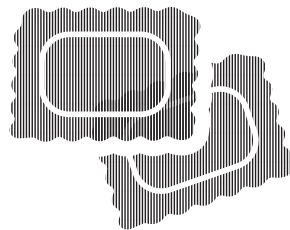


# **The Vegetarian Restaurant**



## **A Turinese Cookbook**

## FOREWORD

This design realisation document is a cookbook, of the dishes being served and the spaces within the restaurant. It is an investigation of the relationship between food and architecture: whilst they occupy opposite ends of the scale spectrum, there are a myriad overlaps between the two. There is an importance of the physical process of prototyping and testing; on the scale of facade fragments, and a ravioli parcel. Both products are shaped by a rigorous process of making and remaking.

The intention of the project is to bridge the two, apply an approach towards architecture more conventionally used in food and vice versa. There are incredibly haptic and experiential qualities in cooking and dining that can be applied to architecture, and a certain analytical process that can be applied to food. The document focuses on the experience of food, and the pragmatic requirements and challenges to achieve it.

Turin, and Pietmont, is an important food destination. Over the past few decades, the food climate in the Western world has undergone a myriad of evolutions. In response to a McDonald's opening near the Spanish Steps in Rome, the Slow Food Movement was born in Bra - a few minutes from Turin. The movement aimed to resist the epidemic of fast food culture, and instead celebrate and preserve traditional cuisine and sustainable methods of cooking. Food is a major part in Italian culture, and at times sacrosanct. Within the Porta Pallazzo market, the Antica Tettoia dell'Orologio is dedicated to meat products: stalls upon stalls are adorned with chandeliers of salami and prosciutto. In short, vegetarianism is controversial - and a lifestyle that is deemed offensive to many Turinese locals - evident in the adverse response towards Chiara Appendino's plans for Turin to become the world's first 'vegetarian city'. The project acts as both a political tool and a mediator; it builds upon the existing Italian food culture and architecture.

First and foremost, it is a celebration of food, which so happens to be vegetarian.

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## WINTER MENU



### Spinach and Pesto Farinata

A savoury chickpea flat bread topped with spinach and pesto



### Butternut Squash & Sage Agnolotti

Pasta pockets filled with creamy butternut squash, with fried sage and butter sauce

### Truffle Mushroom Arancini

Mushroom risotto balls coated in breadcrumbs, served with pea puree



### Stuffed Artichokes

Baked artichokes filled with parmesan and breadcrumb stuffing

### Griddled Chicory with Fig

Griddled chicory and fig served with rocket and drizzled with aged balsamic



### Zabaglione with Berries

Light custard served with seasonal berries



## SUMMER MENU



### Polenta Bruschetta

A crispy polenta base topped with tomato bruschetta



### Beetroot and Ricotta Gnocchi

Beetroot gnocchi with wilted beetroot greens and aged balsamic

### Asparagus Risotto

Creamy wild asparagus and lemon risotto



### Courgette Carpaccio

Sliced courgettes with toasted pine nuts, and rocket, topped with shaved parmesan

### Aubergine and Feta Frittata

Baked aubergine frittata served with feta and rocket



### Tiramisu

Rich layered desert with coffee, marscapone and Marsala wine



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## BUILDING FORM, SYSTEMS, PLANNING AND CONTEXT

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### The Restaurant

This section introduces the social, physical and environmental context of the project, and the overall strategies for the scheme. Due to the sensitive nature of the subject, it is important to highlight the cultural importance of food in Italy, and consequently the implications of the restaurant. The working method of the project is making based, and the series of tests begin with the form finding exercise investigating the extrusion process.

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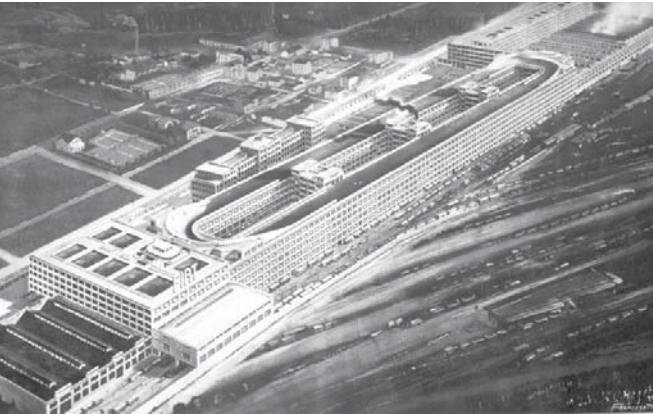
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TURIN, ITALY

Turin is a city located in the Piedmont region of Italy, it is an important business and cultural centre. The city is located to the west of the Po river and surrounded by various landforms such as the Susa Valley, the Alpine arch and Superga Hill. Turin is well known for its many art galleries, restaurants, churches, palaces, theatres, libraries, museums and piazzas. Most of its political significance has been lost since World War II; however, it became a major crossroad for industry, commerce and trade along with Milan and Genoa, forming the *Industrial Triangle*. The headquarters of automobile manufacturers such as FIAT, Lancia and Alfa Romeo are located within the city. There is a disparity between the industrial parts of the city and the tourist centre. Relics of its industrial past are nestled within the stereotypically Italian classical façades.

The city is famous for its cuisine, and has an innovative approach to gastronomy culture that favours local and sustainable produce. It is home to the Slow Food Movement, an organisation that promotes local food and farming and acts as an alternative to the prevailing fast food culture. The Piedmont region is famous for its cheeses, wines, chocolate, truffles, butter and rice.



FOOD IN TURIN

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Slow Food began in Italy with the founding of its forerunner organisation, Arcigola, in 1986 to resist the opening of a McDonald's near the Spanish Steps in Rome. In 1989, the founding manifesto of the international Slow Food movement was signed in Paris, France by delegates from 15 countries.

SLOW FOOD MANIFESTO

Born and nurtured under the sign of Industrialization, this century first invented the machine and then modelled its lifestyle after it. Speed became our shackles. We fell prey to the same virus: 'the fast life' that fractures our customs and assails us even in our own homes, forcing us to ingest "fast-food".

Homo sapiens must regain wisdom and liberate itself from the 'velocity' that is propelling it on the road to extinction. Let us defend ourselves against the universal madness of 'the fast life' with tranquil material pleasure.

Against those - or, rather, the vast majority - who confuse efficiency with frenzy, we propose the vaccine of an adequate portion of sensual gourmandise pleasures, to be taken with slow and prolonged enjoyment.

Appropriately, we will start in the kitchen, with Slow Food. To escape the tediousness of "fast-food", let us rediscover the rich varieties and aromas of local cuisines.

In the name of productivity, the 'fast life' has changed our lifestyle and now threatens our environment and our land (and city) spaces. Slow Food is the alternative, the avant-garde's riposte. Real culture is here to be found. First of all, we can begin by cultivating taste, rather than impoverishing it, by stimulating progress, by encouraging international exchange programs, by endorsing worthwhile projects, by advocating historical food culture and by defending old-fashioned food traditions.

Slow Food assures us of a better quality lifestyle. With a snail purposely chosen as its patron and symbol, it is an idea and a way of life that needs much sure but steady support.



A SHORT HISTORY

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- 1996 Slow Food holds the first Salone del Gusto in Turin, where it presents the Ark of Taste project. The Salone goes on to become a biennial event and one of the most important international fairs dedicated to artisanal, sustainable food and the small-scale producers that safeguard local traditions and high quality products.
- 2004 The first edition of Terra Madre - the world meeting of food communities - is held concurrently with the Salone del Gusto in Turin, Italy, attracting about 5,000 delegates from 130 countries. The University of Gastronomic Sciences is inaugurated in Pollenzo, Italy, close to the Slow Food headquarters.
- 2011 The Slow Europe campaign is launched, calling for European policies that promote sustainability, biodiversity protection and support for small-scale farmers.
- 2012 The Sixth Slow Food International Congress also in Turin, welcomes 650 delegates from 95 countries and ratifies the new guiding policy document The Central Role of Food.
- 2014 Tenth edition of Salone del Gusto, and ten-year anniversary of the Terra Madre network in Turin, Italy. The BBC Food Programme participated as media partner of the Ark of Taste project, the main theme of the event.
- 2016 The first ever edition of Terra Madre Salone del Gusto held out in the open, from September 22-26, in Turin, Italy, including a series of conferences at the Carignano Theater. Over half a million people attended.



Eataly Torino



Slow Food Festival: Salone del Gusto in Turin



Meat market in Mercato Porta Pallazzo, Turin

TURIN. A VEGETARIAN CITY ?

The current mayor of Turin has plans to make it the world's first 'vegetarian' city; as part of its five year plan are initiatives such as educational projects and the introduction of a weekly meat-free day.

The announcement of this plan has been met, in part, by some hostility: those who feel that the scheme is threatening an important part of the food culture and industry in Turin. Italy has an incredibly rich food culture: one that has been shaped and influenced by history. In that sense, the scheme to promote vegetarian is about taking the existing food culture and celebrating it and adding another layer of ritual to it, and not about replacing it. This concept is applied to the architecture proposal - investigating the existing architectural language and appropriating and adapting it to create a restaurant which celebrates the choreography and culture of food.



M5S MANIFESTO

**Agricoltura**

Dati e contesto nazionale

Despite the adverse economic situation, agriculture is one of the most promising sectors of the Italian economy:

Among the countries led by young people in Italy, more than 8% work, in fact, in agriculture: of these more than 50000 are driven by under 35. This shows that work in the countryside attracts more and more young people, an interest that is also witnessed by the increase in the number of registrations university courses on the subject.

**Obiettivi**

Un prezioso equipio per la materia prima

It is therefore necessary to re-establish the balance and the balance of power within the supply chain between farmers and the processing and distribution industry.

A Stranger Agriculture in Four Steps

1. Aggregation among the subjects involved, through the establishment of Organizations of Producers (OP) and Inter-professional Organizations (IO) in order to have a greater negotiating power in the definition of the price of products
2. Promotion of transparent supply chains, with the aim of enhancing excellence agri-foodstuffs supplying all information to the consumer
3. Restriction of wild importation
4. Promotion of the short supply chain

CHIARA APPENDINO'S MANIFESTO

**PROGRAMMA DI GOVERNO PER LA CITTÀ DI TORINO 2016-2021**

Promotion of the vegetarian and vegan diet on the municipal territory, such as fundamental act to safeguard the environment, health and animals through actions on the territory.

Create a guide for tourists in free distribution at the official municipal tourism with local veg / animal friendly, dog areas and facilities that adhere to policies with a lower environmental impact

Establish educational projects in schools on protection, respect for animals and on proper nutrition in collaboration with animal rights activists, medical nutritionists, police bodies and industry experts

Turin must return to being a capital of manufacturing and industry, encouraging the establishment of new companies and new production models in particular in the sectors of activity: automotive, food, biomedical, TIC, aerospace.

FOOD TYPOLOGIES IN ITALY



RISTORANTE

Ristorante signifies the full-service dining establishment. A ristorante will have an extensive menu with antipasti, primi, secondi, contorni, and dolci.



TRATTORIA

Trattorie closely resemble a ristorante in their size and style of service, they offer a more extensive menu of rustic and traditional foods, but unlike ristoranti, trattorie are typically family run and specialise in home-cooked food



PANINOTECA

Paninotecas are very similar to other establishments such as pasticcerias, but they specifically deal in fresh baked bread and artisanal grains.



PASTICCERIA

In Italian pasticceria is a type of cafe that produces and serves sweet and savoury pastries, brioches, croissants and the like.



BAR

An Italian bar has no age restrictions and is similar to what many would consider a coffee shop, although in most of these establishments you can order some bottom shelf liquors, a beer, or a glass of wine. The biggest source of income for an Italian bar is the coffee that they serve.



TAVOLA CALDA

A tavola calda, or "hot table", is less of a type of eatery, and more of an additional piece of cooking equipment at a small food place. A bar with a tavola calda will offer everything a regular Italian bar offers, but also have a small selection of pre-prepared hot dishes



PANINARO

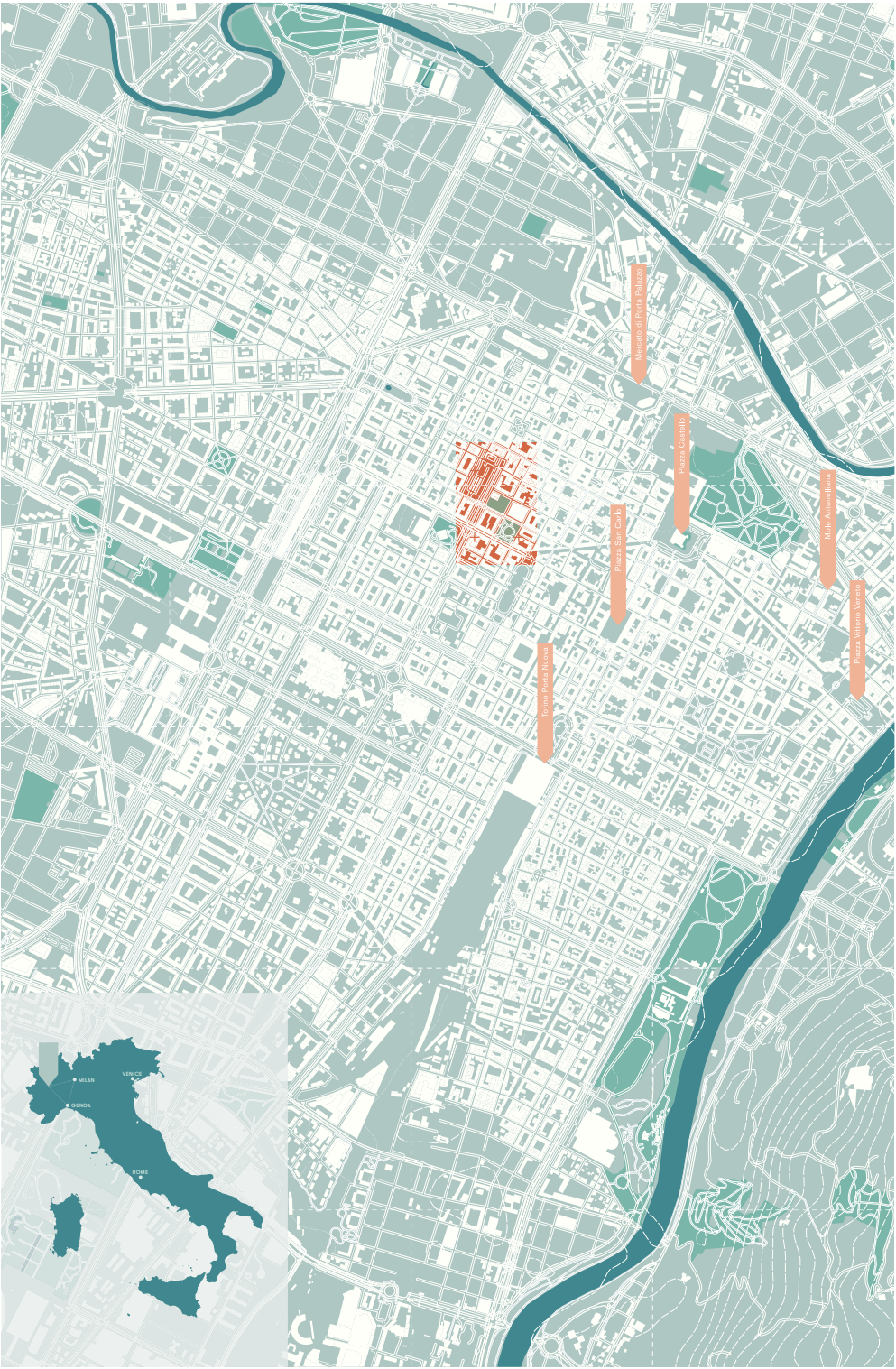
Paninaro is a sandwich food truck lined with open windows displaying a large selection of items.



ROSTICCERIA

A rosticceria is generally considered a deli that specialises in roasted and slice-able meats.





# 1.1 Context

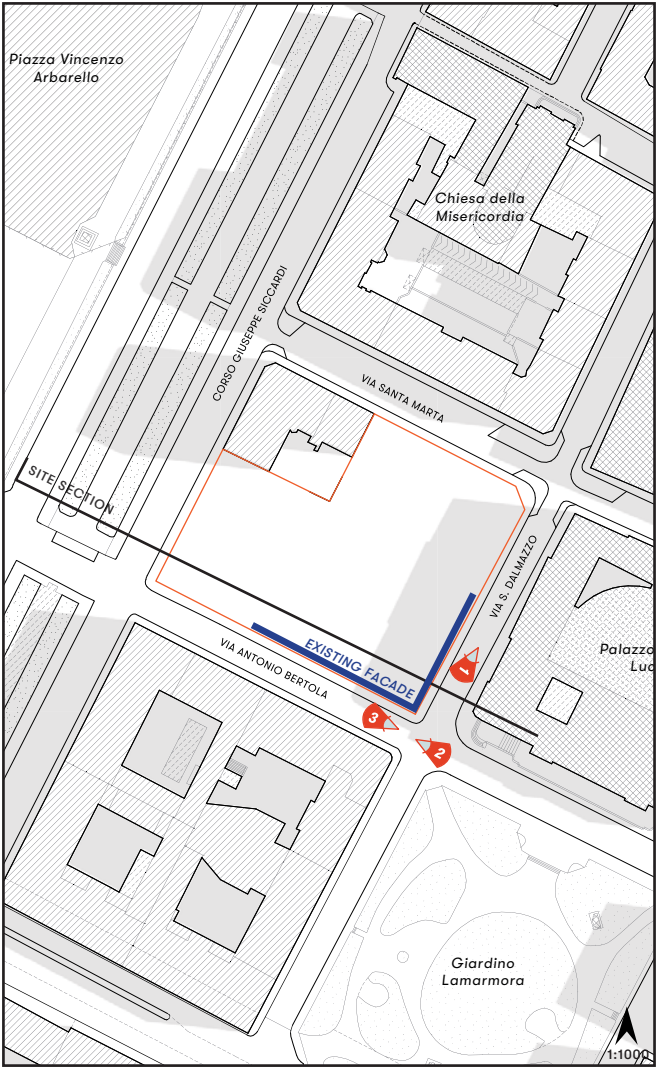
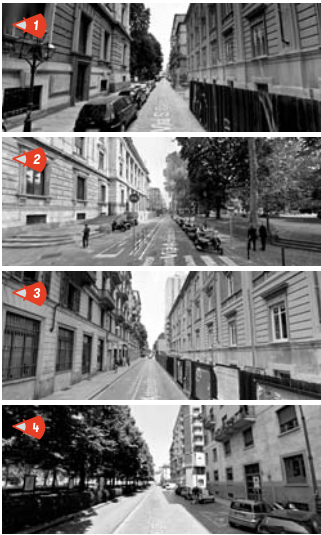
## SITE LOCATION

The site is located in the city centre of Turin and houses an existing facade. I started by looking at the idea of a 'recipe for a restaurant', and began by investigating the facade. The initial concept model looks at ways in which the facade could be re-appropriated, how gaps can create vistas into the restaurant and the processes within it in a theatrical way and how creating movement within it can play with the potential and function of a facade. Different parts can unfold and rotate according to mealtime rituals, creating a constant re-appropriation of spaces; for example, on street level part of the facade folds down to create a bar at which people can have their morning coffee and pastry and the entire facade folds down to create an 'Italian' piazza within.

The site is nestled amongst the tourist centre of the city, but behind the main routes of thoroughfare - thus offering a more tranquil atmosphere. Around the site are small restaurants and convenience stores on ground level with residential above, as well as an events venue to the east of the site. Adjacent to the south corner of the site is a park. On the site, there is a retained facade. Its aesthetic is similar to that of its surroundings, but it has been refurbished and is of no historical significance. The neighbouring buildings have much more patina than the retained facade, an indication that it is not a historical facade.

Therefore, the facade will be demolished for the project. However, its form will be resonated within the building in more subtle ways. It is a means of avoiding a facadism approach when utilising the facade, but taking its Classical proportions and elements to integrate its memory into the project.

The buildings facing onto the site vary between 20m - 25m tall, with the residential building on the corner of the site standing at 30m. The buildings in its immediate vicinity seldom exceed 25m; an important point to consider when designing the building.

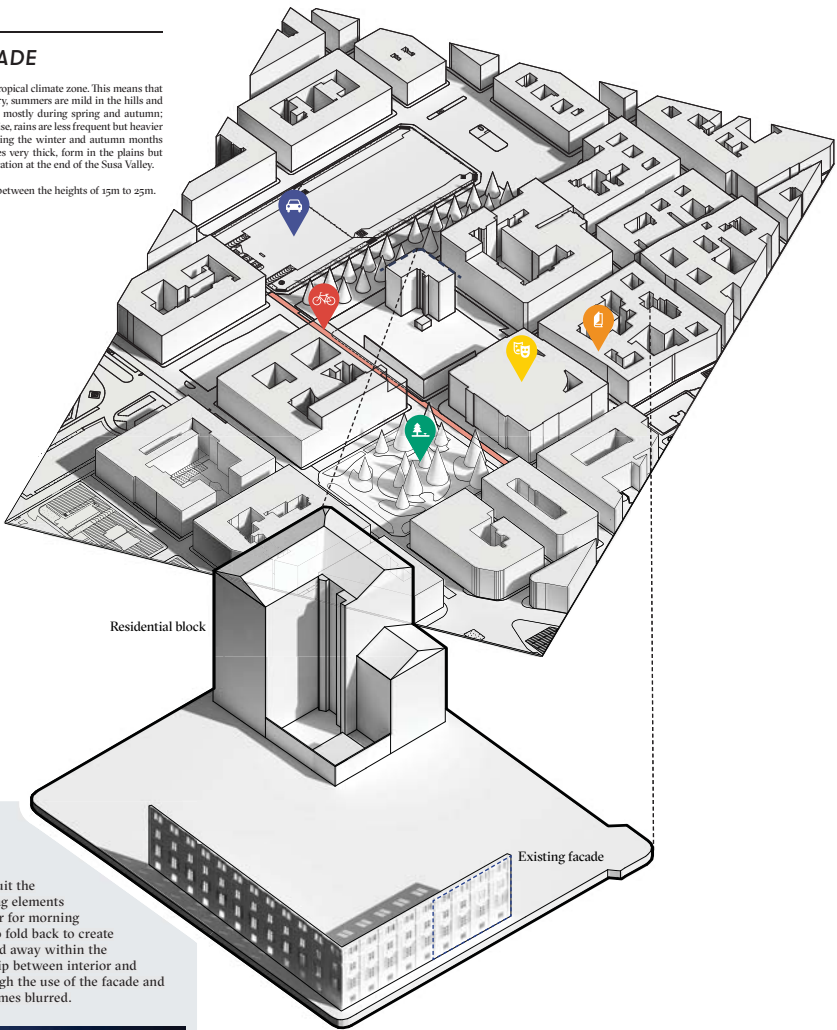




EXISTING FACADE

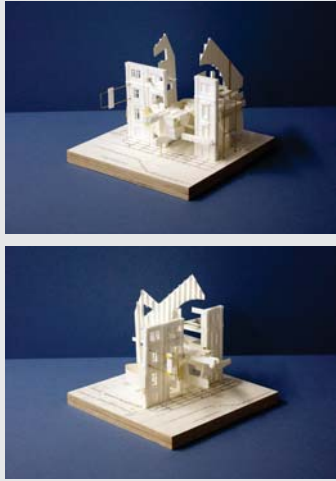
Turin is located in the humid subtropical climate zone. This means that winters are moderately cold but dry, summers are mild in the hills and quite hot in the plains. Rain falls mostly during spring and autumn; during the hottest months, otherwise, rains are less frequent but heavier (thunderstorms are frequent). During the winter and autumn months banks of fog, which are sometimes very thick, form in the plains but rarely on the city because of its location at the end of the Susa Valley.

