

MASTER JOURNAL FRANCISCO NABOR

BACKGROUND

ARCHITECT BASED IN MANILA, PHILIPPINES WITH 6 YEARS EXPERIENCE WORKING IN AN ARCHITECTURE STUDIO.

WORKED ON RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, INSTITUTIONAL ARCHITECTURE AND INTERIORS.

EXPOSED TO ALL PHASES OF A PROJECT, FROM CONCEPT TO DOCUMENTATION TO CONSTRUCTION.

REGULARLY PART OF THE COMPETITION TEAM THAT WORKS ON PROJECTS THAT THE STUDIO SUBMITS.

MY FATHER IS ALSO AN ARCHITECT WITH HIS OWN STUDIO.



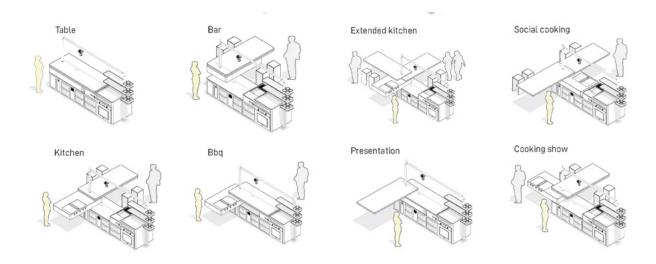














OUTDOOR KITCHEN FOR FOOD BLOGGERS

WINNER KITCHEN DESIGN WORKSHOP

MASTERS IN INDUSTRIAL DESIGN FOR ARCHITECTURE POLITECNICO DI MILANO. POLI.DEISNG

[MILAN, JUNE-JULY 2018]





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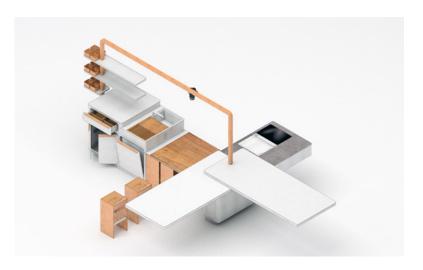
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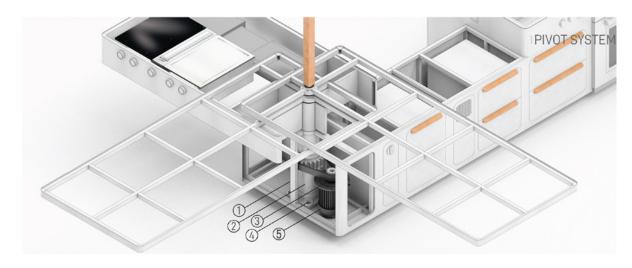
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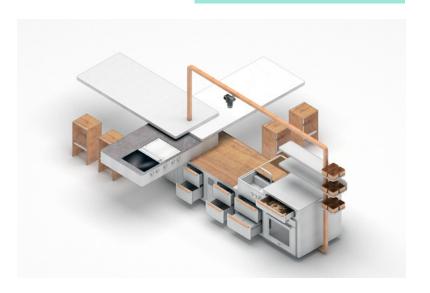


<u>SWATCH</u> OUTPUT



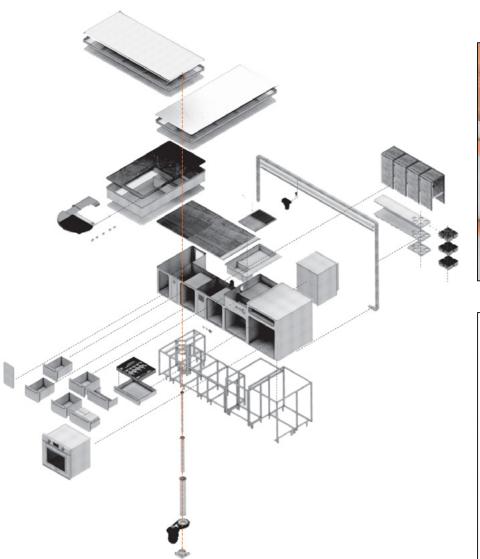


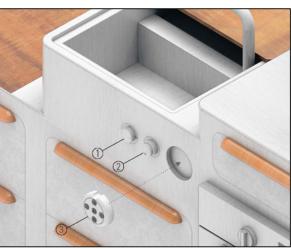
ONE KITCHEN
MULTIPLE LAYOUTS

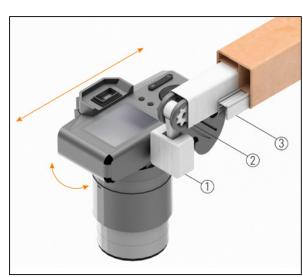




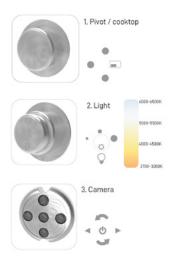
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CONTROL INTERFACE



CAMERA /LIGHT SYSTEM

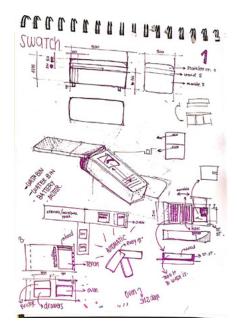








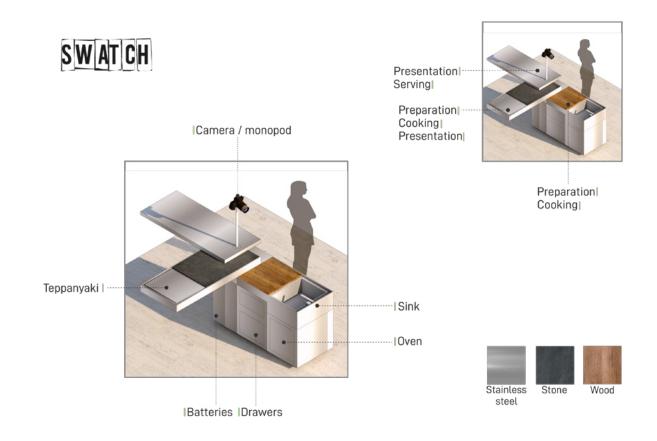




ORIGINAL CONCEPT

INSPIRED BY ACHILLE CASTIGLIONI'S THOUGHT PROCESS IT STARTED WHEN I FOUND IDEAS IN OBJECTS I HAD ON MY DESK, A SWISS KNIFE AND A MATERIAL SWATCH. ONLY WHEN I TINKERED THEM DID I REALIZE THAT THEY CAN BE A NEW KITCHEN DESIGN PROTOTYPE

WE THEN STARTED MAKING STUDIES AND SKETCHES ON HOW IT CAN WORK UNTIL WE WERE ABLE TO DEVELOP A SCHEMATIC DESIGN



RESEARCH
VISITING FRIGO 2000 AND THE ABIMIS FACTORY TO DOCUMENT AND OBSERVE HOW STAINLESS STEEL KITCHENS ARE MADE.



