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Dinosaur Theme Park. Germany

The primordial cell and its division as the origin of life constitute the allegorized architect's plan for the entrance building of the theme park. Borrowed from the nature, the process of the mitosis is both, project idea and role model for the filigree construction and shaping, which is in a dialogue with the nature. In this context, bionic borrowings visualize the evolution of life. Through cell division, the primordial cell has been transformed into the constructed, widely remarkable and significant "MITOSEUM". As a result, primarily curious expectations are generated by the approaching visitor. The six phases of the mitosis were role models for the development of the design idea and can be retrieved within it. Due to its heights and volumes, the "cells" are visible from even a long distance.



Institute for Contemporary Art. USA

Sited at the edge of the Virginia Commonwealth University campus in Richmond, Virginia, the new Institute for Contemporary Art links the University with the surrounding community. On the busiest intersection of Richmond at Broad and Belvidere Streets, the building forms a gateway to the University with an inviting sense of openness. The main entrance is formed by an intersection of the performance space and Forum, adding a vertical "Z" component to the "X-Y" movement of the intersection. The torsion of these intersecting bodies is joined by a "plane of the present" to the galleries in "forking time."

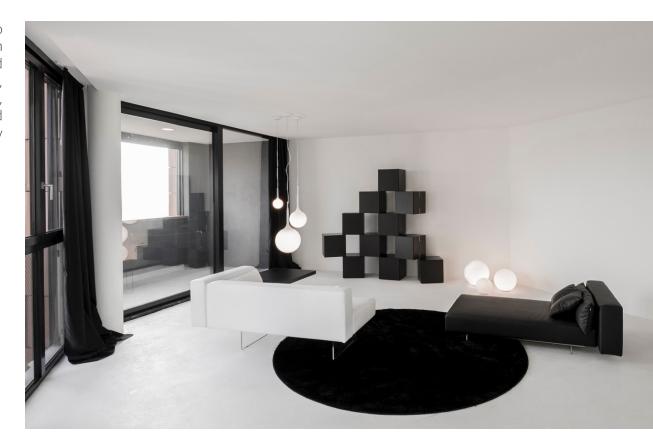


Lunor AG. Germany

Arburg is one of the world's leading manufacturers of high-end injection moulding machines for plastics processing. Ensuring the customers success in injection moulding production is part of their day-to-day business. Their decades of experience guarantee a competitive edge. They are expert partner for efficient injection moulding. The ever-increasing number of employees made it necessary to create more parking spaces, which should ideally protect against snow and rain. Different locations for a parking garage were investigated. The location of the parking garage was planned on a lower parking lot to minimize the visual height. As a result of the shift operation, the parking garage is also open at night between 10. p.m. and 06:00 a.m.

Lago Apt. Italy

Dattner Architects responded to Governor Cuomo's design competition with a series of bold ideas that focused on an incremental series of landside, waterside, and airside improvements, many of which have been incorporated into the Governor's Advisory Committee's Master Plan.





PANEUM - House of Bread II. Austria

The Customer Information Centre and Event Forum PANEUM - Wunderkammer des Brotes - for the company Backaldrin in Asten consists of two elements: a box shaped plinth building with foyer and event rooms plus the "Wunderkammer des Brotes", a two storey freeform exhibition area floating on top. The chosen materials augment the contrast of these two elements: The square base building shows a cast-in-place concrete facade while the rounded wood structure of the museum is clad with stainless steel shingles.

Canaletto Tower. UK

The 22,000m2 Canaletto residential tower in London employs the concept of clustering several floors together to establish a group of 'vertical communities'.

Offering waterside living, the 31-storey tower comprises studios, one and two-bedroom apartments, a variety of three bedrooms and one distinct penthouse with a full rooftop. Canaletto also includes shared amenities such as a swimming pool, health club, media room and resident's club lounge with a terrace.

UNStudio's design for the tower, which is located in the London borough of Islington, incorporates the remodeling of the facade, a streamlining of the building's mass and a contrasting of scale and detail untypical of a residential tower. The facade for the Canaletto tower was designed to emphasize its residential character.

In the design near and distant townscape views are enhanced through scale, detail, and material variation. The proposed building facade creates a modeled elevation in which clusters of adjacent floors are grouped together.



Mannheim Business School. Germany

International students, inspiring lecturers and intensive cooperation with global companies have all helped establish the Mannheim Business School (MBS) as the best business school in Germany. Now an individualised lighting solution from Zumtobel is helping to create an optimum learning environment in the new MBS study and conference centre, featuring concentration-enhancing light that relieves the eyes during long periods of work. As part of the University of Mannheim, the new building was planned by the renowned Frankfurt architects schneider+schumacher.



Balint House. Spain

A privileged place within a golf course near to Valencia is the starting point of this project. The proposal is drawn with elliptical traces which contain the program and maximize the possibilities of local urban law by minimizing the volumetric impact on the site. Thus, a piece with a continuous facade that seems to lodge only one floor is set on the site. The aerodynamic visuals of it guide the eye towards the deepness of the neighboring landscape. The volume is placed leaving as much free surface as possible towards the southern edge of the plot for it to be used as a garden, while the lateral limits are blurred with vegetation. The other elements that compose the urbanization resemble the curved nature of the place's topography.



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