Architecture doesn’t just belong to architects; it’s a social instrument of which the architect forms just another piece.

In our residential projects it’s a priority that the building integrates with its surroundings, and in the city, that it meets the most demanding sustainability and energy efficiency standards.

We aspire to provide our users with an optimum and qualitative place to rest and to perform daily tasks in an environment where comfort and natural light are most important.

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Selected residential projects:
- Canalejas Center Madrid
- Residential Complex in Majadahonda
- Modular Apartments in Several and Social flats
- Multifamily Housing in Tenerife
- Residential buildings in Tenerife

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Selected Projects

Canalejas Center Madrid
Central Madrid, Spain
Total Area: 76,000 sqm
No. of Luxury Homes: 22

Torres del Río
Málaga, Spain
Total Area: 45,680 sqm
No. of Apartments: 222

Residential Complex in Madrid
Majadahonda, Madrid
Total Area: 30,300 sqm
No. of Apartments: 210

Apartment Buildings in Madrid
Las Tablas, Madrid
Total Area: 90,500 sqm
No. of Apartments: 538

Apartment Building in Sanchinarro
Sanchinarro, Madrid
Total Area: 26,700 sqm
No. of Apartments: 223

Modular Housing in Madrid
Casablanca & Roselló, Madrid
Total Area: 14,470 sqm
No. of Homes: 55

Multifamily Housing in Warsaw
Warsaw, Poland
Total Area: 28,150 sqm
No. of Apartments: 195

Apartment Building in Mexico
Santiago de Querétaro, Mexico
Total Area: 13,600 sqm
No. of Apartments: 86

Edificio España
Central Madrid, Spain
Total Area: 91,170 sqm
No. of Apartments: 174

Residential Building in Madrid
Sanchinarro, Madrid
Total Area: 18,300 sqm
No. of Apartments: 79

Apartment Building in Warsaw
Warsaw, Poland
Total Area: 31,000 sqm
No. of Apartments: 168

Apartment Building in Madrid
Chamberí, Madrid
Total Area: 10,370 sqm
No. of Apartments: 37

Apartment Building in Madrid
Casablanca & Roselló, Madrid
Total Area: 2,000 sqm
No. of Apartments: 14

Residential Buildings in Tenerife
Tenerife, Spain
Total Area: 17,300 sqm
No. of Apartments: 71

Apartment Blocks in Vitoria-Gasteiz
Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain
Total Area: 23,100 sqm
No. of Apartments: 134

Centrum Południowe in Poland
Wrocław, Poland
Total Area: 34,510 sqm
No. of Apartments: 327
The Canalejas Operation is one of the most significant urban development projects undertaken in Europe in recent times. It encompasses the restoration of seven historic buildings, two of them from the end of the nineteenth century which were merged as a result of the different bank mergers and that were in disuse for 15 years. The objective of the project is to create a complex with different uses: a luxury hotel operated by the Four Seasons chain with 200 rooms, an exclusive retail area of 15,000 sqm, 22 luxury homes, and a parking garage for 400 vehicles.

The geometry that serves as the basis for the overall development of the project is a classical, radial geometry with an axis of symmetry in the bisector that shapes the building on Alcalá 14, and that extends to the rest of the buildings. The creation of a large interior courtyard for ventilation and natural lighting to all floors is planned, along with a smaller one that is intended to illuminate certain areas of the hotel, such as the spa.

The construction of three new floors is proposed, replacing the existing penthouses in the different buildings with new façades that respect the individual architectural composition of each of the buildings to maintain the identity of each one of them, thus minimizing the visual impact of the intervention while preserving the original urban scale. The consideration of the roof as a fifth façade seeks the integration of the same within the urban fabric of the city, as well as the incorporation of green areas that provide vegetation to the Central Zone of Madrid.
Torres del Río

Torres del Río is an apartment project in Málaga distributed throughout three towers with a single, unified image. The interiors of the apartments share the same design concept.

The apartments’ orientations and views to the sea are top priority; a diaphanous layout has been created that offers the living rooms and master bedrooms direct views to the sea.