RESEARCH

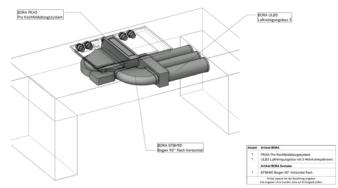
ASIDE FROM RESEARCHING THE REQUIRED KITCHEN TRENDS, I ALSO VISITED OTHER OUTDOOR STAINLESS STEEL BRANDS SUCH AS ARCLINEA AND BOFFI TO DOCUMENT AND OBSERVE HOW EVERYTHING WORKS AND PUT TOGETHER.

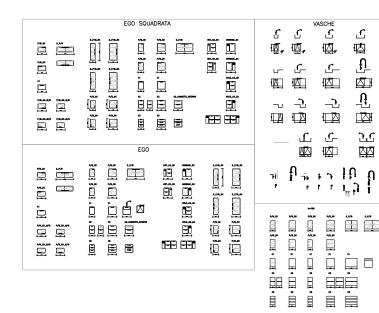
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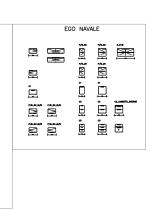
CONSIDERATION OF: FRIGO 2000APPLIANCES SIZES INSTALLATION METHODS

CONSIDERATION OF: ABIMIS MODULES STANDARD DETAILS







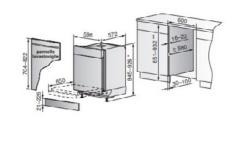


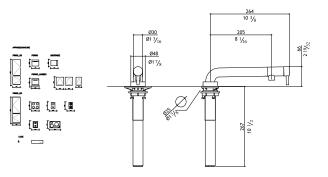
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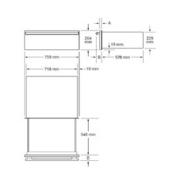
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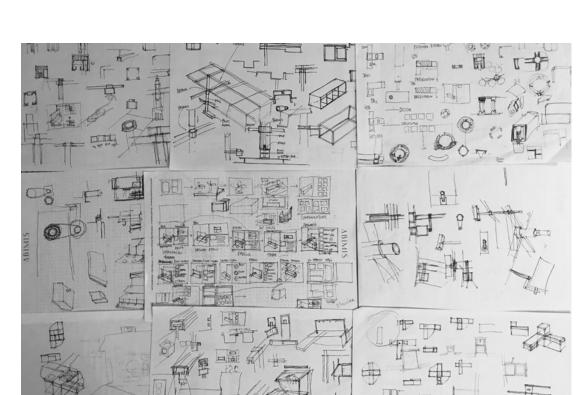
3D MODELING

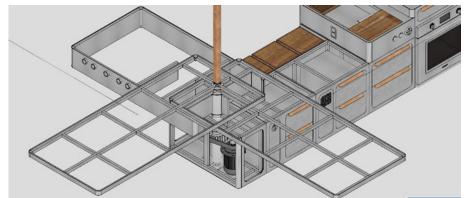
CONSTRUCTION OF AN INTEGRATED 3D MODEL OF THE PRODUCT

INTEGRATION OF 3D MODELS OF INDIVIDUAL COMPONENTS DESIGNED BY THE TEAM'S INDUSTRIAL DESIGNER INTO THE MAIN MODEL.

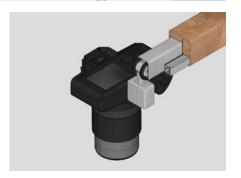
DOING SKETCHES OF DETAILS TO SOLVE PROBLEMS AND FORMULATE NEW IDEAS ALONG THE WAY.

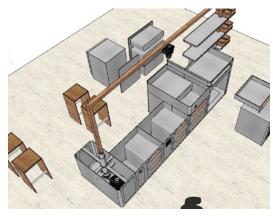
EXTRACTING IMAGES, DIAGRAMS AND INFORMATION FROM THE MODEL FOR PRESENTATION PURPOSES.

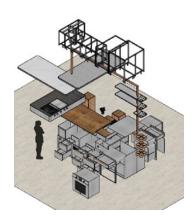






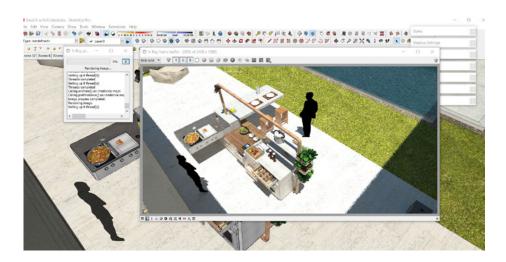


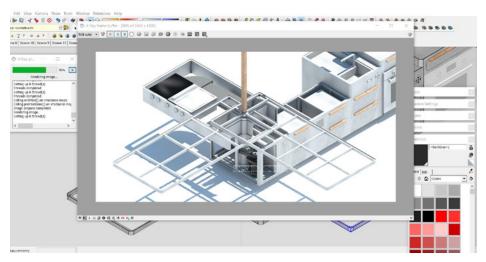


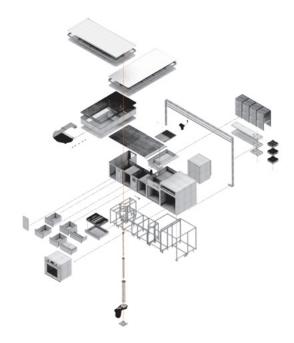


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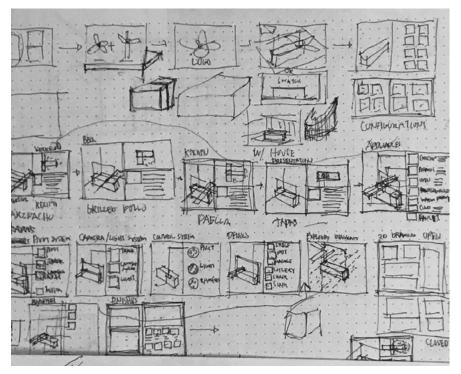
PRODUCING RENDERED IMAGES FROM THE 3D MODEL FOR PRESENTATION PURPOSES. FORMULATED STRATEGIES HOW TO BEST SHOWCASE THE PRODUCT AND IT'S CHARACTERISTICS.





