

Maison Hermès



In 1998, Maison Hermès asked RPBW to design its Japanese headquarters in Tokyo. Harumi-dori is chosen, the main street of the Ginza district. The site has atypical development: a long and tight lot that forces the building to grow above all in height. The result is a 15-storey building (of which 3 basements), 45 meters long and 11 meters wide. The lining element consists of a single 45 cm square meter module repeated for 13,000 times. The size of each module corresponds to a molten glass drop: a measure determined physically by the surface tension of the material.

Dati Progetto

Design	Phase one: 1998 - 1999
	Phase two: 2002 - 2004
Construction	Phase one: 2000 - 2001
	Phase two: 2005 - 2006
Site area	Phase one: 1581 m2
	Phase two: 2720 m2
Total floor area	Phase one: 6071 m2
	Phase two: 8543 m2
Lenght	45 m (56 m with thw 2005 - 2006 extension)
Width	11 m
Height	45,55 m
Floors	12 + 3 basements

Credits

Client	Hermès Japan
Architects	Renzo Piano Building Workshop, in collaboration with Rena Dumas
Consultants	Phase one: Ove Arup & Partners (structure and services); Syllabus (cost control); Delphi (acoustics); Ph. Almon (lighting); R. Labeyrie (audio/video equipment); K. Tanaka (landscape); Atelier 10/N.Takata (code research); ArchiNova

Associates (site supervision)

Phase two: GDLC Architectes/L. Couton (consulting architect); Ove Arup & Partners (structure and services); Delphi (acoustics); Ph. Almon (lighting); K. Tanaka (landscape); M. Gonzalez (specifications); ArchiNova Associates (site supervision); Takenaka Corporation Design Department (consulting executive architect)

Consulting executive architect

Takenaka Corporation Design Department

Sculpture

S. Shingu

Immagini



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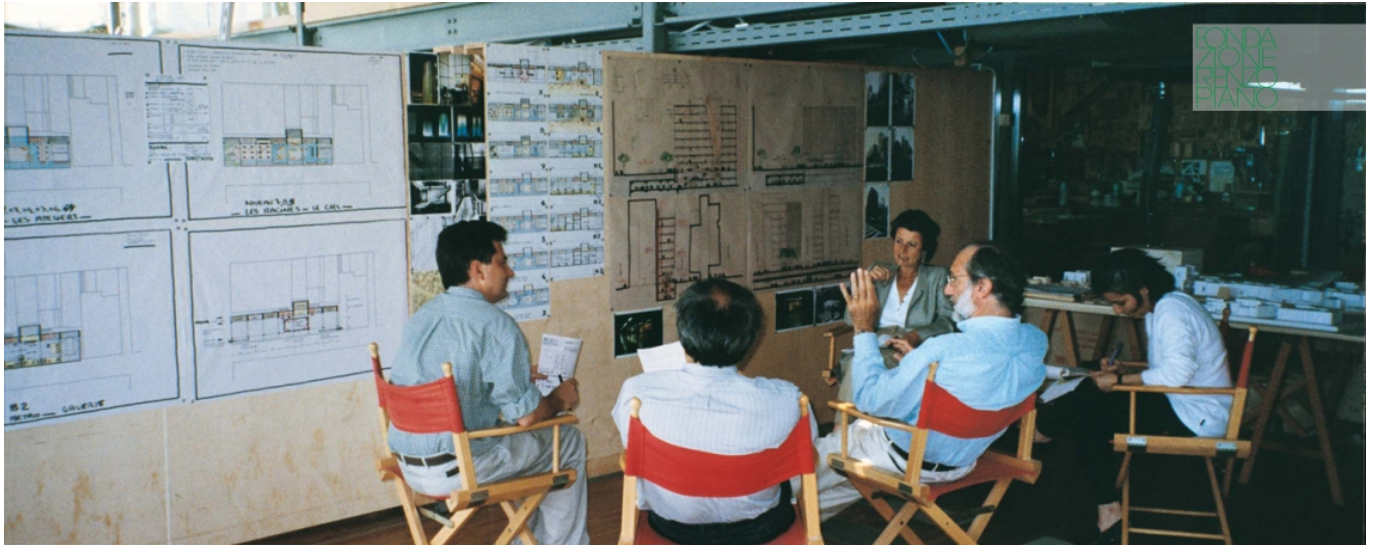
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The building's short elevation along Harumi Dori reveals how the luminous glazed skin wraps in front of the concrete core

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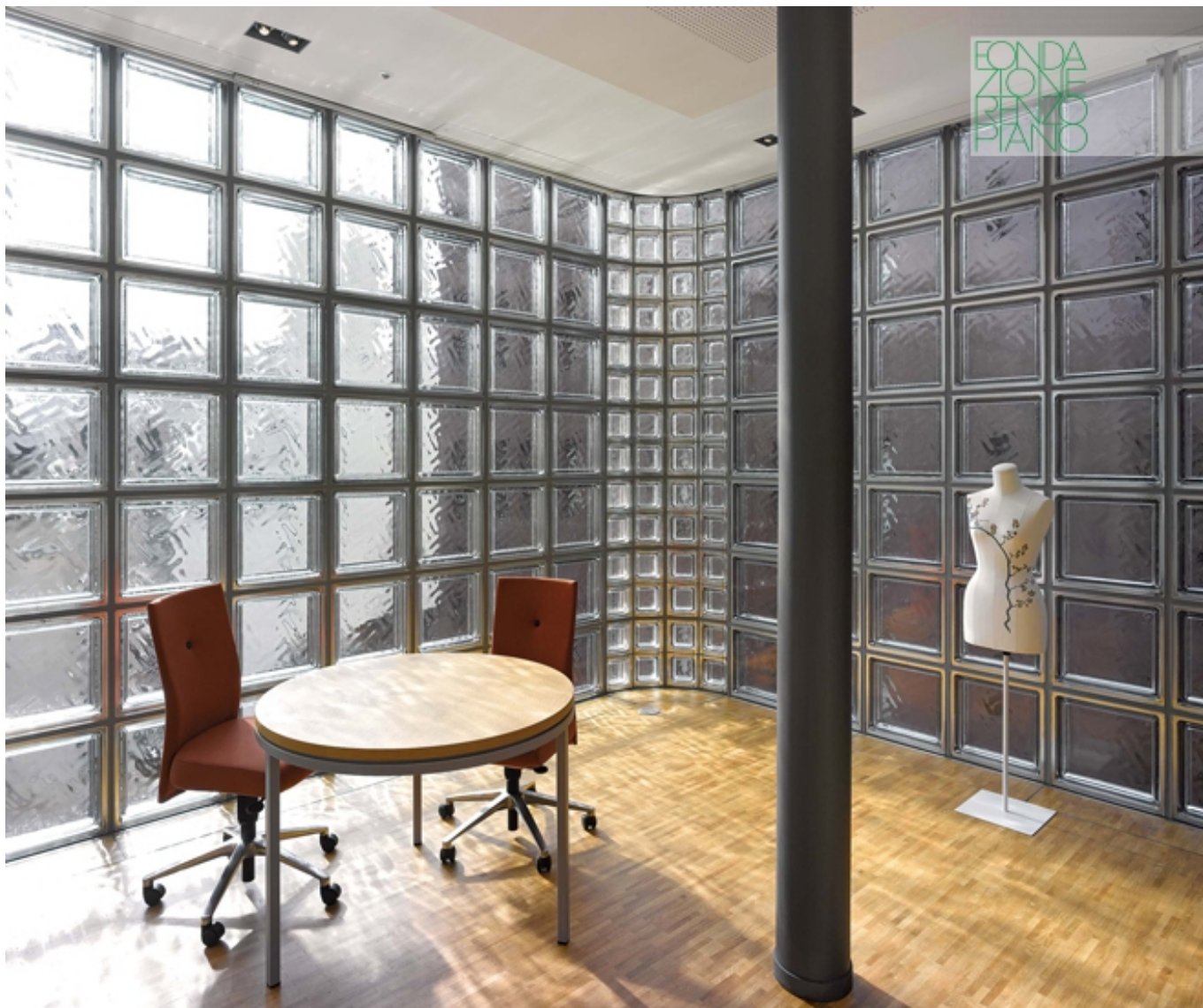
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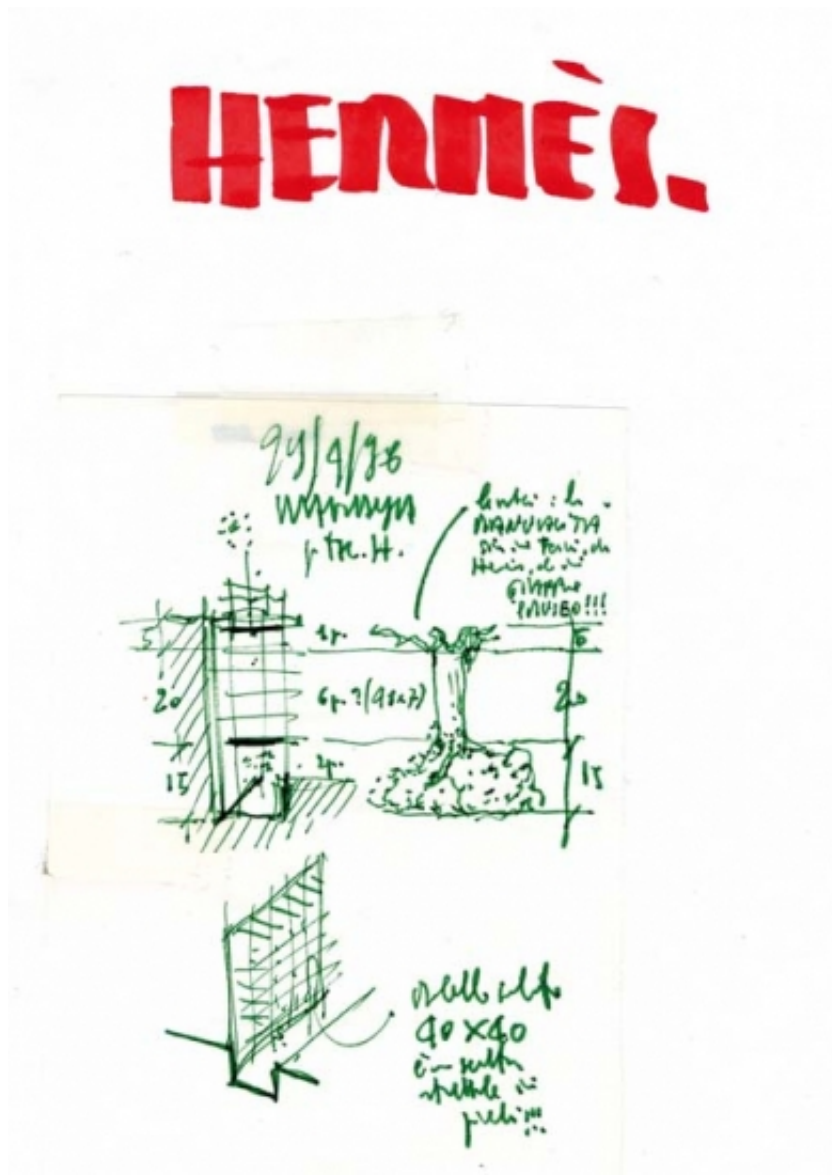


