

Gap Project on Perstyne Ecology Discovery Center and Hostel

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Upon visiting this site, I noticed the tourism that surrounded the area and how it treated this street as a by-pass to other venues. I decided to create a spot that attracted tourists and locals alike, something the community could gather together at while interacting with tourists through learning and collaboration. This idea became a discovery center for ecology, holding displays about the natural landscape and how locals and tourists can keep them sustainable. It also doubles as a hostel, which brings in travelers to meet the locals in the meeting rooms, cafe, or down the streets.

The structure is comprised of steel columns and beams resting on concrete bearing walls. The glazing system utilizes German channel glass with a reflective coating to mirror the beautiful city. The copper mesh is panel fitted to a steel bracing system that also holds the glazing system on the inside.

The glass tower celebrates the vertical elevator shaft, giving those in the elevator full views of the surroundings.

View From Street



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Site Location, off of Na Perstyn street in Old Town Prague 1

Site Plan



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- Copper Mesh for "Warm" Hostel Lounge and Terrace
- Channel Glass for "Cool" Hostel Lounge
- Concrete for Ecology Discovery Center



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Starting with the void that the А Gap presents, I started with a rectangular facade. Since the right side of the building is flush with an existing building, I decided to place a vertical bar to separate. Then, I incorporated a horizontal bar to divide the vertical height into two segments. I placed the horizontal bar lower for the scale of the human to be recognized at the street level. Proceeding forward, I added a receeded entry and large glass mass above the horizontal band. This move did not relate to the context very well, as it was simply a large elevation of glass next to stone buildings. Proceeding to my last itteration, I incorporated a concrete section to relate to context, with glass above, and then a complex geometry above to top it off.

B With the final form, I chose materials that would define the spaces inside. The entry level has transparent glass to invite the pedestrain in. The concrete panels relate to context while allowing small glass windows to punch through. The glazing then opens up the "cool" living spaces. Finally, the copper mesh gives a "warm" atmosphere to the living spaces and roof terrace above.



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1:200 Level 0 Floor Plan



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1:200 East Elevation



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1:200 South Elevation



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1:100 North - South Section



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1:100 East - West Section



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The cafe is intended for locals, but tourists and guests in the hostel are welcome to use it. Placed in the back of the gap, the glass wall allows views and access to the interior courtyard and gardens.





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The "warm" Hostel lounge is a great place to hang out and meet people from different countries. The triangulated cut-outs give dynamic movement to the space, encouraging excitement and conversation. The furniature is intended for lounging or work.

Hostel Lounge



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Hostel Room



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At the last level of the building, there is a rooftop terrace that can be programmed for many different events. Small concerts could be enjoyed, an ecological presentation could be given, there are many opportunities if theweather permits.

Shown in this view, the copper mesh reaches up and over to protect and conceal the rooftop terrace. This provides a nook for a table, setup, or shade from the sun.

Rooftop Terrace



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Window Across the Street



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South View



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StreetView from North



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Frontview and Courtyard



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Streetview from South