The buildings facing the site vary between the heights of 15m to 25m.

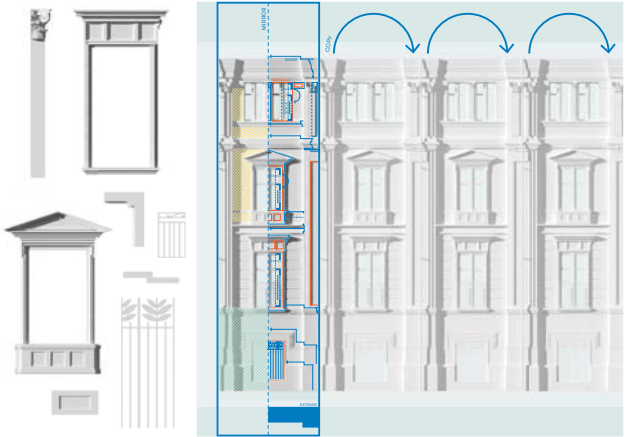


CONCEPT MODEL

Concept model investigating the idea of adapting the facade to suit the meal time rituals. Folding elements in the facade create a bar for morning coffees. Façades can also fold back to create plaza dining areas tucked away within the building. The relationship between interior and exterior is blurred through the use of the facade and the edge condition becomes blurred.



FACADE ANALYSIS



FARM TO FOOD

As part of Chiara Appendino's manifesto for Turin, there is a heavy emphasis on the origins of food and the importance of the agriculture industry. As the food industry becomes more and more globalised, the disparity between food and consumer widens. The wider scheme of the project will involve the farm, which will supply to produce for the restaurant. Whilst the project itself will focus on the design of the restaurant in the centre of Turin. The duality between farm and food is important to the ethos of the project.

The delivery of the produce will be an important part of the scheme, its route from farm to restaurant will become a procession that is celebrated.

The restaurant will be located in the centre of the city and house the main cooking and dining facilities. The farm will, naturally, house the farming facilities as well as educational spaces and potential accommodation for people to learn about the origins of their food.



City of Turin and the locations of the restaurant and farm and the processional route between the two locations



SEASONAL VEGETABLES IN TURIN

The farm will grow seasonal vegetables that are local to the Piedmont region and in its natural climate. The following diagram indicates the harvesting months for specific vegetables in Piedmont. The food served in the restaurant will follow this seasonal cycle.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
ARTICHOKE	○	○	○	○	○	○	○				○	○
ASPARAGUS					○	○	○	○	○	○		
AUBERGINE							○	○	○	○	○	
BEETROOT					○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
CHICORY	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
COURGETTE				○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
GARLIC					○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
ONION						○	○	○	○	○	○	
POTATO						○	○	○	○	○	○	
BUTTERNUT SQUASH							○	○	○	○	○	
SHALLOT	○	○	○	○	○					○	○	○
TOMATO					○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
MUSHROOMS									○	○	○	

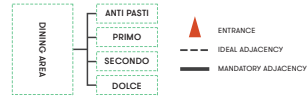
SPATIAL ORGANISATION

In the arrangement of conventional restaurants, there is a separation between the back of house and front of house functions. As a design decision, these elements will be integrated to better celebrate the choreography of cooking and the food process. This arrangement allows for the process to be seen. Yet, it is still important to create spaces that are still functional in terms of its placement and organisation.

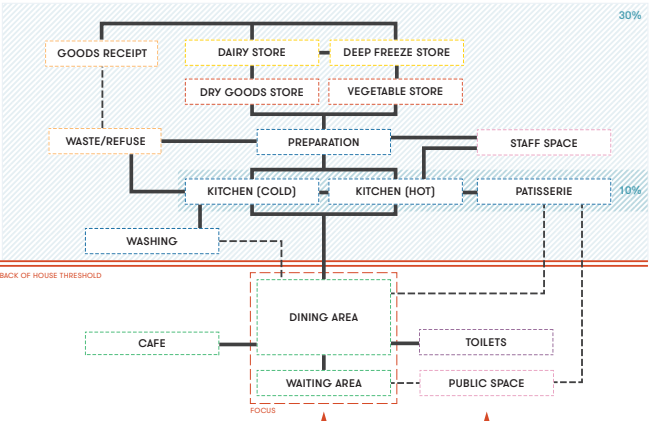
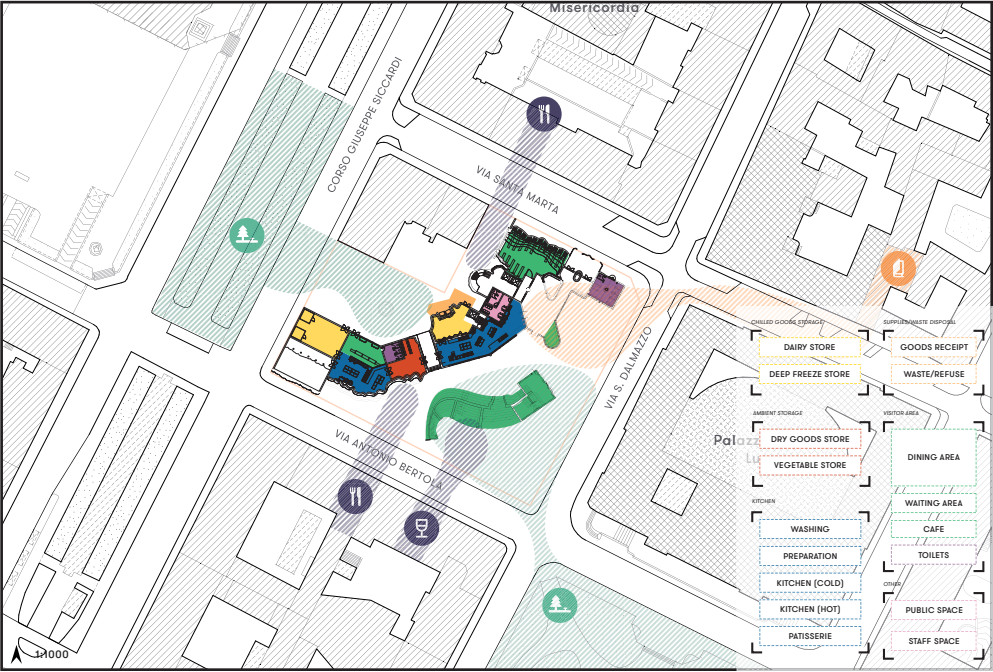
Part of the program is to provide public space: the site itself is surrounded by a number of amenities, which would also benefit from the provision of open public space. It is also a means of playing with the edge condition of the site parameters: disrupting the modularity of the buildings in the city. A sense of the previous building is reflected in the surface texture. Due to the site threshold being punctured with public space, the access into the building is from multiple entrances. Some of the access is shared with the delivery access, disguised as a plaza.

restaurant user/needs	small (up to 100)	medium (up to 250)	large (> 500)
goods receipts	0.06-0.08	0.05-0.07	0.04-0.06
wastefreeze	0.05-0.07	0.05-0.07	0.04-0.06
office - store manager	0.04-0.06	0.04-0.06	0.03-0.05
supplies/waste disposal	0.02-0.03	0.02-0.03	0.02-0.03
pre-cooling room	0.03-0.04	0.03-0.04	0.02-0.03
cold meat store	0.05-0.06	0.05-0.06	0.03-0.05
dairy produce store	0.03-0.04	0.03-0.04	0.03-0.05
cold vegetable/fruit store	0.04-0.05	0.04-0.05	0.03-0.05
deep-freeze room	0.03-0.04	0.03-0.04	0.03-0.05
other cold stores (pastry/cold meats)	0.03-0.04	0.03-0.04	0.02-0.03
chilled goods storage	0.04-0.11	0.21-0.26	0.16-0.21
dry goods/cold store	0.11-0.15	0.12-0.14	0.10-0.12
vegetable store	0.08-0.10	0.06-0.08	0.04-0.06
daily supplies	0.04-0.06	0.03-0.04	0.02-0.03
ambient storage	0.21-0.31	0.21-0.26	0.16-0.21
vegetable preparation	0.08-0.10	0.05-0.06	0.04-0.06
meat preparation	0.08-0.09	0.04-0.07	0.03-0.05
hot meals	0.25-0.33	0.19-0.24	0.15-0.21
cold meals	0.13-0.15	0.09-0.12	0.07-0.11
pastry area	0.05-0.08	0.07-0.10	0.06-0.09
customer waiting	0.03-0.05	0.04-0.06	0.03-0.05
office - kitchen manager	0.03-0.05	0.02-0.03	0.02-0.03
kitchen area	0.60-0.60	0.50-0.70	0.40-0.60
dishwasher	0.10-0.12	0.09-0.11	0.08-0.10
server/waiters' equipment	0.06-0.08	0.06-0.10	0.10-0.13
staff washing facilities and WC	0.40-0.70	0.30-0.40	0.28-0.30
= in total	1.40-2.10	1.50-2.60	1.30-1.80

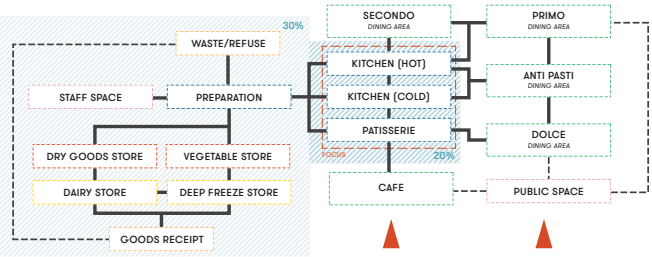
Restaurant spatial requirements according to Neufert's Guide



GROUND FLOOR ORGANISATION



Organogram for a conventional restaurant layout



Organogram showing divided dining area

A DAY IN THE LIFE

The day often revolves around meal times, therefore different parts of the building are activated at different times of the day. The Italian meal times tend to be later, with either lunch or dinner being the main focus. Often it is a sit down meal with multiple courses.



FAMILY MEAL

1700-1800

Family meal at a restaurant is when the staff eat together before the dinner service. This is an important part of the restaurant work, as it allows bonding time as well as a chance to test new dishes.



LUNCH AND DINNER

1300-1500 / 2000 - 2200

Either lunch or dinner is the main meal of the day, similar to the rest of Europe. However lunch time in Italy is generally more elaborate, where people will often enjoy a primo and a secondo - if not the full four courses. Since the courses are separated in the building, visitors can choose to enjoy the full experience or only visit one of the spaces.



EVENING

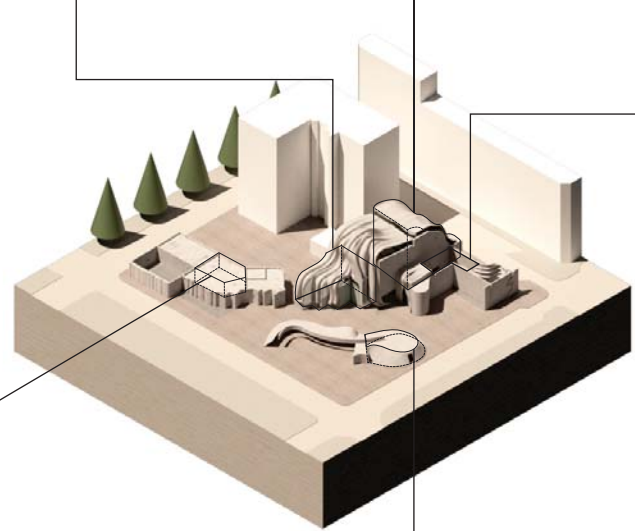
2200 - LATE

The courtyard space and public area will host evening activities, particularly during the warm summer evenings. The bar area will be activated this time of the day.

MORNING

0700-1000

The bakery will open early in the morning to those doing the breakfast run for fresh bread and baked goods



LUNCH

1300-1500

The public area will be particularly busy during lunchtimes where those opting for a lighter lunch can eat paninis on the amphitheatre steps



MORNING

0700 - 1000

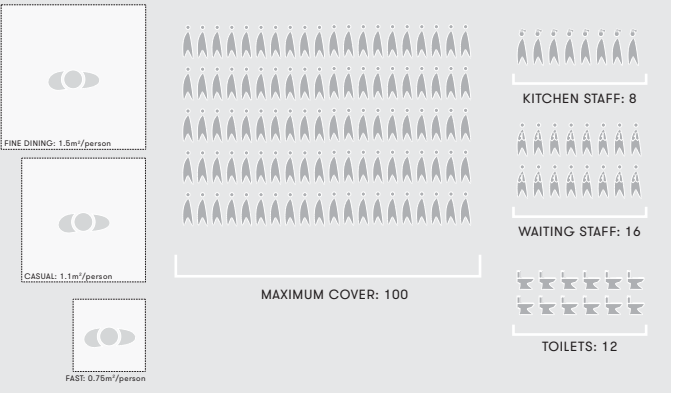
The popular choice of breakfast in Turin is a coffee and pastry, often consumed at a coffee bar



SPATIAL REQUIREMENTS

There are ball park figures and minimums regarding the spatial requirements for a restaurant; however, most of the decisions are based off the type of establishment it is and the experiential intentions. The total area of the restaurant building in the project is around 2000m² - which allows for 2m² per person. This is ample and partially due to the amounts of circulation space in between the dining rooms.

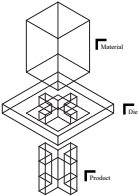
For a cover of 100 a minimum of 5 toilets is required; however, there are 12 for the building. This is due to the public space, and providing facilities for that.





EXTRUSION PROCESS

Extrusion is a process in which a material is pushed through a die to create an object. The principle of this process is used in the production of a range of things, such as: pasta, clay bricks and aluminium sections. The process of clay extrusion produces unique forms that are dependent on a number of variables, namely: the extruded medium, the die, and the manipulation of the form as it is extruded. The beauty in the process is in the supposed flaws that are produced as part of the process, cracks, snagging and deformations that are unpredictable to an extent. The initial investigation into this process was driven by an interest in how it could be manipulated and its consequential idiosyncrasies: characteristics that would be deemed defects in the industrial uses of the process.



Principle of the extrusion process



Industrial pasta extrusion



Industrial clay extrusion



Industrial aluminium extrusion



EXTRUDER DEVELOPMENT

In response to the play-doh extruder tests, I wanted to create larger extrusions and have more control over the outcome. Using a caulking gun and adapting it slightly created the force required for extrusion. Initially, lasercut acrylic pieces were used; however, they often cracked under the pressure. I created SLS printed caps and stencils, which also allowed for hollow shapes to be extruded; which created different forms.

Using a more portable form allowed for different types of manipulation as the clay was extruded. I was interested in the way a

jig or movement could play with the final form. For example, pushing the clay against a flat surface and extruding in stop/start movements.

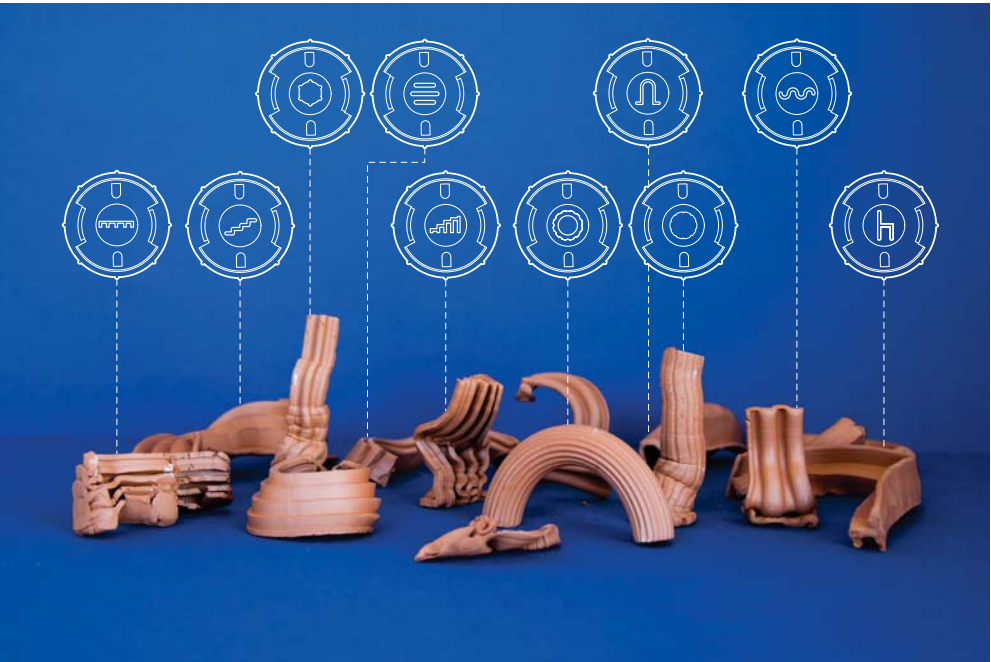
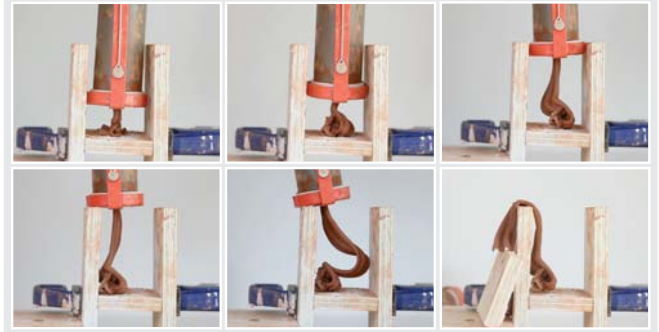
There were idiosyncrasies that emerged between the forms - a result of the uniqueness of each extrusion, even with the same die. There is an curious relationship between the process, which used on an industrial scale as a means of mass production of identical objects, and the domestic scale which is evident here. The creases and cracks are celebrations of this process. The forms are scale-less, and can represent any sized element from cutlery to facade or building.



EXTRUSION MANIPULATION

In conventional extrusion methods, the forms are carefully sliced and extruded in a uniform manner. I wanted to explore the way in which the extrusions can be manipulated as they are extruded. The following

is a documentation of putting vertical pressure against the form as it is extruded and the consequent shapes encompass a so-called flaw but allows for a magnification of the idiosyncrasies.



Prototyping work space

INDEX OF EXTRUSIONS

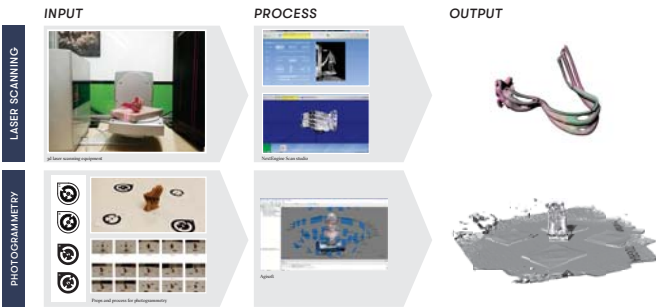


DIGITISATION OF FORMS

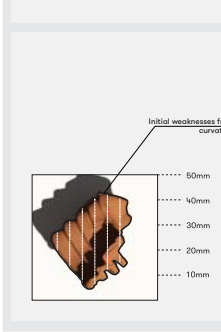
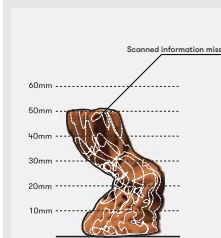
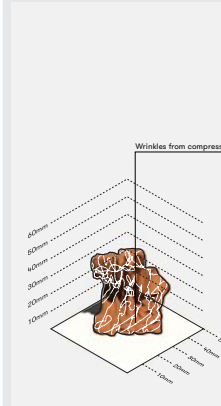
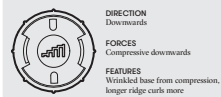
To further experiment with the forms, a digital version was required. Since the extrusions produced unique forms, it was not something that could be replicated in 3d modelling software. Two different methods of 3d scanning were explored.

Photogrammetry uses a series of images taken of the object from a range of angles. The photographic data is then run through a software (Agisoft in this instance) and stitched into a 3d model. The software uses visual cues to map the images. Using targets (as shown on the left) improves its function to stitch the images together. In controlled environments - where the images are taken at the same point - photogrammetry can produce precise 3d versions of the physical object. However, without such equipment, the forms were too small to capture the tactile details of the forms.

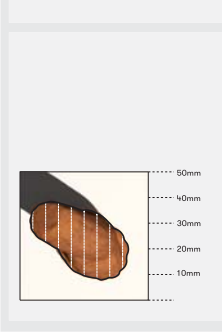
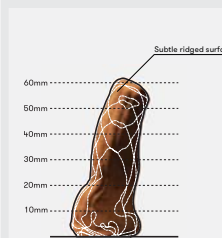
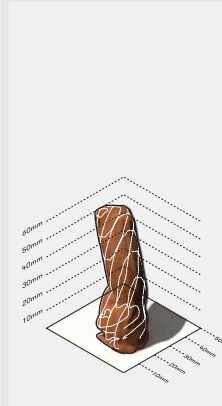
With laser scanning, lines of laser beams are passed over an object, which deflects the beam back - this information is read by the receptor and translated into 3d digital data. This method was able to produce more accurate results - though due to the complexity of the forms, parts of information was sometimes missing. Overall, the laser scanning outcome was more appropriate for this function.



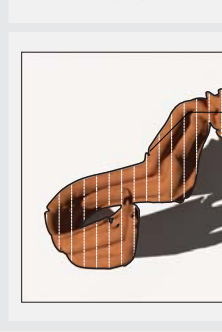
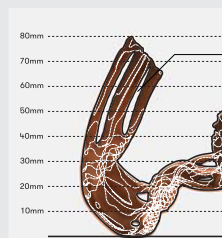
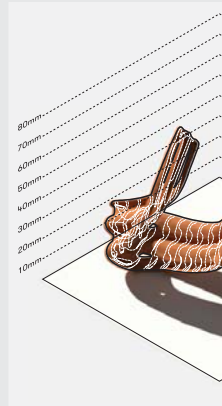
EXTRUSION ANALYSIS 1



EXTRUSION ANALYSIS 2



EXTRUSION ANALYSIS 3





EXPLORATION OF SCALE

There are physical limitations of the process, due to the machinery and the material. The most common industrial use is on the scale of bricks and aluminium sections, though it is possible to extrude benches. The forms serve different functions at different scales. The kinks within the forms and the points of weaknesses on the micro scale become alcoves for dining at the macro scale. The (attempted) replication of these forms and textures on a larger scale opens up opportunities for exploration. How do these forms translate between mediums and size?

1:1  
HOMEWARE

The forms can function at 1:1 scale as extruded objects: such as door handles. The human scale of these objects allude to an emphasis on the haptic senses and thus, the tactile qualities of the extrusions at this scale are important. Investigation into the finishes that can be achieved with clay, glazed elements to encourage objects with interaction.



MATERIALITY  
Clay

Using the same material the forms were created in. The extrusions can be used in a literal sense to create the tactile, human scale aspects of the project, such as door handles and tiles. The glaze and finish of the clay can also be used to indicate its use; for example, a glossy glaze for parts of the clay to encourage tactile interactions.



Partially glazed bowls



Assemble Studio: A/D/O Clay Factory Facade

**Terrazzo**  
The reductive process of carving offers a juxtaposition to extrusion. I want to utilise the details and textures of the extrusions in a more abstract way, such as for the tableware or tiles. Using 3d scanning to digitise the textures, and then CNC to render the surface pre-cast terrazzo elements. Terrazzo references an important Italian craft, this process is a means of adapting it and utilising new technologies.




Terrazzo bowl

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FURNITURE

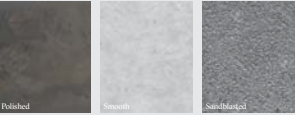
As furniture, the pieces require some level of robustness. The chosen materials must encourage its use so the texture must be suitable.