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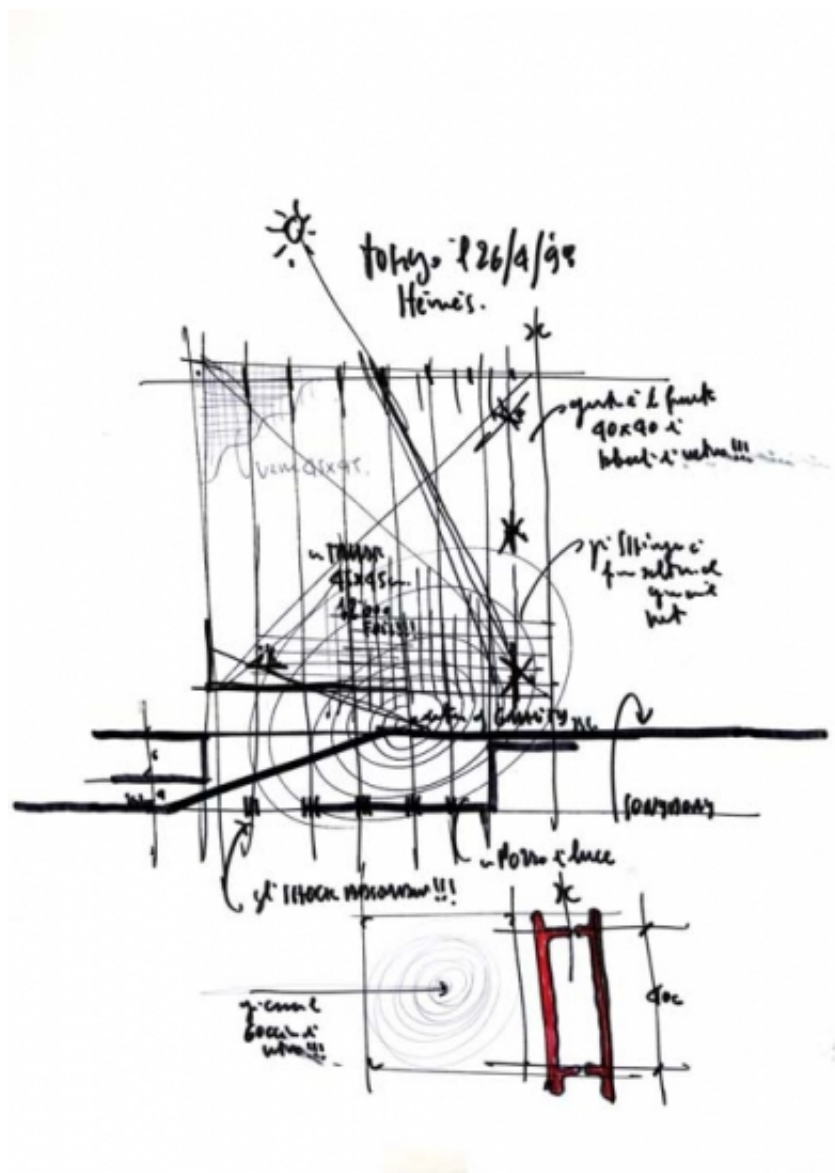
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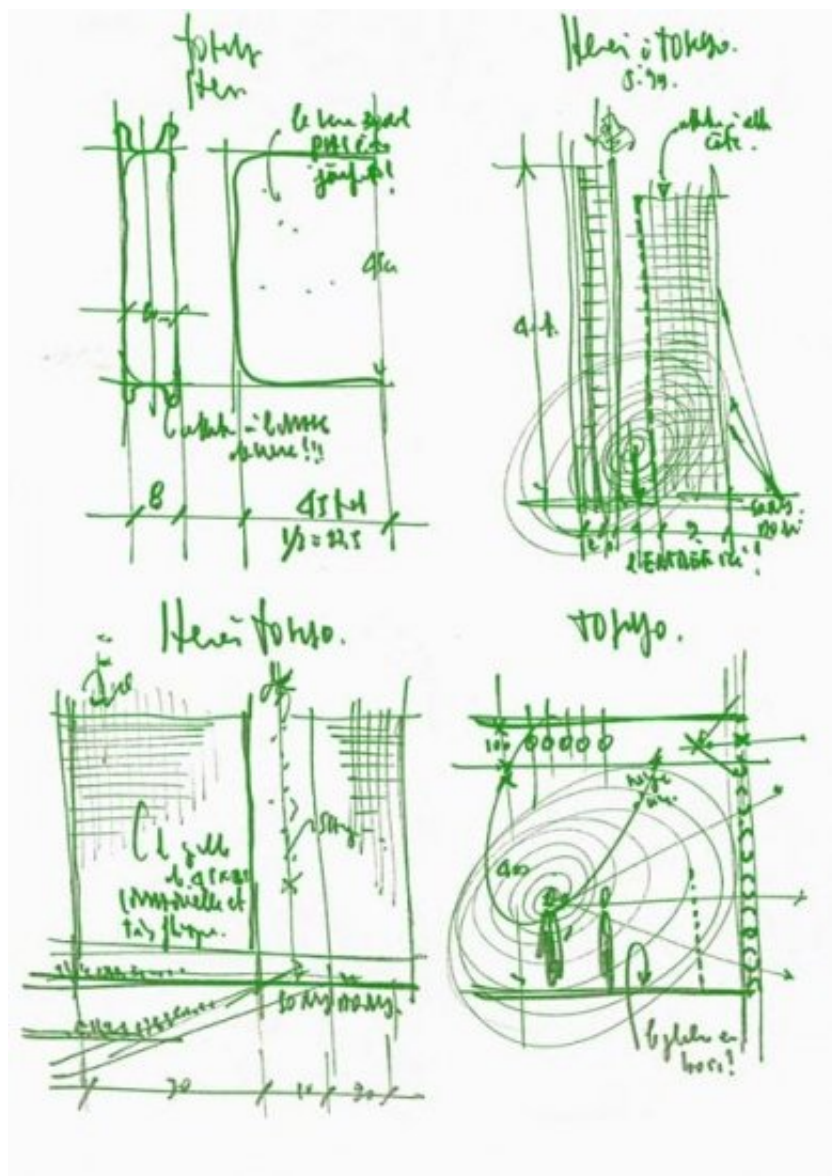
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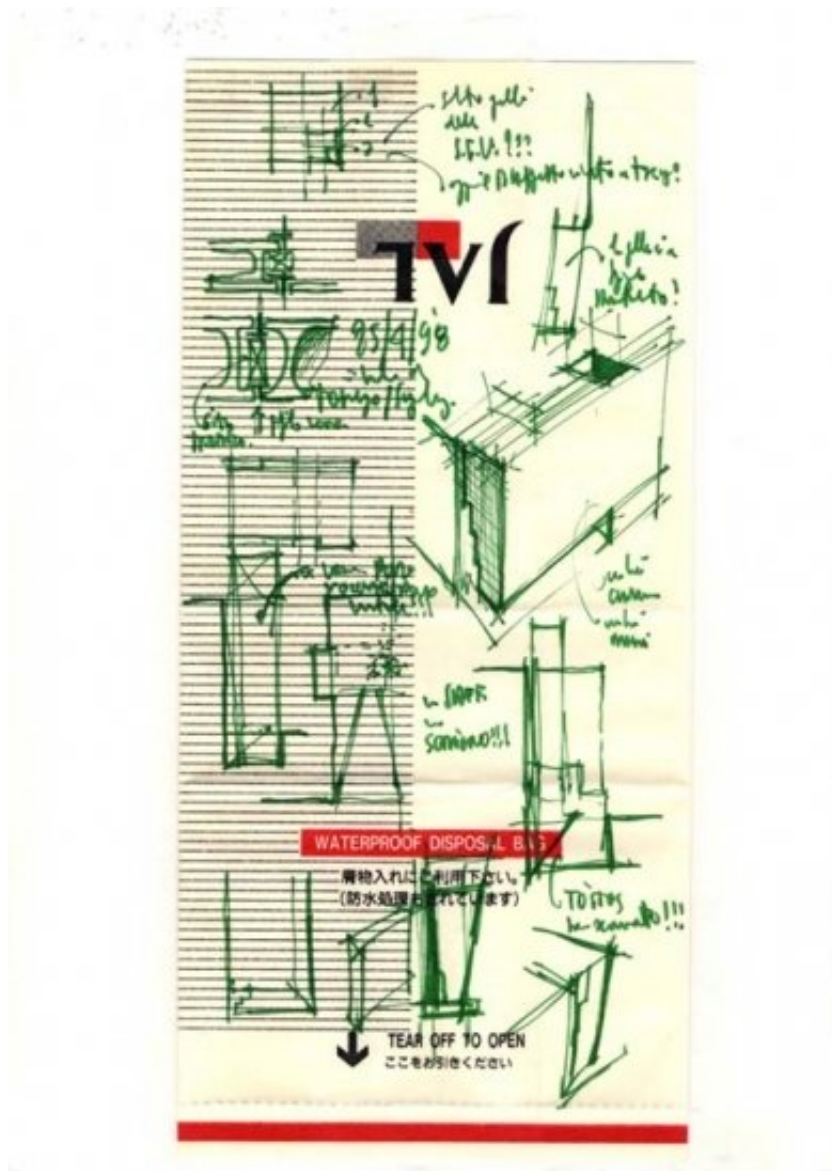
