

I. IDENTIFICATION DATA

Thesis title:	Adaptive Reuse of Stadion Strahov – A Center for High Performance Athletes
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II. EVALUATION OF INDIVIDUAL CRITERIA

Assignment	challenging
<i>How demanding was the assigned project?</i>	
Adaptive reuse of Strahov stadium is challenging because of the unique quality of the Strahov stadium itself. It is optimized for a one-of-a-kind event; and when this event stopped being performed, the stadium basically lost its meaning. Due to this uniqueness, it is also a historical landmark of considerable importance for Prague. Therefore any intervention must start from the extraordinary conditions of the stadium itself. It however escapes any typological precedent that can be used for easy reference.	

Fulfilment of assignment	Choose an item.
<i>How well does the thesis fulfil the assigned task? Have the primary goals been achieved? Which assigned tasks have been incompletely covered, and which parts of the thesis are overextended? Justify your answer.</i>	
Ronit Doshi came up with the idea to bring multiple sports back to Strahov through a center of high-performance athletes. This is a conceptual project rather than an assignment based on a real client. Ronit Doshi aimed to push this idea as far as possible, while still respecting certain architectural boundaries.	

Activity and independence when creating final thesis	Choose an item.
<i>Assess whether the student had a positive approach, whether the time limits were met, whether the conception was regularly consulted and whether the student was well prepared for the consultations. Assess the student's ability to work independently.</i>	
Ronit Doshi is capable to work independently. He has good capability to work out plans systematically with consideration to organization, layout, and details.	

Technical level	Choose an item.
<i>Is the thesis technically sound? How well did the student employ expertise in his/her field of study? Does the student explain clearly what he/she has done?</i>	
The "surface" part of the project is well-conceived. Not only does it feature sports facilities for high-level athletes, but Ronit Doshi also gave ample space for leisure and amateur sports. This will make the concept much more accessible for the general audience and thus bring more life into the complex than a design purely focused on high-level activities and training. The "underground" part is more speculative and is less supported with structural and building-construction considerations.	

Formal level and language level, scope of thesis	Choose an item.
<i>Are formalisms and notations used properly? Is the thesis organized in a logical way? Is the thesis sufficiently extensive? Is the thesis well-presented? Is the language clear and understandable? Is the English satisfactory?</i>	
The thesis text is well-written. The structure is clear. The images and diagrams are of high quality.	

Selection of sources, citation correctness

Choose an item.

Does the thesis make adequate reference to earlier work on the topic? Was the selection of sources adequate? Is the student's original work clearly distinguished from earlier work in the field? Do the bibliographic citations meet the standards?

Ronit Doshi has analysed a number of realized high-performance training centres to understand the typology. The analysis is thorough and well-documented. As with most diploma theses these days, all the resources are taken from the Internet and not from journals or books.

Additional commentary and evaluation (optional)

Comment on the overall quality of the thesis, its novelty and its impact on the field, its strengths and weaknesses, the utility of the solution that is presented, the theoretical/formal level, the student's skillfulness, etc.

Ronit Doshi's proposal reinterprets Strahov stadium to give it back the plurality of sports activities for which it was actually created. The combination of high-level athletes training and amateur-recreational sports facilities put Strahov back again in the community of Prague. The surrounding master plan of the plaza tries to make this link more realizable. This work must be seen as a speculative contribution to the question what can be done with the unique facility that Strahov is.

III. OVERALL EVALUATION, QUESTIONS FOR THE PRESENTATION AND DEFENSE OF THE THESIS, SUGGESTED GRADE

Summarize your opinion on the thesis and explain your final grading.

With his diploma work, Ronit Doshi examines in an architectural way new options for the use of Strahov stadium. Although the program is largely speculative, the diploma work convincingly shows that a more pluralistic and sports integrated approach is possible.

The grade that I award for the thesis is **B - very good**.

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