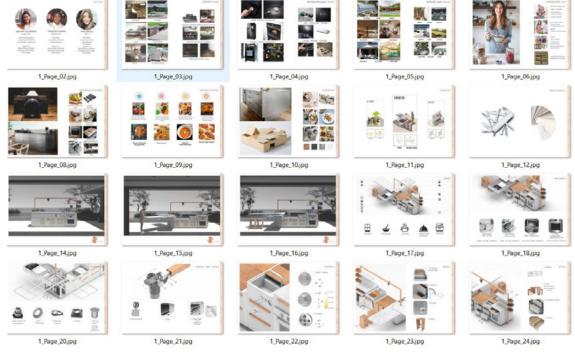






PRESENTATION SEQUENCE AND STRATEGIES

DRAFTING PRESENTATION STORYBOARD AND FLOW.
FORMULATING PRESENTATION STRATEGIES WITH GROUPMATES





CONCLUSION

WE PRESENTED THE PRODUCT IN FRONT OF A JURY AND THE MEDIA AND IT WAS A REAL LEARNING EXPERIENCE.

WE EVENTUALLY CAME OUT AS WINNERS OF THE CONTEST.

WE BELIEVE THAT WE WERE CHOSEN BECAUSE OUR PRODUCT IS A CLEAR AND CONCISE CONCEPT THAT ANSWERS THE BRIEF WITH A TECHNICAL AND FUNCTIONAL SOLUTION.





LANTERN HOUSE OUTPUT

FLOATING VACATION HOUSE

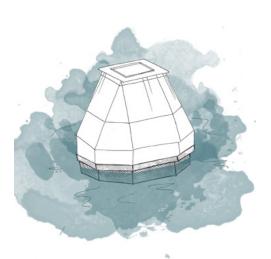
LIVING UNIT DESIGN WORKSHOP

MASTERS IN INDUSTRIAL DESIGN FOR ARCHITECTURE POLITECNICO DI MILANO. POLI.DEISNG

[MILAN, SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2018]

PROFESSORS: FRANCESCO TRABUCCO SERGIO DANESE GIACOMO WILHELM

GROUP WORKSHOP



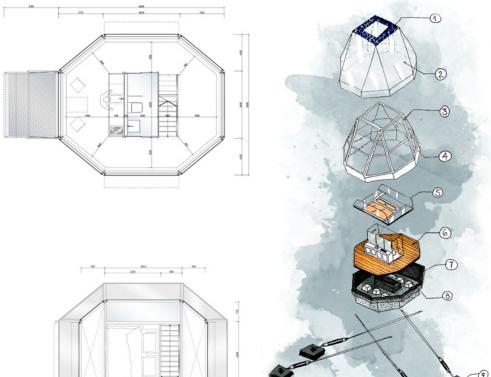
WHAT IS LIVING?

_LIVING IN ESSENCE IS TO CO-EXIST WITH NATURE



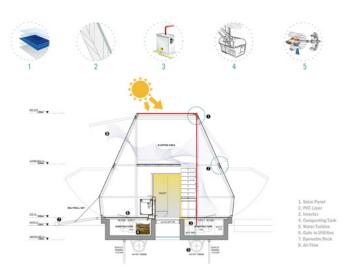
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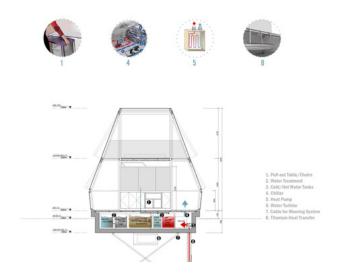


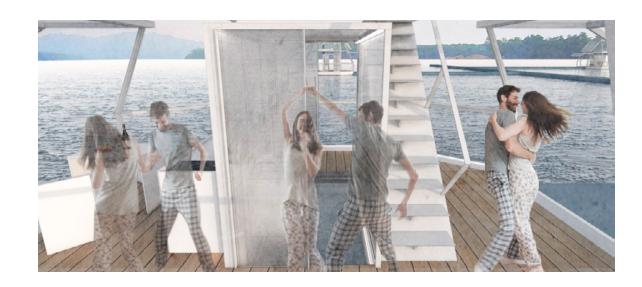


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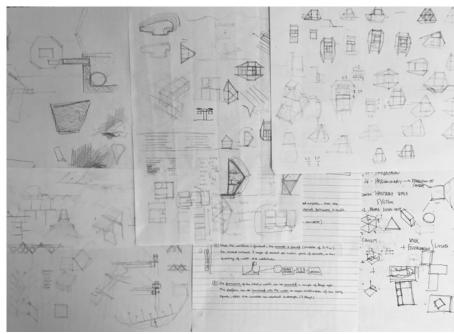




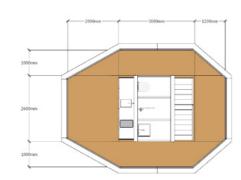
TRANSLATING A CONCEPT TO REALITY
AS THE ARCHITECT OF THE TEAM, I GAVE FORM
TO THE CONCEPT BY DEFINING THE SPACES,
DIMENSIONS AND INTEGRATING THE DIFFERENT
COMPONENTS.

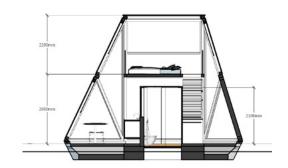
THROUGH THE USE OF 3D MODELLING WITH SKETCHING WE WERE ABLE TO MAKE THE CONCEPT MORE AND MORE REFINED AND DEFINED.





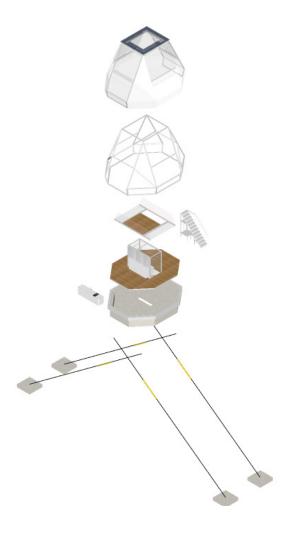








RESEARCH AND INTEGRATION OF MAIN COMPONENTS
HELPED RESEARCH ON APPLICABLE SYSTEMS IN THE
MARKET AND INTEGRATED IN THE PROJECT WITH
CONSIDERATION TO THE SYSTEM'S PARAMETERS.

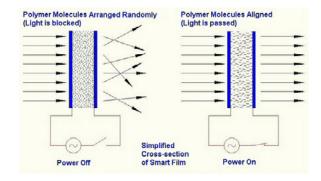




By replacing sand and gravel with tiny polymeric spheres, University of Washington materials scientists have created a concrete stronger than traditional concrete but so light it floats in water. The team won the regional American Society of Gwil Engineers Concrete Canoe Competition last year.