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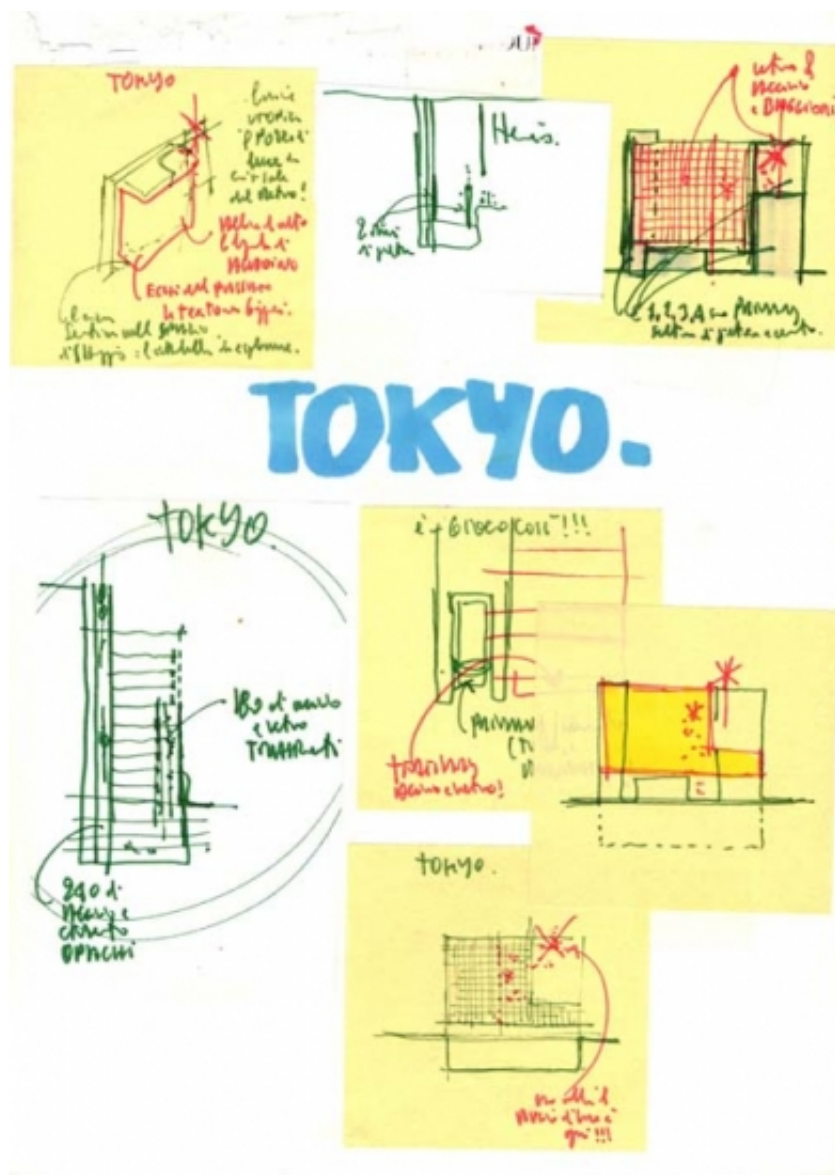
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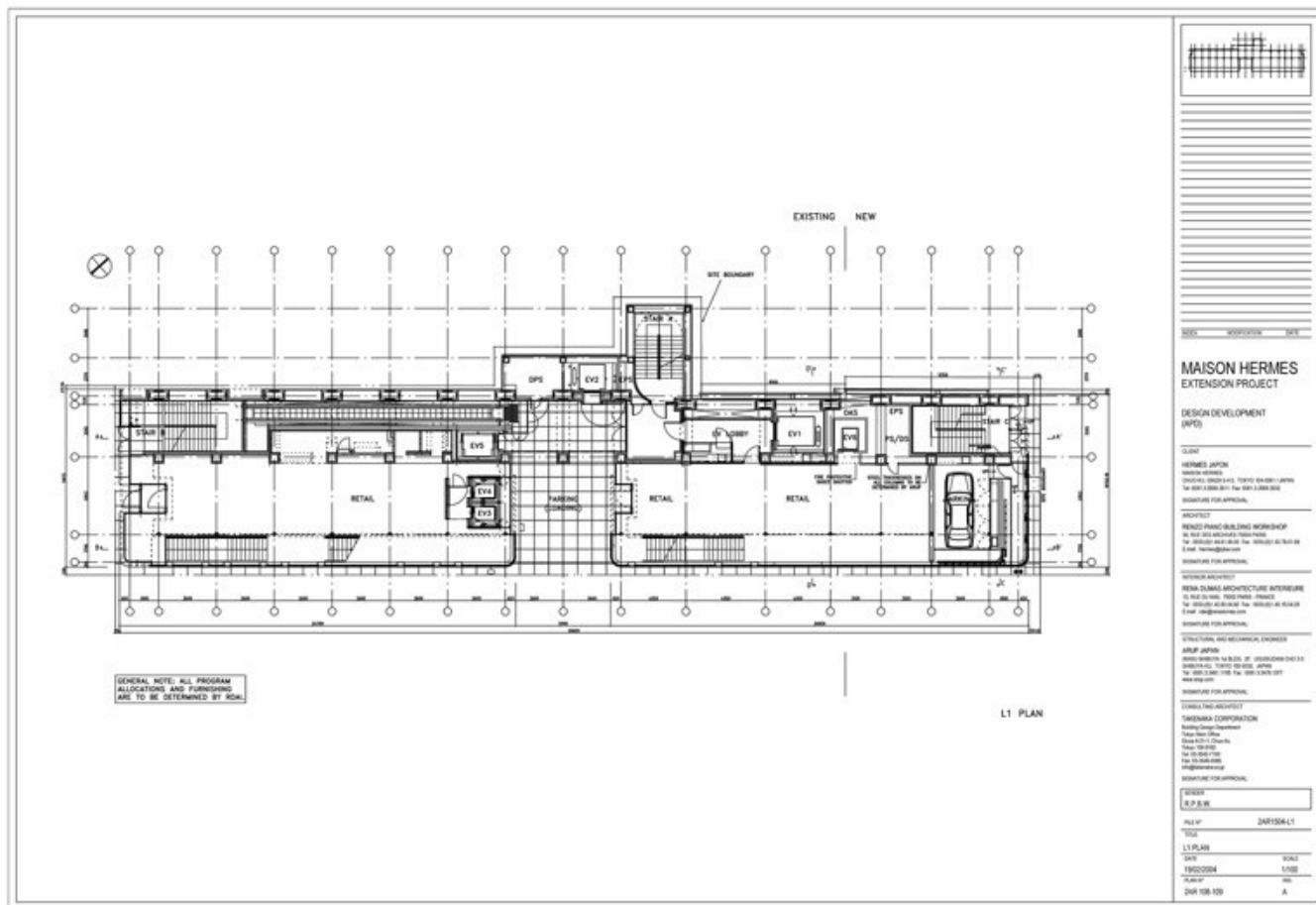
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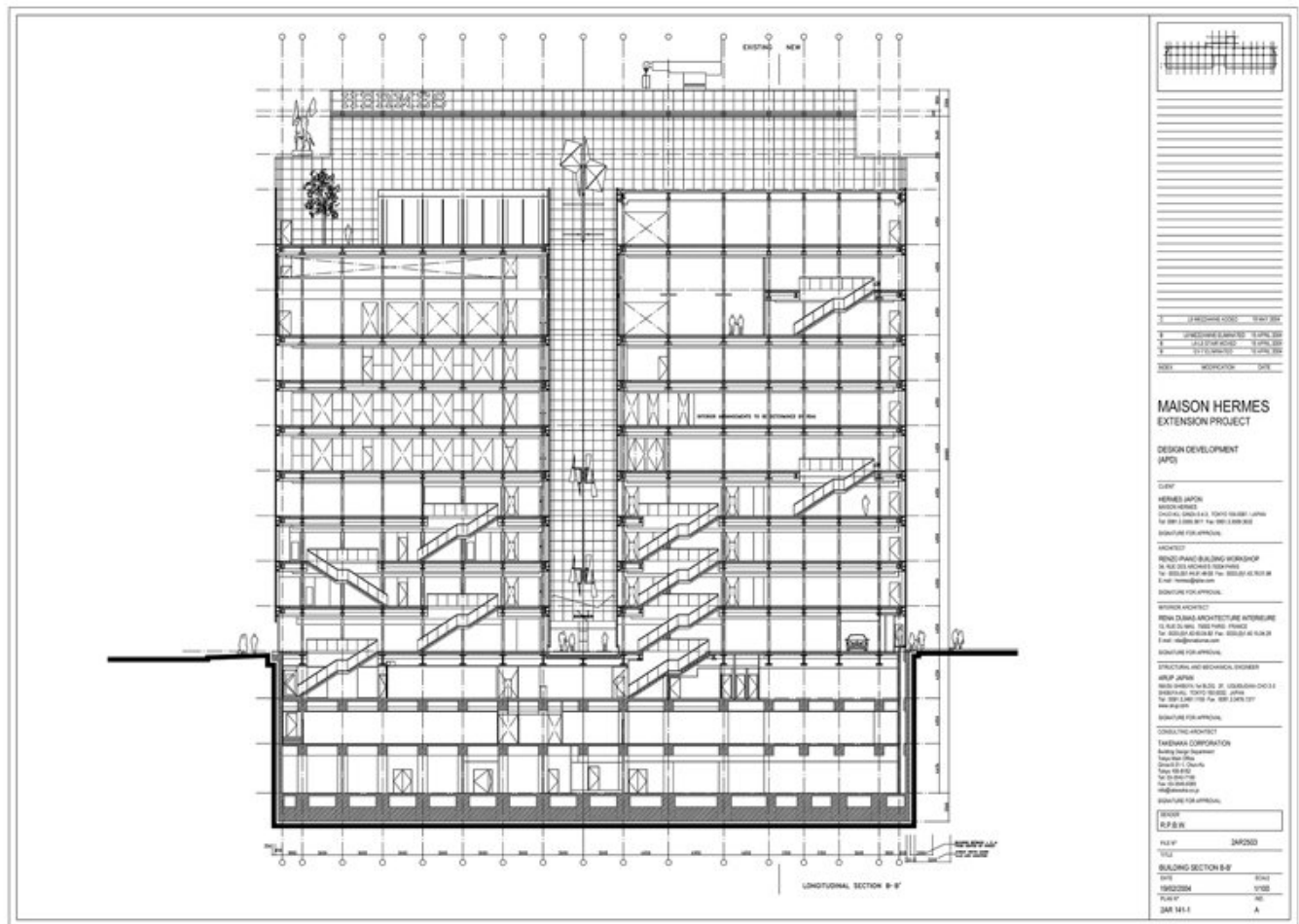


