OFFICE CARE SPACE

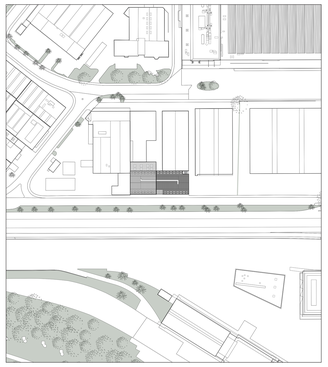
Transformation of an existing office and workshop building in Les Acacias (GE)

While the occupation of office buildings fluctuates according to the economic and health crises affecting our cities, the question of the future of office buildings and the spaces they offer is more than relevant. New offices keep emerging, following the classical layouts, and the old ones are for the most part left abandoned.

Located on the edge of a large industrial wasteland in the Acacias neighborhood, the building 5C-5D on Route des Jeunes is a former garage built between 1988 and 1990 to house workshops and offices on 6 floors. It is situated in the center of what will be the future PAV Acacias project and is among the buildings that are planned to be preserved and integrated into the future neighborhood.

The idea of the project is to take the office building and to improve its existing environment. We don't want to create a new building since there are already a lot of them.
We want to add another quality to it, which is as self-care program. Therefore the building is divided in two entities: The self-care area and the office area. By having this space we want to create an office building where users' well-being is taken into account, not only to increase companies' performance but also for users' physical and mental health.
We also want to keep as much as the original structure and façade as possible but also adapting it to the new elements. The offices and the self-care programs fill the neutral spaces given by the existing structure.

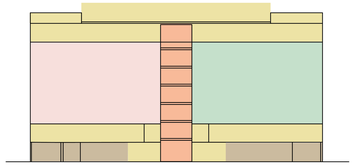
We want to propose a solution for offices in general, to improve the existing environment, to think about the user's wellbeing while at work.