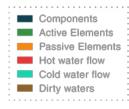


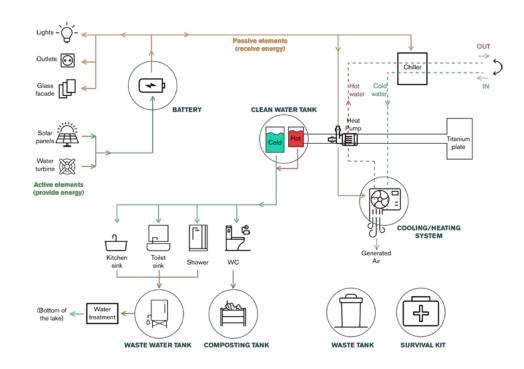


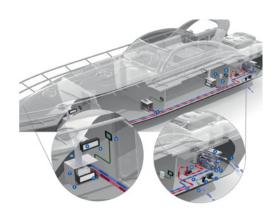
RESEARCH AND LAYOUT OF UTILITIES

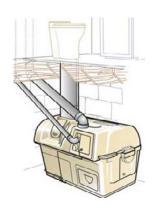
RESEARCH ON DIFFERENT APPLICABLE SYSTEMS FOR HEATING, COOLING, POWER, WATER AND WASTE.

LAID OUT ALL UTILITES AND CONNECTIONS IN RELATION TO THE LIVING UNIT INTO A FLOW CHART DIAGRAM

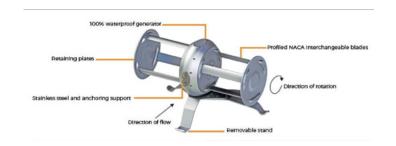


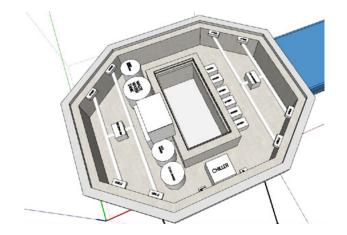






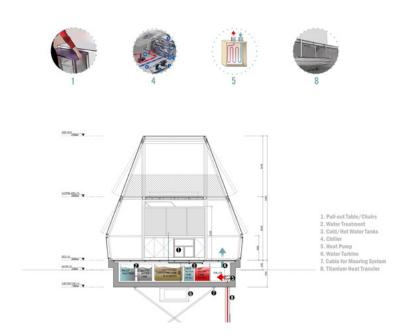


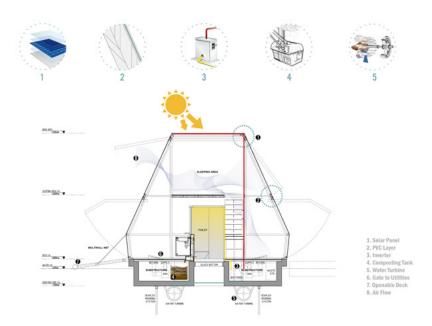




INTEGRATING SPACES FOR UTLITIES IN THE DESIGN

LAYOUT AND INTERGRATION OF THE DIFFERENT ENGINEERING SYSTEMS IN THE LIVING UNIT.





CALCULATIONS

DOING CALCULATIONS FOR THE UNIT'S BUOYANCY USING FLOATING CONCRETE PROPERTIES. VERIFYING ENERGY CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION FOR THE UNIT'S SUSTAINABILITY OFF THE

		Floating House Energy Production		
Skylight PV				
	Area	Wp/sqm	Power	
crystalline PV	51.7	165	8530.5	wp
Total			8530.5	
			8.5	kwh
Hyrdo turbine				
	Water Velocity		power	
	1 knot		2	kwh
		Total Daily kwh produced per unit	10.5	kw
		Average Residential Daily Consumption	8.5-10 kwh	





Sun energy --> Photovoltaics --> Battery

- Surface area: 1.62sqm 51.7 sqm
- daily peak power per sqm: 165 wp - Voltage: 32V
- Current: 8.39A
- Operating module temperature: -40°C to +80°C

daily generated power: 8.5 kwh



Water turbines

Water energy --> Turbine --> Battery

- Turbine: Darriens double zero debris
- Generator: three-phase permanent magnet
- Weight: 131kg

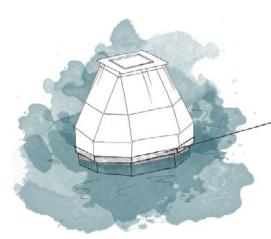
daily peak power at 1 knot water velocity: 2 kwh

minimum daily generated power: 2 kwh



TOTAL DAILY GENERATED POWER PER UNIT: 10.5 KWH

AVERAGE 2018 RESIDENTIAL DAILY CONSUMPTION: 8.5-10 KWH source: https://smarterbusiness.co.uk/average-gas-electricity-usage-uk/



Calculat	ons concrete casco for house boats		
Casco d	imensions		
width		5.40	m¹
length		6.40	m¹
height		1.10	m¹
floor thickness		0.20	m¹
wall thickness		0.20	m ⁴
gallery	width	-	m¹
	thickness	-	m¹
Volumes	of concrete		
	floor	3.52	m ³
	walls	6.42	m ³
	gallery	-	m ³
	Total	9.94	m ^o
	Weight of the concrete	24,353.00	kg
Draught	and carrying capacity		
	Water area	34.56	m ²
	Draught of concrete casco	0.67	m¹
	Freeboard	0.43	m¹
	Any additional weight of	345.60	kg
	means 1 cm more draught		

material

Floating concrete with polymeric inclusions

properties

Good buoyancy, stability, resistance, balance, low weight, cheap, easy manufacture

, in the market for 30 years

calculations for concrete CASCO

Total volume: 9.94sqm m³ CONCRETE WEIGHT PER m³: 2.450 kg Weight of the concrete: 24353kg

Water area: 34.56sqm

Draught of casco: 0.6799mBELOW WATER LEVEL

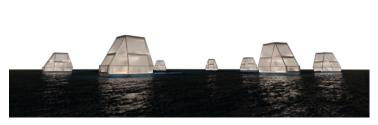
FREEBOARD: 0.43 M ABOVE WATER LEVEL

RENDERING

PRODUCING RAW RENDERINGS FOR POST PRODUCTION FROM THE CREATED 3D MODEL







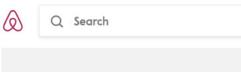






CONCLUSION

IN THE END WE WERE ABLE TO CREATE SOMETHING FEASIBLE FROM A POETIC, ROMANTIC, PHILOSOPHICAL IDEA ABOUT LIVING BY BRIDING WHAT IS TANGIBLE WITH THE INTAGIBLE THROUGH THE RESEARCH OF DIFFERENT MATERIALS, SYSTEMS AND APPLICATIONS. ALL THESE COMPONENTS WERE CONSIDERED IN COHERENCE WITH THE CONCEPT AND IT'S GOAL.



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ENTIRE APARTMENT IN COMO

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Romantic, Lakeside Home with Views of Lake Como



Become a host

Wake up to stunning views of Lake Como from every window of this romantic home, before strolling down to the beach nearby and diving into the refreshing waters of the lake. In the evening, drink a glass of wine on the deck, taking in the view together with watching stars.