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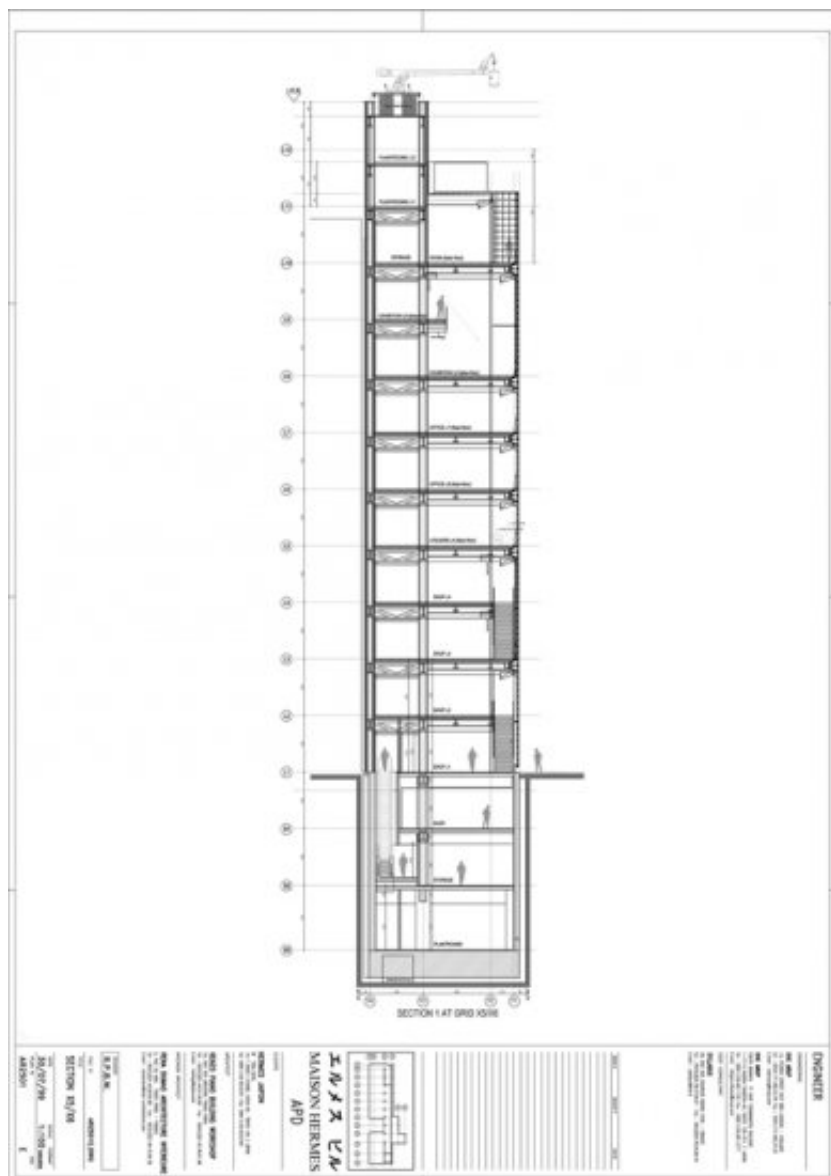
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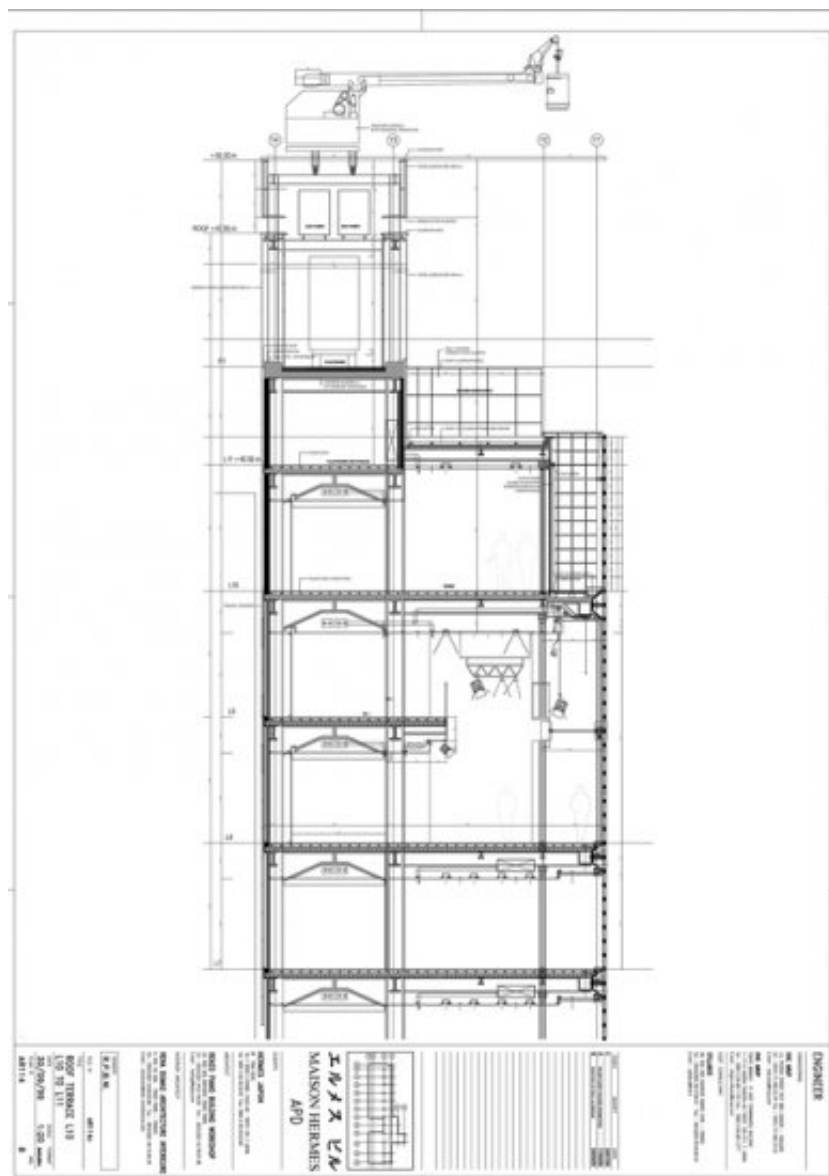
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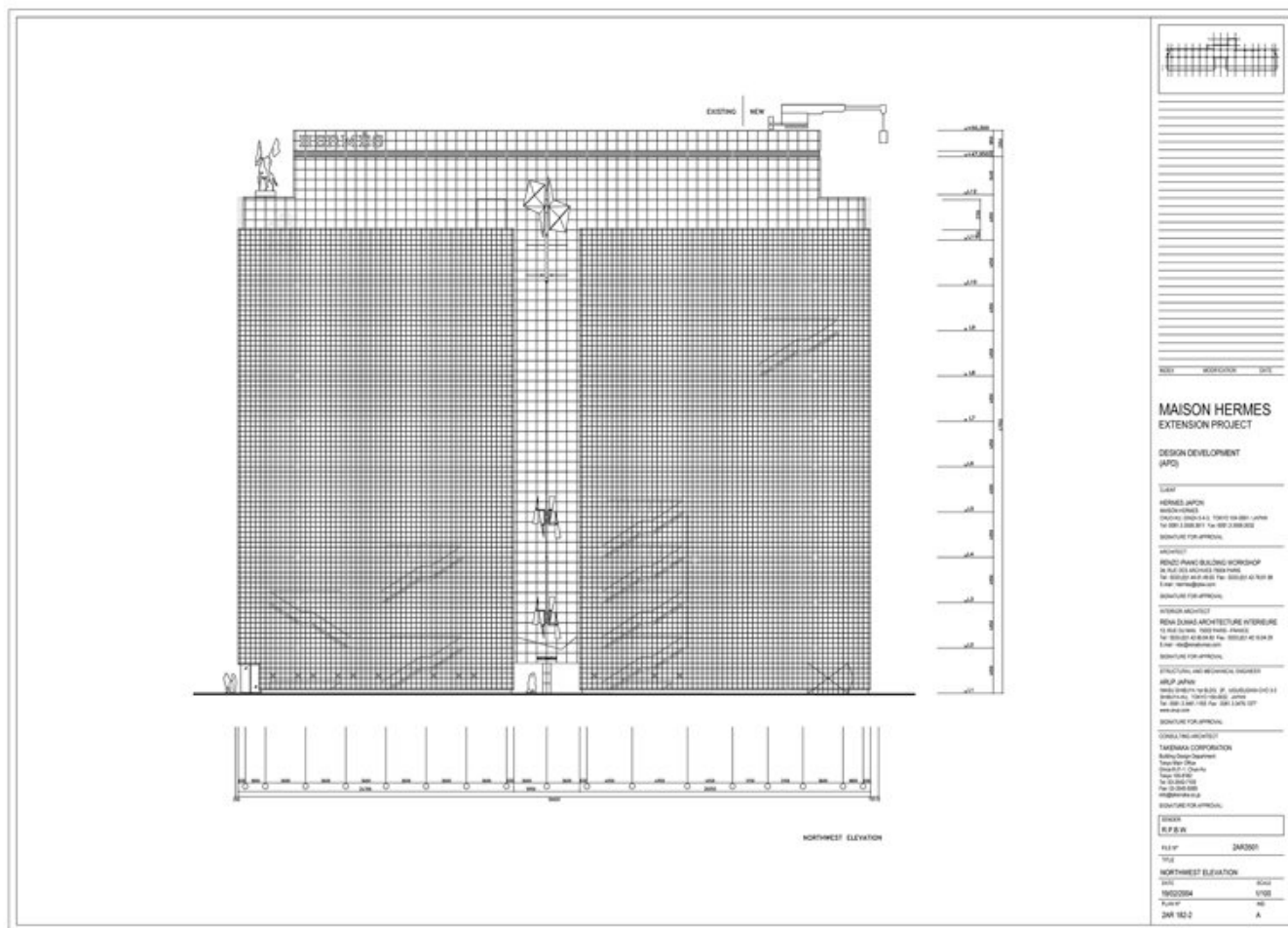