**MATERIALITY**  
**Concrete Canvas**  
Fabric is impregnated with cement, then drenched with water and placed within a formwork and dried. Since the scale of this architecture is also on a tactile scale, the finishes of the concrete can be adapted to encourage different kinds of use. The extruded forms have textile-like qualities that may be translated well into a concrete canvas, where the bending forms are secured and held together.



Concrete Canvas Stool



Material Finishes

Extruded Metal

In contrast, furniture can be extruded straight from metal and polished to achieve a glossy finish.





Heatherwick: Extrusions

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FIRST FIX

Some of the extrusions can become interior elements, since these will not be structural, the way in which they are fabricated have fewer constraints.

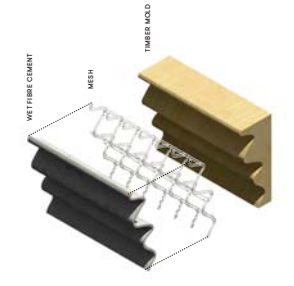


**MATERIALITY**  
**Fibre Cement**  
Dining booths and internal walls that are not carrying loads can be manufactured using fibre cement, where the form can be made thinly due to the glass fibre reinforcement.






Astrid Bornheim: Wash Basin




Fibre Cement Process

1:100  
SECONDARY EXTERIOR

A straight extrusion of a section of the extruded forms. This is another means of exploring the clay forms, whilst they are produced with a die, the process manipulates the clay as it is extruded and thus, the sections through the forms are not identical to the die itself.





**MATERIALITY**  
**Concrete Panels**  
Some repetitive elements that originate from the extruded forms, they can be cast on site using different materials for the mold. In the Hanli Visitors Centre, BGHO Architects worked with CAST to develop a fabric formwork for the undulating facade. The form work consists of pipes with heavy duty fabric places on top. The facade retains the idiosyncrasies of using such a process. The concrete panels are then connected to the structural concrete wall using steel brackets and fixtures. The nature of the process creates folds and textures that are imprinted on the concrete, much like the idiosyncratic nature of extrusion.







Process photos of facade

1:200  
FACADE

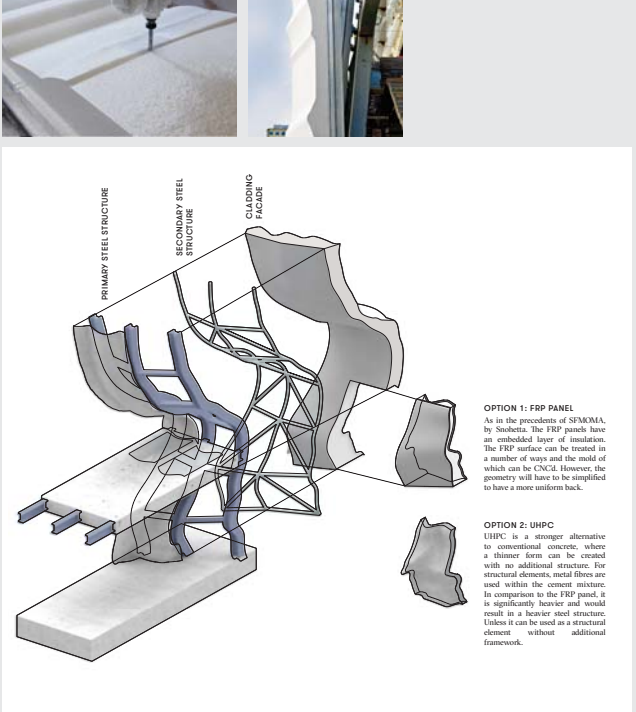
At a larger scale, the shapes can form the facade. However, there are constraints of it acting as a structural element. There must be a medium at which they still retain a formal integrity but also serve a functional purpose. It is likely that the facade must be broken into a series of panels.







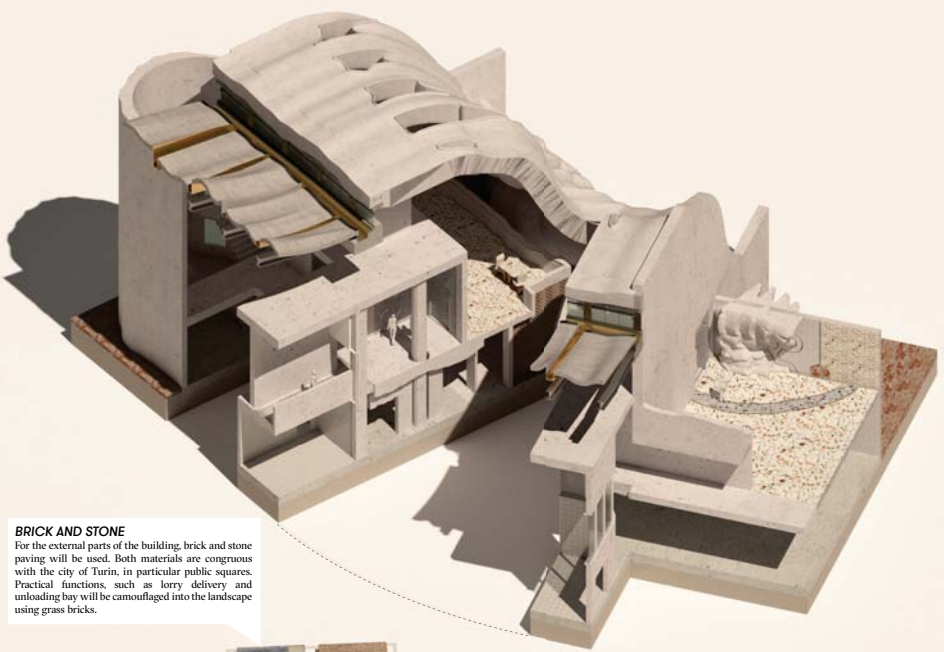
**MATERIALITY**  
**UHPG/FRP Panels**  
For the SFMOMA extension, SOM developed a technique using CNC to create the bespoke forms, that are then used as molds for the fibre-reinforced plastic, the forms also double up as the transportation means. Each cladding piece is insulated and backed. The cladding is then attached to a steel structure.



**OPTION 1: FRP PANEL**  
As in the precedents of SFMOMA, by Soheeta. The FRP panels have an embedded layer of insulation. The FRP surface can be treated in a number of ways and the mold of which can be CNC'd. However, the geometry will have to be simplified to have a more uniform back.

**OPTION 2: UHPG**  
UHPG is a stronger alternative to conventional concrete, where a thinner form can be created with no additional structure. For structural elements, metal fibres are used within the cement mixture. In comparison to the FRP panel, it is significantly heavier and would result in a heavier steel structure. Unless it can be used as a structural element without additional framework.

MATERIALITY



**BRICK AND STONE**  
For the external parts of the building, brick and stone paving will be used. Both materials are congruous with the city of Turin, in particular public squares. Practical functions, such as lorry delivery and unloading bay will be camouflaged into the landscape using grass bricks.

**CONCRETE**  
Concrete is the main material in the building. Using steel reinforced UHPC for the main facade, and fibre cement for the internal cladding; these lighter types of concrete are a more environmentally conscious alternative and able to create more fluid geometry without weight.

**TIMBER**  
Timber will mainly be used in the furniture for the restaurant. Herringbone parquetetry will be used for some of the surfaces, the herringbone pattern will continue be resonated in the brick layout and tiling.

**CLAY**  
Clay tiles will be used internally, and for some of the crockery.

**METAL**  
Brass inlays will be used for the surfaces. The crockery will be made using metal, as well as the steel structure.

**TILES**  
Tiles will be used in the kitchen and toilets for ease of cleaning. The shapes and arrangement of tiles will vary from toilet to toilet. The kitchen will also feature other surfaces specific to commercial kitchens.

**TERRAZZO**  
Terrazzo will feature throughout the building; combining the old Italian tradition with new technologies, terrazzo will be Cnc'd to create organic forms whilst exposing the aggregate. Terrazzo will also be made using chips made from the old facade.

**BRICK/STONE**

**CONCRETE**

**TIMBER**

**CLAY**

**METAL**

**TILES**

**TERRAZZO**

FIRE AND ACCESS

Commercial kitchens are high risk spaces for fire safety, this is due to the nature of the activities inside and the equipment that is often used. Therefore, fire safety precautions must be followed rigorously to create a safe environment for both staff and guests.

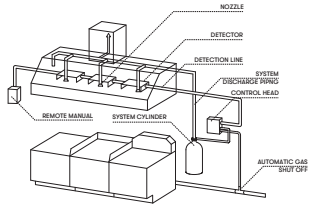
The most common cause of serious fires in commercial kitchens is over-heating of deep fryer oil. Therefore it is recommended that all extinguishers and blankets are suitable for hot oil fires and that they are serviced regularly by a licensed engineer.

The placement of fire extinguishers should follow these rules:

- Preferably placed near the exit route in a high-traffic area
- Easy to access
- 1000mm high from the floor
- Kept within 2 and 20m from risk of cooking oils and fats blazes - ideally within 10m
- Kept within 40m from appliances at risk of electrical fires

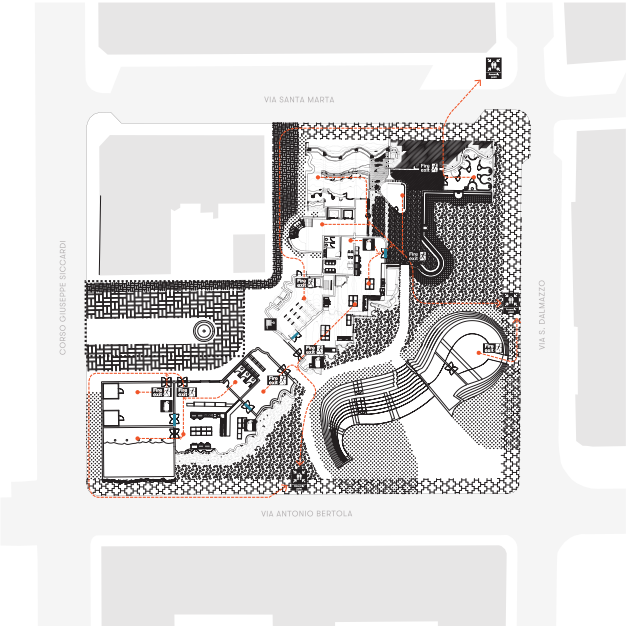
Exits must be clearly signposted and free from obstruction in case of emergency. One exit is required if a space is small enough so that any one point is a maximum 20m from an exit, otherwise two or more are required which comply with building regulations. The escape route must have 2000mm of space vertically and 1000mm horizontally, aside from doorways. Ensure vehicles cannot block exits, simply by placing suitable barriers. Emergency exits must lead to designated safety areas. Consider people with disabilities, ensuring safe and suitable access where reasonable.

**SPECIALIST EQUIPMENT**



Due to the size of the kitchen, it is advisable to have specialist fire equipment installed. The above is an automatic fire detector and sprinkler system. It can be installed under extractor hoods, which are the main fire concerns. When a fire is detected the gas is automatically shut off and the sprinklers are activated.


GROUND FLOOR




FIRST FLOOR




KEY




Fire Assembly Point




Fire signs to illuminate emergency exits




Fire extinguisher location




Fire extinguisher location




Fire Doors



Fire Engine Parking



Disabled Refuge Point

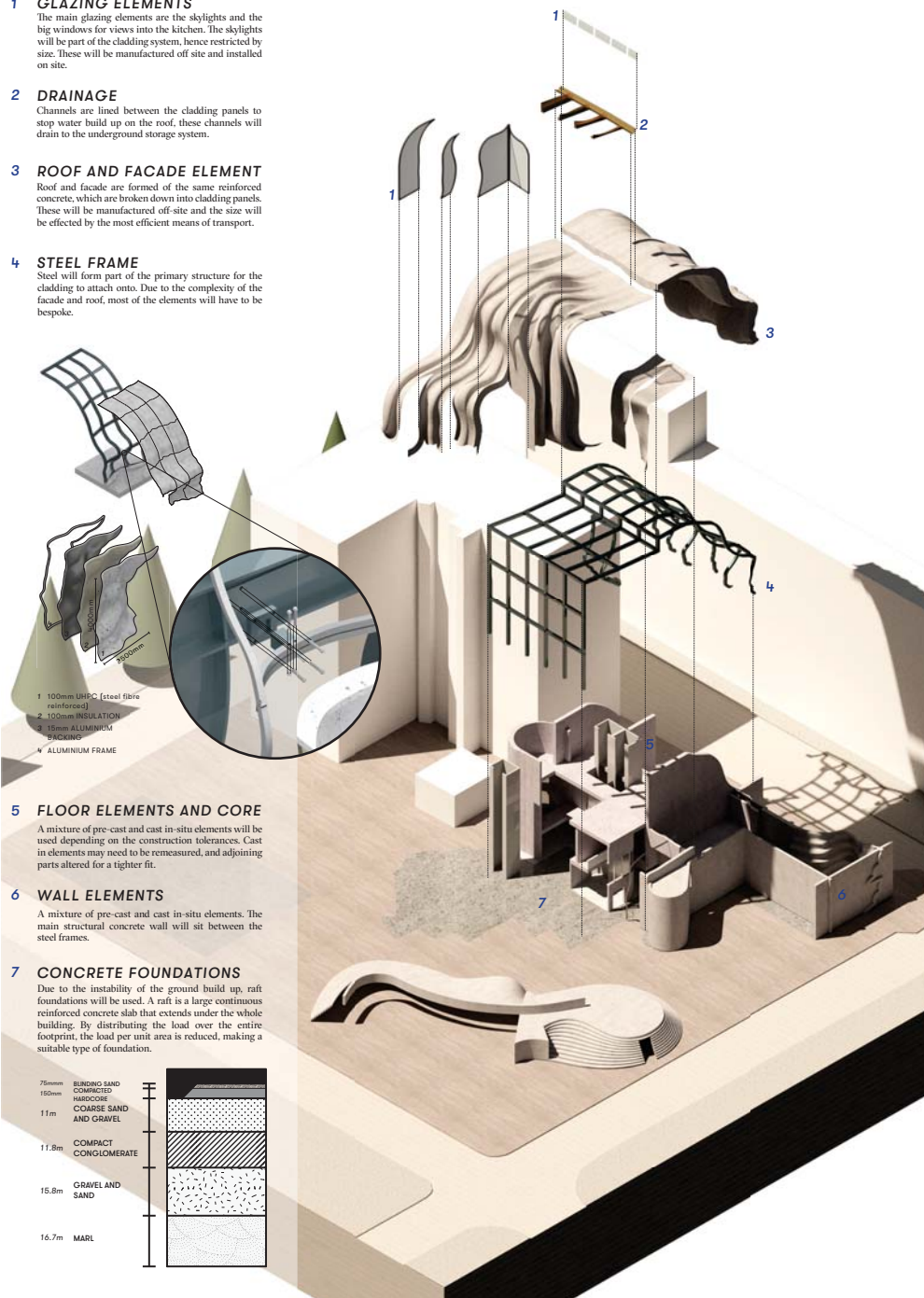


Emergency Escape Routes

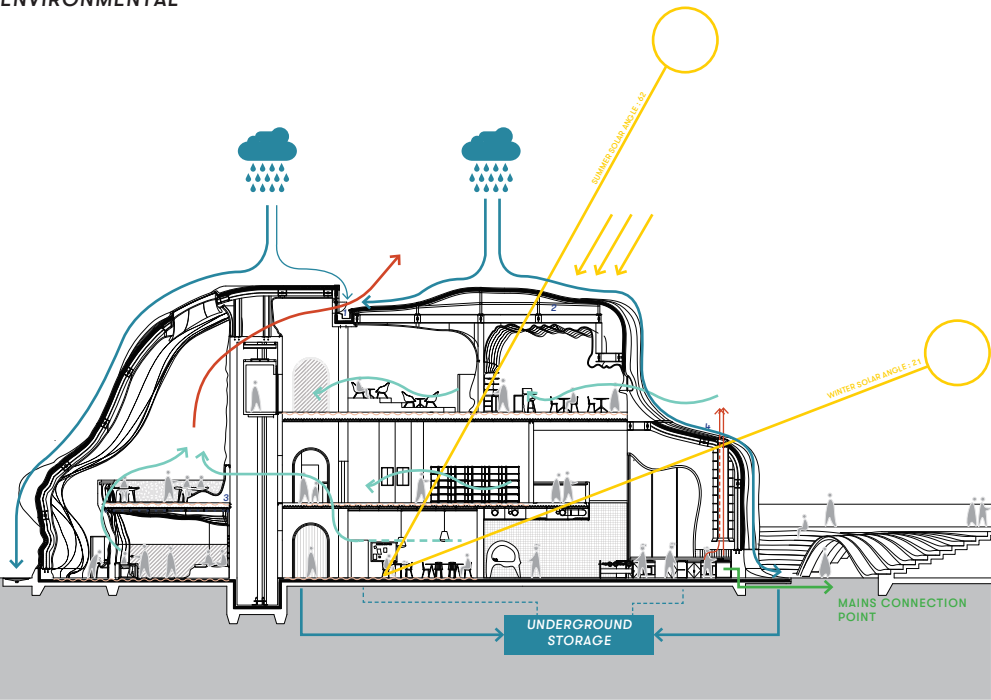


STRUCTURAL STRATEGY

- 1 GLAZING ELEMENTS**  
The main glazing elements are the skylights and the big windows for views into the kitchen. The skylights will be part of the cladding system, hence restricted by size. These will be manufactured off site and installed on site.
- 2 DRAINAGE**  
Channels are lined between the cladding panels to stop water build up on the roof, these channels will drain to the underground storage system.
- 3 ROOF AND FACADE ELEMENT**  
Roof and facade are formed of the same reinforced concrete, which are broken down into cladding panels. These will be manufactured off-site and the size will be effected by the most efficient means of transport.
- 4 STEEL FRAME**  
Steel will form part of the primary structure for the cladding to attach onto. Due to the complexity of the facade and roof, most of the elements will have to be bespoke.



ENVIRONMENTAL



1 VENTILATION AND EXTRACTION

The kitchen within the restaurant is an important space within the environmental strategy of the building. Because of the activities that happen inside, a lot of heat and fumes are produced, which need to be extracted. Extractor canopies are installed over the hobs which draw the hot air and majority of smells outside of the building. Since the kitchen is in an atrium-like space, mechanically-operated openings are located on the roof to allow hot air to escape when necessary. Additional vents will also be located within the kitchen space for extraction.

Where possible, natural ventilation is encouraged through stack effect: openings at entry level draw cool air into the building, and openings on the roof allow heat to escape.

Within the dining areas, there will be large gatherings of people at eating hours, this creates a lot of heat. Mechanically assisted ventilation will be used to control temperature in dining areas where there are fewer windows. Cool air will be pumped through the floor and hot air removed through a ventilation unit.

2 SOLAR GAIN

The kitchen is on the south facing facade, which means it has maximum solar glare, especially during summer. Precautions must be taken to ensure the kitchen does not overheat; through methods such as installation of sun shades or brise soleil. Compared to conventional concrete, UHPC has less thermal mass. However, it still helps in creating a comfortable internal environment. During the day, the UHPC panels and concrete elements warm up in the sun; this heat is then slowly released in the evening/night as the building cools down. This then helps keep the building cool during the day.

3 ACOUSTIC

As part of the dining experience, some of the dining areas will be exposed to the sounds of the kitchen. In others, where a more tranquil environment is required, sound dampeners will be installed within the wall and the choice of interior materials will be more sound absorbent.

4 RAINWATER AND DRAINAGE

Rainwater will be harvested and recycled as part of its environmental strategy. The roof is designed to channel rainwater and it is then stored in a tank underground and will be used for the toilet facilities. Fresh water will be supplied from the mains to the cafe and kitchen.

5 HEATING

During the winter and occasional evenings, the building will require active heating, this should be achieved with minimal energy expenditure. Therefore, providing there is sufficient water in the ground, the building will rely on a ground source heating system which uses the thermal mass of the ground to cool and heat water.

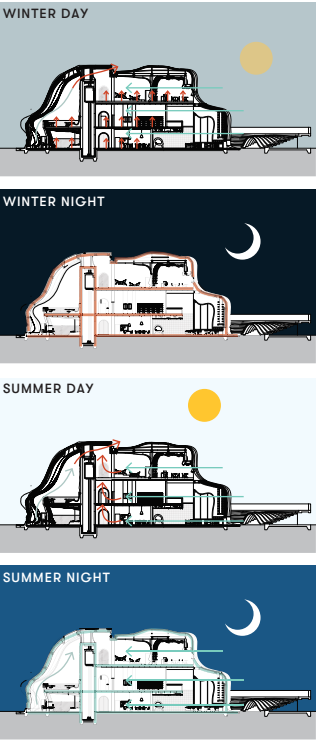
SEASONAL STRATEGIES

**WINTER DAY**  
Windows open to allow for fresh air circulation, underfloor heating system is turned on if the temperature is too cold

**WINTER NIGHT**  
Openings are closed to trap warm air. The thermal mass of the concrete releases heat slowly. If necessary, the underfloor heating is used.

**SUMMER DAY**  
All vents and windows are open to allow cool air in, and create a stack ventilation where the opening at the top allow heat out. The overhang on the large windows in the kitchen protect the space from direct sunlight during the peak of the day.

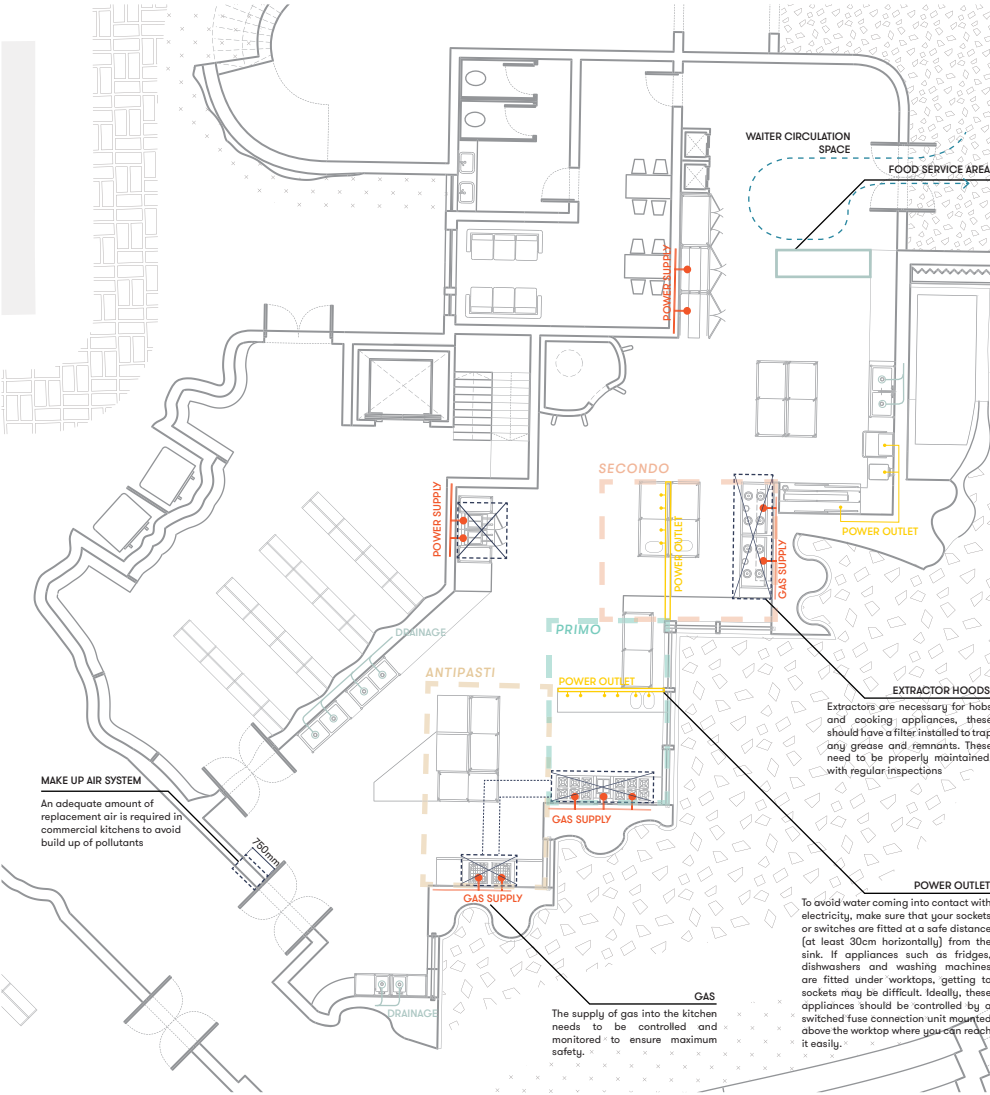
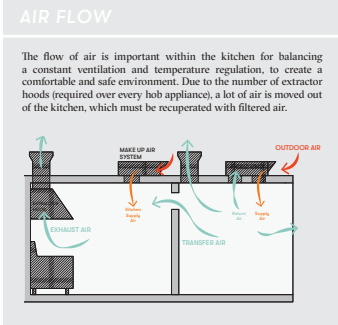
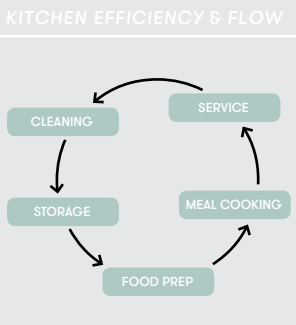
**SUMMER NIGHT**  
Vents are left open overnight to allow cool air to flow through and cool the building down. The cold is retained for the next day.



