York City, NY, USA
2010	Haitian Center, Qingdao, PRC
2011	Anida Tower, Mexico City, Mexico
2011	Zhaorui Plaza Masterplan, Tansghan, PRC
2010	Guan Yin Temple, Tianjin, PRC
2010	K1+K2 Towers design competition, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
2009	Qatar Petroleum Headquarters, Doha, Qatar
2009	twofour54 Media City design competition, Abu Dhabi, UAE
2008	Wood Wharf Towers, London, UK
2007	Warwick Road Residential Towers, London, UK
2007	U.S. Census Bureau Headquarters, Suitland, Maryland, USA
2006	City Santa Fe Towers, Santa Fe, Mexico
2005	Al Sharq Tower, Dubai, UAE
2004	Al Rajhi Bank Headquarters, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
2004	400 Fifth Avenue, New York City, New York
2003	Bahrain Waterfront, Manama, Bahrain
2003	Central Bank of Kuwait design competition, Kuwait City, Kuwait
2003	U.S. Border Crossing Stations, various locations, USA
2002	Fuller Building, New York City, NY, USA
2001	New York Stock Exchange, New York City, NY, USA

## PRESENTATIONS

- 2020, December 8. Zhulong Lecture Series. 'Efficiency is Beautiful'.
- 2017, September 20. London Design Festival. DOMUS Clerkenwell.

'Liquid Forms'
2017, June 15. FUGA: Budapest Center of Architecture. 'Concrete Stories'
2017, April 14. Bilkent University, Ankara. 'Bandirma Park'.
2016, November 30. Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. 'Efficiency Lab for Architecture'.
2016, March 31. School of Visual Arts, New York. 'Understanding Efficiency in Architecture'.
2015, November 10. The Bernard and Anne Spitzer School of Architecture, The City College of New York. 'Understanding Efficiency in Architecture'.
2015, September 9. The Pennsylvania State University. 'Understanding Efficiency in the Built Environment'.
2015, March 4. Buffalo School of Architecture & Planning. Symposium. Facade: Phenomenon, Memory, Identity. Speaker
2015, February 25. Northeastern University. Symposium. Export Agendas: The Global Transfer & Translation of Architectural Expertise. Speaker.
2014, October 11. Pratt Institute. Symposium. City By Numbers: Big Data and the Urban Future. Respondent. WW
2013, December 26. TED University, Ankara. 'SOM: Stereotomic Works'
2012, October 18. CTBUH, Award Ceremony, Chicago. 'Al Hamra Tower'. co-presented with Mark Sarkisian
2011, October 10. CTBUH 2011 World Conference, Seoul. 'Al Hamra Firdous Tower'. co-presented with Mark Sarkisian
2011, October 1. The Architecture League, New York. 'Annual Student Event Presentation'
2011, March 27. China Architecture Design & Research Group, Beijing. 'Al Hamra Tower'
2011, March 22. The 4th Annual Ultra-High Rise Building Summit, Shanghai. 'SOM Legacy + Innovation: the Iconic Skyline'
2010, December 17. Tsinghua Design Institute, Beijing. 'Algorithmic Design at SOM'
2010, February 16. MIT. 'Design In-Formation: The DP Experience at SOM' - co-presented with Tobias Schwinn
2009, February 17. MIT. 'Variations Under Control' - co-presented with Tobias Schwinn
2008, February 15. MIT. 'Qatar Petroleum Complex' - co-presented with Tobias Schwinn
2007, December 6. Oxford Brookes, UK. 'London Experiment'
2007, May 5. ASA, Thailand. 'Performative Design' - co-presented with Noppon Pisutharnon
2007, November 7. Architecture Association, London. 'Designing in Extreme Climates'
2006, November 15. Digital Project Conference, London. 'Analysis & Performance in Design Process' - co-presenter

## AWARDS

- The Lima Art Museum - New Contemporary Art Wing
- 2017, AIA New York Design Award

2016, World Architecture Design Award
Bandirma Park Masterplan
2017, International Design Competition, Honorable Mention Award
Kaza Concrete Tile
2016, Walker Zanger Kaza Design Competition Winner
Brodsky Residence
2017, World Architecture Design Award
Al Hamra Tower
2014, Middle East Architecture Awards, Commercial Project of the Year
2013, Architizer, Architizer A+ Award: Office Building High Rise, Finalist
2013, Structural Engineers Association of Illinois, Best International Project Over \$150 Million
2013, AIA - New York City Chapter, Design Award
2012, Institution of Structural Engineers, Award for Commercial or Retail Structure
2012, Structural Engineers Association of Northern California, Award of Excellence: Landmark Structures
2012, Popular Science Magazine, Best of What's New
2012, CTBUH, Best Tall Building Middle East & Africa: Finalist
2012, National Council of Structural Engineers Association, Excellence in Structural Engineering
2012, National Council of Structural Engineers Association, International Structures over \$100 Million
2011, Emporis, Skyscraper Award: Silver Medal
2010, Cityscape, Commercial / Mixed Use Built
2008. MIPIM Future Project Award: Tall Buildings
2008. International Architecture Award. Chicago Athenaeum
Al Rajhi Bank HQ
2011, Boston Society of Architects, Unbuilt Architecture Award
2008. Design Award. AIA - New York City Chapter
2007. International Architecture Award. Chicago Athenaeum
2005. Miami Bienal Grand Award
Al Sharq Tower
2009, Chicago Athenaeum, American Architecture Award
2009, MIPIM/Architectural Review, MIPIM Future Project Award: Commended Tall Building
2008. P/A Award: Architectural Design Progressive Architecture
2008. International Architecture Award. Chicago Athenaeum
Qatar Petroleum
2009, MIPIM Architectural Review Future Project Awards, Mixed-Use - commended
U.S. Census Bureau
2012, AIA Washington, D.C. Chapter Award of Excellence in Architecture
2009, The Chicago Athenaeum, Green Good Design
2007. Design Award. AIA - New York City Chapter