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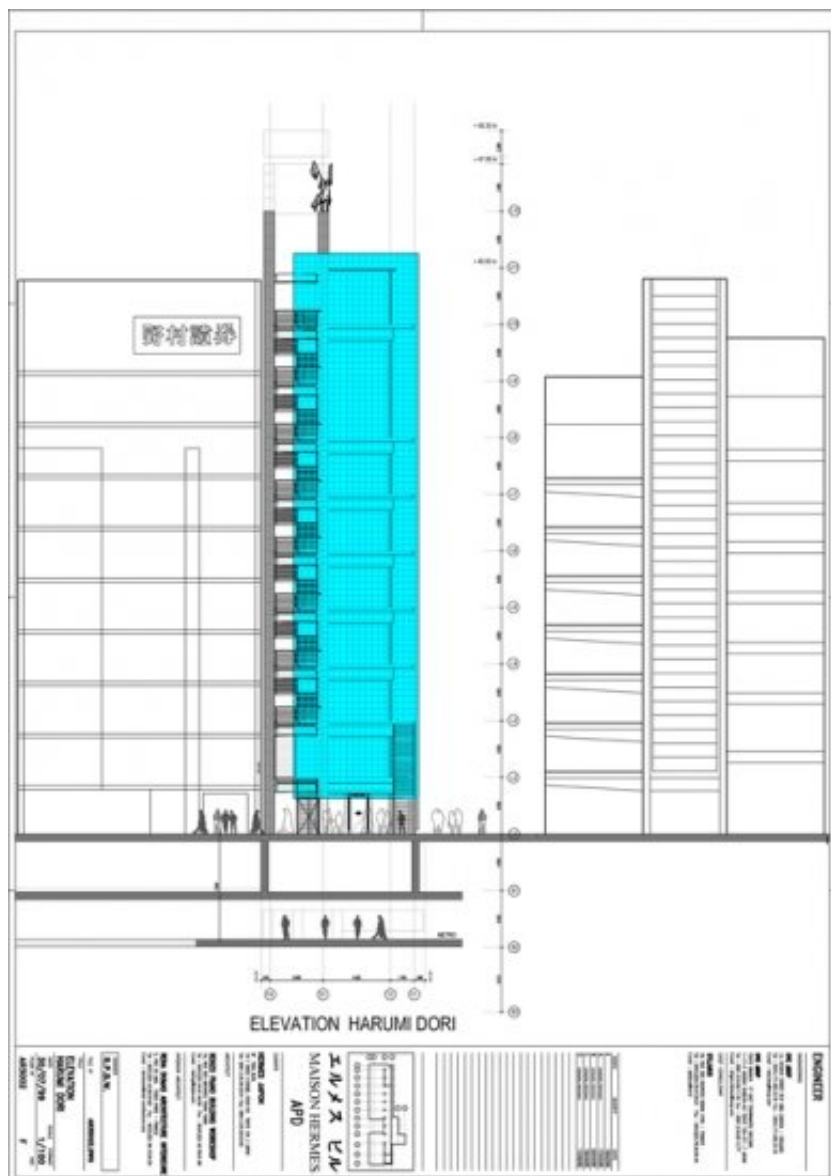
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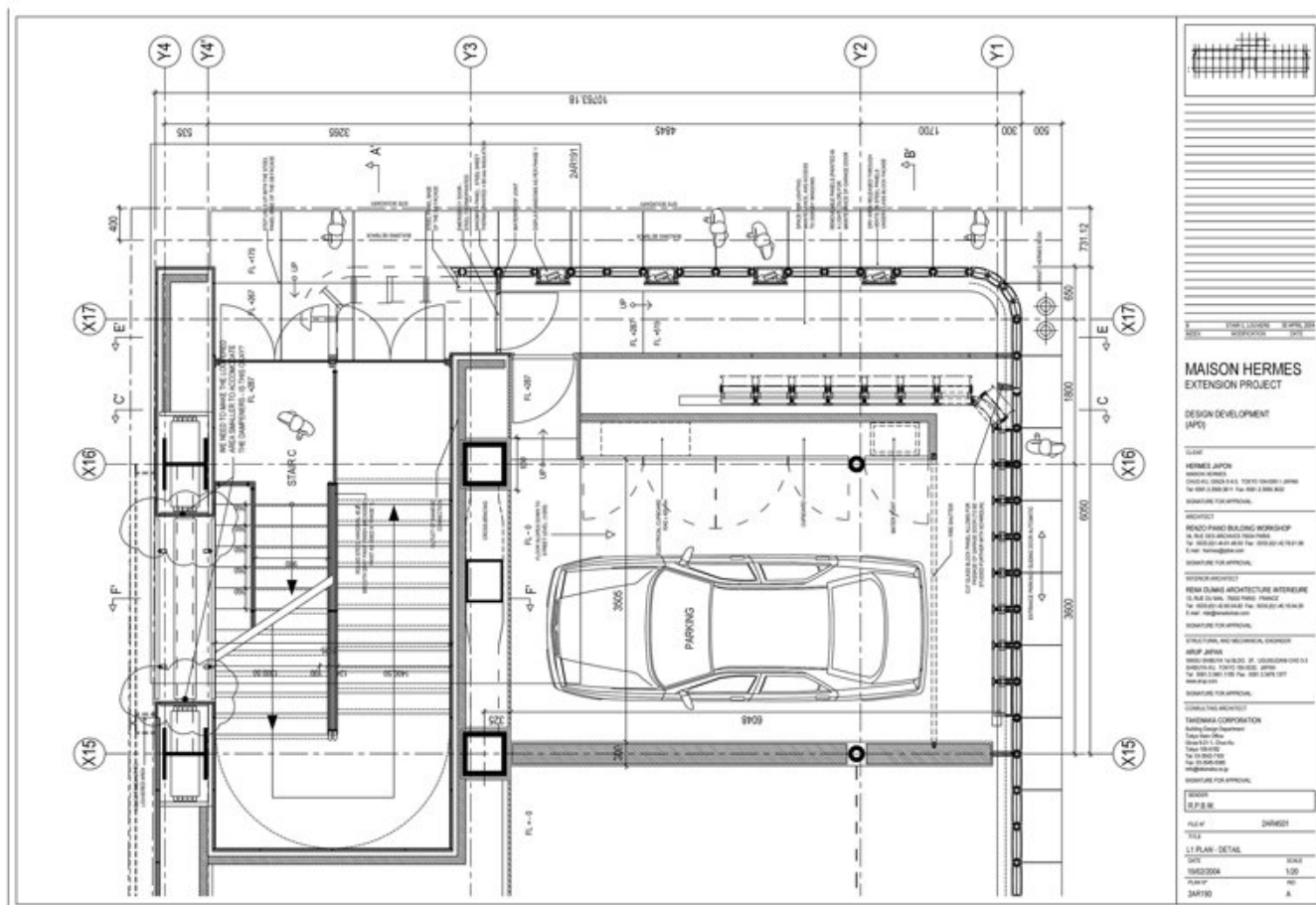
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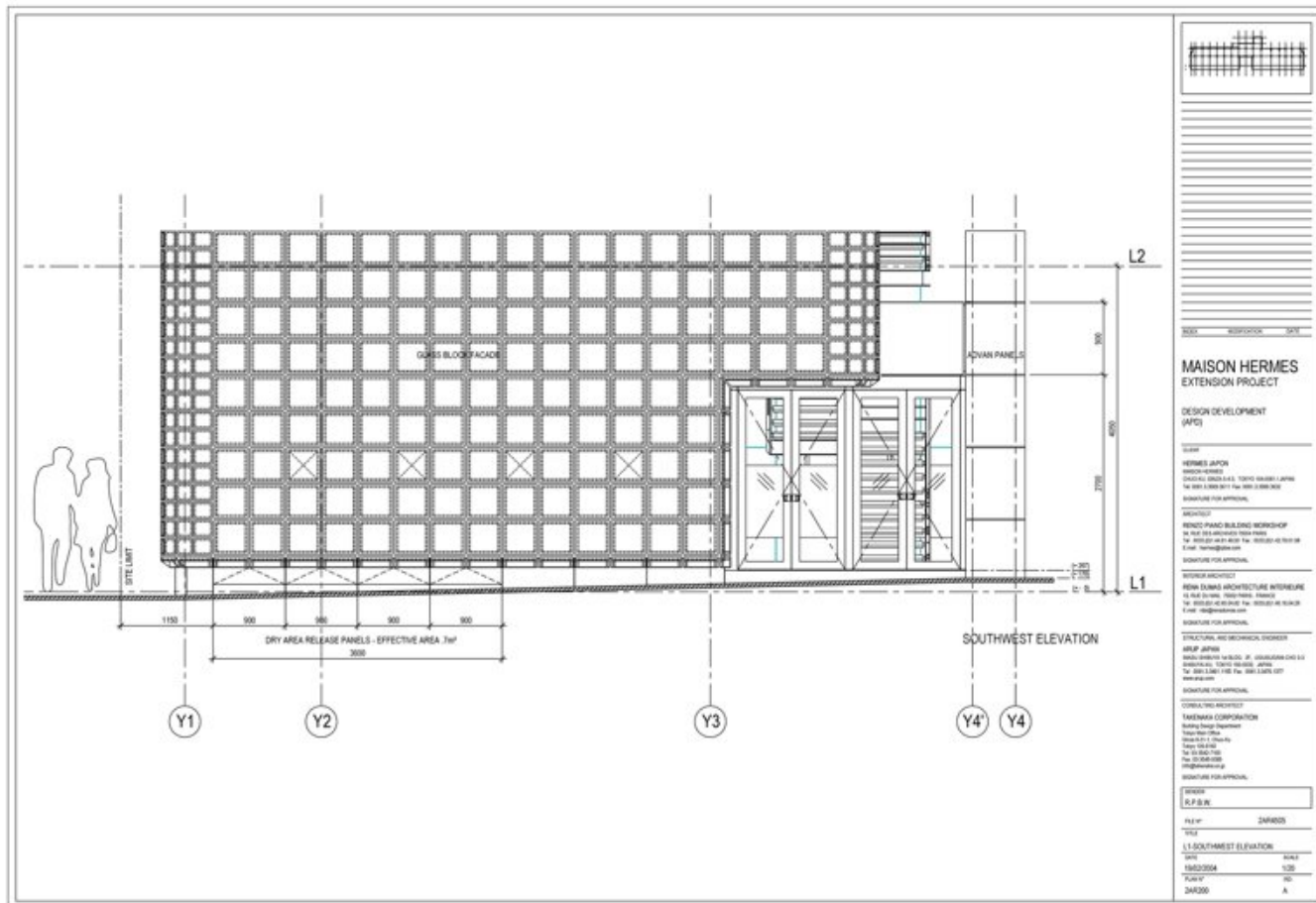
