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Kroyers Plads, Copenhagen





The housing development Krøyers Plads is located in the Copenhagen harbour. The program is split in six buildings, grouped above a retail podium on a tilted platform. The volumes are stretched, twisted and distorted in three dimensions to create a maximum variety of building shapes. This irregular composition reveals an exposed and strong image within the seaside silhouette of Copenhagen. Moreover, it allows for views towards the harbour and sea from any apartment within the ensemble and recalls the existing urban principle of intimate and narrow streets and small squares. The buildings' shapes are strongly influenced by the traditional pitched roofed buildings of Copenhagen and compose a symbolic connection to their surroundings. The inner volumes - the crystals - are fully glazed, including the roof areas, providing maximum views from inside out. The glass facades are wrapped in a cladding system formed of louvers and grilles providing sun and visual protection. Those facade elements are made of earthy materials such as red copper, terracotta and natural slate contrasting with the glitter of stainless steel and form a randomly appearing play of open and closed surfaces within the facades. The housing volumes differ in height from eight to fourteen storeys and offer a total of 16.000 square meters for different types of apartments. The retail and parking areas comprise 6.750 square meters of space. These public functions are strategically located in close connection to the sea promenade, the adjoining street and an interior courtyard.

client

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project

country: Denmark
city: Copenhagen
category: residential
status: competition 1st prize
gross floor area: ca. 22750 m²
design: 2003

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