

SATAMALAHTI MIKKELI

NEW URBAN FRONT



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How to qualify a city making it newer without losing its identity?

By taking advantage of its features to make it alstinctive and inviting. The presence of the lake Salmaa and the topographic features of the old city with the harbour are ignities to propose a new centrality that can put Mikkell as a contemporary urban referential.

They gave us memory to nave roses in winter.

As an important administrative center, place of education and communication, Mikkell is a crossroad between northern and southern Finland, accupying a strategic geographical position which the new project is able to strengthen.

Despire the city's nistory is firmly related to the Salmaa Lake and its entire network of canals, the railway barrier alifficult enormously its relation, and avoids the full enjoyment of the lake.

The lakeshore is undoubtedly the most attractive place in this proposed new town. The proposal builds future, taking advantage of the extensive coast line offered to the chy, using it to enable a more prestigious urban and enthusiasms. This new urban front will be an Urban Park ready to receive art, culture, sport and leisure. This great collective space, with nearly 500m long, will balance the relationship between the city and the lake, inviting the residents and visitors to have "roses all year long".



Process and Urban Design

The solution proposes two models according to the area of intervention:

Nearby the consolldated alty - sub-area 1 and 2, the project reinterprets the continuity of the urban grid extending if to the lake Salmaa. In furthest areas - sub-area 3 and 4 dispersed deployments are drawn proposing more "natural" environments.

Beyond that, the design process uses a system capable of integrating specific data to differentiated zone. This system is formalized in an urban pattern subdivided into several scenarios whose main characteristic will be defined in the assembly process. The rules alm to have distinctive and varied answers to the different users and agents involved in the planning process. Placement and program give definitions rise to 12 scenarios coded according to the specific area to organize. This will be 12 urban representations, 12 places of action.

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Energy, Proximity and Nature

Approaching the city to the lake is made by using a fairly concise concept materialized in just three gestures:

- Definition of new access and transport systems;

- Introduction of attraction factors (new cultural, shopping and leisure facilities);
- Promotion of energy conservation and production building systems;

Nature

Offering more public spaces,

For the public meeting and enjoyment of the lake, we propose outdoor meeting areas and invertor protected ones.

In sub-area 1, squares and gardens are drawn to emphasize urban life. The competitiveness and attractiveness of places and regions pass through the supply of qualified public places, spaces that creates identify and proud. In this sense, we consider the pedestrian space the major generator of inclusion and social satisfaction, because it allows greater proximity between citizens and them with nature.

In sub-areas 3 and 4 the project reinforces the contact with outdoor spaces assigning to each one generous public gardens to enjoy the landscape and sunlight.

Proximity

<u>Strengthening the existing connections and proposing new ones.</u>

The project includes two new street connections and the qualification of the pedestrian crossing above the railway to the lake area.

For the sub-area 1, It is proposed a new bridge over the railway, connecting the Savilahdenkatu Street to the Satarna Harbor. By taking advantage of the topographic difference between the center and the railway station area, the project proposes an aerial passage that also gives access to the upper parking lot along the railway, Besides serving the station, this parking also serves the office buildings above and shops bellow.

The existing pedestrian walkway, over the railway station will be completely changed by redesigning totally its east end. A commercial building will give support to it, accompanying the access throughout the lower floor up until the ligher one.

For the sub-area 2 the project draws up a tunnel under the rallway allowing quick access between the consolidated city and this new area of business and services.

Sub-area 3 will be related to the existing road structure and takes advantage of the new bridge proposed to the east, parallel to VT 5.

Sub-area 4 uses the existing road network and proposes only one new street.

Energy

Promoting solutions for the energy conservation and production

The buildings are organized so that they act as large community centers usable even in winter, enabling energy savings. Their concentration in "scenarios" mean that they can work together Interchanging energy production. Each building will produce electric energy by a *non invasive* aeollan system. This system consists in the use of natural ventilation system of each fraction as a energy producer. The heated all flow generated by each accommodation space and the thermal differential between the cold air outside and warm air Inside w∎ cause updrafts that, properly channeled, can generate electricity trough mini turbines. Simultaneously, the burning of biomass will produce heat for heating systems. Energy conservation will be ensured by the application of constructive methods that enable the creation of a "thermal jacket" that will keep the internal heat retained, minimizing losses. The construction materials should incorporate a large percentage of timber, either as a coating material or as structural material. The induction of the use of environmentally filenally means of transport, the Intermodal basis of the hub-like stations trough "blike and ride" and sharing transport systems may save energy as well.