SERVICES

The servicing of a commercial kitchen is very specific to the activities. The layout of the kitchen must be considered with the movement of staff and food in mind; especially the production line of the meals. This dictates the electrical wiring layout. The space must also be flexible enough to accommodate the installation of any new appliances in the future.

The servicing of the dining rooms however, are dictated by the choreography of dining. The movement of diners and waiters and the layout of the furniture is important for the dining experience.



## **DRAWING PACK**

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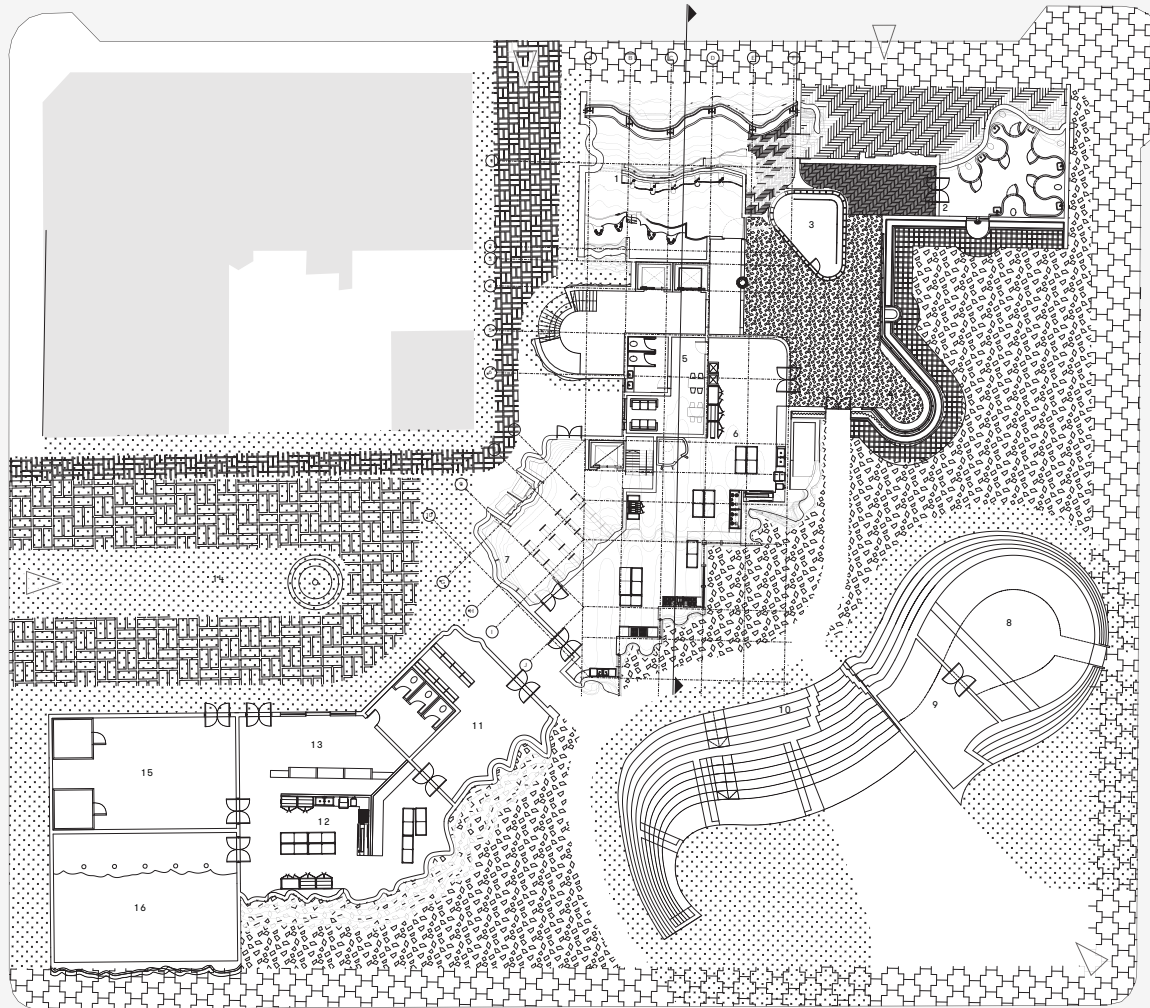
Long Section Composite Drawing

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1:200 A1	A VEGETARIAN RESTAURANT
	PLAN A : Ground Floor
	Torino, Italy
1	ANTI PASTI DINING AREA
2	TOILETS
3	CLOAKROOM
4	SEATING AREA
5	STAFF AREA
6	MAIN KITCHEN AND PREPARATION
7	STORE ROOM
8	CAFE
9	CAFE STORE ROOM
10	AMPHITHEATRE WAITING AREA
11	STORE ROOM
12	PATISSERIE KITCHEN
13	PATISSERIE FRONT
14	DELIVERY / PIAZZA
15	STORE ROOM (FROZEN)
16	HERB GARDEN





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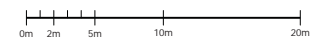
**A VEGETARIAN RESTAURANT**

PLAN B : 1st Floor

Torino, Italy

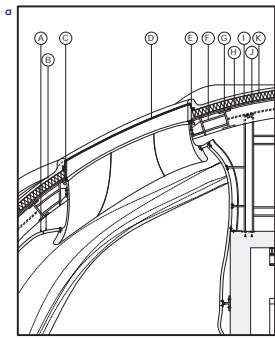
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- 1 PRIMO DINING ROOM
- 2 COURTYARD
- 3 TOILETS
- 4 MEZZANINE VIEW INTO KITCHEN
- 5 SERVICE SPACE/STORAGE
- 6 SECONDO DINING ROOM



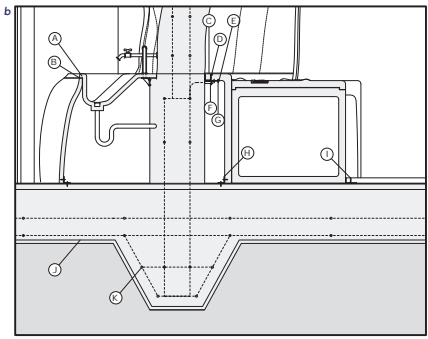
A VEGETARIAN RESTAURANT  
Long Section Composite Drawing

This section drawing cuts through the scheme at various scales. The project is an investigation into the scales at which the project exists; the human micro scale that food is consumed at, and its relationship to the facade that shapes the atmosphere. Every element of the project contributes and alters the dining experience, hence it is important to acknowledge the details at each moment; from the joint between the lumiere to the facade panel, to the seam of the pasta pocket.



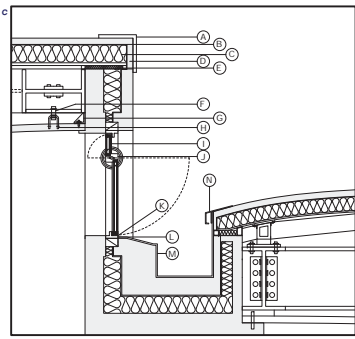
- A HANGING POLE
- B UHPC OUTER LAYER 50mm
- C EMBEDDED STRIP LIGHT
- D INSULATED TEMPERED GLASS
- E STEEL STUD ø10mm
- F SECONDARY STEEL STRUCTURE
- G PRIMARY STEEL FRAME
- H ALUMINIUM BACKING 15mm
- I INSULATION 100mm
- J ALUMINIUM FRAME
- K BREATHABLE MEMBRANE

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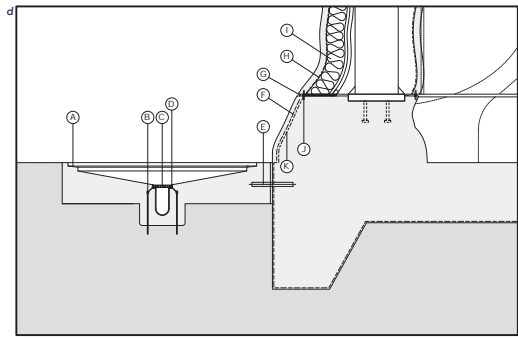
- A FIBRE CEMENT CAST SINK 100mm
- B SILICONE SEALANT
- C CONCRETE FILLER
- D BRASS STRIP
- E STEEL L BRACKET CAST INTO FIBRE CEMENT
- F SECONDARY STEEL STRUCTURE
- G STEEL STUD ø6mm
- H STEEL L PLATE
- I METAL STRIP SET IN EPOXY
- J DAMP PROOF MEMBRANE
- K STEEL REBAR ø30mm

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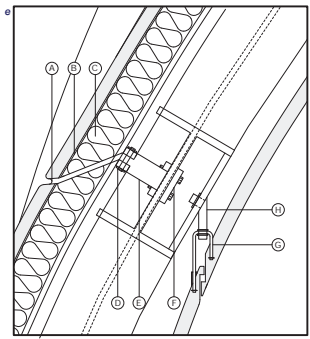
- A ALUMINIUM FLASHING
- B BREATHABLE MEMBRANE
- C SILICONE SEALANT
- D INSULATION 100mm
- E UHPC WRAPS ABOUT PANEL END
- F INSULATION SPRAY
- G HANGING POLE ø30mm
- H STEEL ANGLE BRACKET
- I HANGING POLE CONNECTION CAST INTO FIBRE CEMENT
- J DOUBLE GLAZED GLASS
- K MECHANICAL PIVOT HINGE
- L ALUMINIUM WINDOW FRAME
- M SEALANT
- N COPPER CUTTER LINING
- O COPPER FLASHING

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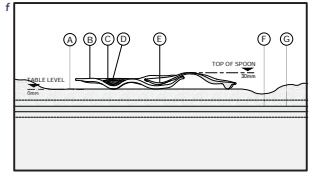
- A CAST CONCRETE DRAIN
- B POUR REINFORCEMENT
- C DRAIN GRATING
- D STRUCTURAL STEEL FRAME
- E DOWEL MOVEMENT JOINT
- F DAMP PROOF MEMBRANE
- G SILICONE SEALANT
- H BREATHABLE MEMBRANE
- I INSULATION 100mm
- J TAPED MOVEMENT JOINT
- K BREATHABLE MEMBRANE (OVERLAP)

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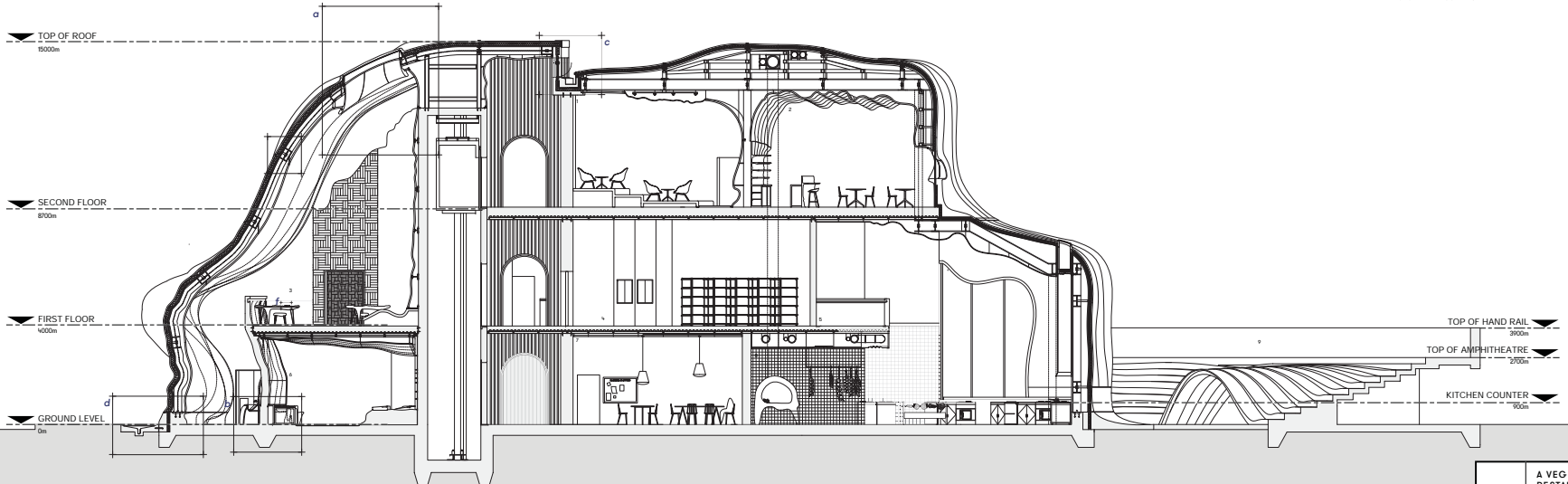
- A ANGLED JOINT SEALANT
- B BREATHABLE MEMBRANE
- C INSULATION 100mm
- D STRUCTURAL STEEL STUD
- E WELDED SQUARE SECTION
- F BOLTED STEEL PLATE
- G HANGING POLE ø 30mm

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- A CNC AND CAST TERRAZZO SURFACE ~30mm
- B GLASS PLATE
- C PASTA LAYER ~1mm
- D BUTTERNUT SQUASH FILLING 15g
- E CAST METAL SPOON (LOST WAS METHOD)
- F METAL INLAY WITH BRASS TRIM 10mm
- G CARVED WOOD BASE

1:5



A VEGETARIAN RESTAURANT	
1:200 #1	LONG SECTION
	Turin, Italy
1	DOLCE DINING ROOM
2	WINE BAR
3	PRIMO DINING ROOM
4	SERVICES/STAFF AREA
5	MEZZANINE OVER KITCHEN
6	ANTIPASTI DINING ROOM
7	STAFF AREA
8	KITCHEN
9	AMPHITHEATRE



# 2.0

## BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

### The Antipasti Dining Room

This section focuses on the construction of the building through all the scales of the project: from the facade, to the furniture, to the plate. The main challenges are the material and structural implications of scaling up the clay extrusions and what that means materially. A series of casting tests at a range of scales help identify the potential weaknesses in the process and their necessary resolutions, which is fed back into the design iteration.

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A RECIPE FOR A RESTAURANT

The construction of the project will involve a mixture of prefabricated and on site elements. This is due to the complexity of the geometry - where certain parts will have to be manufactured in a controlled warehouse environment. The primary structure will be erected after the raft foundations are poured. The structure will then be remeasured and the panels will be derived from the new measurements to allow for tolerances within the erection.

**Ristorante Vegetariana**

A vegetarian restaurant nestled in the heart of Turin

Cooking Time: 28 months

**Ingredients**

Concrete raft foundations  
Steel re-bar reinforcement  
Steel I-Beams  
Cast in-situ concrete walls  
Cast in-situ concrete floors  
Exterior UHPC panels  
Interior cladding panels  
Brass inlays

**Equipment**

Excavator  
Pile driver  
Crane  
Cement Mixer  
Harness  
Ladder

Skid steers  
Graders  
Forklift  
Bulldozer  
Generator  
Portable Toilets

**Health and Safety**

**RISKS ON SITE**

Delays and congestions caused by untimely deliveries

Chemical burns from materials

Accidents caused by cranes and becoming stuck by airborne moving element

Electrocution

Vehicle collisions

Falling off height

Structure collapse

Injury by lifting heavy goods

Untrained personnel on site (i.e. media, campaign events, political visitors)

**PRECAUTIONS**

Construction manager ensures all schedules are co-ordinated and logical

Relevant road closures are organised ahead of time for access to site

Appropriate protective gear to be worn at all times on site: full length trousers, sleeves, eye protection, gloves, workers boots

Appropriate training given to crane operators and workers in the proximity. Proper co-ordination of site so one element is lifted in one area at one time.

All machinery to be earthed to ground when in use and heavy electrical insulating gloves to be used when handling electrical appliances/ machinery

Implemented drop off and delivery points

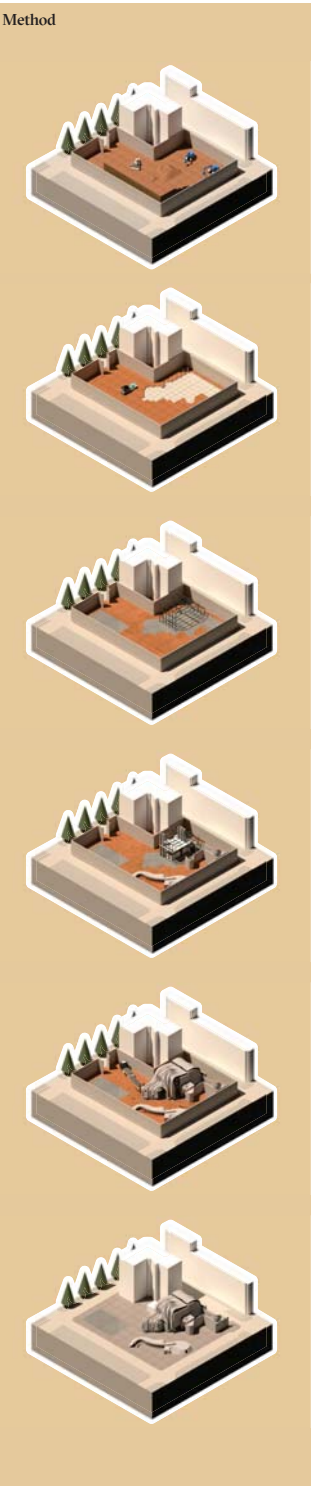
Safe working platforms constructed with guard rails - hand bats and harnesses to be worn for protection from falls.

Estimation of structural risks beforehand and ensure construction manager is aware of the potentials risks

Maximum weight lifting standards should be set up and machine lifting when required

Supervision of visitors is required at all times and correct protective gear worn (hard hats and boots). No access to some areas are designated clearly with boundaries. Safe walkways implemented.

Method



Temporary walls are erected around construction site with particular care regarding the residential block on the corner of the site.

Demolition of existing facade begins with part of the rubble retained for use in later construction phase (terrazzo tiles)

Excavation of site begins: soil is removed to the correct depth for raft foundations

Foundation bed is compacted by ramming

Re-bars and other reinforcement are laid over the foundation bed

Concrete is poured over reinforcement

Steel column bases are placed onto foundation

Main steel structure is delivered to site in logistically practical sizes and welded on site

Steel frame is remeasured to take into account any imprecision and the measurements are sent to cladding manufacturers

Internal structural walls and cores are erected: steel and concrete composites

Formwork for amphitheatre seating is erected and reinforcement embedded

Concrete is poured in-situ for the amphitheatre and formwork removed

Cladding pieces are delivered on site

Panels are attached to the steel frame and sealed to enclose building envelope

External walls are erected

Glazing is delivered on site and fitted

Second fixes and MEP is installed

Exterior surfacing is laid

THE INGREDIENTS

The antipasto is the first course of an Italian meal. It signifies the beginning of the meal; it is also the first dining experience that visitors enter. The dining area focuses on tactility: of the food and of the space in which you eat in. The dishes served on both the Summer and Winter menus are informal and can be consumed using your hands. It is a way of physically placing people in touch with the food; the textures and tactile qualities that are exclusive to your mouth in conventional Western dining. As a result, the space responds by emphasising the sense of touch, hence the other senses are subdued by the architecture.

Spinach and Pea Pesto Farinata

A savoury chickpea flat bread topped with spinach and pesto

Cooking Time: 45mins



Ingredients

For the Socca:  
1 cup/120g chickpea flour  
1 cup/240ml filtered water  
½ teaspoon sea salt, plus more to top  
2 teaspoons/30ml lemon juice  
¼ teaspoon baking soda  
2 Tablespoons/30ml extra virgin olive oil, divided use  
2-3 Tablespoons of Spinach Pea Pesto (recipe follows)  
1 oz/28g fresh baby spinach leaves  
Freshly ground black pepper  
9-inch cast iron skillet

For the Spinach Pea Pesto:  
1 ½ cup/43g cooked peas  
1 oz/28g baby spinach leaves  
½ oz/14g basil leaves  
1 small garlic clove  
½ teaspoon sea salt  
1 teaspoon/5ml lemon juice  
2 Tablespoons/30ml extra virgin olive oil

Method

1. Place the chickpea flour, and salt in a large bowl and slowly whisk in the water and the lemon juice. Allow batter to sit covered for a few hours, or preferably overnight.
2. In the meantime makes the Spinach Pea Pesto. Place the peas, spinach, basil, garlic, sea salt and lemon juice in the bowl of a mini food processor and pulse until finely chopped. Add the olive oil and process until smooth. Cover and refrigerate until needed.
3. When ready to make the socca, preheat oven to 450° F. Measure 1 Tablespoon of olive oil into a cast iron skillet and place it in the oven to preheat.
4. Whisk baking soda and remaining 1 Tablespoon of olive oil into the socca batter until smooth.
5. Remove preheated skillet from the oven and pour the batter into the skillet. Scatter small dollops of about 2 to 3 Tablespoons of the pesto across into the batter and top with the spinach leaves. Top with a few grinds of freshly ground black pepper and a pinch of sea salt. Bake for 20 minutes, or until it's set and golden around the edges.
6. Remove from oven and let cool for 5-10 minutes on a wire rack before cutting into wedges and serving.