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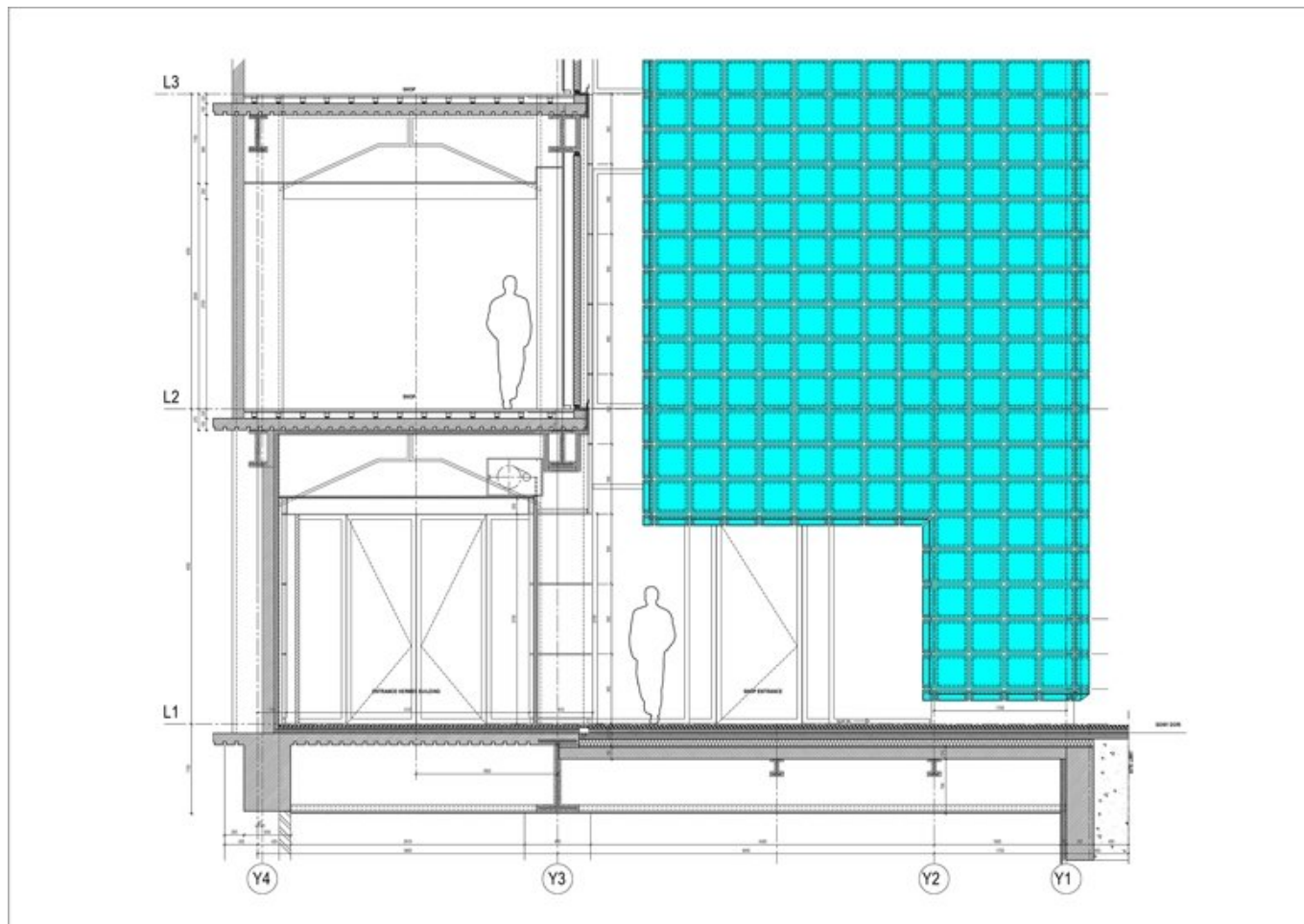
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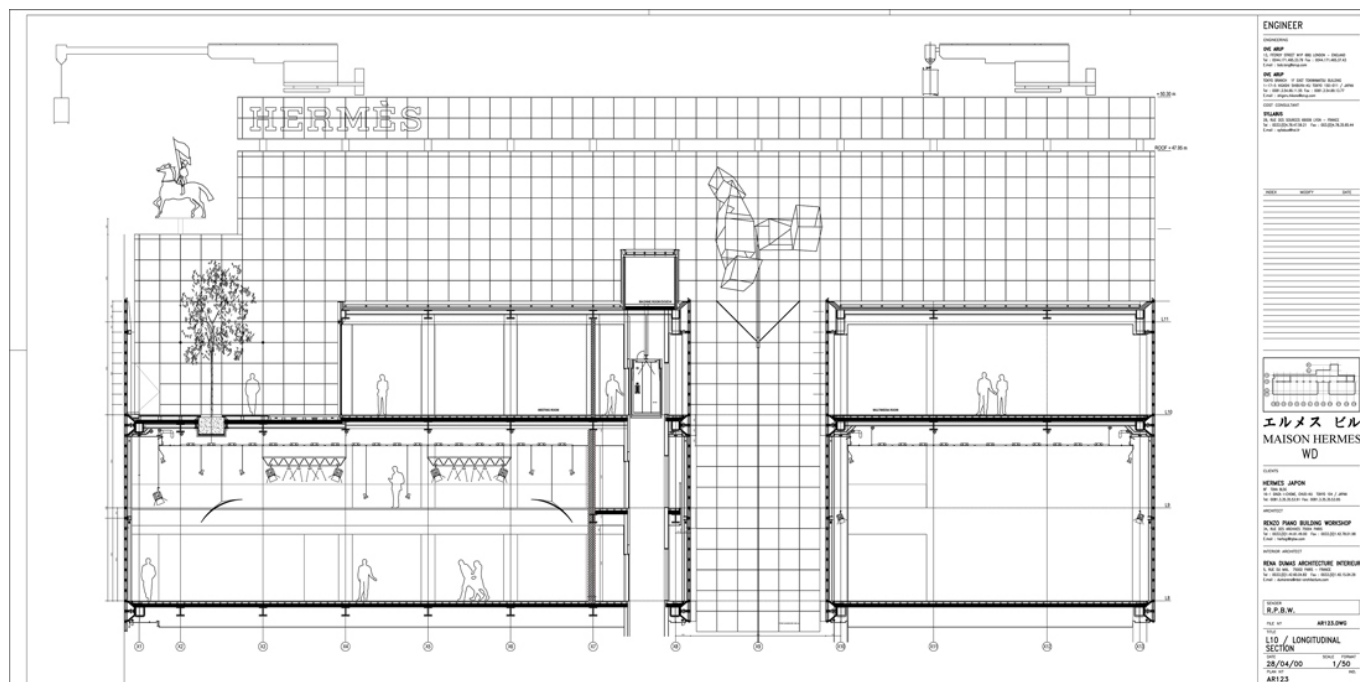
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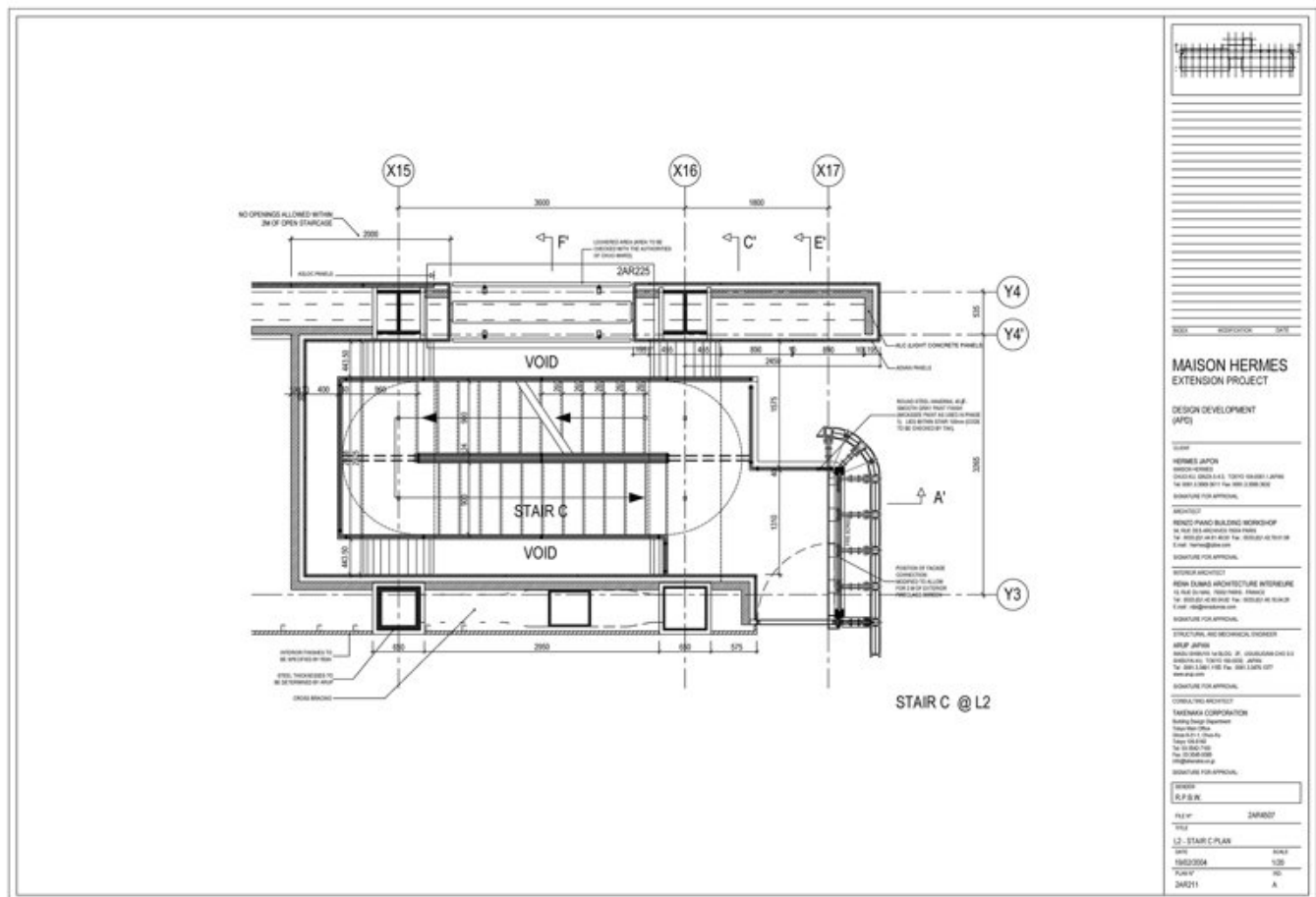