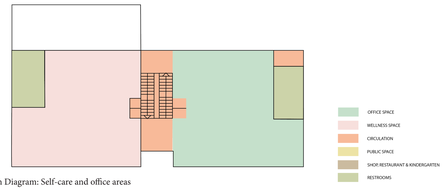
Siteplan 1:500

Photography of the existing building 5C-5D of the Route des Jeunes taken in 2014

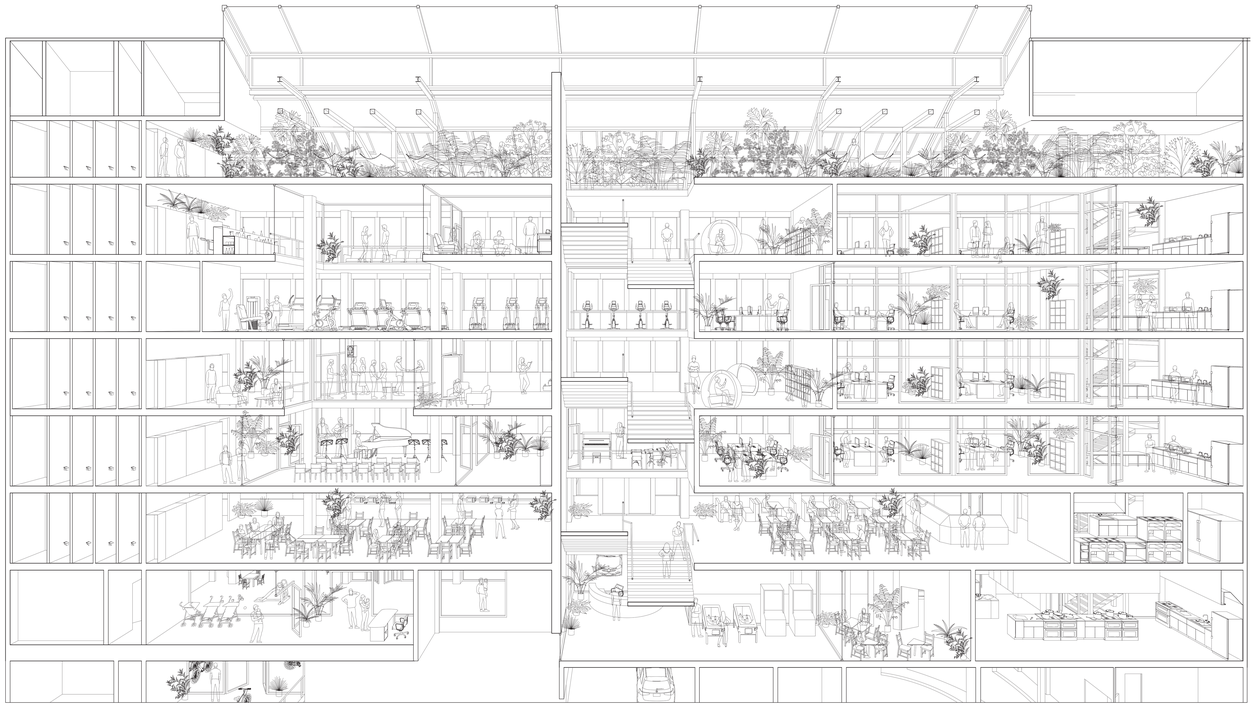
Project Elevation 1:100



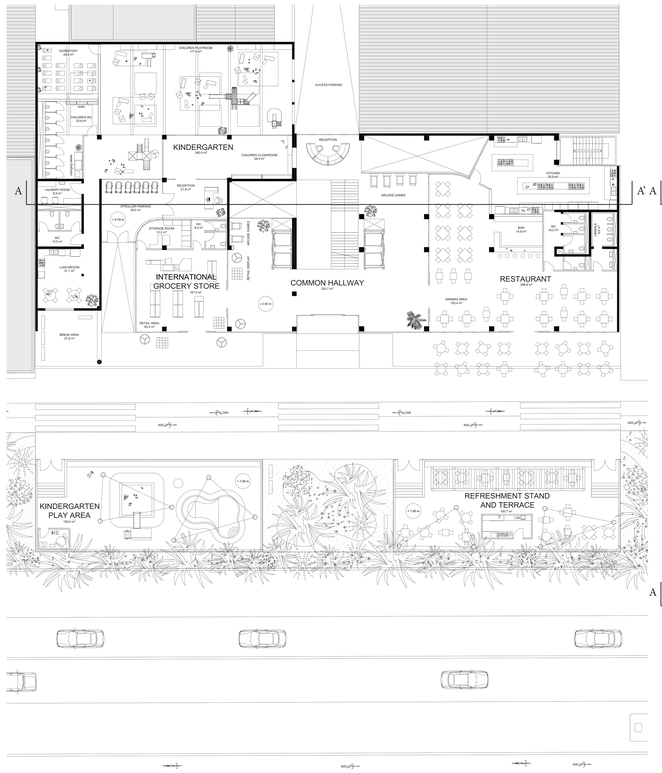
Elevation Diagram: Self-care and office areas



Plan Diagram: Self-care and office areas



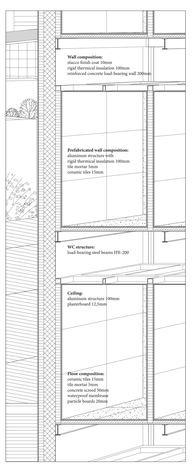
Sectional Perspective A-A' 1:50



Plan Ground Floor 1:100

Plan 2nd Floor 1:100

Plan 3rd Floor 1:100



View and constructive details of the west facade with the prefabricated restrooms from the 2nd and 3rd floor

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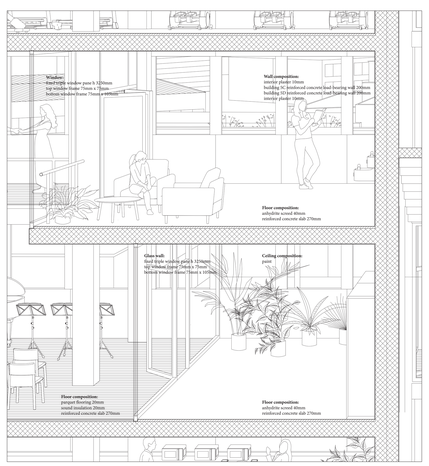

View and constructive details of the of the common hallway (2nd and 3rd floor), the orchestra studio (2nd Floor) and the dance studio (3nd Floor)

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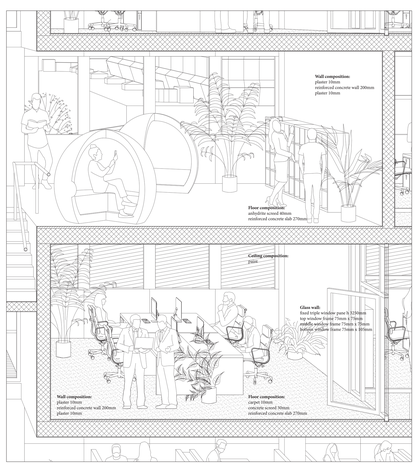

View and constructive details of the office workplace on the 2nd floor and the open library on the 3rd floor

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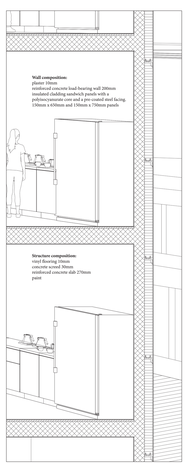

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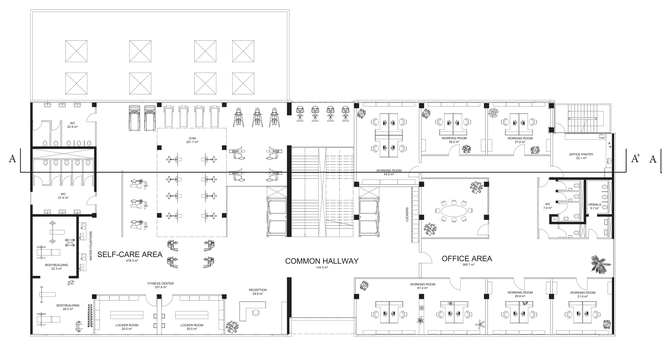
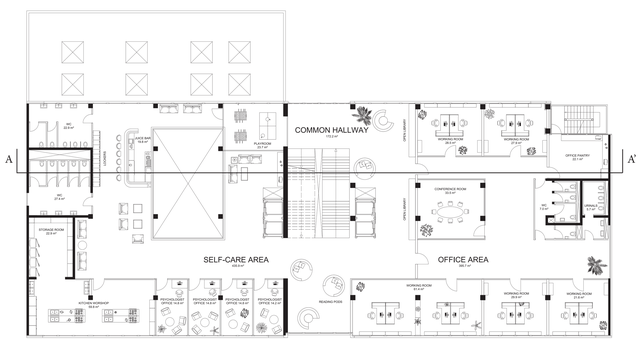


Plan 4th Floor 1:100



Plan 5th Floor 1:100

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