Ingredients

Cutlery  
Hands  
Crockery  
Embedded plates where food becomes part of architecture

Cover  
20

Waiting Staff  
4

Light  
300-400 lux

Acoustics  
40 decibels

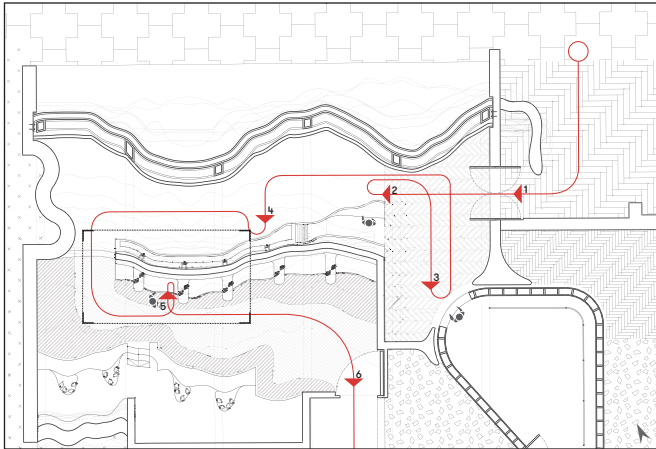
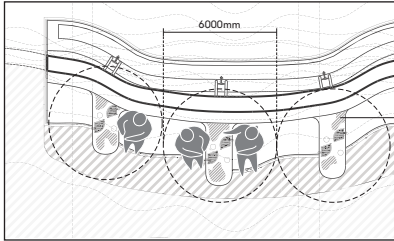
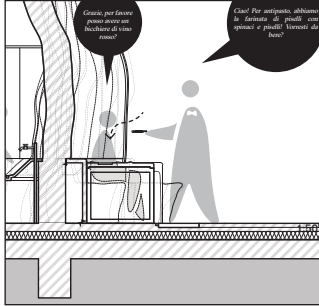
Furniture  
Informal seating arrangements that peel off the interior wall.  
Some form of tables

Colour Palette  
Tones of grey concrete

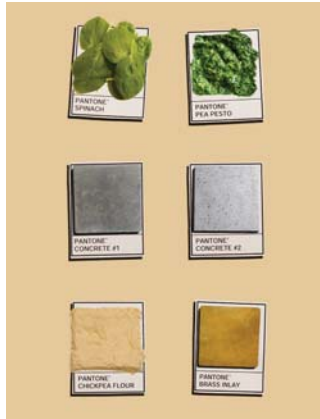
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20C

Materiality  
Concrete using different finishes

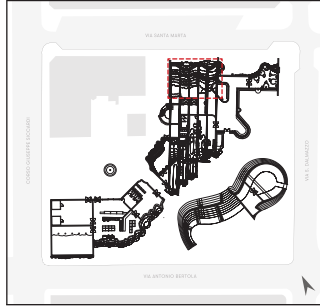
THE CHOREOGRAPHY



COLOUR PALETTE



LOCATION



Within the seating for two people, the arrangement is more prescribed than the alternative seating (for larger groups). The diners gather around an arm rest, which serves as the table. Such an arrangement encourages a more informal dining environment. The diners have at least 6m of space between them for a comfortable level of dining.

- Bush hammered concrete areas
- Point-tooled concrete surface
- Polished concrete surface
- 1 Enter building
- 2 Greeted by waitress
- 3 Cloakroom drop off
- 4 Hand washing
- 5 Seated
- 6 Leave Antipasti Dining Room

STRUCTURE

One of the main design challenges is conveying the sculptural forms within the building into the large facade. Due to the dramatic scale difference, there are many implications that must be considered. It is important that the translation of these forms into large scale architectural elements does not hinder the material integrity.

UHPC

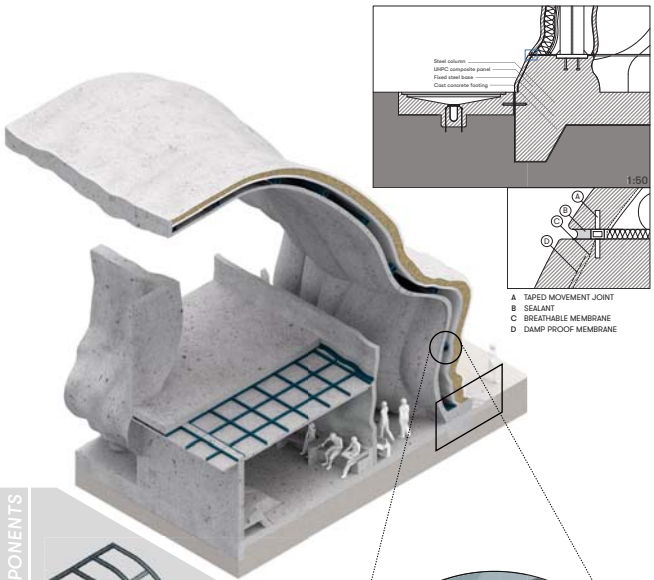
UHPC (Ultra High Performance Concrete) is a new type of concrete that has superior performance in durability, long term stability and strength in comparison to conventional reinforced concrete. UHPC is characterized by being a steel fibre-reinforced cement composite material with compressive strengths in excess of 150 MPa, up to and possibly exceeding 250 MPa. UHPC is also characterized by its constituent material make-up: typically fine-grained sand, silica fume, small steel fibers, and special blends of high-strength Portland cement; however, no large aggregate may be used. These characteristics means that a much thinner and lighter layer of concrete can be used.

Constituent	Amount in kg/m³
CEM I 52.5 R HS-NA	650
Silica Fume	177
Quartz I	325
Quartz II	131
Sand 0.125/0.5	354
Basalt 2/8	597
Superplasticiser	30.4
Steel fibres	2.5 % by vol.
Water	158

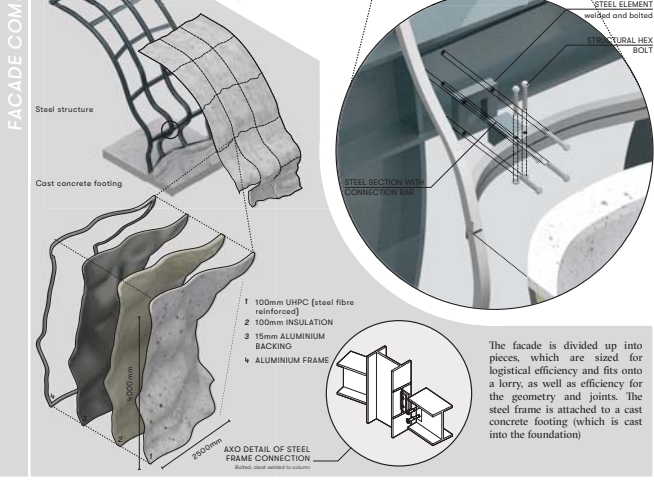
PRECEDENTS: SFMOMA, Snohetta.



The main feature of the SFMOMA extension by Snohetta is the Eastern facade; on which 700 unique panels were used. The bespoke shapes that are used is similar to this project. The panels were produced using FRP (fibre reinforced polymer) and contained the insulation layer within. The panels are fixed to a curtain wall system, constructed out of steel. These principles of construction can be applied to this building strategy, though UHPC will be used instead of FRP for aesthetic reasons; the implications of this decision means the structure will have to be denser than that used in SFMOMA since UHPC panels will weigh more.

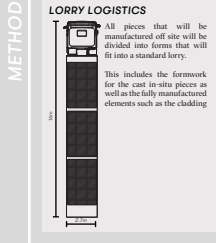


FACADE COMPONENTS



METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION

The production of the cladding pieces will occur off-site. The steel frame will first be erected on site, according to the 3d model of the facade; however, due to the tolerance of the steel frame and specificity of the cladding, the cladding pieces will then be re-measured to fit the erected frame. This will ensure precision of the pieces and allow for the tolerances. The panels will then be transported to the site within the foam molds for added protection. On site, the panels will be installed and waterproofed.



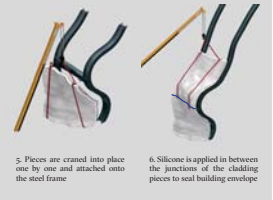
OFF-SITE PRODUCTION



TRANSPORT



ON-SITE

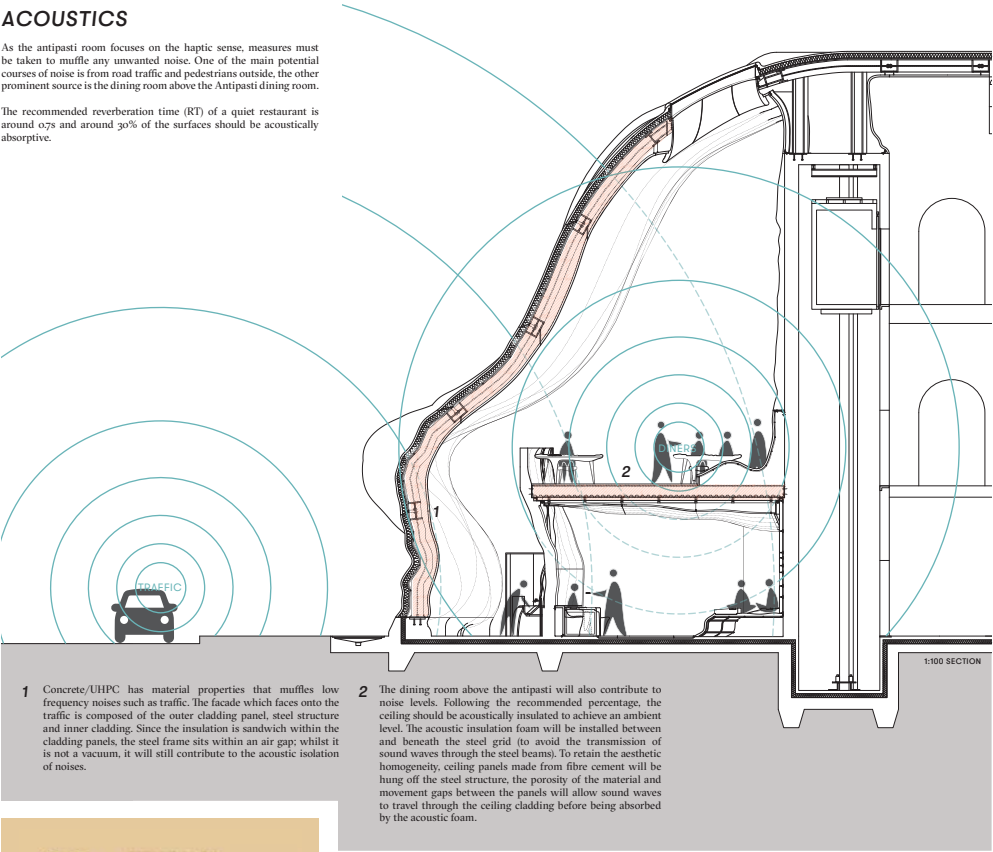




ACOUSTICS

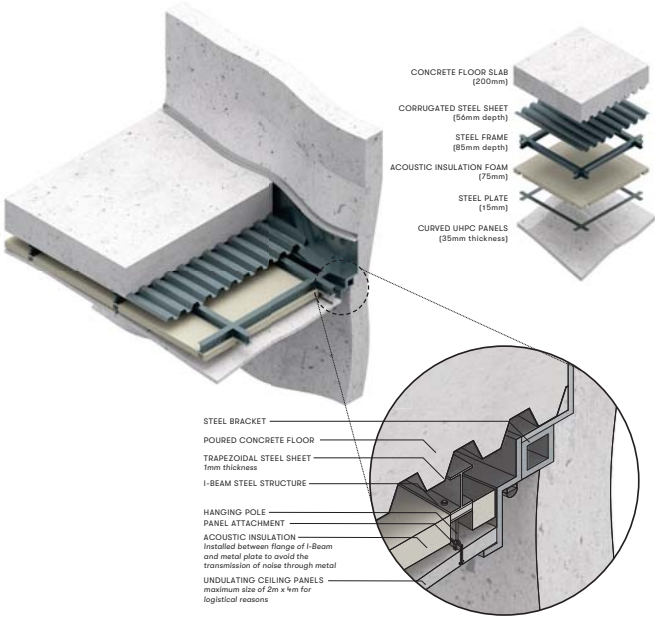
As the antipasti room focuses on the haptic sense, measures must be taken to muffle any unwanted noise. One of the main potential courses of noise is from road traffic and pedestrians outside, the other prominent source is the dining room above the Antipasti dining room.

The recommended reverberation time (RT) of a quiet restaurant is around 0.75 and around 30% of the surfaces should be acoustically absorptive.



1 Concrete/UHPC has material properties that muffles low frequency noises such as traffic. The facade which faces onto the traffic is composed of the outer cladding panel, steel structure and inner cladding. Since the insulation is sandwich within the cladding panels, the steel frame sits within an air gap; whilst it is not a vacuum, it will still contribute to the acoustic isolation of noises.

2 The dining room above the antipasti will also contribute to noise levels. Following the recommended percentage, the ceiling should be acoustically insulated to achieve an ambient level. The acoustic insulation foam will be installed between and beneath the steel grid (to avoid the transmission of sound waves through the steel beams). To retain the aesthetic homogeneity, ceiling panels made from fibre cement will be hung off the steel structure, the porosity of the material and movement gaps between the panels will allow sound waves to travel through the ceiling cladding before being absorbed by the acoustic foam.



FURNITURE

The furniture is an important element of the space, it is the part which appeals most to the human scale. The overriding intention of the space is to focus on the haptic sense and for the interior to read as one homogeneous surface. Having chosen concrete as the main material - due to its ability to imprint textures - the material will extend from the interior wall to form the seating and tables.

The challenge in this design agenda is the bespoke quality of each element. Since the forms are unique, the tolerance of each process must be accounted for accordingly. The main elements will be cast on site in order for an accurate fit. The tables will be pre-casted since the are repeated elements.

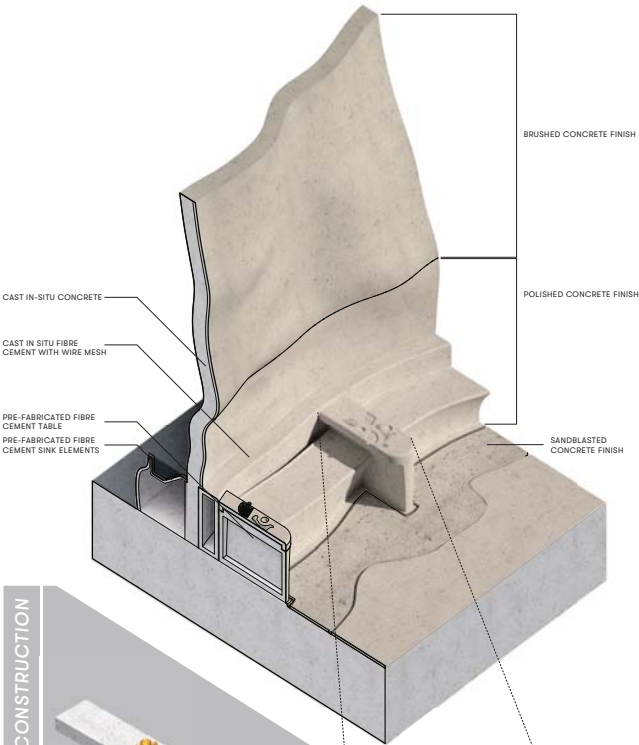
FIBRE CEMENT

The bench and tables will be cast with fibre cement. Since the furniture will not require to withstand great loads, glass fibre can be used to reinforce the cement. The mixture will then be applied to a mold. In comparison to conventional cement, fibre cement is stronger, which means that a much less mixture is required to obtain the same strength. The glass fibres are the principal load-carrying members, while the surrounding matrix keeps them in the desired locations and orientation, acting as a load transfer medium between the fibers and protecting them from environmental damage.

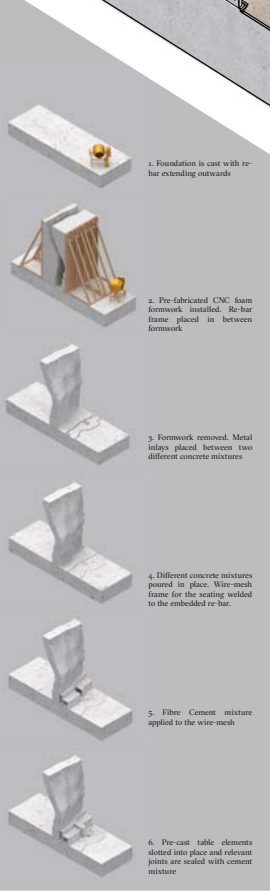
PRECEDENTS: Wash Basin, Astrid Bornheim.



The sink by Astrid Bornheim is made using the fibre cement process, where a fine mesh is moulded into the desired shape and the cement mixture (imbued with glass fibre) is poured onto the mesh mold.



METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION



Since the crockery sits flush within the table top, and the crockery is specific to the dish, the table top must be easily removable. Whilst the rest of the table and seats are cast into the internal wall, the top is placed on top, and held in place with a ridge. This allows for the changes in the winter and summer menu but also for future menu changes.

CONCRETE SEAMS

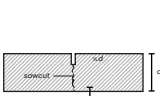
Concrete shrinks and expands with changes in humidity and temperature; as a result, precautions must be taken and these changes will be accommodated into the design. The external facade also needs to be joined between the panels with a method that is aesthetically appropriate and also functional (waterproof).

The design of the space is focused on the homogeneity of the concrete, but also incorporating the seams of the facades since it is not possible or very costly to construct them out of one singular piece.

Coefficient of Thermal Expansion

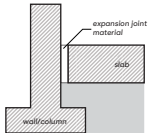
Steel	7.2x10 <sup>-6</sup> /C
Concrete	10x10 <sup>-6</sup> /C
Concrete	12x10 <sup>-6</sup> /C

CONTRACTION JOINTS



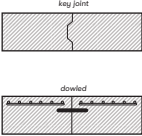
Contraction joints are intended to create weakened planes in the concrete to regulate the location of said cracks. This prevents any aesthetic changes to the concrete.

EXPANSION JOINTS

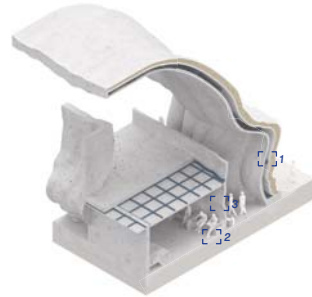


Expansion/isolation joints are when parts of the structure (such as walls and floors) are separate or isolate from one another, and sealed using expansion joint material. This allows for independent vertical and horizontal movement, which minimises cracking when movements are restrained.

CONSTRUCTION JOINTS



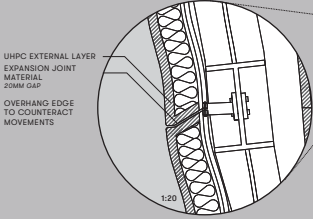
Construction joints are surfaces where two successive placements of concrete meet. In slabs, they are designed to permit movement and/or transfer load.



1 EXTERNAL FACADE

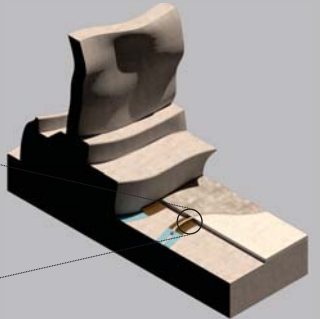
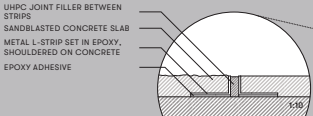
Whilst UHPC is more resistant to thermal and humidity expansion and contraction, it will still deform under environmental changes. A tolerance is required to account for such changes; these considerations contribute towards the aesthetic effects as well as longevity of the materials.

With the main facade, the panels will be effected by movements within the steel structure as well as changes in the UHPC. The edges between the panels will be lipped so allow tolerance for movement.



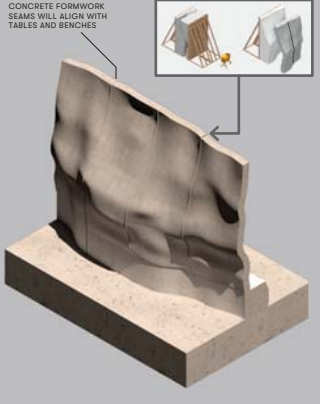
2 INTERNAL FLOOR SLABS

The interior floor will use different finishes, which will be indicative of its use (for example; sandblasted for thorough fare routes, polished surfaces for seating and human scale elements). To design in the tolerance of the concrete expansion/contraction, metal strips will be used where two different slabs meet. The seam will become an aesthetic finish as well as a functional one.



3 INTERNAL CAST WALLS

The internal walls are cast using CNC foam formwork; since these have to be manufactured and transported, the panels are broken down into sections. As the concrete is poured, discrepancies within the formwork will create visible seams. By intentionally designing the seam as part of the formwork, it will make it into a design feature of the wall as opposed to an accident.



MATERIALITY

The process of model making was used in developing the construction of the building. Through model-making there is an investigation of the the materiality/finishes and atmospheric qualities, as well as the junctions between elements. The translation of the processes/materials at 1:100 to 1:1 have both parallels in principle and implications and challenges.

TILES



The indoor and outdoor threshold is linked with a coherence in tiling. The herringbone tiled surface shifts scales as it crosses the building boundary. Whilst the arrangement remains, the materiality will also shift.

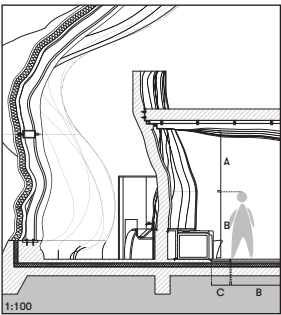


FACADE PROTOTYPE 1



The initial prototype using a 3d printed mold. Due to the intricacy of some elements, one half of the mold could not be removed. However, certain details were successfully translated to 3d printed texture and casted form. Tests indicated when the form is printed upright the contours are more aesthetically interesting.

MATERIAL AND FINISHES



Different types of finishes and surface treatments are used to indicate or encourage different uses of the space. Sandblasted textures are used for walking routes, whilst polished surfaces for seating.



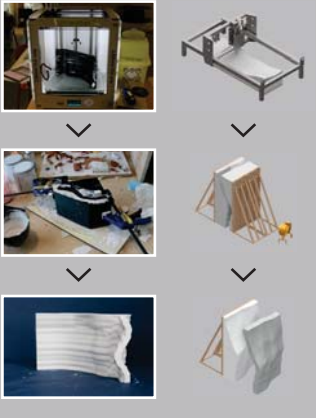
METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION (1:100 - 1:1)

The process of creating the forms at 1:100 and 1:1 have similar principles, yet obvious limitations and its implications when scaled up.

**1. CREATING THE MOLD**  
With the 1:100 the negative was 3D printed with an Ultimaker machine, the physical limitations is the size of the print bed (20cm (w) x 21cm (d) x 20cm (h)). This process gives the mold a unique finish, whereby the lines of the printed medium can be read; such contours gives the form more depth. At 1:1 the form will be divided into 2m x 4m panels (for logistic and CNC limitations) and milled out of high density foam; this process also gives the mold a unique finish, which is dependent on the drill bit used on the machine.

**2. THE POUR**  
The two part mold is clamped together and any gaps created by the tolerance of the print is sealed using clay. The molds are baked with timber and transported to the site, where it will be poured. The formwork is build around the molds; the tolerance of the joints between the molds are taken into account and there is a deliberate 5mm ridge when the mold is milled. The gap between the molds become an intentional shadow gap. A wire mesh is inserted between the molds for reinforcement.

**3. RELEASING THE MOLD**  
With the 1:100 cast, the molds had to be run under hot water for the plastic to expand, hence releasing the positive. The 1:1 formwork will be applied with emission products to enable easier separation, but the nature of the milling (no undercuts) means the form will be designed for easy formwork removal.





CUTLERY AND CROCKERY

For the antipasti, the farinata (winter menu) is served in a jesmonite cast plate (sealed for food safety). The plate is specific to the shape of the farinata slices and shape resonates the skillet pan in which the farinata will have been cooked. The space will be aesthetically homogeneous, with the furniture and interior elements seemingly carved out of the concrete. The plates will sit flush within the cast tables: the top counter can be replaced easily when the menu shifts to summer. As this course will be eaten using your hands, the interior of the plate resonates with the herringbone tiles that greet the visitors as they enter.



JESMONITE®

Jesmonite is an acrylic composite which consists of two parts: a plaster base and a water-based polymer liquid. Similar to concrete, it replicates the texture and surface finish of the mold. However, it is lighter than glass reinforced concrete and durable and resistant to high impact. Since it is solvent-free, it is also more environmental and safer than traditional composite materials. The AC200 product was used in the production of the plate, one of the unique properties of this product is that it can be carved once cured and finished in a similar way to concrete.