Energetically speaking, cross ventilation through each apartment favors sustainability and energy efficiency in each apartment as well as in every tower. The volume of each tower creates movement on the façade with landscaped terraces on cantilever overhangs. These slabs help protect each apartment from the sun.

Location: Málaga, Spain
Client: Metróvacesa
Total Area: 45,680 sqm
No. of Apartments: 222
Estimated Completion Date: 2021

The ground floors are resolved by generous pergolas that are also connected to the underground levels. They create some interesting landscaped areas where alternate spaces and places to relax are comfortable and always surrounded by water features.

This will help create a visually pleasing environment by the main entrances to the towers, in addition to the overall positive impact it will have on the environment.

The different levels are interlaced to give off a unified look of a single space where the ground levels merge seamlessly with the lower levels to achieve a quiet place of great appeal.
The location is the most valuable aspect to this project, both from a close perspective as well as its exceptional territorial structure in the Majadahonda district of Madrid.

The proposed solution is in dialogue with its surroundings to achieve spaces that attract potential clients, taking full advantage of the possibilities provided by the regulations and with a balanced cost. The architectural solution aims to attain a proper integration with the environment; the lot provides an orientation and slope that favors scenery and sunshine.

Special attention has been given to provide the homes with ample outdoor spaces that allow the enjoyment and integration of nature.

The complex will be built considering the energy efficiency qualification “A”. Likewise, during the construction, the building will comply with the recommendations to obtain the international accreditation BREEAM Very Good.
The project consists of a complete refurbishment of a residential building located on Calle Modesto Lafuente 26, in the neighborhood of Chamberí (Madrid). After the refurbishment, the property, developed by the British Grosvenor group, will consist of 7 floors aboveground (2,100 sqm) and 3 floors underground (890 sqm). A total of 12 unique family apartments will be built on this structure.

The translucent façade is one of the distinguishing marks of the residential building, a design solution that brings in the green exterior landscape into the interior. This achieves an experience that integrates the environment with the property.

In terms of certifications, the building will be designed to acquire the highest energy efficiency qualification possible. In addition to this, during construction, recommendations will be followed to obtain the international sustainability accreditation of BREEAM.
The Project is located in downtown Warsaw, between Pańska and Prosta Streets. The project consists of twin buildings divided by an extension of Miedziana Street.

Each building consists of two wings connected with a one-story entry hall with a rooftop garden. The wings of both buildings differ in height: The wings facing Pańska Street are lower (by 20 m) and have sloped steel roofs — which results from zoning conditions, while the wings facing Prosta Street are higher (by 30 m) and its last two floors are recessed creating penthouse-type apartments.

The vertical communication in each building is resolved by four staircases and elevator cores which connect apartment floors and offices with an entrance hall and an underground parking. The façades of the ground floors and penthouses of both buildings are cladded with metal panels, while the rest is cladded with sandstone. The design of the façades is a modern interpretation of Warsaw’s housing style of the 30’s.

Most of the 168 apartments are equipped with loggias. The line of ground floor façade from Pańska Street is recessed, creating a shaded arcade along the row of commercial premises.
In one of the most spacious courtyards in Chamberí, a central district of Madrid, an enhancement project has been proposed on an existing property on Calle Bretón de los Herreros, where there’s an existing construction that occupies the whole lot, substituting it with a taller building.

Ample space will be given to the interior which is dedicated to gardens and swimming pools and integrated with a large courtyard, restoring the original idea of urban planning in this area of the city.

The conceptual idea of the project is a set of unified apartment buildings that optimize Glorieta del Monte del Gozo, turning commercial areas towards the complex. Its design proposal includes elevated pedestrian walkways that connect the green areas of Paseo de la Villa de Melide.

Each of the four plots are arranged with three independent buildings, each with six floors and a basement, connected to each other through pergolas on the ground floor. The outdoor areas for common use have porticos around the landscaped space and the swimming pool.

The upper floors, except the attics, are identical. The parking areas, with a total of 604 spaces, are set in the basements. Behind these, the storage rooms, garbage rooms, and general facilities are placed.
This project consisted of a residential complex of 223 apartments in which an attempt has been made to avoid the typical closed block configuration which is usual in the area.