- 2007. Design Award. Institutional, Award of Excellence. AIA - New York State
- 2007. Sustainability/Workplace Environment Citation. U.S. GSA
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Aybars Asci, president and founder of Efficiency Lab for Architecture, is an advocate of research driven design that combines conceptual clarity with analytical processes such as the use of algorithmic tools and building performance modeling.

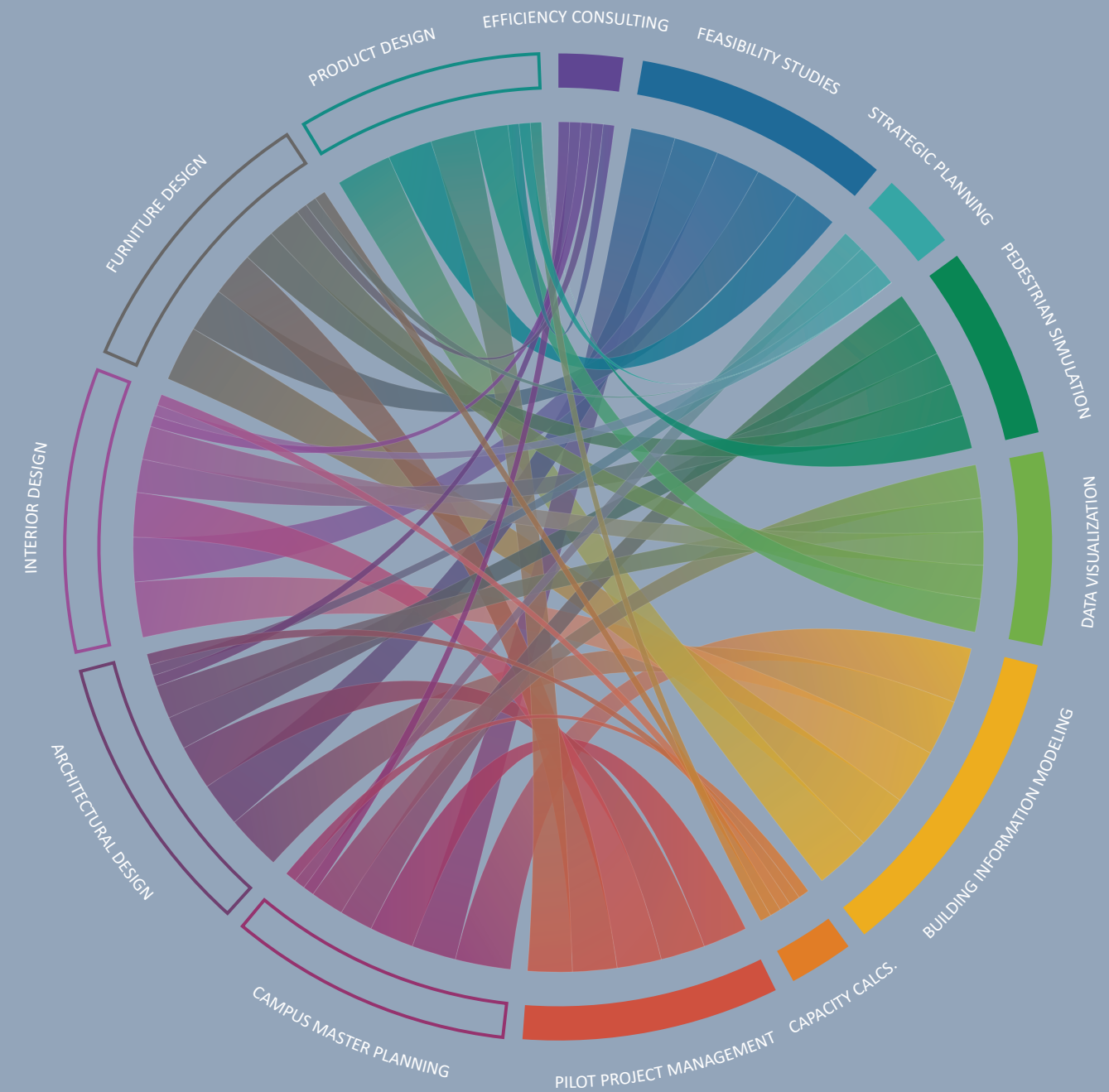
As a **practicing architect** he has over 20 years of experience, working in New York and London, on projects located in North America, Central America, Middle East and Asia.

As an **inventor**, he holds a U.S. patent for a high performance enclosure system (Patent # 9003727; approved 4-14-2015).

As an **educator**, he has taught seminars and studios on efficiency, high rise design and environmental systems at The City College of New York, Cornell University, Pratt Institute and Northeastern University.

As an **environmentalist**, he has advocated environmental consciousness at design and policy making platforms. He is a certified Passive House Designer and a certified LEED AP BD+C professional.

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