Ecological concept

The ecological concept defines a set of rules to ensure a minimal environmental footprint. This purpose will be achieved by ensuring:

Blodiversity - Share of urban space with nature inducing greater blodiversity by adding more green naturalistic spaces,

Concentration of construction - Promote greater density and building height in more restricted areas, freeing soil. Multimodal transport - Intermodal transport with the prevalence of use of public transport or environmentally friendly transport, taking advantage of the railway.

Promotion of environmentally friendly mobility – Shorter and comfortable links by blke lanes and pedestrian pathways, allowing the introduction of breakpoints in each subarea.

Production and energy conservation - Promote the use of local raw materials in new buildings construction by using wood for interior and exterior finishes and structures. Each building should be able to produce some of its electricity for consumption by the inclusion of interiors mildro wind turbines. The burning of biomass should be pitalead for the healing system.











New transport and access system

New rallway station

The proposed new rallway station will function as an intermodal hub, with easy connections to various means of transport. Car and bloycle parking, buses and taxis will work in the new building, within the old station.

As a gateway to the city, modal interface and place of transition between the city and the lake, the railway station is vital on the definition of the new urban front,

Although the project doesn't develop Its modernization, this proposal imagines the coverage of the station and the introduction of underground access to the platforms and their linkage to the Jettles area, its central location is crucial to the qualification of the entire subarea 1. On the lakeside, the new station will benefit from two public car parks.

Walkways

The project predicts that all proposed spaces and lots will be served by large and comfortable walkways. This network will be complete with new access along the shore of the lake, connecting all four project areas. Special emphasis is given to the cycling and pedestrian

bridge over the railway which is enriched by connecting It with a "commercial ramp".

A "street-like" building will reinforce its importance within the urban context, proposing a commercial space that climbs with ramp and stalirs from 79.5 meter, near the Science Center to the higher quota of the passage. Taking advantage of the difference between higher part of the city and the lowest part of it by the lake it is also

proposed a new pedestrian and car bridge in the northern part.

New Roads

The project includes new road links over and under the rall approaching the city to the lake. Other road links to the different areas were limited in order to offer the largest possible area of green space.



Cycling routs

Every Intervention is served by blike paths that are Implanted in two ways: In conjunction with walkways, or Isolated through the landscape.

Car Parks

The project respects the minimum ratio of one car parking space for every 85 m2 of construction, as described in the competition brief.

In sub-area 1, two public car parks are proposed: one underground - along the new street, with a capacity for 152 places, and another elevated, leaning against the new station, for 363 cars. There will be also a surface parking along the new street parallel to the pier, offering 82 seats. In the residential area of this zone, parking spaces satisfy the ratio. The buses parking for the Science Center is proposed to the south part of sub-area 1, along the rallway, to ensure the lowest visual impact.

In sub-area 2, there are two major parking lots. The first one supports the shopping center, with a 160 places capacity on the surface. Another 120 places will be underground the building. Ensuring the parking demand for office and commercial buildings there is also an outdoor parking for 112 cars. In addition, lots further north will have parking along the streets.

In sub-area 3, the public parking offer will be lower and dMded in two areas - one that serves the nursery with 19 places and other for the office buildings with capacity for 120 vehicles. The housing set reserves 38 covered parking places for each building of 21 vertical villas, plus some more for visitors. Zone 4 allows the parking of 227 cars on the surface while the nursery will have a basement parking floor for 40 cars.

Attractive factors

Cultural, Shopping and Leisure Facilities

Because of its location the Sub-area 1 presents a clear ability to become the new city center and one of the brands for Mikkell. Confirming this capacity, the project organizes the south part of this area by proposing a set of buildings and spaces that will enhance this quality.

Sclence Center

The Science Center is proposed to be an emblematic building. Its position on the lakeshore intends to strengthen Its exceptionality and thus allow public enjoyment.