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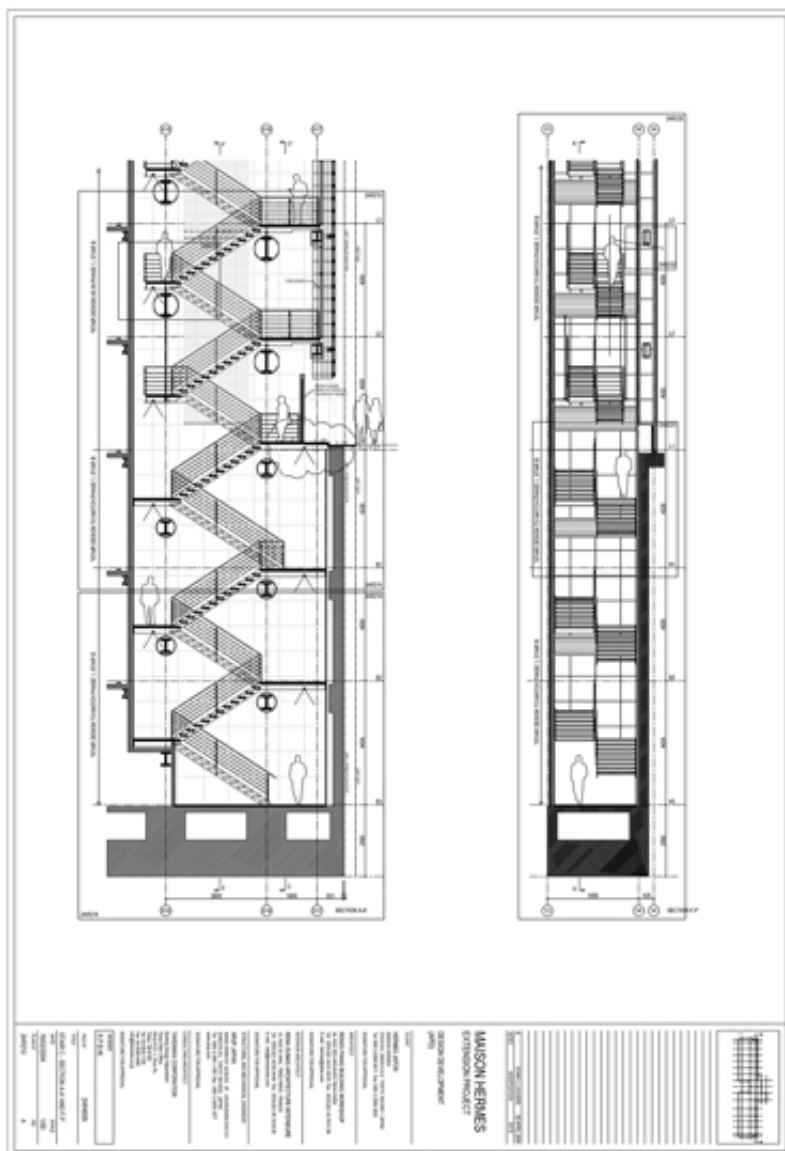
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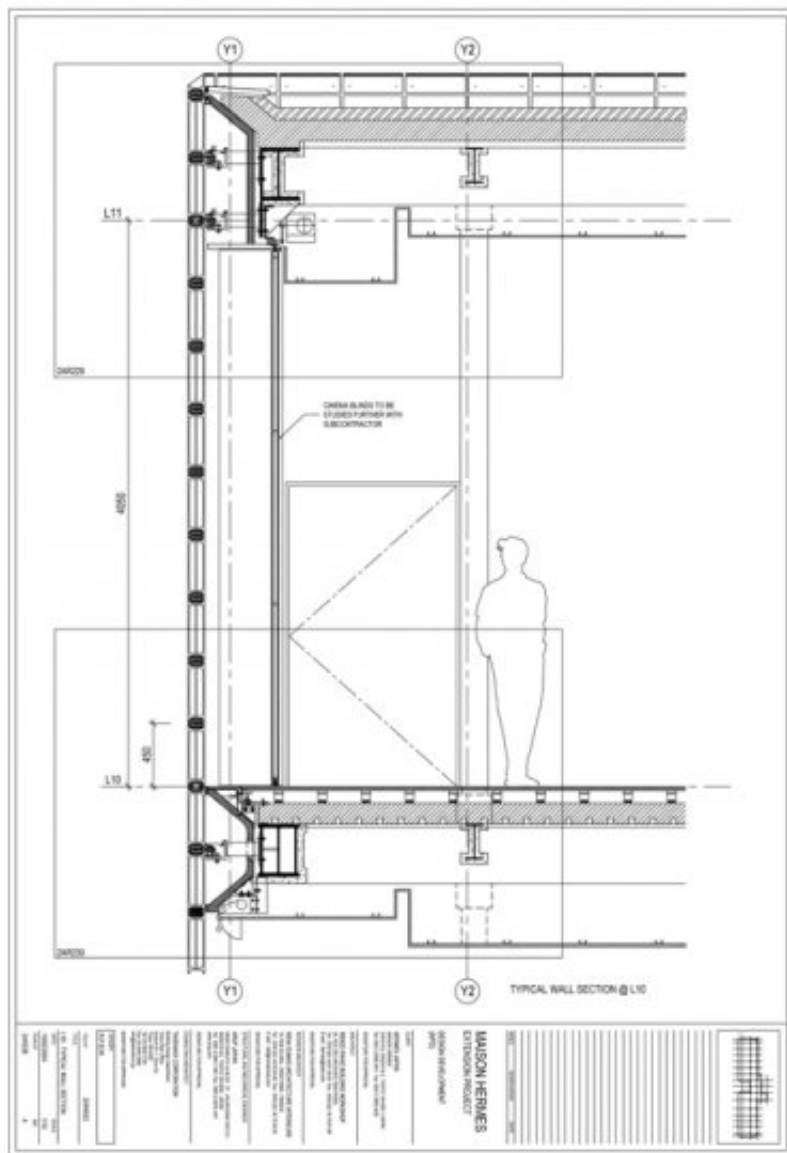
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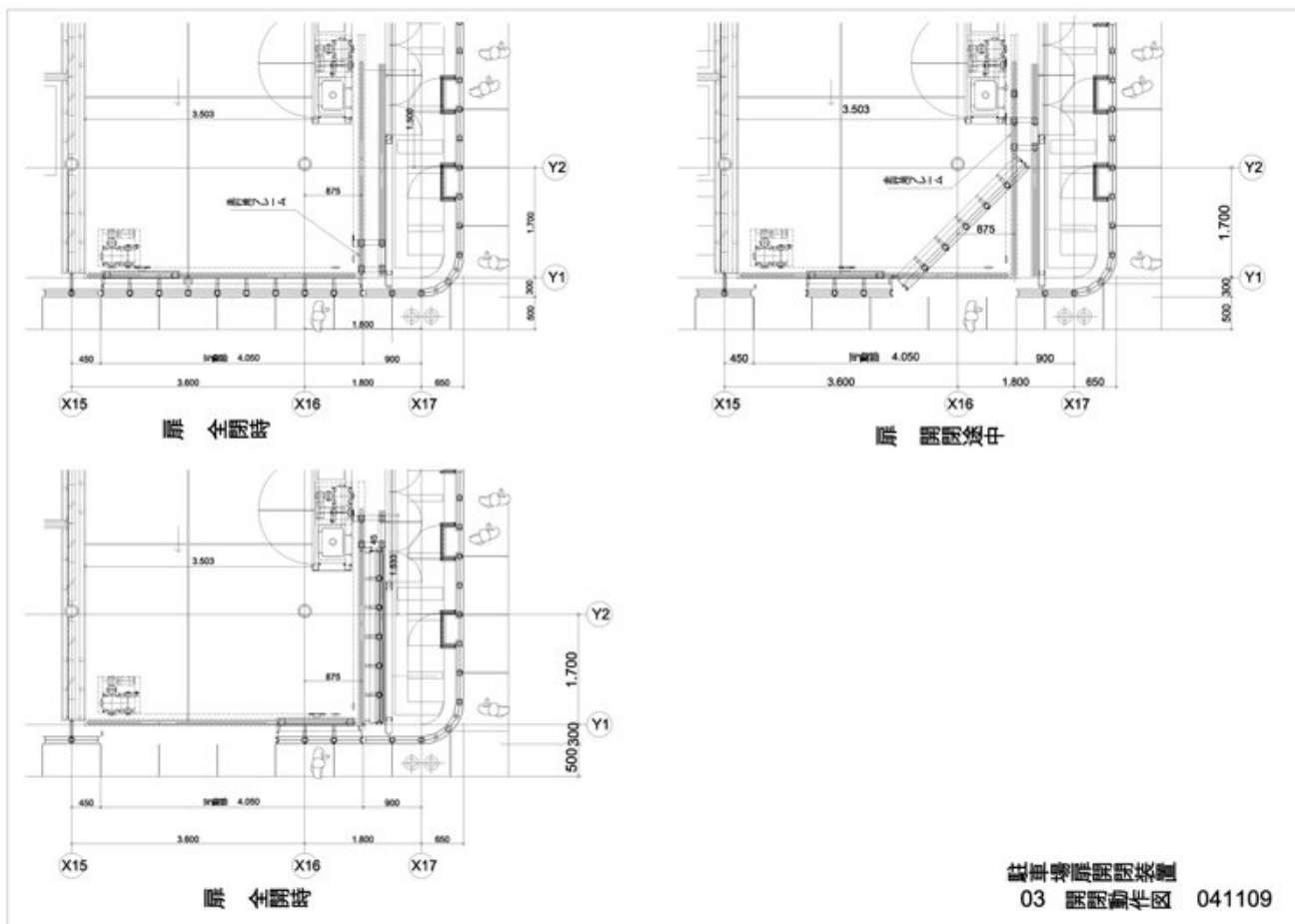
