

City within the city: A Large Form

We think of our daily life as a linkage between labor market economics and housing development, we decided to design a social condenser targeting the new creative class of young people that can enjoy the urban life living in a suburban context.

The carpet-like building occupies the entire surface in correspondence with the Affori FN station, the railroad that links Milan with the Northern part of Lombardy and Switzerland, and the metro that takes directly to the city center.

Composing this new part of the suburban city, the building inserts itself as a plate in the urban context creating a new district. The surface of 200 meters by 120 meters occupies the entire range of the site expanding the strict structure as a contemporary Mat building.

We thought the building could be a prototype. Thinking of our daily life as a linkage between labor market economics and housing development, we decided to design a social condenser where living and consuming can coexist. This idea of a complex living on a continuous distraction path, came up looking at the Walt Disney Company Towns. In this way, we wanted to create a layer of work, life, and live infrastructure as a means of social control to prevent precarious life and work.

Composing this new type of Mat Building brought us to think of it as a ground scraper made of modules that starting from the ground floor elevates itself in a corrosive way. We've imagined it as a part of the city, a big plate that inserts itself into the urban fabric creating a new sort of district.

Developing in height we can find different conditions of privateness, mixing infrastructure and housing, working and leisure. The ground floor radiate around the center of the building where the station is located while moving towards the upper floors the apartments follows the rule of living in oversized spaces allowing the residential living to contain not only a domestic life but even collaborative slots that hosts creativity.