With Its enligmatic visual Image, the Science Center Intends to correspond to a research building type. The visual relationships from outside to inside and its shape are related to the way the internal program is organized. The external Image results from the Internal organization that proposes spaces, pathways and corridors that invite alscovery: each compartment grabs itself to the facade to take maximum advantage of natural light while the spaces leftover originate the corridors.

Hote

The hotel building will be the tallest of Mikkell and Is positioned on the axis of the street Halltuskatu as a counterpoint to the Cathedral, its volumetric snape Intends to enrich the new image of the city and offer to the tourists and guests a new view of the Satamalahti region. It will have 120 high standard rooms, offering a world-class hotel unit with spa and conference center. The centrality of the building, its proximity to the lake and Its appealing image, both stony and biomorphic will easily contribute to become the new icon for the region.

<u>Commercial Ramp - "Street-like"</u> building

This building aims to solve a city difficulty - how to comfortable and attractively connect the city area to the Satami Harbor. This building will be a high quality commercial space, a meeting space and connection one. The solution presented comprises 30 shops ranging from 20sqm to 250sqm areas. Formally It is intended to complement the Science Center and create a noise protective device for the public square in front,

Pub**li**c Square

The Main Square is the space between the Science Center, the hotel and the dock. It has over 10,000m2 of avallable surface. Its shape, size and orientation allow to host in tranquility a series of cultural and popular events. In this space one can assemble stages and tents for any festivals, fairs or other events. The way this space Interacts with the surrounding areas, allows it to obtain synergles and thereby make it versatile and changeable throughout the year.

The two proposed car parks - the underground one and the "aerlal" one may be used as longlitudinal crossers beneath or above the public square. As provisional options they can release car traffic from the square,



Guest Harbor

The pler was divided in two in order to provide an approximate length of 500 meters, as requested by the competition brief. It stretches along almost the entire length of the shoreline, although releasing the Science Center front. This new harbor is supported by a building in the northern part, in order to improve operating conditions and have a welcome center for tourists.

Schools

For the entire intervention area it is proposed three nurserles with areas randing between 2,372 m2 and 3.078m2. Positioned one at each residential area, the largest one is on the sub-area one, and the smallest will be on the sub-area 3.

Recreation and Park areas

The four sub-areas offer different types of spaces for recreational use. While the sub-area 1 proposes a urban park along the snore with stony pavement, the sub-areas 3 and 4 try to not intervene neither on share line nor on. the soil allowing it to maintain the natural characteristics of the place. In all four sub-areas, the project proposes the plantation of local trees.

The project alms to offer different housing options within the three sub-areas 1, 3 and 4. For the first one It Is proposed a *city-like* apartments type. For the sub-area 3 It a family type is drawn, and for the fourth sub-area there are three different typologies ranging from small apartments in three towers to medium family houses with private gardens.



Built typologies

Sub-area 1 - "HUB city"

This will be an area of collaborative space concentrating facilities for the central city; services, transportation, culture and commerce. It will have two main spaces the HUB area conta**ini**ng the Science Center and the housing area to the north.

The housing neighbor will have apartment floors, with public external spaces surrounding the lot. The blocks are oriented only for the south, east and west quadrants. There are two types: - only one front blocks -10 meters wide, facing south, and two front blocks -14 meters wide facing east and west. In both cases, ground floors will have private gardens. Parking places will be outdoor. The location of parking lots, afforestation and access is made to ensure that south solar exposure will never be compromised.

Sub-area 2 - "lerliary city"

There are building spaces for traditional commerce and large areas for one shopping center. Services are distributed on higher and compact valumes. The entire area has numerous parking places, taking advantage of the nearby rallway station.

Sub-area 3 - "family city" celebrating nature

It is mainly a residential area, using its landscape uniqueness as the main criteria for its deployment. While close to the city, it is far enough to be more related with nature and the lake.

3 conditions for its configuration - acoustic protection, sunlight and shade, landscape views.

It is proposed two sets of four housing blocks. Each building has 7 floors and is fully oriented to the south. It also has its own channel view towards the landscape. From an organization that refers to the original grid of the urban plan of Mikkell, the proposed pattern adopts various placements due to solar gain and views.

