

TEN TOWERS IN A PARK IN MILAN BICOCCA

The project sees the competition area as a chance of creating a large green lung which would complete the Bicocca district. Its slogan "Alberi di Bicocca" (Bicocca Trees) refers to a system of buildings inspired by nature which makes room for nature in the city. The project presents a new housing system enabling people to live both in a lively and dynamic city centre and in a green environment. The "Bicocca Trees" are ten light-coloured stone towers emerging from a large green platform which constitutes the new "central park" of the district. It is a reference point, a place for relaxation and recreation that provides a cool shelter in summer for the new residents and those in the surrounding areas. The built-up surface, consisting of housing and shops, is assembled along three sides of the plot, so as to clear an area of 30,000 sq. metres which will be designated as parkland and redesigned with a new configuration. Five-hundred forest trees will be planted on the site and the roofing of the commercial areas will be turned into terraces overlooking the park, private raised gardens and safe areas for playing, reading and relaxing. A network of porticos creates a series of continuous covered walkways that spread out over the entire plot. Along these there will be cafés, restaurants and meeting points, placed away from the traffic and the noisy roads. Each tower will contain 11 types of apartments ranging from 42 to 300 sq. metres. The structure, the plant engineering and the façade system have been designed to allow the most flexible combination of the different types of accommodation in each tower. The white stone buildings are simple, regular prisms. They have been made lighter by a series of openings which capture the irregular characteristics of vegetation, and are marked by the textured stone surface and the wooden sliding brise-soleil.

Client: Pirelli RE Concorso "Il Centro di Bicocca" Restricted competition: 2008

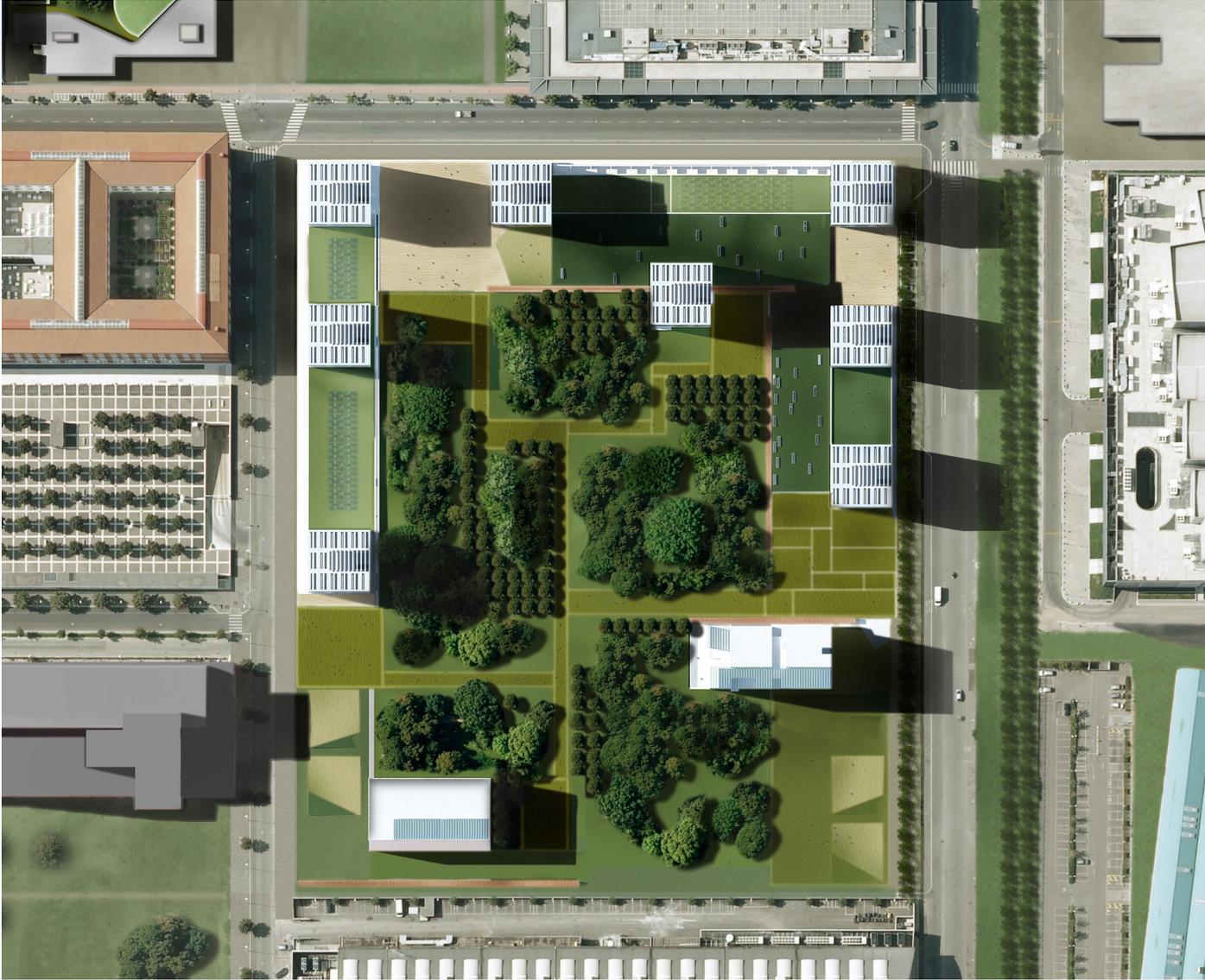
Winning project - 1° Preis Site area: 48.000 mq Total floor area: 49.500 mq