PIGMENT TESTS

No pigment	
40% Powder base / 60% Liquid Polymer	
Pale pink	
38% Powder base / 60% Liquid polymer / 2% Red tempura paint powder	
Duck egg blue	
37% Powder base / 60% Liquid Polymer / 1% Green tempura paint powder / 3% Blue tempura paint powder	

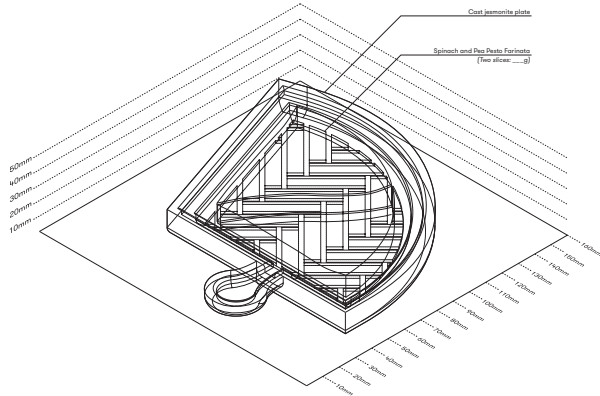
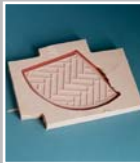
METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION

The method of construction in making the prototype will be the same for the production of the crockery.

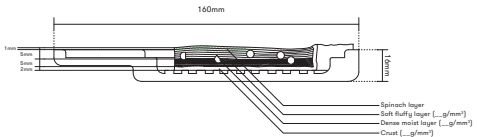
MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS

Wet density	1845 kg/m³
Dry density	1745 kg/m³
Initial set	15 - 20 minutes (18°C, No Retarder)
Expansion on set	0.15%

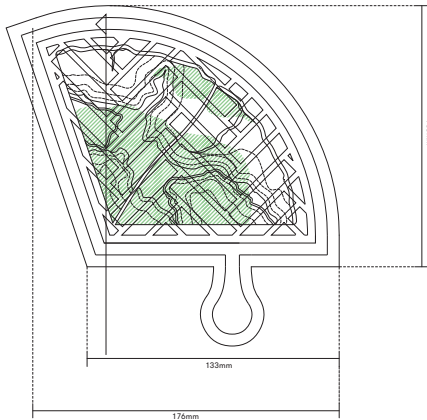
1. Positive is 3D printed
2. Silicone mold made from the positive
3. Jesmonite casted



1:2 ISOMETRIC DRAWING



1:2 SECTION



1:2 PLAN

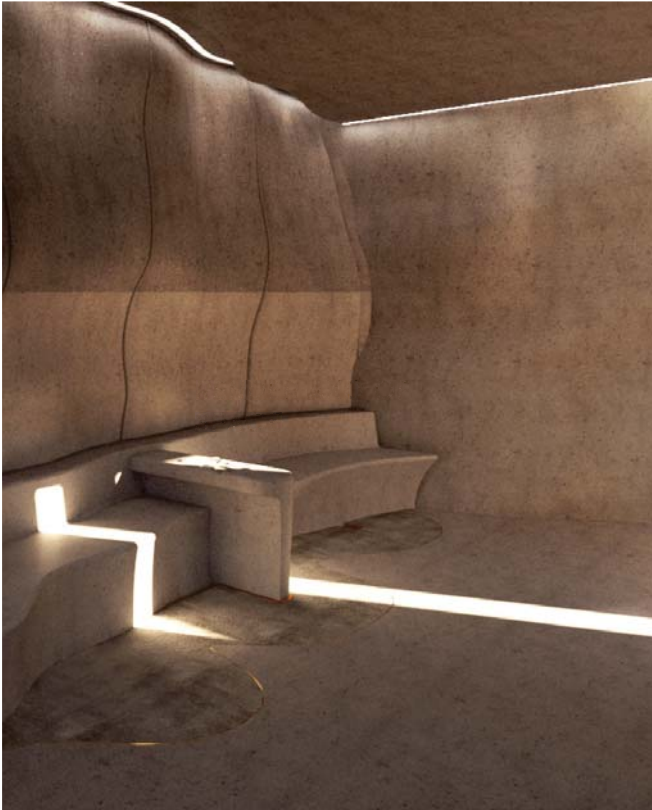
LIGHT

Since the antipasti dining room is the first point of entrance in most cases, it acts as a threshold between the outside and the restaurant. The space has a cavernous atmosphere, a contrasting shift from the external surroundings. Strip lighting will be hidden on the edge of the ceiling slab, to highlight the voluminous forms of the wall. The two doorways - located on either side of the room - are indicated by the lightspill.

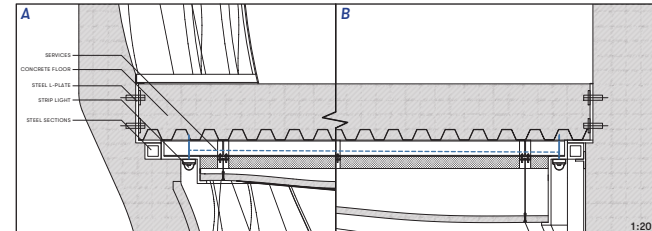
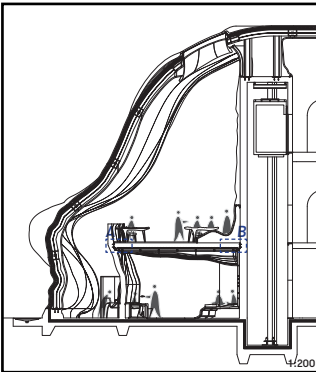
PRECEDENTS: House of Stone, John Pawson.



The house was made entirely from recycled material made from a stone residue formulated by market leaders Salvatori, consisting of 99% stone scrap and just 1% natural resin to act as a bonding agent. Central to the installation layout was the strikingly innovative linear MoMo LED lighting product by KKDC. Sits on the edges and the central section of the construction allowed light in the walls protect, while the cracks breakdown the sense of intimacy and closure as well as providing a source of illumination. At night the linear MoMo LED lights inside the house turned these cuts into brilliant beams.



LIGHTING FIXTURES





# 3.0

## BUILDING PERFORMANCE

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### The Primo Dining Room

This section investigates the experience and environmental quality of the Primo dining room; the contributing factors focusing mainly on the light and methods of temperature control. In line with the project's ethos of sustainable food, the energy consumption of the building in construction and use is also an important exploration.

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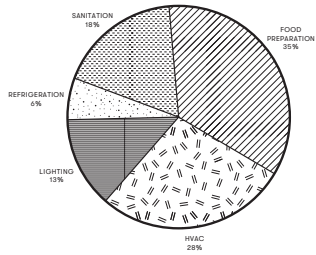
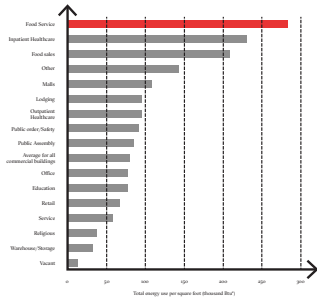
ENERGY STRATEGY

Food service, inpatient health care (hospitals), and food sales buildings are the most intensive users of total energy among the building types. Food service buildings tend to be small but use relatively large amounts of energy for cooking and refrigeration. The food sales category, which includes convenience stores, is also composed of many small buildings that are often operated for long hours and use a lot of refrigeration.

According to the CIBSE Guide F Energy, a (good practice) restaurant uses 1300 kWh/cover. At maximum capacity, the restaurant (excluding cafe and patisserie) has a cover of 100 - divided between 4 dining rooms. This means that during peak hours, 130000 kWh is required an hour.

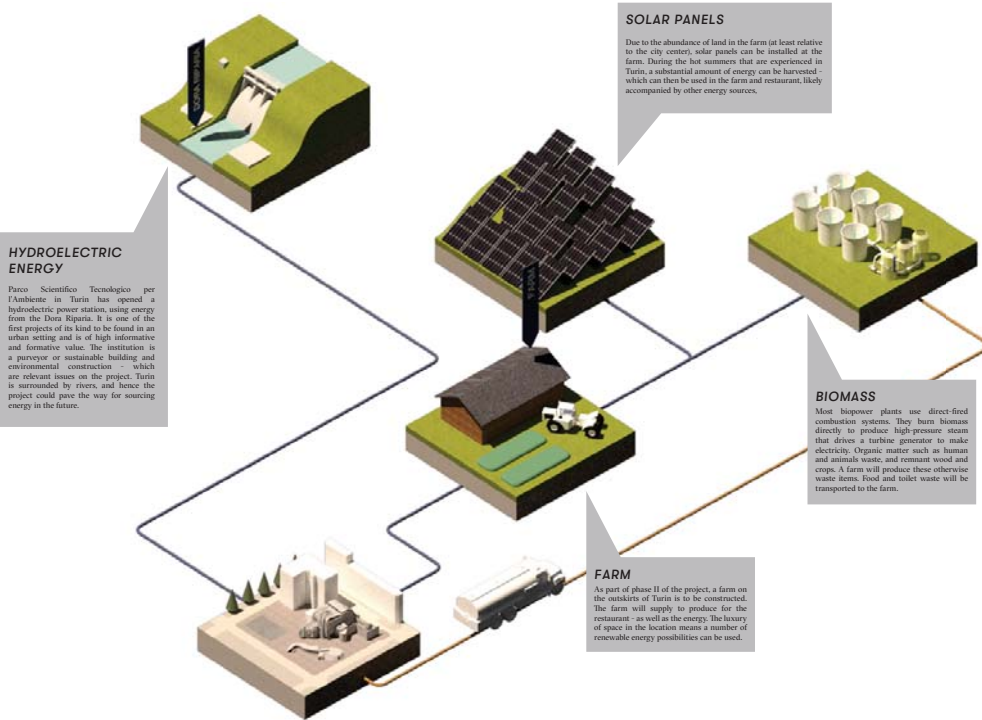
ENERGY REDUCTION

- An efficient kitchen design can contribute to reduction in energy consumption. By organising all the hobs in one space, a more efficient layout of extraction can be used.
- The kitchen size should be appropriate for the cover to avoid over consumption and wasted energy
- High quality equipment which is more efficient



Energy use by type of commercial buildings\* (British Thermal Units\*\*) \* Information is based on commercial buildings in US, in 2012. Figures are used as an indication of energy use. Source: US Energy Information Administration, May 2016. \*\* A traditional unit of heat; it is defined as the amount of heat required to raise the temperature of one pound of water by one degree Fahrenheit

Average energy consumption outputs of full-service restaurant (British Thermal Units\*\*) \* Information is based on commercial buildings in US, in 2012. Figures are used as an indication of energy use. Source: US Energy Information Administration, May 2016. \*\* A traditional unit of heat; it is defined as the amount of heat required to raise the temperature of one pound of water by one degree Fahrenheit



SUSTAINABILITY

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

Terms such as 'sustainable' are often misused in the food industry as trigger words to suggest organic and local produce - wellness as a whole - regardless of how sustainable the produce truly is. In recent history, the approach to food production has surrounded profit margins and corners that are constantly cut to offer the cheapest food produce to consumers. In the past 50 years, the average price of a new house has increased by 1500%, new cars 1400% - where the price of milk has only increased by 350%, and the price of eggs and chicken meat hasn't even doubled. Taking inflation into account and negating externalised costs, the price of meat costs less today than any time in history (Source: Jonathan Safran Foer - Eating Animals). Statistics such as above raise the question of sustainability in the food industry; it is important to acknowledge these issues in the running of the restaurant through to the construction and maintenance of the building itself. It is an issue that affects both the agricultural and architectural industry.

In simplest terms, sustainable agriculture is the production of food, fiber, or other plant or animal products using farming techniques that protect the environment, public health, human communities,

and animal welfare. This form of agriculture enables us to produce healthful food without compromising future generations' ability to do the same.

SUSTAINABLE ARCHITECTURE

Sustainable architecture is architecture that seeks to minimise the negative environmental impact of buildings by efficiency and moderation in the use of materials, energy, and development space and the ecosystem at large. Sustainable architecture uses a conscious approach to energy and ecological conservation in the design of the built environment. Energy efficiency over the entire life cycle of a building is the most important goal of sustainable architecture. Architects use many different passive and active techniques to reduce the energy needs of buildings and increase their ability to capture or generate their own energy. One of the keys to exploit local environmental resources and influence energy-related factors such as daylight, solar heat gains and ventilation is the use of site analysis.

CASE STUDY. THE PERENNIAL, SAN FRANCISCO



The Perennial calls itself a "laboratory of environmentalism." It tackles the issue of sustainability in innovative ways. Each ingredient on the menu is carefully sourced. Normally known for its large carbon footprint, beef will come from ranches using a new process called "carbon farming" that uses cattle to actually increase carbon storage in the soil. Bread will be made with a perennial grain called Kernza, which has been naturally bred by researchers to store more carbon than something like wheat.

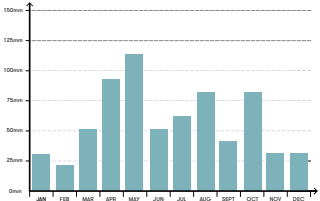
DRAINAGE SYSTEM

An environmentally conscious water strategy is vital, fitting with the sustainable ethos of the restaurant. Rainwater will be collected when and where possible, with the curving geometry channelling the rainwater to an underground water storage system.

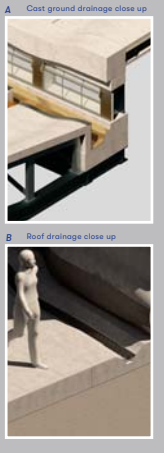
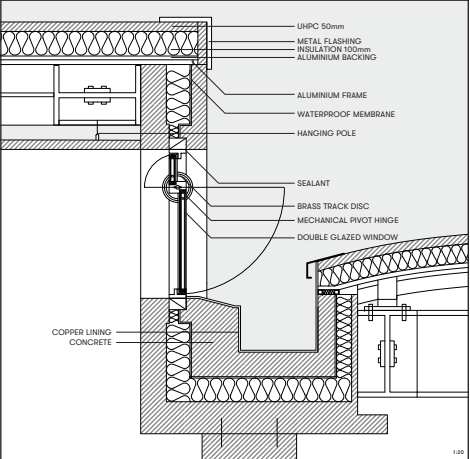
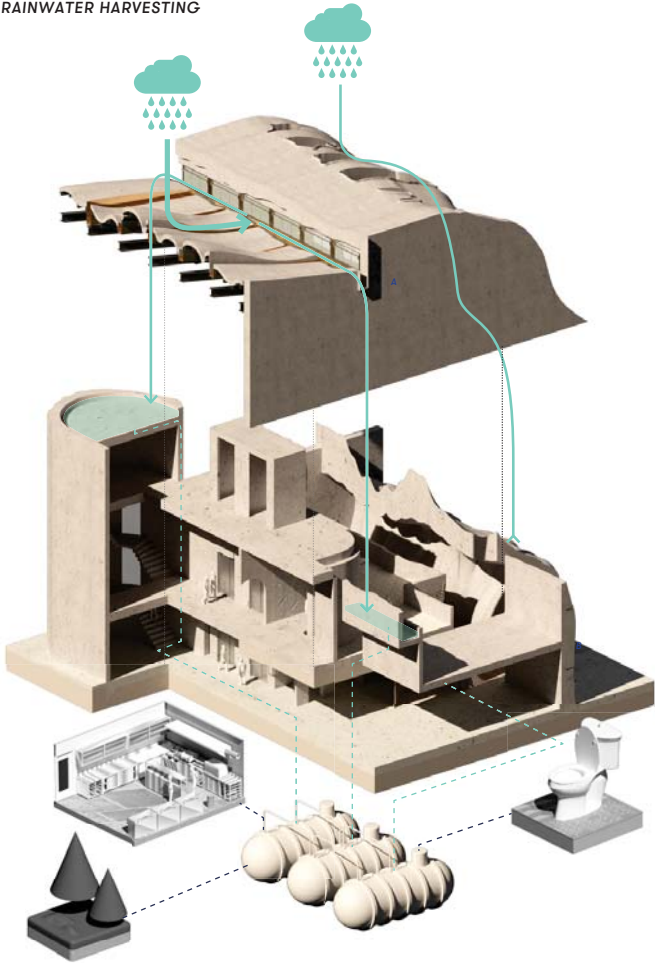
The harvested rainwater can then be used for agriculture, flushing toilets, and cleaning. The rainwater should be filtered before use since it is a restaurant, where cleanliness is important. Regular maintenance checks should be carried out to ensure functioning and cleanliness.

ANNUAL AVERAGE RAINFALL

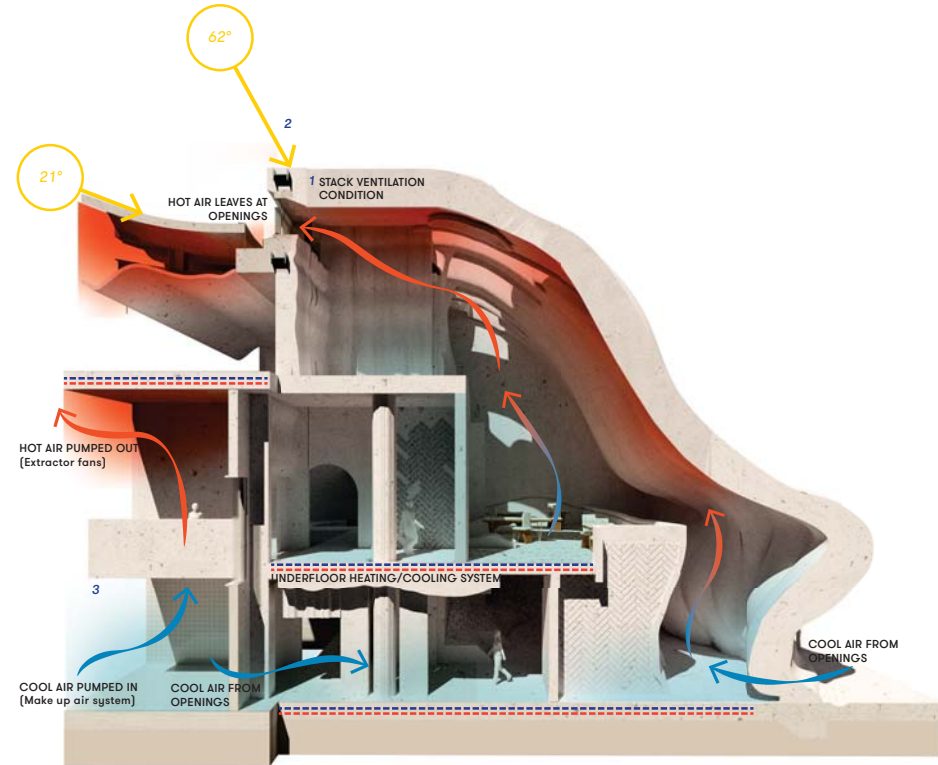
Rain falls mostly during spring and autumn; during the hottest months, otherwise, rains are less frequent but heavier (thunderstorms are frequent). During the winter and autumn months banks of fog, which are sometimes very thick, form in the plains but rarely on the city because of its location at the end of the Susa Valley; its position on the east side of the Alps makes the weather drier than on the west side because of the föhn wind effect.



RAINWATER HARVESTING



ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGY



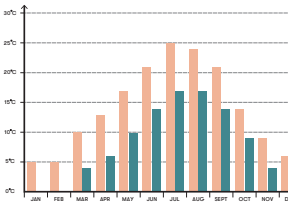
**1 VENTILATION**  
Since there are potentially large gatherings of people in the restaurant cooling strategies are important, particularly during the summer, where the temperatures in Turin can reach 28°C. Due to the high ceiling in the primo dining room, hot air can get trapped at the ceiling, creating an unpleasant dining environment. Mechanically controlled pivot windows will allow the heat to escape; with cool air coming in from the ground level openings, a stack ventilation condition is created, allowing the space to be naturally ventilated. During peak of summer, where natural ventilation may not be sufficient, an underfloor heating/cooling system can be used. In the winter, the underfloor heating system can be used - this will also create a stack ventilation effect.

**2 SOLAR GAIN**  
In July, the average percentage of sunshine during the day can be 60%, and the lowest percentage at 18% during November. During the summer season, due to the thermal mass of UHPC, it is possible to heat the building in part during the evenings.

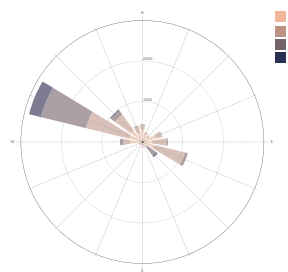
**3 UNDERFLOOR HEATING/COOLING SYSTEM**  
Mechanically assisted ventilation will be used to control temperature in dining areas where there are fewer windows. Cool air will be pumped through the floor and hot air removed through a ventilation unit.

**3 KITCHEN**  
The kitchen will require mechanically environmental controls; because of the activities that happen inside, a lot of heat and fumes are produced, which need to be extracted. Extractor canopies are installed over the hobs which draw the hot air and majority of smells outside of the building. Since the kitchen is in an atrium-like space, mechanically-operated openings are located on the roof to allow hot air to escape when necessary. Additional vents will also be located within the kitchen space for extraction. Glazing in the kitchen area will also need to be carefully planned to avoid over heating.

ANNUAL HIGH/LOW TEMPERATURES

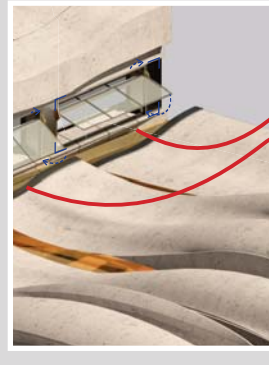
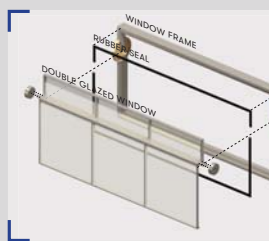


PREVAILING WIND



Turin is located on the humid subtropical climate zone (Köppen climate classification Cfa) in contrast to the Mediterranean climate characteristic of the coast of Italy. Winters are moderately cold but dry, summers are mild in the hills and quite hot in the plains.

1 MECHANICAL PIVOT WINDOWS





THE INGREDIENTS

The first course is called primo piatto. Usually, the primo piatto is made up of a dish made up of grain such as pasta, risotto gnocchi or polenta. The transition between this and the previous course is a play with light - as the visitor ascends, they enter a small enclosed interstitial space, which is small and dim. This is to exaggerate the sweeping facade in the Primo Dining room. The height of the ceiling is a vast contrast from the previous cavernous space, with lumieres which open the facade to the sky. This space focuses on lighting; how it interacts with the space and the food and the effects of light during different times of the day.