Each bullding houses 21 apartments, 18 of them as duplex typologies, organized in a gallery way running around an Internal covered patto. This space is intended to be used by everyone, children and adults throughout the year and communicates directly with the garages and docks below.

These buildings use a thermal "coat" that surrounds each building. Its construction it is simultaneously about compression of the private space and the expansion of the community ones, establishing a friendly relationship with the environment and the landscape.

Internal Inkages draw "streets" and "squares" capable of be enclosed and heated - this winter micro-city promotes communal life all year-round, even during the most inclement weather. The housing towers acts as urban nodes in the horizontal network of the basement. This basement also contains equipments and other faculties for the inhabitants.

The south fronts of the towers have balconles that can be open in summer or closed in the winter. The rear courtvard acts as a vertical winter aarden.

The apartments are to be subdivided as individual houses arranged in a vertical block. The coverage plane over the basement will be a private green park.

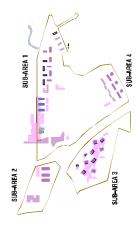
Along each housing set there will be an office tower. Small commercial buildings will marc both tops of this area, and one nursery will be placed in the south entrance of the area. The zone will have a pedestrian and cycling connection to the central city believ the VI 5 hlahway.

Sub-area 4 - "park city"

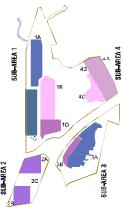
The neighborhood is defined along a single street, freeling as much space as possible for green areas. There are three types of housing: small apartments in the tower, family apartments in a row and cottage-like houses closer to the lake.

A nautical club is next to the lake, and it can function as community center, café and meeting space.

The lakeshore is treated as a green park and will be crossed by a cycle and pedestrian road.









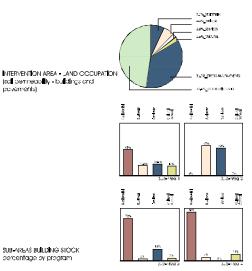
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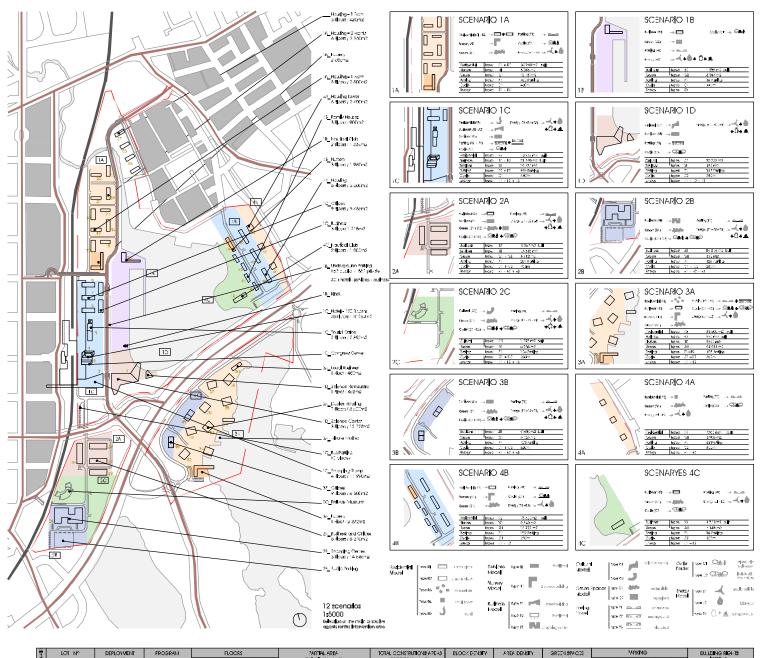
Sub-area 1 - (from 130,000 up to 200.00 m2) - It Is proposed a value close to the minimum -133,966 m2, in order to provide maximum public space. As the future central area of Mikkeli, it seems essential to guarantee enough space ensuring it as the "guest room" of the city. <u>Sub-area</u> 2 - (from 20,000 up to to 50,000 m2) - It Is proposed a building right in the average value - 36,356 m2, reserving free space surroundling the old train maintenance building as hoping to become historical patrimony for the place.

