

E15 JURY STATEMENT

WINNER

CAPABILITY MOUND

QQ878

Local commission: Two discs standing side by side are the urban 'Leitmotiv' here with the plan to include green spaces in the development. There is a high proportion of non-sealed surfaces while still integrating productivity. The idea of "shelving" means that the small-scale enterprises are brought to the vertical by being housed in a vertical block.

The project is strongly developed through its structure and offers a certain sense of peace and quiet opposite the imposing T-Center. The suggestions for various uses are easily imagined and in this project a system has been developed that goes to show how vastly different purposes can be arranged in tiers and co-exist without disruption. The cross-sections show intriguing insights. It is evident that a lot of thought and suitable research has gone into this project.

The viability of the bicycle ramp over two storeys raises some doubt as do issues with sufficient lighting. The placing of residential space on the side facing the main road is also debatable.

All in all, the project meets the requirements for the location and proves that it is possible to provide green spaces in an industrial, urban setting.

International jury: The jury agrees that the project has a strong and innovative concept, which is well elaborated and advanced. The main theme conveyed here is visibility and exposure of the productive city; both inside the building and towards the external. Two facing discs generate a kind of mutual presence between people who live and work here. The internal street and the slim volumes allow everybody (internal & external) a close encounter with productive functions. Hence, this project is thought to substantially contribute to the issue of productive typologies in the city. The slim industrial spaces proposed, create a new spatial framework that can be combined well with housing and therefore is deemed very innovative.

The diagonal street of communal spaces is discussed, where a re-arrangement along vertical strands seems more suitable. The porosity on the ground floor appears limited by the existing wall and the jury recommends reconsidering it. Also, ventilation and light between the two slabs are questioned. Regardless of the fact whether the greenery can thrive sufficiently inside, or the porosity is acceptable, the project and its conceptual approach are so robust as to make it a winning entry. In terms of innovation it is unanimously considered as the most innovative one.