**Butternut Squash & Sage Agnolotti**  
Pasta pockets filled with creamy butternut squash, with fried sage and burnt butter sauce  
Cooking Time: 90mins



Ingredients

- Basic Pasta Recipe:**  
1 1/2 cups all purpose flour  
2 whole eggs  
3 egg yolks  
1 tablespoon olive oil
- Butternut Squash Filling:**  
5 cups butternut squash, peeled and cubed (loosely fills cookie sheet)  
4-6 cloves garlic, peeled  
2 Shallots  
2-3 tablespoons olive oil (give or take)  
10 whole sage leaves (added the last ten minutes of cooking)  
2/3 cup of roasted pine nuts  
1 1/2 cups parmesan cheese, freshly grated (separated)  
Sea salt, pepper, to taste  
Chilli (optional)
- Browned Butter with Sage:**  
1 stick butter  
6 sage leaves, chopped

Method

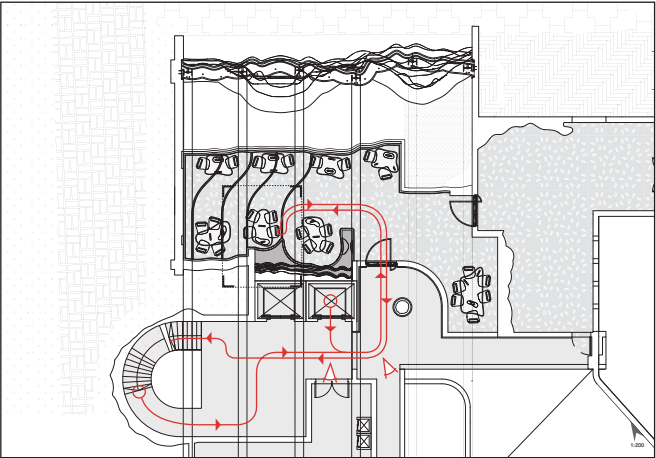
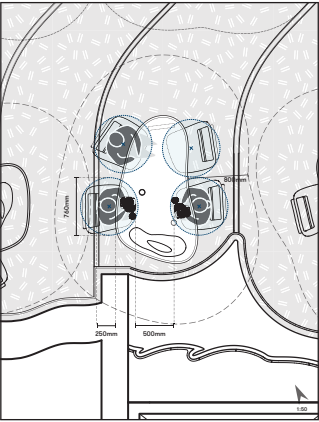
- Pasta:**  
1. Put 1 1/2 cups flour in a large bowl, make a well in the center, add the eggs and oil.  
2. Combine ingredients using your hands.  
3. Knead until dough is smooth and feels like firm play-dough, usually 8 minutes or so.
- The Filling:**  
1. Preheat oven to 200C degrees.  
2. Place peeled and cubed squash, shallots and garlic on a rimmed cookie sheet lined with parchment paper. Drizzle with olive oil, sprinkle with sea salt and pepper, toss.  
3. Roast at 400 degrees for about 30 minutes but set timer for 40 minutes, adding 10 sage leaves to pan for the last ten minutes of cooking.  
4. When squash is done cooking remove from oven. Allow to cool for a few minutes.  
5. Place all the ingredients on the sheet pan, 1/3 cup pine nuts, and 3/4 cup cheese in food processor and mix to a thick paste.  
6. Place a large stock pot filled with water and 1 Tablespoon salt to boil  
7. Place filling into pasta sheets and roll into agnolotti shapes  
8. Place one stick butter into a small pan on medium heat, butter will melt, then begin to bubble up. After 4-5 minutes the center will erupt in a caramel color. The butter is now browned. Immediately turn off heat and add chopped sage leaves.  
9. Gently place raviolis in boiling water. Cook for three minutes.  
10. Gently strain in colander, do not rinse.  
11. Place raviolis in large bowl, pour browned butter over ravioli, sprinkle with sea salt and garnish with remaining pine nuts and Parmesan cheese. Toss. Serve.

Ingredients

- Cutlery**  
Dimpled and crinkled spoons
- Crockery**  
Cast glass forms
- Cover**  
26
- Waiting Staff**  
4
- Light**  
600-700 lux
- Acoustics**  
80 decibels
- Furniture**  
Informal seating arrangements that peel off the interior wall. Some form of tables
- Colour Palette**  
Light terrazzo, with terracotta coloured chips
- Temperature**  
23C
- Materiality**  
Glass and Terrazzo

THE CHOREOGRAPHY

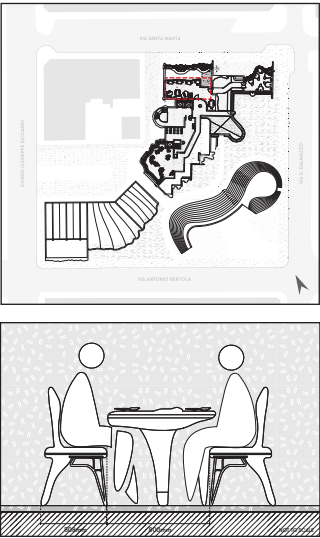
As the visitors ascend, and head towards the primo dining room, they catch glimpses of the kitchen below - exposed to the sounds and smells, as well as other back of house facilities. These moments are constantly revealed, like a stage set. The dining room is the stage, and the light acts as a means of creating drama during the dining experience. Diners are seated at a comfortable proximity from each other (760mm minimum) and there is 800mm between the tables for moving space.



COLOUR PALETTE

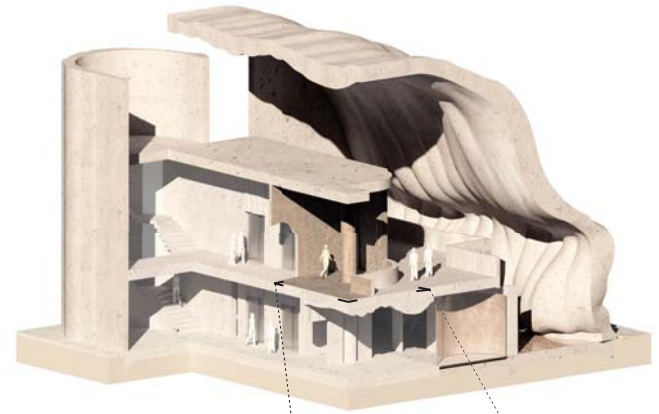


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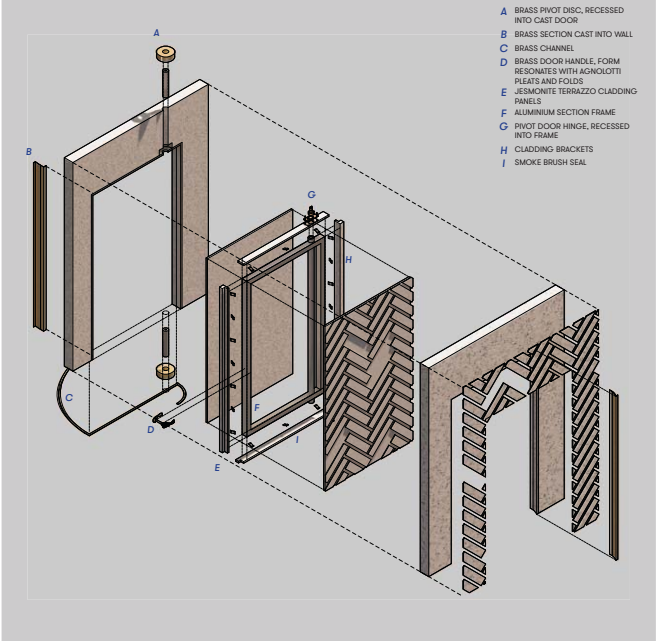
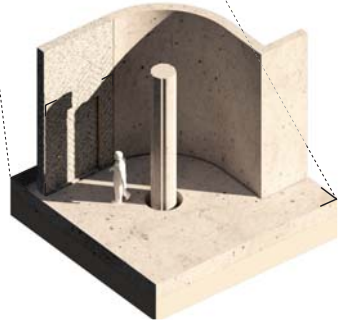
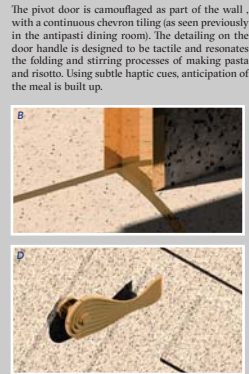


THE ENTRANCE

The interstitial space between entering the dining room is small and cosy, a domestic scale space. There is an ironic ionic column, which punctures through the ground, glimpses of the floor below are seen; the thoroughfare of people and food. This space is designed to emphasise the shift in scale; in the Primo dining room, the vastness of the geometry is fully experienced. It is about the curving facade as a whole; the form is exaggerated by the lumieres. The door handle is a domestic touch to the space, its forms inspired by the process of pasta making: the pleats and folds.



PIVOT DOOR DETAIL



- A BRASS PIVOT DISC, RECESSED INTO CAST DOOR
- B BRASS SECTION CAST INTO WALL
- C BRASS CHANNEL
- D BRASS DOOR HANDLE, FORM RESONATES WITH AGNOLIOTTI PLEATS AND FOLDS
- E JESMONITE TERRAZZO CLADDING PANELS
- F ALUMINIUM SECTION FRAME
- G PIVOT DOOR HINGE, RECESSED INTO FRAME
- H CLADDING BRACKETS
- I SMOKE BRUSH SEAL

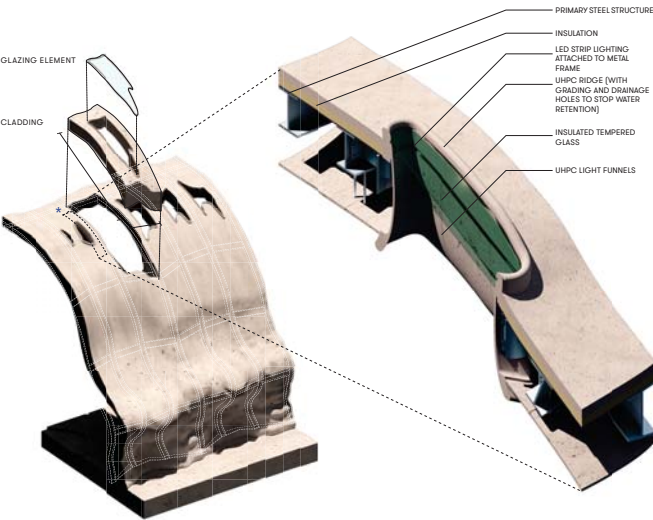
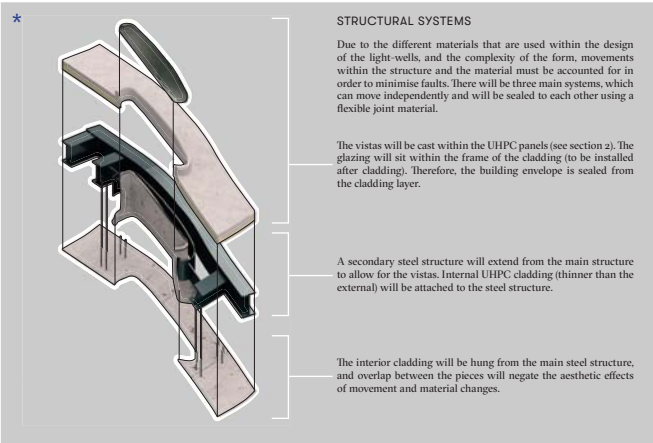
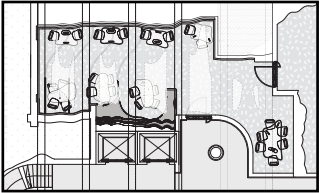
LUMIERES

The shape of the lumieres are derived from the 3d scanning process during which the clay extrusions are digitised. During this process, due to the limitations of the technology, parts of the geometry is lost when a surface undercuts another. In a serendipitous way, it reconfigures the geometry into delicate objects, almost spine like.

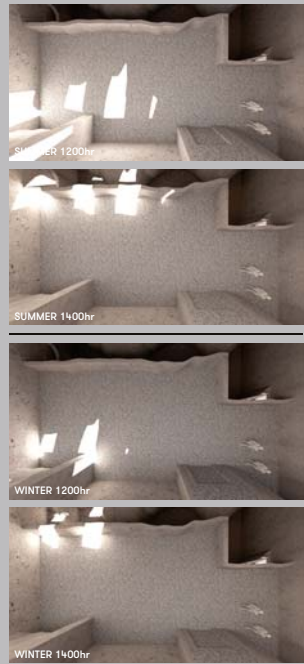
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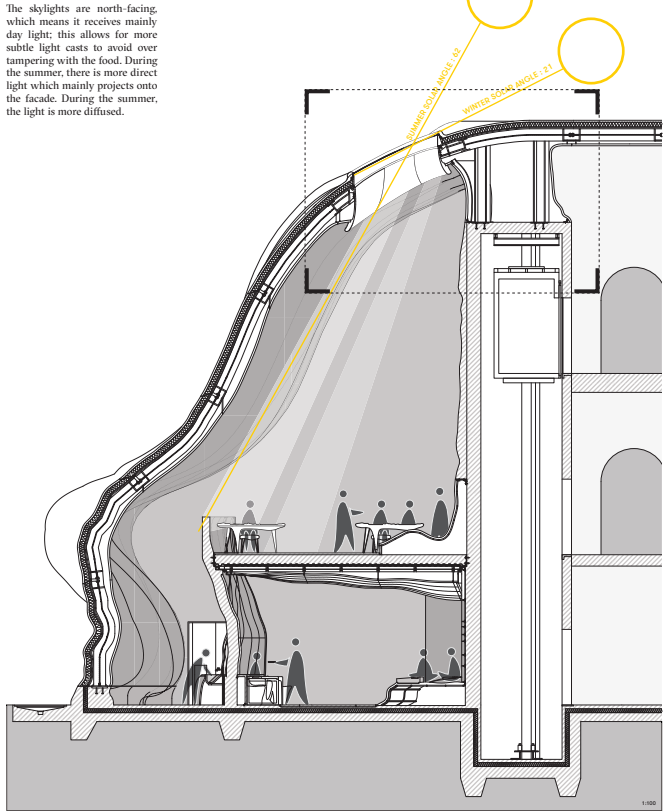
PLAN LAYOUT OF LUMIERES



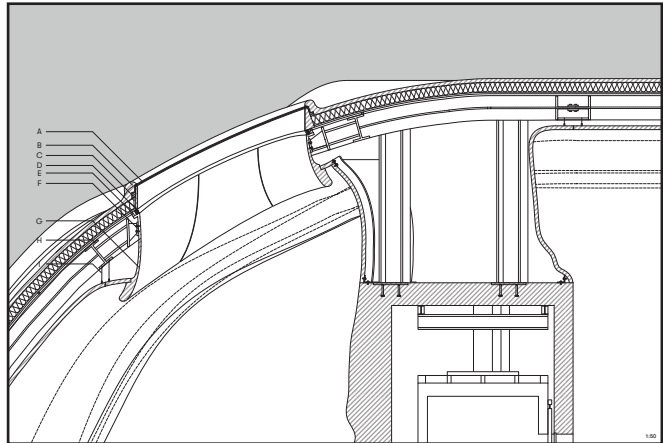
DAYTIME LIGHT STUDIES



There are changes in the lighting conditions during the day and night, and winter and summer seasons. It is important to evaluate how the position of the sun affects the experience of the dining room. In accordance with these findings, the seasonal menus will include food that reacts better with direct, contrasted light during the summer and with a more subtle diffused light in the winter.



**SUN PATH**  
The skylights are slanted in the North-East direction, therefore, direct sunlight is prevalent in the during summer, whereas there is a more diffused lighting condition during winter. The buildings around the site seldom surpass 14m, therefore there is currently no concern of excess shading on the site.  
The lumieres themselves are restricted in size by the steel structure and panel size (also logistical implications). This also helps to avoid overheating of the dining space.





FURNITURE

The form of the furniture resonates the geometry of the lumieres, and the materiality is the same as the terrazzo floor. They are forms that have been carved out of the floor surface, creating a terrazzo landscape, which is fragmented in parts by the carved wooden table and chair legs.

The ground terrazzo is divided by brass inlays, which mimic the movement of the spotlights throughout the day.

EVENING STRATEGY

LED strip lights are installed within the lumieres for the evening. The strength of the light is adjustable so the chef has control over the method in which his dish is lit. The lights can also be implemented to support the natural light during darker days.

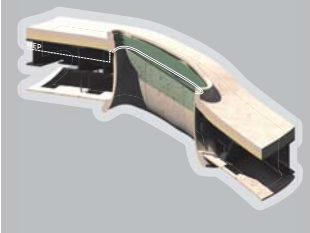
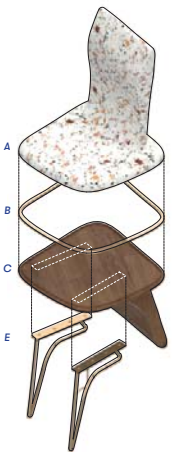
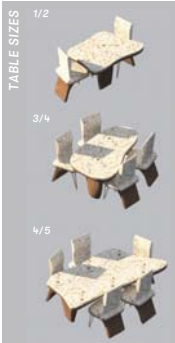
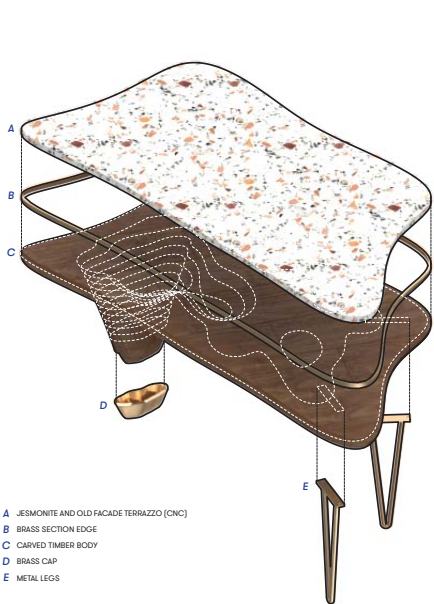
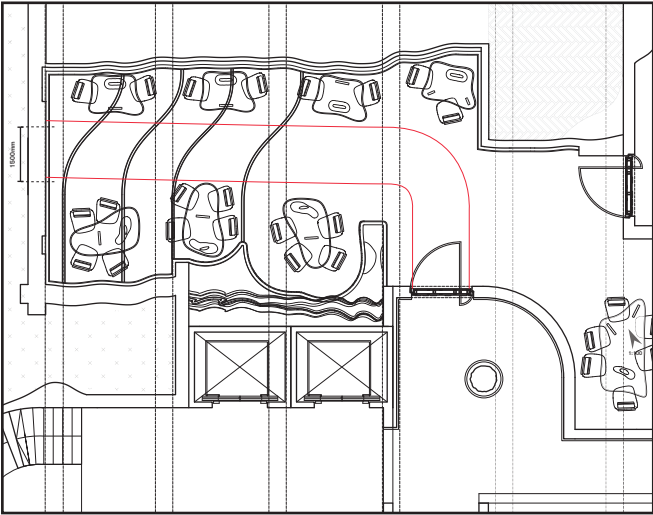


TABLE LAYOUT



MATERIALITY

The materials used in the project resonate with the architectural aesthetic in Turin, since the form is unconventional, a familiar material language is necessary to create a congruous link with the rest of the city. The material process is also an important part of the project methodology: it is about using old processes and re-appropriating them with technological advances, much like the approach to food culture that the project is trying to encourage. It is a marriage of old and new. Local craftsmen will collaborate with technical advisors and makers to innovate an old craft. A history is encompassed in the way the building is made along with the materiality itself.

It is also important to consider the environmental impact of the materials and construction process. Since the restaurant is about promoting a sustainable ethos to food, it should also be reflected in the materials and processes involved. By using local craft and trade where possible, the project is helping preserve artisanal craft which may be at risk of being lost.

TEXTURAL TESTS

Testing clay as a mold: this creates a feedback loop of clay extrusions, which are scanned and then printed and embossed into the clay. Clay provides a highly detailed textural surface for the plaster. The pigment from the clay is also transferred onto the cast - if removed after the plaster has cured for 24 hours, less pigment is transferred.



UHPC/CONCRETE

Ultra-High Performance Concrete (UHPC), also known as reactive powder concrete (RPC), is a high-strength, ductile material formulated by combining portland cement, silica fume, quartz flour, fine silica sand, high-range water reducer, water, and steel or organic fibers. With the external facade, steel fibres will be used for its structural quality. Whereas the internal cladding panels will use polymer fibres. In comparison to conventional concrete, UHPC is superior in strength and durability and can also be finished in the same way. Its weights significantly less, which is important in reducing the density of the steel structure required.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

In the European Union about 40% of total energy consumption is attributed to the building and construction sector. This highlights to importance of sustainability in the building industry. The cement industry contributes around 5% of global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. This is due to the high temperatures required to produce cement. A means of reducing the environmental of cement production is to use alternative renewable energy sources. Since UHPC is a reasonably new material,

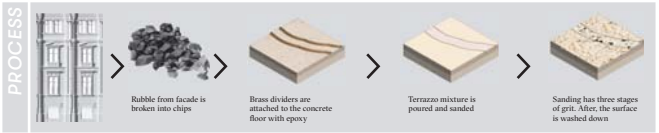


there is ongoing research into how its environmental impact can be reduced. Since much less UHPC is required, compared to conventional concrete, its carbon footprint is small relatively. Another main avenue of investigation is the substitution of cement in the UHPC mixture. At the Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm, a research project looked at using quartz filler material in place of cement for >30% of the mixture weight. The mixture had similar workability and compressive strength. There is a number of such research projects globally investigating the ecological impact of this material, most of which shows promise in substituting cement with an alternative filler.



TERRAZZO

Terrazzo is a composite material, poured in place or pre-cast, which is used for floor and wall treatments. It consists of chips of marble, quartz, granite, glass, or other suitable material, poured with a cementitious binder (for chemical binding), polymeric (for physical binding), or a combination of both. After it is cured it is ground and polished smooth or otherwise finished to produce a uniformly textured surface.



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Although the history of terrazzo can be traced back to the ancient mosaics of Egypt, its predecessors come from Italy. The form of terrazzo used today derives partly from the 18th century pavimento alla Veneziana (Venetian pavement) and the cheaper seminato. It was created by venetian workers utilising the waste chips from slab marble processing. The origins of the material is based on a recycling ethos.

For the restaurant, the terrazzo will be made using recycled materials. Such as the old facade that inhabited the site: the parts of the building will be crushed and re-appropriated as new decorative parts of the building. The food industry as a whole is notorious for its waste, parts of the food process that can be recycled will be used in the making of new parts of the building (such as glass bottles). As per the precedents, technological advances are being incorporated into the process. Such duality of old and new is parallel to the food evolution towards a more vegetarian food culture.

PRECEDENT: Oosterplat by Marjolien Stappers



Oysters are increasingly popular as a delicacy, but they are also notorious for being excellent natural water filters. Marjolien Stappers investigated yet another interesting feature of these versatile creatures. Struck by the beauty of their shells after removing them at a restaurant, and noticing how they were thrown away as garbage, she came up with the idea for Oosterplat. She started to collect the empty shells from restaurants and found a way to turn them into something more desirable. The result is an elegant collection made of concrete, marble and... oyster shells, showing their mother-of-pearl shine as motherly fossils.

TERRAZZO TESTS

Testing carving terrazzo using plaster as prototype. The plaster is coloured using tempera paint powder, once set it is broken into chips and recast into shapes. The chips are revealed when the surface is sanded



PRECEDENT: Aectual



Aectual uses huge robotic 3D printers to create the framework for its sustainable floors, which it infills with terrazzo. The process involves printing out the desired pattern using a robot with six degrees of freedom. Once the printing is complete, the framework is transported to its final destination. This mould, which measures just a few centimetres high, is then filled with a terrazzo made from recycled granite or marble chips, and a bio-based binding agent.