Landscape architect: studio PROAP Lisboa, Energy concept: Transsolar GmbH, Stuttgart

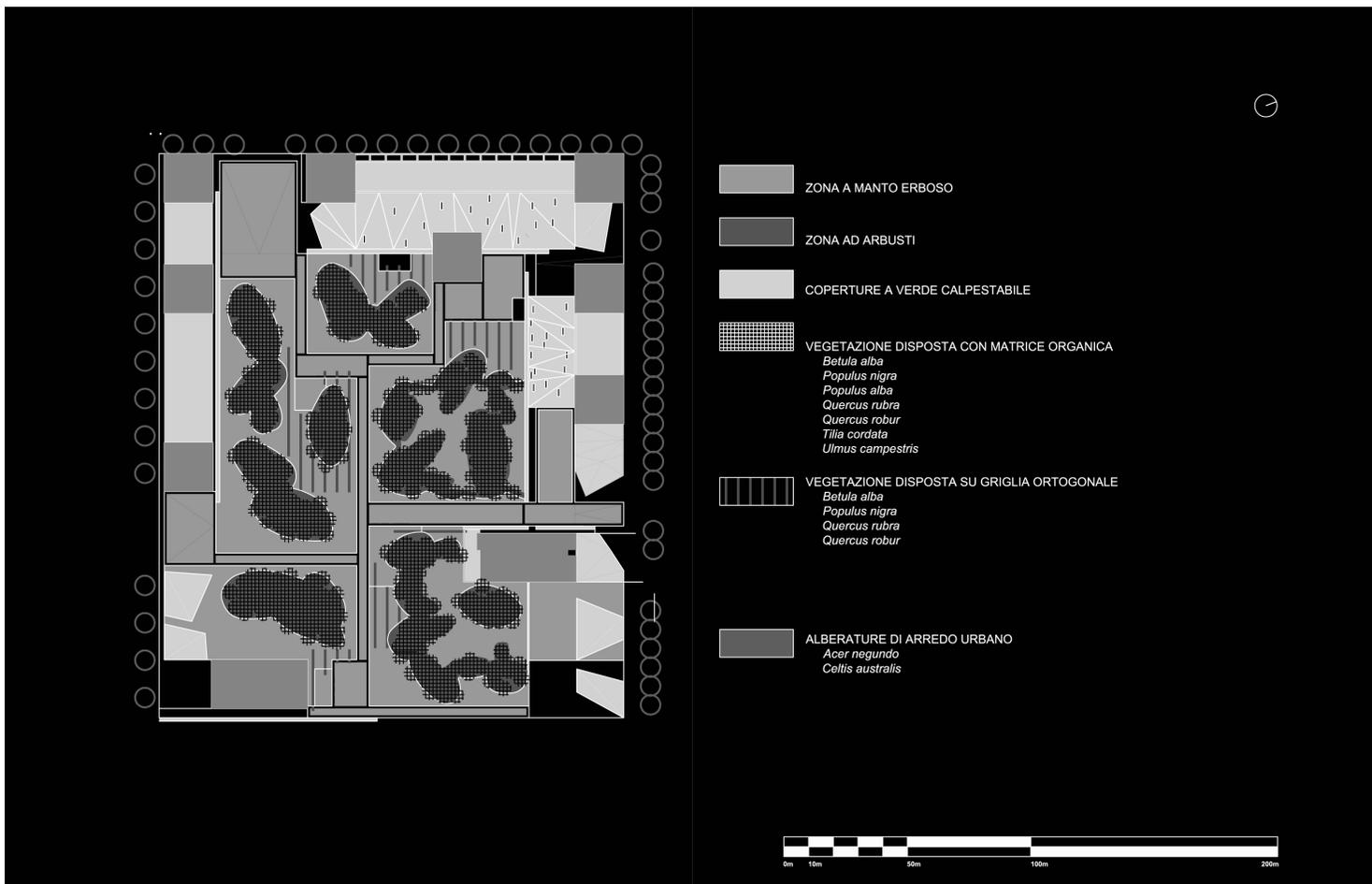
Structural engineering: Studio Sajni e Zambetti, Milano



