

QUARTIER 111

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Get away from the PC! Get away from the grey office routine! It's time to take a break. Even if you've only got 10 minutes. Right outside the doors of the modern buildings with their highly efficient work environments, the garden green is calling.

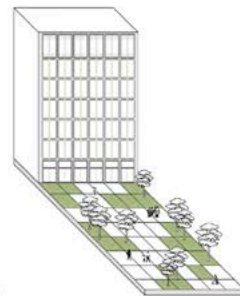
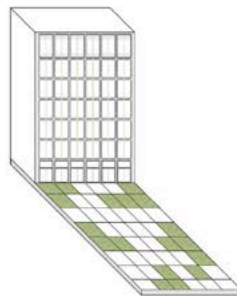
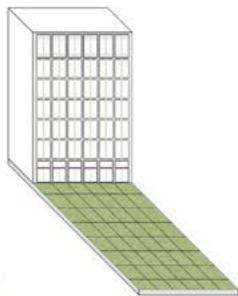
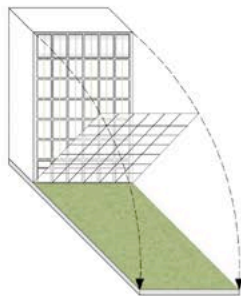
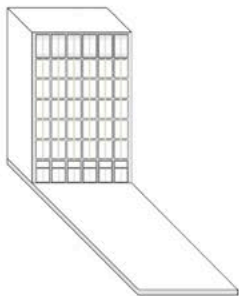
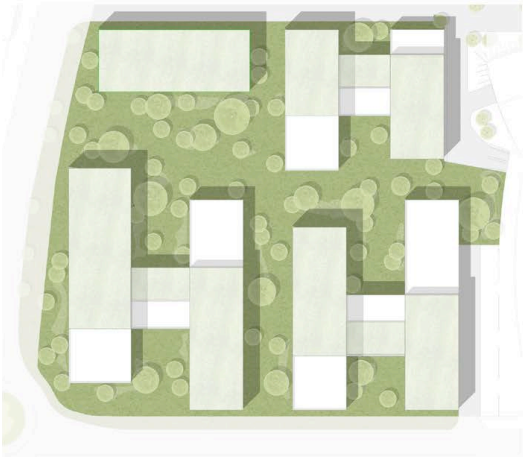
A short pause. Catching your breath. Relaxing in the small paradise, only a minute away from the buzzing of the computers and the ringing of the telephones. Are those parrots flying over there? And is that a lizard on the rock among the prairie grasses? Perhaps it's just the sunlight shining through the treetops and flickering on the ground. Why don't you go and have a look at it yourself?

A sustainable, easy-access office complex is being erected on a lot of 1.7 hectares among existing office buildings in Cologne's 'Technology Park'. Four buildings with photovoltaic roof systems are connected by an underground car park with bicycle parking and charging stations for electric cars and bikes will be built using green building methods and the LEED Gold Standard. The public area between the buildings will be designed as a natural, recreational space, as a green garden with a playful mix of trees, water, paving, and a multitude of plant species.

The synthesis of architecture and shared space is often a difficult process. Design involving nature in an urban context requires moderation between the poetry of grown vegetation and the sharp edges of man-made structures.

The tension between these differing shapes is utilised in the outside area of the "Quartier 111" to demonstrate the beauty of nature: contours and shapes that mirror the rectangularity of the surrounding buildings are given an organic appearance by means of pixelation, thus highlighting the vitalising quality of the natural environment – recharge your batteries right outside the office door.









Project data

Project Quartier 111

Location Cologne, Rhineland-Palatinate, GER

Client TAS corporation KG, Bicon Generalplanung GmbH

Partners Tim Hupe Architekten

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