2 guests 1 bedroom 1 bed 1 bath



ENTIRE APARTMENT IN COMO

200 € / NIGHT

REQUEST TO BOOK

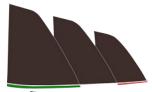
TEAM COLUMBUS CASA ITALIA PAVILLION 2021 AMERICA'S CUP

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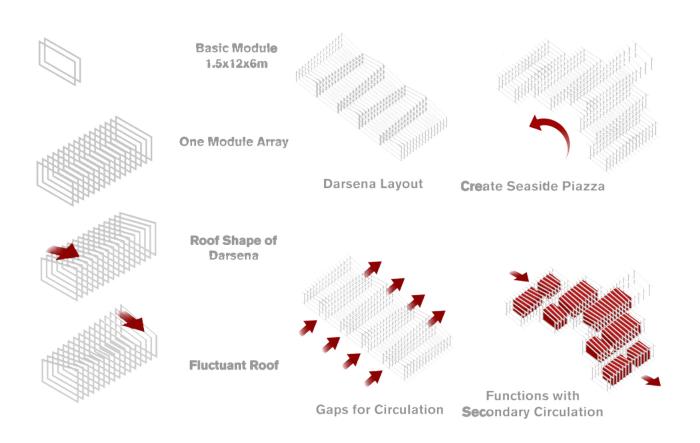


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GROUP WORKSHOP



_RELATE THE GALEA DOMINANCE FROM THE SEA TO THE ARCHITECTURE











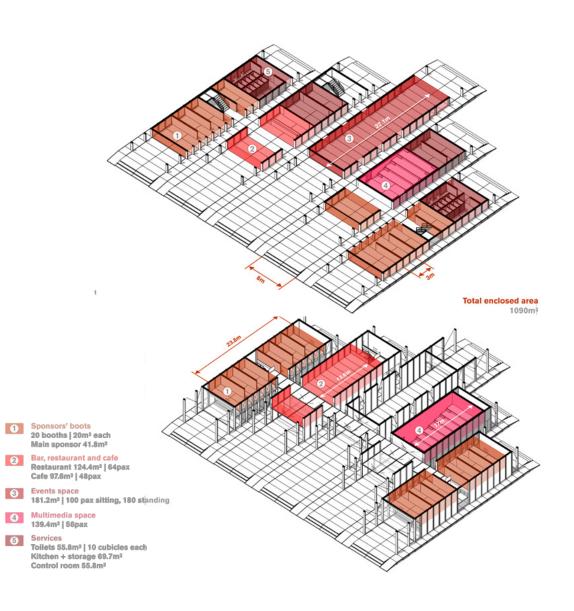




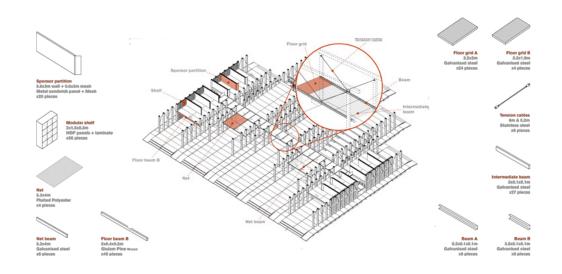
FRAMES THAT FRAME THE SEA



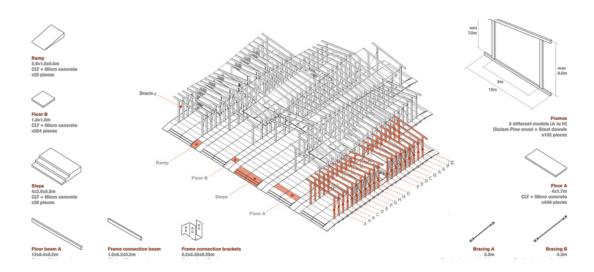




MODULAR AND CAN BE ASSEMBLED











1 HALL 4 FUNCTIONS









INSPIRATION

IT STARTED MANY MONTHS BEFORE THE WORKSHOP WHEN I WAS INSPIRED BY MY TRAVELS IN GENOVA. I VISITED THE MARITIME MUSEUM AND THE EXPERIENCE STAYED WITH ME TILL THE WORKSHOP. THUS THIS MARITIME TRADITION BECAME THE WHOLE STARTING POINT OF THE PROJECT BECAUSE OF THE LINK WITH IMPERIA-LIGURIA-COLUMBUS AND SAILING.















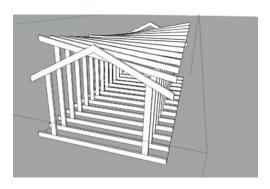


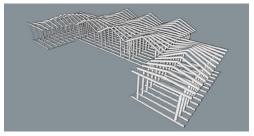


FRAME STUDIES

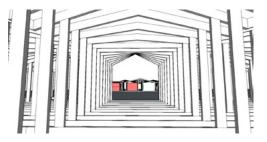
INSPIRED BY THE GALEA'S STRUCTURE AND FRAMEWORK WE STARTED MAKING DIFFERENT FRAME STUDIES THAT CAN BOTH SATISFY INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES, PROGRAM, LOGISTICS AND AESTHETICS.



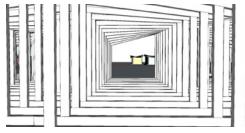


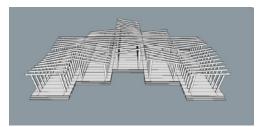




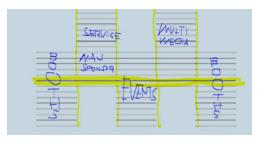


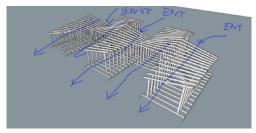








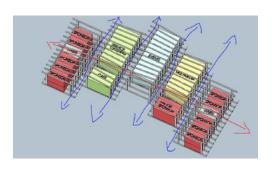


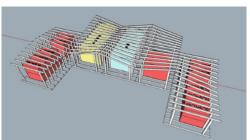


PROGRAM AND PLANNING

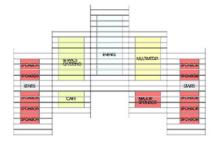
LAYOUT OF PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS, ADJACENCIES, CIRCULATION WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK. THE PROCESS ALSO GAVE US AN IDEA HOW MANY FRAME MODULES WE NEED.

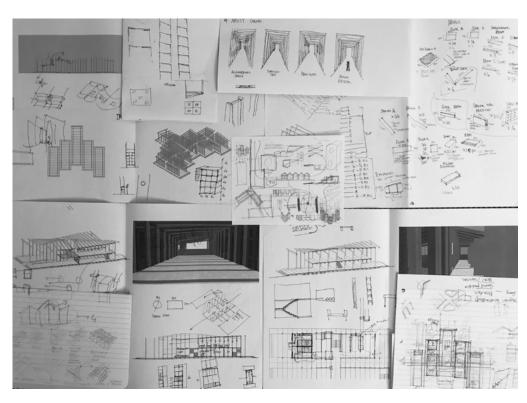
SKETCHING CAME HAND IN HAND WITH THE 3D MODELLING PROCESS TO SOLVE SOME PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN A MORE COLLABORATIVE WAY.