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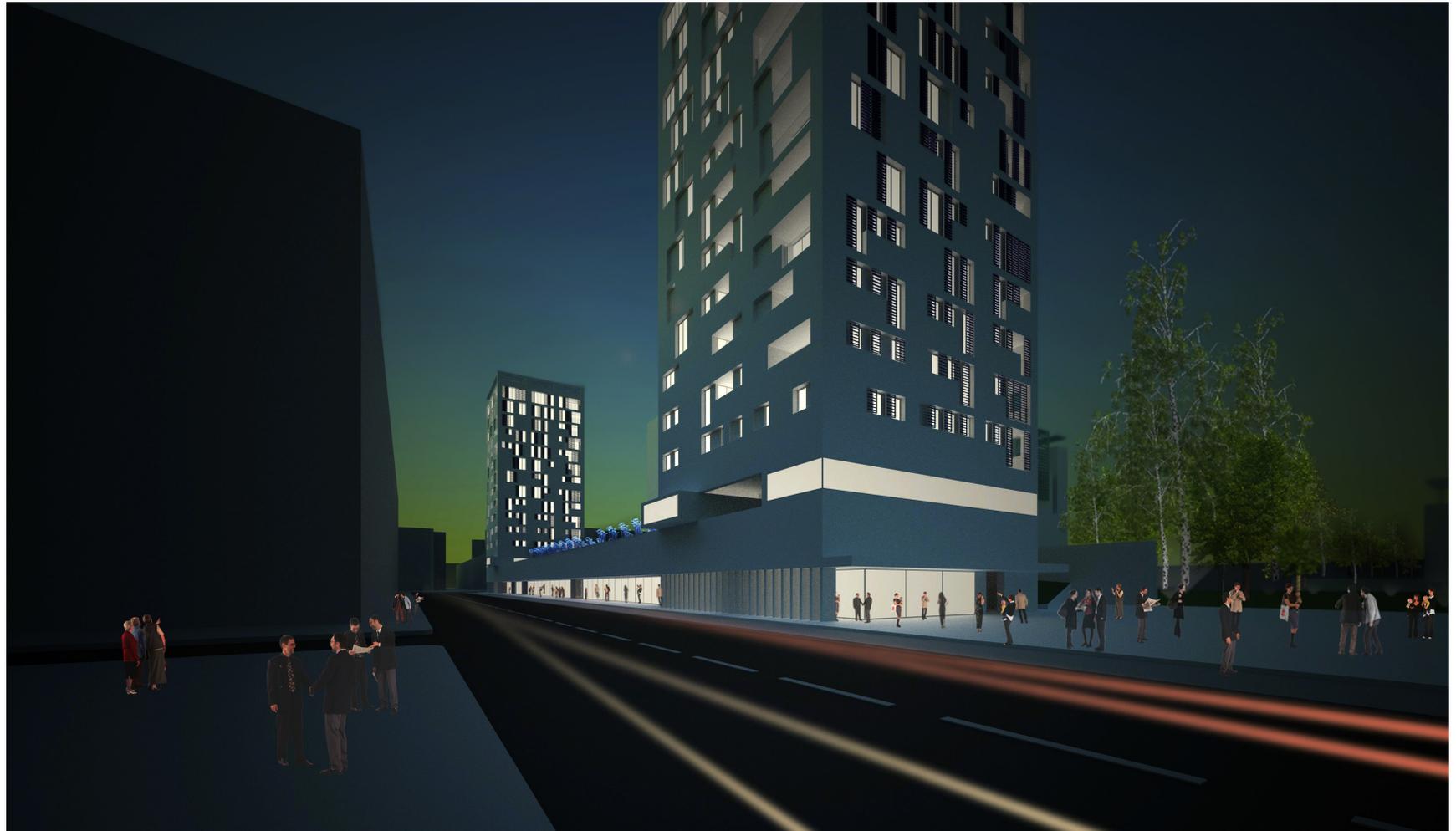
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