To do that, we used building bays larger than the ones usually used in blocks of flats, so that part of the structure is freed and the closed block in the south façade can be opened.

With a turn of the bay and a large cantilever in the form of a ship’s bow, emphasis is given to the pedestrian access and a large space is created for the community swimming pool.

The façades have terraces with glass parapets which give personality and a light touch to the whole.
Modular Apartments in Madrid

Location: Cañaveral & Boadilla, Madrid
Client: AEIAS Homes
Total Area: 9,900 sqm (Cañaveral)
4,570 sqm (Boadilla)
No. of Homes: 41 (Cañaveral)
14 (Boadilla)
Estimated Completion Date: 2020

Modular architecture is an efficient and flexible system that offers various advantages over traditional ones. From the simple sophisticated modular pieces that are replicated and joined together, any home can be built.

The modular pieces are executed in air-conditioned factories with specialized equipment and personnel. Consequently, it doesn’t only save time, but it also offers full-scale control over the whole production process that assures a better quality of execution.

The modular housing units of Boadilla and Cañaveral experiment with the ample possibilities offered by this construction system. While the Cañaveral homes are solved efficiently to achieve a more conventional design, Boadilla responds to an exclusive plan of avant-garde homes with large gabled windows on the façades. Both offer an aspect of clean lines and satisfy the highest building sustainability standards.
Given the excellent location of the property on Calle de Espronceda and its unique characteristics, a housing project is planned with very high technical and architectural quality standards and a large endowment of public areas and parking spaces. The project involves the complete renovation of the envelopes with ventilated façades of maximum thermal and acoustic capabilities: an exterior finish of natural stone with metallic and solar protection elements.

The extensive interior space allows for large patios facing south for predominantly family homes, as opposed to the smaller units facing the street, with a more urban focus. Special importance has been given to the design of the common areas, both exterior, with landscaping and swimming pool, as well as interior, in which community halls, restaurants, a cinema, etc. are planned.

In addition, the roof area is made available for the enjoyment of the homeowners where pools are available for private use.
The idea posed for this residential project is an architecture that integrates into the urban planning, the topography, and the endemic nature of the archipelago.

For the design of the buildings, minimalist volumes supported by large concrete slats that also serve as structural floor forges of the apartments, have been proposed. In doing so, they create a series of terraces that run on different levels that give off a sense of movement. The buildings adhere to the edge of the plot, creating landscaped areas of common use where the nature of the archipelago prevails.

Sustainable architecture is achieved thanks to the treatment of its materials – such as the use of stone in the façades, volcanic stone in the exterior walls of the plot and common areas, wooden finishes, aluminium in the trimmings. And the whole complex will be endowed with landscaping of vegetation native to the island. The orientation of the buildings with respect to the sun’s position has also been considered, and sun protection will be incorporated in the façades where necessary.

Location: Tenerife, Spain
Client: Vía Célere
Total Area: 17,300 sqm
No. of Apartments: 71
Estimated Completion Date: 2020

The two apartment buildings on Arturo Soria 224 are independent of each other, offset from the division line that separates the parcels, leaving a central garden space between them where a community pool is located.

Both buildings consist of four levels and a single communication center (staircase and elevator) with two apartments per floor, except on the ground floor where there is only one apartment and a large pergola.

All fourteen apartments, seven per building, are endowed with two bedrooms and large outdoor spaces. They consist of an entrance hall, a kitchen connected to the living room, a master bedroom with a dressing room and ensuite bathroom, and a second bedroom and bathroom.

To take full advantage of natural light, all apartments have three possible orientations. Additionally, each apartment is provided with two parking spaces (28 in total) and a storage room. Most of the plot is landscaped.

From an architectural point of view, a modern and clean image has been proposed, using prefabricated white concrete or natural stone slabs and large windows protected by pergolas.
Multifamily Housing in Warsaw

A multifamily housing development located next to Bitwy Warszawskiej Street in Warsaw, the building is located on the northern part of the plot and follows its contours forming a quiet inner courtyard for the residents to enjoy.