DEVELOPING THE DESIGN OF THE SPACES

ADDING MORE DETAILS, SPACE PLANNING, FUNCTIONS, CONSIDERATION OF GRAPHICS.

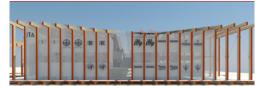


















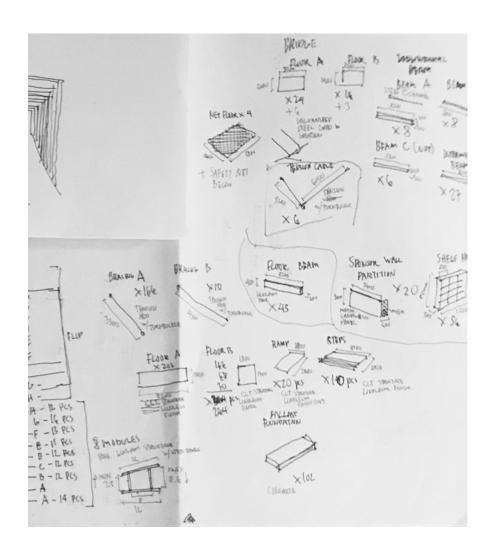


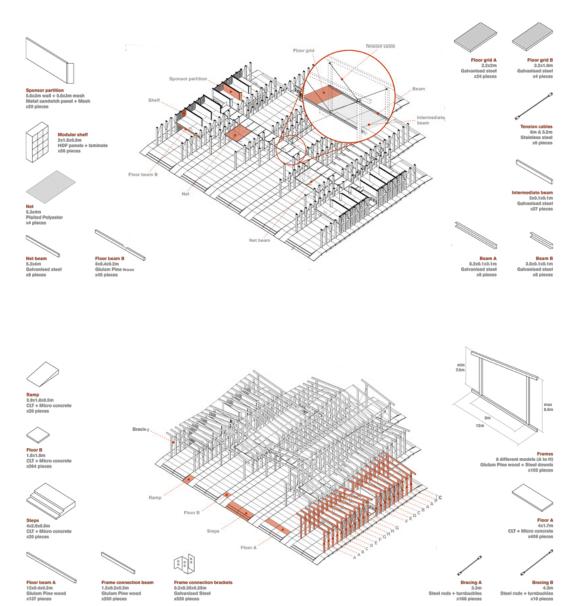




TABULATION OF BUILDING COMPONENTS

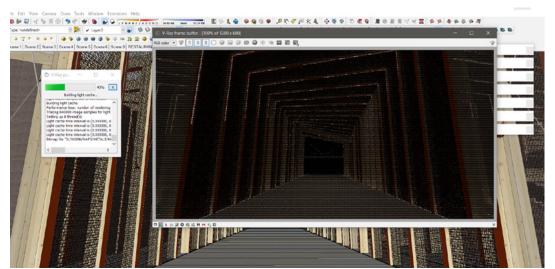
USING THE 3D MODEL TO TABULATE AND DOCUMENT ALL MODULAR BUILDING COMPONENTS FOR THE ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM

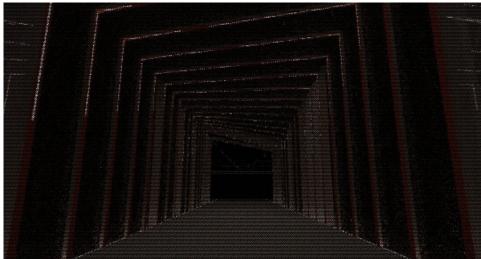




RENDERING

RENDERING IMAGES FOR PRESENTATION. ALSO USED RENDERING PROCESS TO FORMULATE LIGHTING STRATEGIES FOR THE DIFFERENT SPACES.









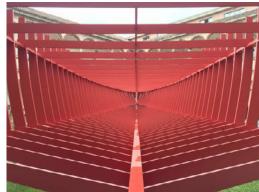
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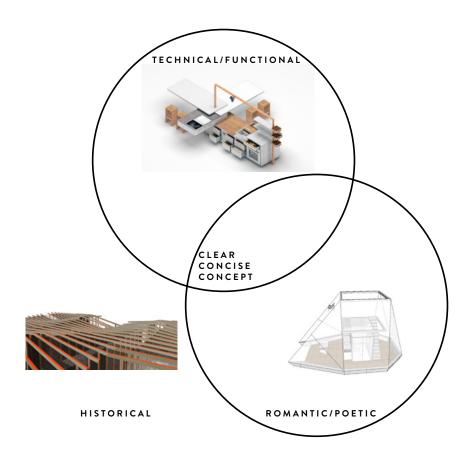
WE ARE ABLE TO COME UP WITH A FEASIBLE AND FLEXIBLE CONCEPT USING A FRAMEWORK USED FOR NAVAL VESSELS.

OUR IDEAS WERE FURTHER AFFIRMED MONTHS AFTER THE WORKSHOP ENDED BY THE INCREASE OF PROJECTS FOR TEMPORARY STRUCTURES USING ITALY'S MARITIME TRADITION AS AN INSPIRATION.









CONCLUSION

ALL WORKSHOPS HAD DIFFERENT SOURCES OF INSPIRATION: TECHNICAL, POETIC, HISTORICAL. BUT ALL HAD A COMMON GOAL, TO HAVE A CLEAR, CONCISE CONCEPT THAT IS EASY TO GRASP AND UNDERSTAND, A CONCEPT THAT WILL STEER THE PROJECT IN ALL STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT.

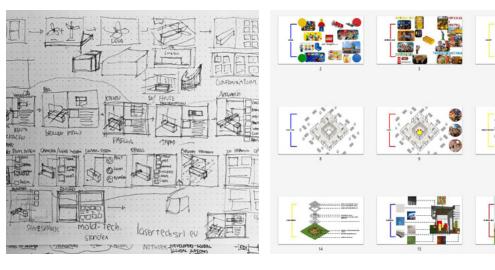
THE WORKSHOPS ALSO GAVE ME THE CHANCE TO WORK WITH PEOPLE FROM DIVERSE CULTURES AND BACKGROUNDS FROM THE ONSET OF A PROJECT. IT TAUGHT ME HOW TO MANAGE MYSELF AND THE PEOPLE I WORK WITH TO HAVE A COMMON GOAL EVEN WITH DIFFERENT MINDSETS.. TO BE ALBE TO MANAGE OUR DIFFERENT STRENGTHS AND EXPERTISE FOR A COMMON GOAL WAS ONE OF THE REWARDING ASPECTS OF THE WORKSHOPS.