Sub-area 3 - (from 40,000 up to 80,000 m2) - It is proposed a building right in the average value -66,194

Sub-area 4 - (from 15,000 up to 30,000 m2) - Looking at this zone as landscape one, it is proposed medium value - 24,840 m2

innovative high-quality land-use for Mikkelis Satamalahti area that is rechnically and financially feasible.



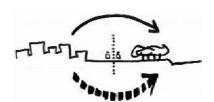


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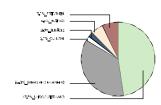
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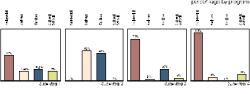
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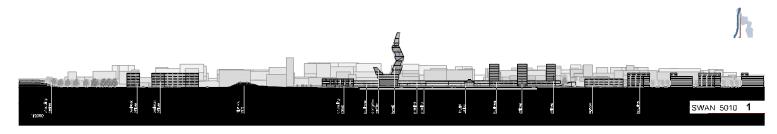
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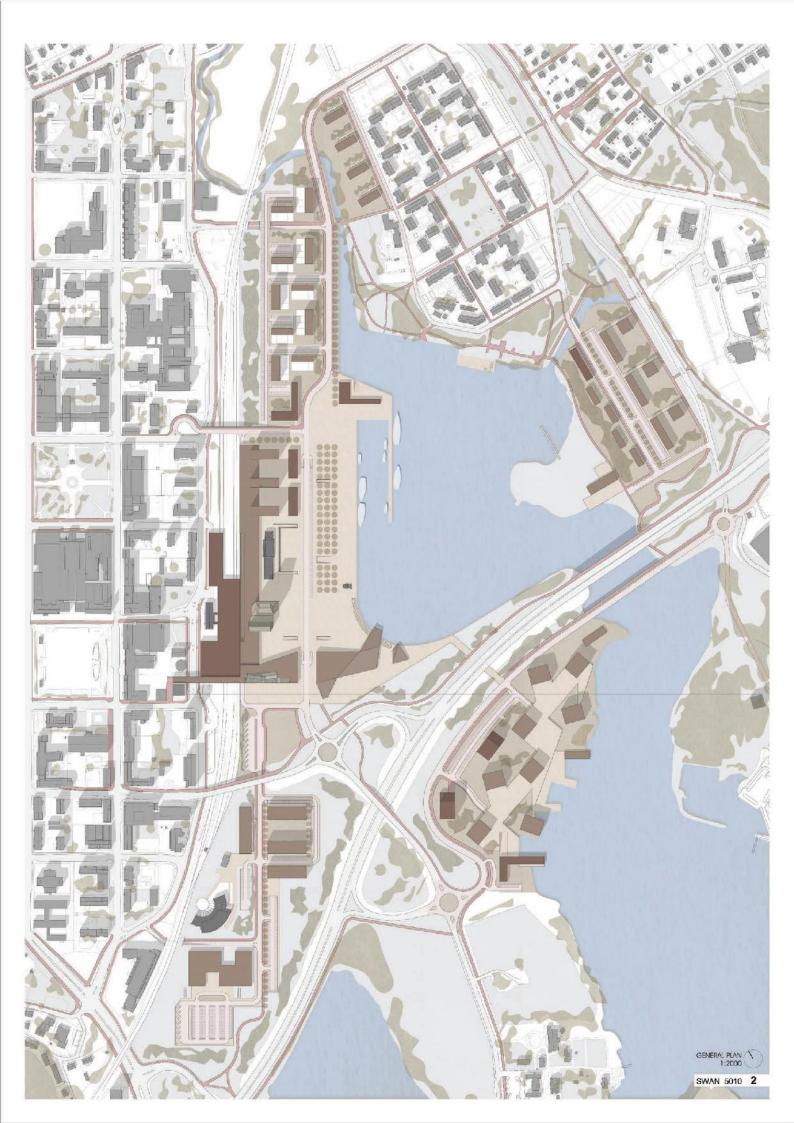