The building is divided into two parts: The façade in the northern part is a massive form with a plaster-covered surface with little glazing to effectively decrease the effect of street noise. The southern part gives the opposite impression by modeling wide, delicate windows that let as much natural light as possible into the homes.

The colour palette of black and white is intentional. The massive northern elevation is covered with white plaster while the delicate and sunny southern elevation is made of Euronit graphite panels.

Location: Warsaw, Poland
Client: agofer Polska
Total Area: 28,150 sqm
No. of Apartments: 195
Completion Date: 2006

Apartment Building in Mexico

The project, denominated “Life Juriquilla”, is an apartment building that consists of 86 apartments in Santiago de Querétaro. The design proposed was based on the client’s existing operational floor plan that they wished to implement. It became associated with a promotion that allowed it to offer lower prices than its competition.

From the representative design, the objective was to improve the image and streamline the ratio of marketable area. The upper floors are separated and merged on the ground floor. This results in minimal footprint that maximizes the green area and the accesses to the lobbies from the two main façades.

The amenities are situated in a building next to the entrance, which also acts as the sales building during the first phase. A roof terrace amenity is planned so that all users have a common space from where they can enjoy the best views.

Location: Santiago de Querétaro, Mexico
Coauthor: LAM Arquitectos
Client: Lemonmex
Total Area: 13,600 sqm
No. of Apartments: 86
Completion Date: 2016
Edificio España

Location: Central Madrid, Spain  
Coauthor: Foster + Partners  
Client: Wanda Group  
Total Area: 91,170 sqm  
No. of Apartments: 174  
No. of Hotel Rooms: 166  
Competition

Edificio España, built in the 20th century, is part of the recent history of Madrid but was only conceived to be a façade. The new massing proposal for Edificio España has been designed with the intention to alleviate the current deficiencies of the rear mass.

The main goals of the design was to improve the lighting, ventilation, and sustainability conditions while respecting the surrounding historical areas. The proximity of San Marcos Church inspired us to create a new building-free setback – a new square that extends the visual perspective to the building.

The proposal consists of a global operation whose intention is to restore some of the original uses of the building: a five-star hotel, a retail center, apartments, as well as a parking lot.
Located in one of the fastest growing areas of Madrid over the last decade, and with a continuously growing population density, these apartments designed for Ebrosa are all about finding the perfect fit. The project, titled Q_box, tries to define a residential ensemble that responds to its surroundings while enhancing the plot’s characteristics. The project’s location is one of its best values; up-close just as much as its territorial location in the north of Madrid.

The U-shaped layout of the building has been designed to open the closed inner courtyard, thus allowing natural light into the apartments, the garden, and the swimming pool. The building, which will house 79 apartments from 2 to 4 bedrooms and 141 garage spaces, has made its common areas one of its hallmarks: a paddle court, two swimming pools, a landscaped solarium, and a playground. The apartments have been designed within two opposing façades that favor interior ventilation, and that simultaneously provide an optimal orientation. Also, the stepped volume towards the south allows for wide terraces that are partially covered by pergolas.
Estudio Lamela won the first prize in the restricted tender put out by the City Council of Vitoria-Gasteiz and the award to build two blocks of flats on two different plots.

The first has been planned with 107 flats and two massive U-shaped bodies from which a part of the volume has been subtracted as a large access door to the plot. The second, with 27 flats, has been planned as a rectangular tower perforated by vertical spaces in the majority of its surface area.
Centrum Południowe has been designed as a residential building located in the City Center. This 11-storey building consists of two solids joined together, a 9-storey block on which stands additional 2-storey cuboid. Its black and white façade, with an inner courtyard with walls finished in wooden planks, gives the design an elegant and modern look.

It contains 327 apartments that greatly vary in a number of rooms, from one-room studios up to six-room suites. The residence offers two-storey underground garages and a ground parking.

Location: Wrocław, Poland
Client: GP Investments
Total Area: 34,510 sqm
No. of Apartments: 327
Completion Date: 2016
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