WORKSHOP CONCLUSION

CONSTRUCTION A PRESENTATION

I LEARNED THE IMPORTANCE OF HOW A PRESENTATION IS STRUCTURED AND COMING UP WITH STRATEGIES DEPENDING ON THE GOAL OF THE PRESENTATION. USING VISUALS WAS IMPORTANT ESPECIALLY IN AN INTERNATIONAL SETTING.





VISITS TO COMPANIES

EXPOSURE TO DIFFERENT COMPANIES CONTRIBUTED TO MY DESIGN KNOWLEDGE. IT TAUGHT ME HOW COMPANIES OPERATE AND PRESENT THEMSELVES. IN A WAY IT WAS A SIMULATION OF OUR FUTURE WORK.

















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DID EXHIBITIONS SUCH AS "MOCKBA XXI" EXHIBITION IN MOSCOW AND MILAN, AND THE "GABRIELE BASILICO MOSCOU VERTICALE" EXHIBITION IN PARIS AND IN MILAN.

PARTICIPATED IN NUMEROUS CONFERENCES ON HIS WORKS AT THE POLITECNICO IN MILAN AND DOMUS ACADEMY, INCLUDING THE UIA - XXIII WORLD CONGRESS OF ARCHITECTURE.

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HE ACTIVELY PARTICIPATES IN THE EST LAB OF THE POLITECNICO IN MILAN, ON RESEARCH TOPICS RELATING TO ARCHITECTURE AND THE URBAN DEVELOPMENT OF EAST EUROPE NATIONS.

RECENT PROJECTS IN ST. PETERSBURG AND MOSCOW WERE SELECTED FOR THE NATIONAL AWARD IN/ARCH AS THE BEST ITALIAN ARCHITECTURE OF 2014 AND FOR THE PRIZE GOLD MEDAL ITALIAN ARCHITECTURE OF 2015.























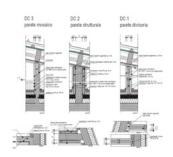






























NEW ZDA PROJECTS DESIGNED BY PREFABRICATION USING CROSS LAMINATED TIMBER

THE CLT PANELS ARE THE LATEST EVOLUTION OF WOODEN BUILDING SYSTEMS. IT'S A PREFABRICATED SOLID WOOD PANEL MADE FROM AT LEAST THREE LAYERS OF SOLID-SAWN LUMBER OR STRUCTURAL COMPOSITE LUMBER, THAT ARE STACKED CROSS-WISE AND BONDED TOGETHER WITH STRUCTURAL ADHESIVES TO FORM A SOLID, RECTANGULAR-SHAPED PANEL THAT IS INTENDED FOR CONSTRUCTION APPLICATIONS, INCLUDING ROOFS, FLOORS AND WALLS IN RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS.

COST-COMPETITIVE ALTERNATIVE FOR STEEL AND CONCRETE APPLICATIONS.

REDUCES CONSTRUCTION TIME, ARE LIGHTER AND THINNER THAN CONCRETE, HAVE A REDUCED CARBON FOOTPRINT AND ONLY REQUIRE BASIC CARPENTRY SKILLS AND POWER TOOLS TO INSTALL.

THE TRANSPORT AND THE ASSEMBLY ARE EASY AND CAN BE DONE WITH LIGHT VEHICLES.

THE SIZE OF THE PANELS CAN REACH 16-18 METERS LENGTH AND 2.40 METERS HEIGHT FOR NORMAL TRANSPORT.

THE X-LAM PANELS REDUCE THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REDUCING ENERGY DEMAND, MINIMIZING POLLUTION AND CREATING AN ECO-FRIENDLY THERMAL BARRIER.

THE X-LAM PANEL IS ALSO A PERFECT ACOUSTIC INSULATION.

A BUILDING MADE WITH THE X-LAM STRUCTURE CAN WITHSTAND A FIRE FOR A PERIOD OF ONE HOUR WHILE MAINTAINING ITS MECHANICAL PROPERTIES

3 STOREY VILLA IN LASINO, CAVEDINE, TRENTINO, ITALY

THE TASK WAS TO FURTHER DEVELOP AN ALREADY EXISTING DESIGN WITH REGARDS TO INTERIORS, LIGHTING, FURNITURE LAYOUT, MATERIAL SELECTION USING 3D MODELLING.

I WAS ALSO TASKED TO PRODUCE PRESENTATION DRAWINGS FOR THE CLIENT SUCH AS RENDERINGS OF PERSPECTIVES, PLANS, SECTIONS AND ELEVATIONS.

WE FIRST STARTED BY STUDYING THE SITE AND SELECTING THE APPROPRIATE FACADE MATERIAL WITH THE INTENT TO BLEND IN THE SURROUNDINGS BUT PROVIDE CONTRAST WHICH IS WHY IN THE END WE CHOOSE TO USE ZINC CLADDING.

ZINC CLADDING AGES WELL, HAS EXCELLENT WEATHERING PROPERTIES AND IS LIGHTWEIGHT ENOUGH TO FULFILL THE PREFABRICATION PROCESS. WE ALSO CONSIDERED THE COMMERCIAL SIZES AND INSTALLATION PROCESS.















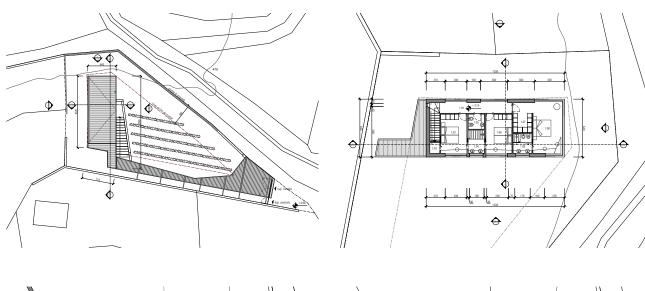


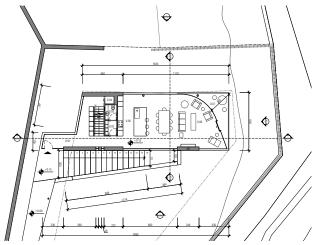


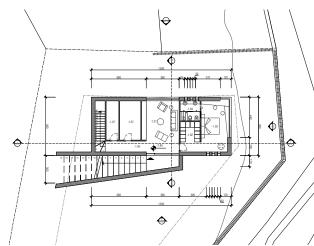


ARCHITECTURAL DRAWINGS

EACH DRAWING WAS CAREFULLY STUDIED IN RELATION TO THE CONTEXT. EACH TREE, ROAD, WALL, AND FEATURE WERE CONSIDERED.