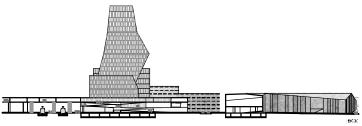












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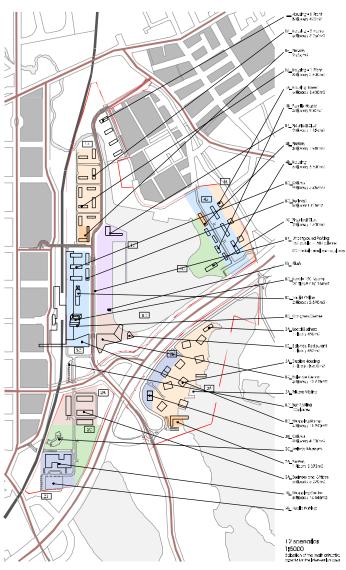
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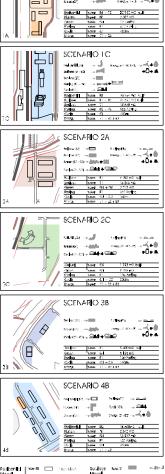
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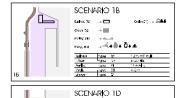


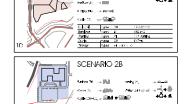


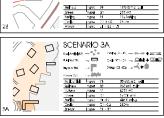


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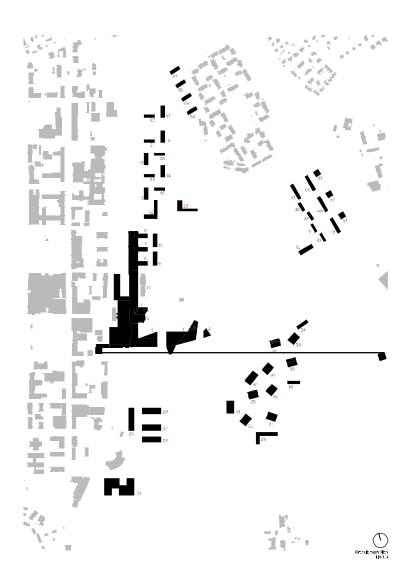
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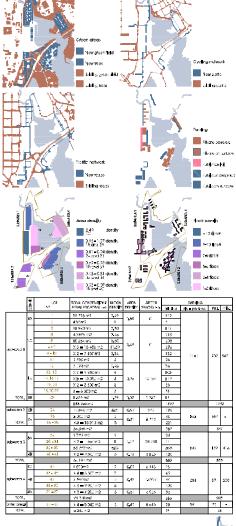




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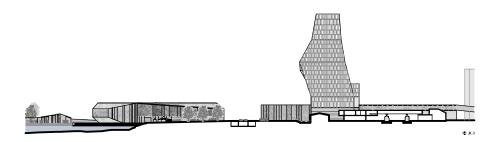
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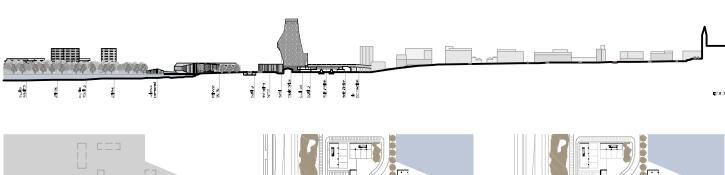
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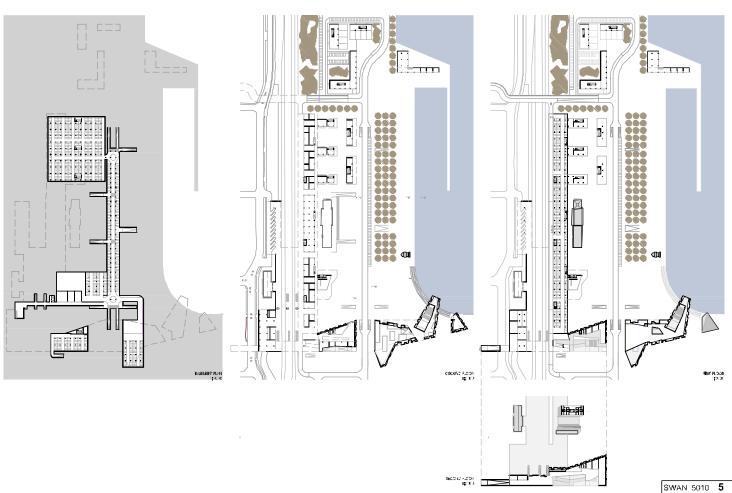
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