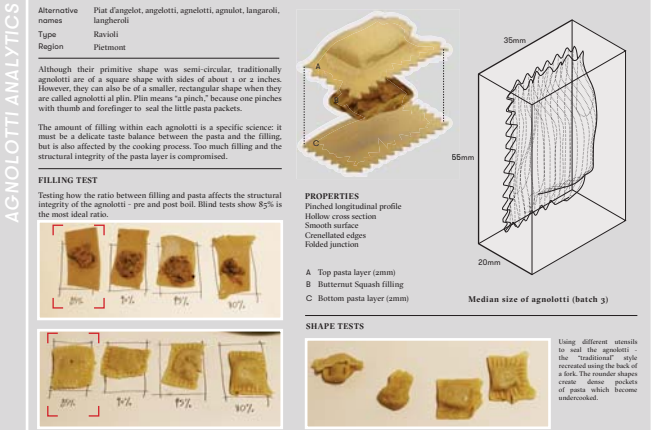
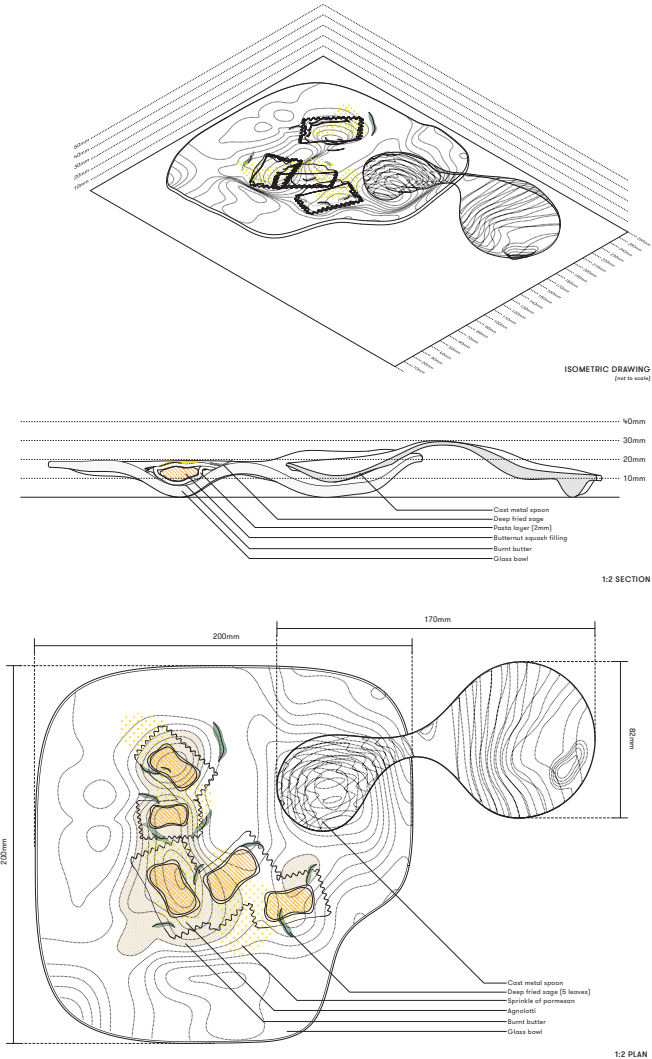


CROCKERY AND CUTLERY

The cutlery and crockery is an important part of the dining ritual. It acts as the architecture on a micro scale. The crockery in the primo dining room is shaped for the agnolotti, with pockets to hold the butter sauce. The spoon is a fluid form which ergonomically fits the hand.

INITIAL SPOON PROTOTYPES

Using liquid silicone to investigate the surface texture of the spoon, a very intimate object in the dining experience. The forms that are produced from the silicone is a free frame of the massiveness of eating. The underside of the spoon is important for haptic senses.



CUTLERY PROTOTYPE

The cutlery is the most haptic element of the dining experience. It is something that is constantly being touched and moved. In the primo dining room, the cutlery and crockery are two pieces in delicate equilibrium of each other, there is intrinsic relationship between the two. The weight of the spoon is more than a conventional spoon, which acts as a constant reminder of the action of eating - something second nature it is often forgotten. The underside of the spoon is crinkle cut to stimulate the nerve endings on the tongue.



CROCKERY PROTOTYPE 1

Through creating 1:1 prototypes of the crockery and cutlery, its ergonomic and haptic value can be tested. Whilst the process is not as it would be for the final product, it is useful to test the parallels between the processes. In this prototype, a 3d printed negative is used and glass wax is cast directly onto it. Due to the 3d printing process, the contours of the geometry are emphasised (see detail photograph).



The outcome was not the expected. The glass was too brittle to be removed from the mold in one piece. The mold had also warped under the heat despite the melting point of the filament being 220C and the melting point of glass wax at 110C. However, the wax imprinted the contoured texture of the print.

CROCKERY PROTOTYPE 2

For the second prototype, I will be using a silicone mold from a positive 3d print of the plate. The result was more successful despite the uneven texture of the glass wax, the texture of the print was evident. However, the wax was not viscous enough to retain the contours on one side. Therefore, a two part mold is likely necessary for the next prototype



CROCKERY IN CONTEXT



LIGHTING CONDITIONS



SAND CASTING GLASS

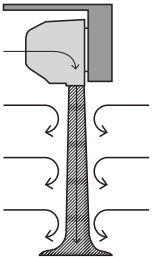


OLFACTORY CURATION

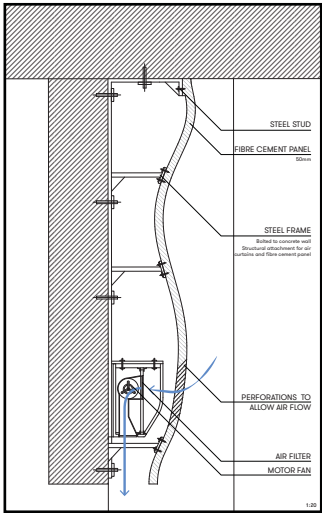
Smells are an important element in cooking, it contributes to the sense of taste but also heavily influences the process of cooking. It is a vivid memory trigger and possibly the most intangible sense of all. The restaurant intends on showcasing the activities behind the scene: the choreography of mess and chaos that is often hidden from the public. As part of the performance is the smell. By using doors with specific seals and air curtains, the chef is able to curate the smells that travel through to the dining room. With displeasing scents such as toilets, there is a outdoor courtyard which acts as a buffer zone between the toilet and the dining room. In the kitchen, grease is extracted using efficiently located extractors, whilst some smells are free to travel upwards when the air curtain is switched off. The control of the movement of smell is a means of allowing the chef to curate their dish.

AIR CURTAINS

An air door or air curtain is a device used to prevent air or contaminants from moving from one open space to another. The most common use is a downward-facing blower fan mounted over an entrance to a building, or an opening between two spaces conditioned at different temperatures.



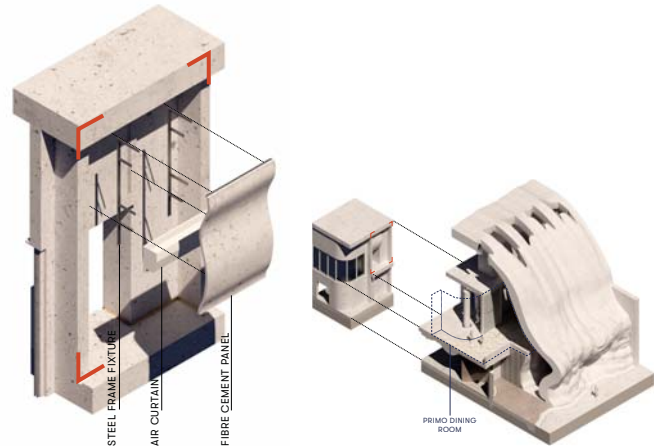
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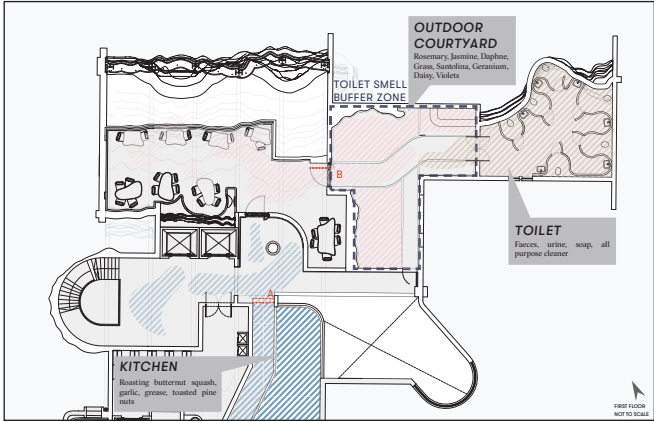
B DOORS



The outdoor smells will be controlled simply by the door; generally positive smells such as flowers or rain depending weather, it is not necessary to implement another means of olfactory control. This outdoor space also acts as a buffer zone between the dining area and the toilet.



SMELL PLAN





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## ENTREPRENEURIALISM AND DELIVERY

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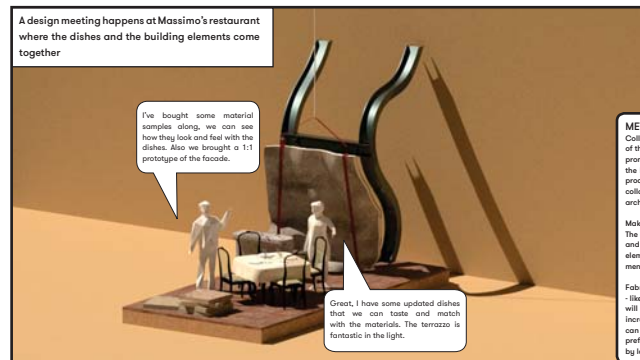
A Short Story: 41-48  
The Cook, The Architect, The Contractors  
and Their Mayor

This section is a story about the project, told through the RIBA Stages of Work. The working relationship between all parties of the project and their relevant responsibilities will be explored, in such a collaborative project, how much autonomy does each party have? Along side the conventional risks of an architectural project, the client being the mayor of the city carries implications. Such a project is particularly vulnerable to the volatility of politics, and thus precautions must be considered.





## The Cook and The Architect



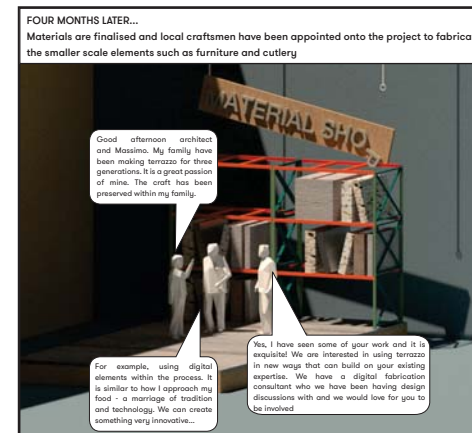
## METHOD OF WORKING

**Collaboration:** The project investigates the relationship between architecture and food. The intention of the design project is to create new food rituals and subvert the conventions of dining - ultimately to create a new gastronomic culture. Therefore, the working relationship between design team and the kitchen team is integral to the success of the project. Architecture is an inherently collaborative process, yet the relationship is often one-sided in practice. This project aims to fulfil the potentials of collaboration and dynamics of an onarchitectural project where the design of the food and design of the architecture is designed by its parties involved.

**Making:** The design process is driven by a succession of sketching, model making and material tests. The design is a process of making, where the design elements are made as small scale objects and material implications when scaled up. This prototyping will also be made of particularly niche elements throughout the design process, to ensure quality control and opportunities to evaluate the menu along side the building.

**Fabrication:** Due to the complex nature of this architecture, challenges will inevitably arise on-site - likely regarding tolerances and joints. In order to eliminate risk, the larger parts - such as the facade, roof and floor plates - will be fabricated off-site where the small structure is erected. This method of working reduces construction time - but also means additional costs of incorrect panels and wasted materials can be avoided. This also allows for quality control. Elements that are smaller or free standing can be made on-site and assembled on-site; this will have an effect on the size of the elements (restricted by logistical factors).

## The Spoon Sagg Pt. I



A 3D rendering of a dining table with white-clothed figures. A speech bubble from one of the figures says: "Thank you all for coming. I'd like you to taste the agnolotti with the different spoons and fill in the feedback form". To the right, a small inset shows a close-up of a spoon and a small bowl. Below the main image, a caption reads: "AT THE SLOW FOOD HEADQUARTERS..."

...essimo, I get your  
...pe and I know you want  
...ons to be made of gold  
...a strain on the budget

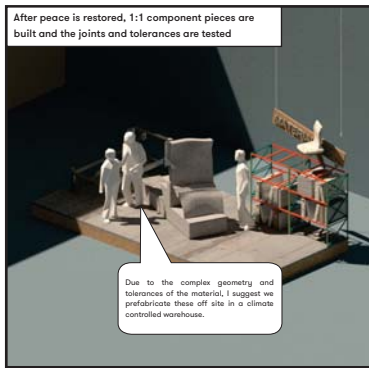
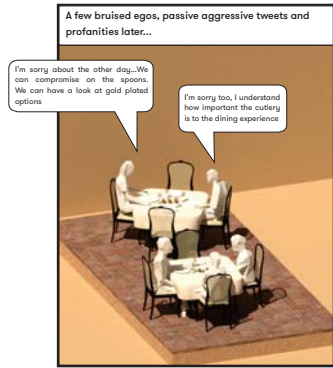
I don't think you un  
The gold is INTERGAI  
...ish - IT BRINGS O  
THE FLAVOURS!

NO... no, no. What was the  
point of doing the taste test if  
you're just going to dismiss  
the results?

DO NOT TELL ME TO CALM DOWN!  
I WILL RUIN YOU if the creative  
integrity of your building was  
being compromised you would be  
angry too!

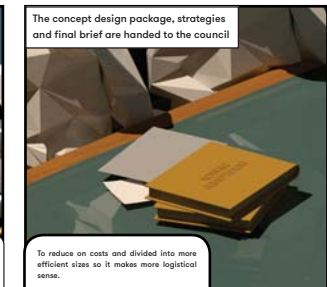
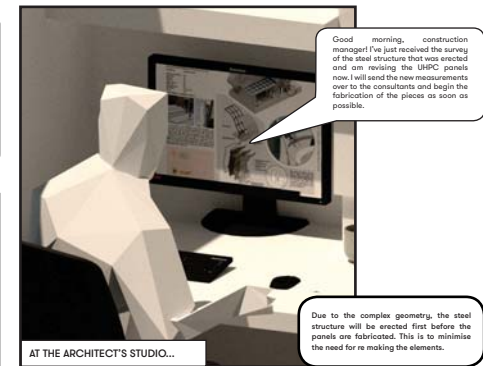
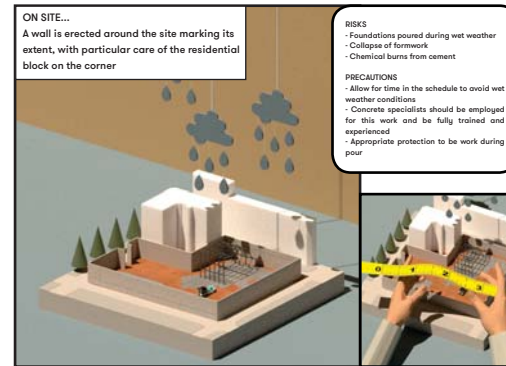
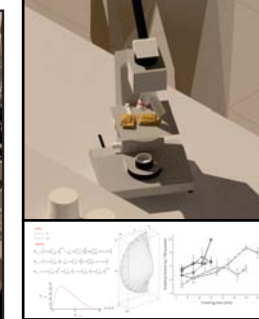
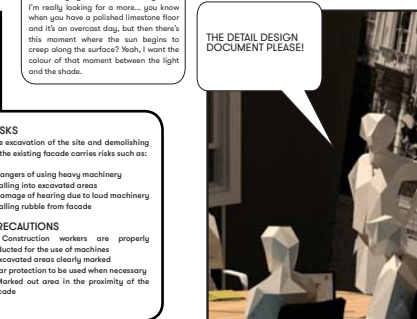
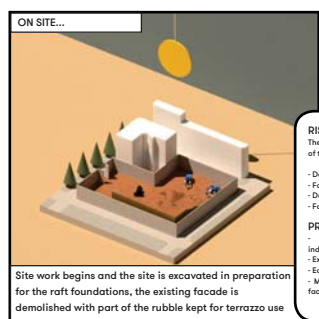
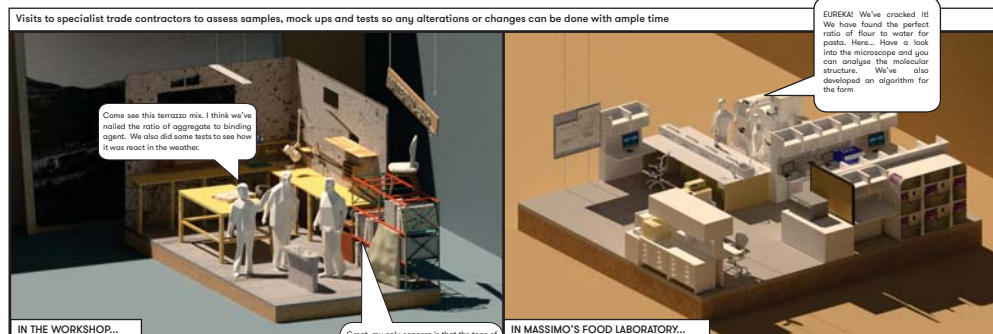
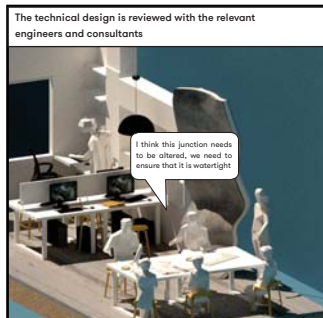
Just calm down...





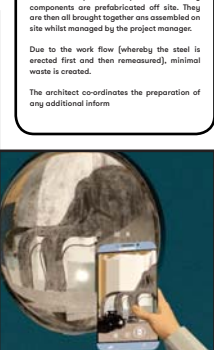
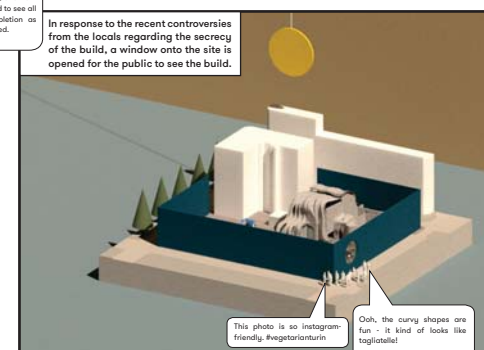
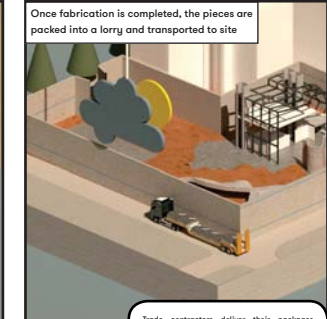
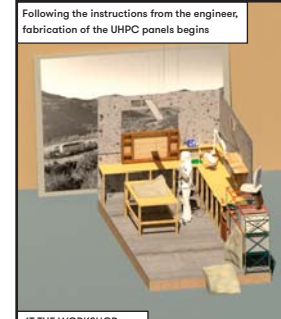
## STAGE 4 Technical Design

Prototyping Penne and Panels



## STAGE 5 Construction

Combine the Ingredients





Good progress is being made on site, with monthly visits from Carlo, who reports back to Chiara and the Turin council with updates

Let me take a photo to show the council tomorrow, they are interested in how the build is progressing

We've been having a few complaints regarding noise from the inhabitants of the residential block - we have to be more strict no noise after 11pm. The last thing we need is more bad press!

**RISKS ON SITE**

- Delays and congestions caused by untimely deliveries
- Chemical burns from materials
- Accidents caused by cranes and becoming stuck by airborne moving element
- Electrocution
- Vehicle collisions
- Falling off height
- Structure collapse
- Injury by lifting heavy goods
- Untrained personnel on site (i.e. media, campaign coverage, political visitors)

**PRECAUTIONS**

- Construction manager ensures all schedules are co-ordinated and logical
- Relevant road closures are organized ahead of time for access to site
- Appropriate protective gear to be worn at all times on site: full length trousers, sleeves, eye protection, gloves, workers boots
- Appropriate training given to crane operators and workers in the proximity. Proper co-ordination of site so one element is lifted in one area at one time.
- All machinery to be earthed to ground when in use and heavy electrical insulating gloves to be used when handling electrical appliances/machinery
- Implemented drop off and delivery points
- Safe working platforms constructed with guard rails - hard hats and harnesses to be worn for protection from falls.
- Estimation of structural risks beforehand and ensure construction manager is aware of the potentials risks
- Maximum weight lifting standards should be set up and machine lifting when required
- Supervision of visitors is required at all times and correct protective gear worn (hard hats and boots). No access to some areas are signposted clearly with boundaries. Safe walkways implemented.

## STAGE 6 Handover and Close Out

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6 MONTHS LATER...  
It's a beautiful summers day in Turin

Chiara, Massimo and the architect visit the site and indicate any amendments to be made

Can we amend this concrete finish please? It should be polished as per the drawings

**Certificate of Achievement**  
awarded to  
THE VEGETARIAN RESTAURANT,  
TURIN  
for  
CONSTRUCTION WORK COMPLETION  
22/06/2020  
[Signature]

Any final defects are rectified and a certificate is issued signifying that the construction works have been completed.

The trade contractors have finished on site and begin clearing and cleaning up

The furniture and cutlery are fabricated and packed up to be delivered to the restaurant

The ribbon is cut at a private opening event, where members of the council and the Italian food industry are invited

Construction completion is signed off

AT THE PRESS OFFICE...  
The photographs of the restaurant have just come in

SAVE PASTRAMI

Meat-eaters protest outside the event. But like they say, there's no such thing as bad publicity...

A media frenzy ensues: a myriad of tweets, Instagram posts and stories, newspaper and online articles are released offering sneak previews of the restaurant. Massimo announces a new book deal based on the menu. The locals are curious.

## STAGE 7 In Use

The Spoon Saga Pt. II

3 MONTHS LATER...  
Massimo is training his staff and team

Post occupancy evaluations are carried out by consultants

The restaurant opens and is enjoyed by both locals and tourists

It didn't realise vegetarian food could be so delicious!

It feels almost too good to be true...

**RISKS DURING USE**

- Slips and falls
- Fires
- Tripping on stairs
- Food poisoning

**PRECAUTIONS**

- Deep cleaning, protection and ongoing maintenance of floor surfaces
- Building fulfils fire regulations. Ensure hood suppression systems are regularly inspected by a licensed fire protection provider and kitchen hood and exhaust ducts cleaned of excess grease regularly
- Handrails on both sides of stairs
- A rigorous upkeep of health and safety within the kitchen. Ensure tactile surfaces are regularly cleaned

One evening, at the restaurant...

MY TOOTH!! I JUST CHIPPED MY TOOTH ON THE SPOON!! I AM SING!

The spoon in question...

Helllo, it's Massimo here. We have a problem. It's about the spoon

According to RIBA Standard Conditions of Appointment for an Architect:  
Limit of liability  
7.2 In any such action or proceedings:  
7.2.1 The Architect's liability for loss or damage shall not exceed the amount of the Architect's professional indemnity insurance specified in the Project Data, providing the Architect has notified the insurers of the relevant claim or claims as required by the terms of such insurance.  
7.2.2 No employee of the Architect including any officer or director of a company or a member of a limited liability partnership or any agent of the Architect shall be personally liable to the Client for any negligence, default or any other liability whatsoever arising from performance of the Services.

A meeting is called with the manufacturer of the spoon and lawyers

If we can rule out negligence then we are not liable...I suggest we settle the sum of a new tooth out of court.

Hi Massimo, I'm just calling catch you up on the meeting - we're settling out of court to avoid bad press. Everything will be okay but let's recall the spoons for now

The spoon was iterated and investigated for food use and the report came back with no problems - this is not an issue of negligence.

The dust settles on the spoon scandal...The restaurant has been thriving for two years...

Hello Piemont government, I'm here to report back on the vegetarian restaurant. It has been a raging success - improving employment, our environmental issues are being tackled, more vegetarian restaurants have been opening in the city. There are also rumours of Milan following in our footsteps of opening a vegetarian restaurant. The subsidies we created for sustainable and local meat industries has also meant that the more welfare considered methods of animal rearing have not suffered. Now, I have a phase two of the proposal: a farm...

**BUILDING LONGEVITY**

The process of the project has involved many contractors and consultants. There may be series of warranties. Since the project is also testing new materials, a rigorous maintenance schedule must be followed to ensure the quality and integrity of the building is retained. These evaluations will be more frequent at the beginning of the building use - once a month; and given there are no major concerns, can be phased to once a year. The maintenance and upkeep of the building is particularly important since it is expecting a large number of visitors and contributes to the tourist image of the city.

The second phase of the project is to create a farm, which would supply the goods for the restaurant. This would also serve as an educational center for the public to learn about animal welfare and environmental issues surrounding the food industry.

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