THE INTERNSHIP WAS A REAL LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR ME, MORE IN TERMS OF CHARACTER BUILDING THAN SKILLS TRAINING.

TRUTH BE TOLD IT DID NOT START OUT WELL. THE INTERVIEW WAS IN ENGLISH SO I ASSUMED THAT THE STUDIO CAN OPERATE IN THIS WAY WHICH WAS NOT THE CASE. DURING THE FIRST DAY, THE BOSS TOLD ME THAT WE HAVE TO START SPEAKING IN ITALIAN IN THE OFFICE IF I WISH TO WORK THERE BECAUSE I WAS THE ONLY NON ITALIAN. I ALSO REALIZED THAT ALL THE SOFTWARES AND SYSTEMS WERE IN ITALIAN WHICH MAKES THE LEARNING CURVE ALL THE MORE DIFFICULT. TO TOP IT OFF, WE HAD A DEADLINE THAT SAME WEEKEND. I TRIED MY BEST TO ADJUST BUT WE STILL DID NOT MAKE THE DEADLINE. OF COURSE BEING THE FOREIGNER AND NEW GUY, I WAS THE ONE TO BLAME. MY SENIOR EVEN BROKE DOWN BECAUSE OF THE TENSION. IT WAS NOT THE START I WANTED. I WOULD SAY IT WAS ONE OF MY CAREER LOWS.

EVERYDAY I WOULD COME TO WORK SHAKING MY HEAD AND THINK I MUST BE CRAZY DOING ALL THESE THINGS EVEN IF I COULD'VE MADE IT EASIER FOR MYSELF JUST TO BE AN ARCHITECT BACK HOME OR WORK FOR MY DAD'S OFFICE. WHY AM I HERE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE LADDER AGAIN AS AN INTERN. IT WAS DIFFICULT COMMUNICATING WITH MY BOSS BECAUSE HE WAS REALLY FIRM ABOUT HIS RULE. TO MAKE THINGS WORSE. IT WAS ALSO THE TIME I WAS SEARCHING FOR A NEW APARTMENT. A LOT OF CHANGES AT THE SAME TIME.

BUT I REALIZED THAT YES THESE CHALLENGES ARE DIFFICULT BUT NOT IMPOSSIBLE SO I TOOK IT UPON MYSELF TO TAKE ITALIAN CLASSES AND TO TAKE ON EACH DAY SLOWLY, PATIENTLY, TRYING AND PROVING MYSELF AND TO EVERYONE. SLOWLY THROUGH MY PERCEIVERANCE AND THE OUTPUT I DID I GAINED MY BOSS' TRUST AND COMPLIMENTS. IT WAS ALSO GOOD TIMING BECAUSE THE STUDIO HIRED MORE FOREIGNERS AFTER I CAME IN AND THE INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENT HELPED WITH THE INTEGRATION ALTHOUGH I STILL SPEAK ITALIAN TO MY BOSS.

THE BIGGEST AFFIRMATION FOR ALL MY EFFORTS IS THE FACT THAT I WAS HIRED IMMEDIATELY AFTER MY INTERNSHIP ENDED. MY BOSS OPENLY EXPRESSED THAT HE IS PLEASED WITH MY WORK AND HE WANTS ME TO STAY. HE SOMETIMES WOULD ALSO PERSONALLY INVITE ME TO HIS LECTURES AND TALKS.

TODAY THE CHALLENGES STILL PERSISTS AND I KNOW THERE ARE MORE STRUGGLES TO COME BUT AFTER THIS EXPERIENCE I AM CONFIDENT THAT I HAVE THE CHARACTER TO MEET THESE HEAD-ON.

NOTHING IS MORE REWARDING THAN SUCH EXPERIENCES.











IMMERSION

THE EXPERIENCE OF STUDYING AND LIVING IN A DIFFERENT COUNTRY CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO MY DEVELOPMENT AS A PERSON. THE ENCOUNTERS WITH PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT CULTURES AND BACKGROUND OPENED MY MIND TO MANY POSSIBILITIES AND IDEAS. IT GAVE ME A DIFFERENT LEVEL OF UNDERSTANDING. NONETHELESS THERE WERE MANY CHALLENGES THAT CAME WITH LIVING ALONE AS A FOREIGNER BUT IT MADE ME A MORE RESILIENT, INDEPENDENT, FLEXIBLE, PATIENT AND DILIGENT PERSON. MANY TIMES I HAVE TO REMIND MYSELF WHY I'M DOING THIS TO BE BACK ON TRACK AND THE ANSWER IS ALWAYS THE SAME, THE PURSUIT OF KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE.

























PERSONAL REFLECTION

























INSPIRATION

BEFORE MY STAY, LIFE WAS CENTERED ON ARCHITECTURE. I WORKED ON ARCHITECTURE, READ ABOUT ARCHITECTURE, TALKED ABOUT ARCHITECTURE AND VISITED ARCHITECTURE. TODAY I LEARNED ESPECIALLY AFTER I STARTED LIVING IN ITALY THAT THERE CAN BE MANY SOURCES OF INSPIRATION FOR ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN BESIDES OTHER ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGNS. WE CAN SEEK AND FIND INSPIRATION IN EVERYDAY OBJECTS, IN NATURE, IN MUSIC, IN FOOD, IN ART, IN EVENTS, IN EXHIBITS OR EVEN BY JUST TALKING TO PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS. IT BUILDS THAT BODY OF KNOWLEDGE WHERE WE CAN STORE AND INCUBATE NEW IDEAS. TODAY I'M TRYING TO FORM A HABIT OF GOING TO MORE MUSEUMS, EXHIBITS, EVENTS, PLACES THAT ARE DIVERSE IN NATURE TO FIND MORE INSPI-RATION AND TO GAIN MORE KNOWLEDGE.

COURSE OF ACTION

THE OBVIOUS PLAN IS TO GAIN MORE EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE IN ZDA REGARDING PREFABRICATION AND APPLY THE SAME KNOW HOW BACK HOME. ANOTHER PLAN IS TO CONTACT ABIMIS AND IF POSSIBLE MAYBE COLLABORATE WITH THEM BECAUSE I ALSO HOPE TO ALSO REALIZE THE OUTDOOR KITCHEN GIVEN THE LEVEL OF RESEARCH AND DETAIL WE DID FOR THE PROJECT. I WOULD ALSO LOVE TO TRY TO WORK FOR A MORE DESIGN ORIENTED STUDIO GIVEN THE CHANCE. WHEN THE TIME IS RIGHT TO GO BACK TO MY COUNTRY I PLAN TO APPLY ALL WHAT I LEARNED AND TRY TO INTRODUCE SOMETHING DIFFERENT IN THE INDUSTRY. THE FUTURE IS NOT YET DEFINED BUT THE PROSPECTS ARE SURELY EXCITING.