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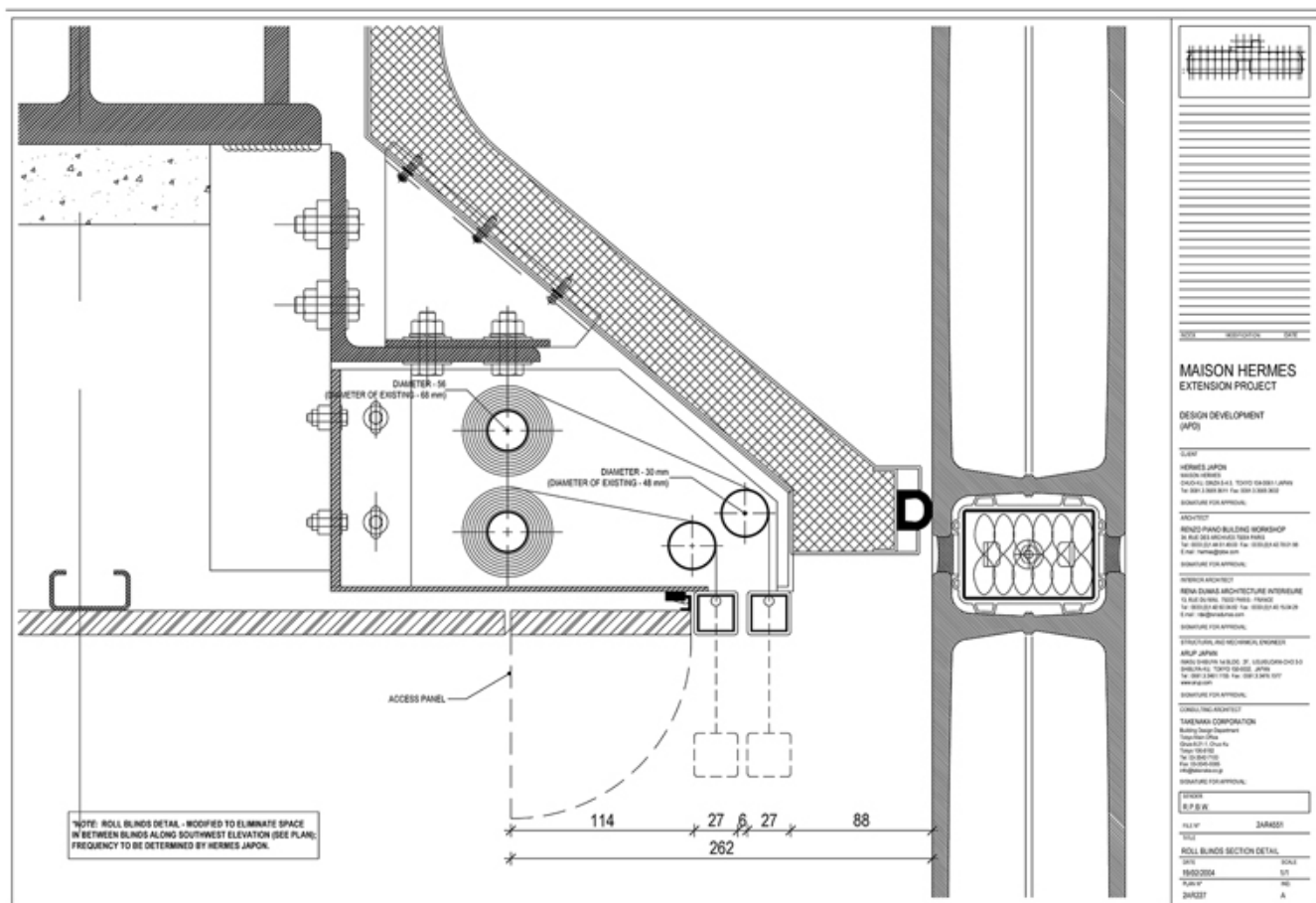
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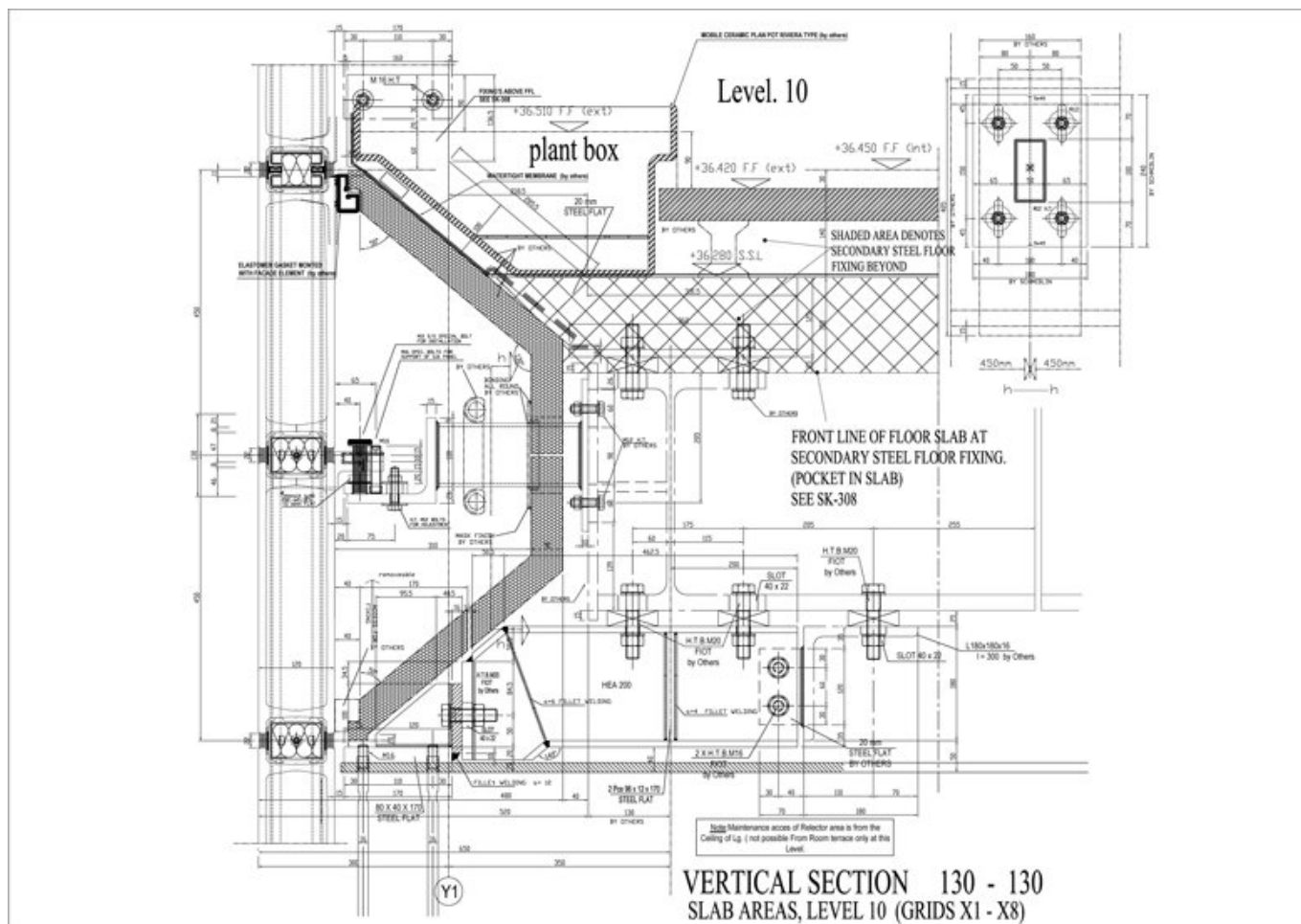
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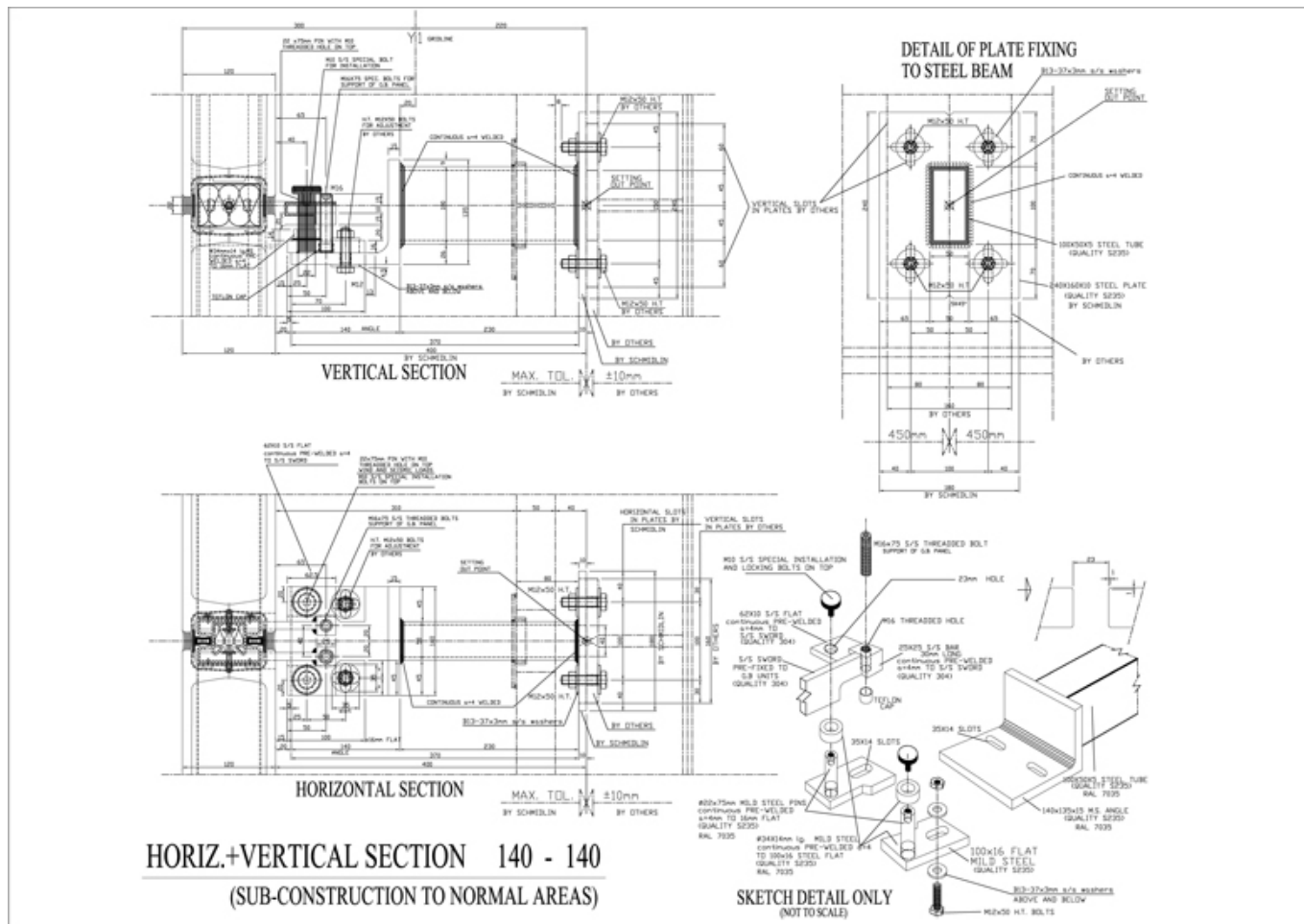
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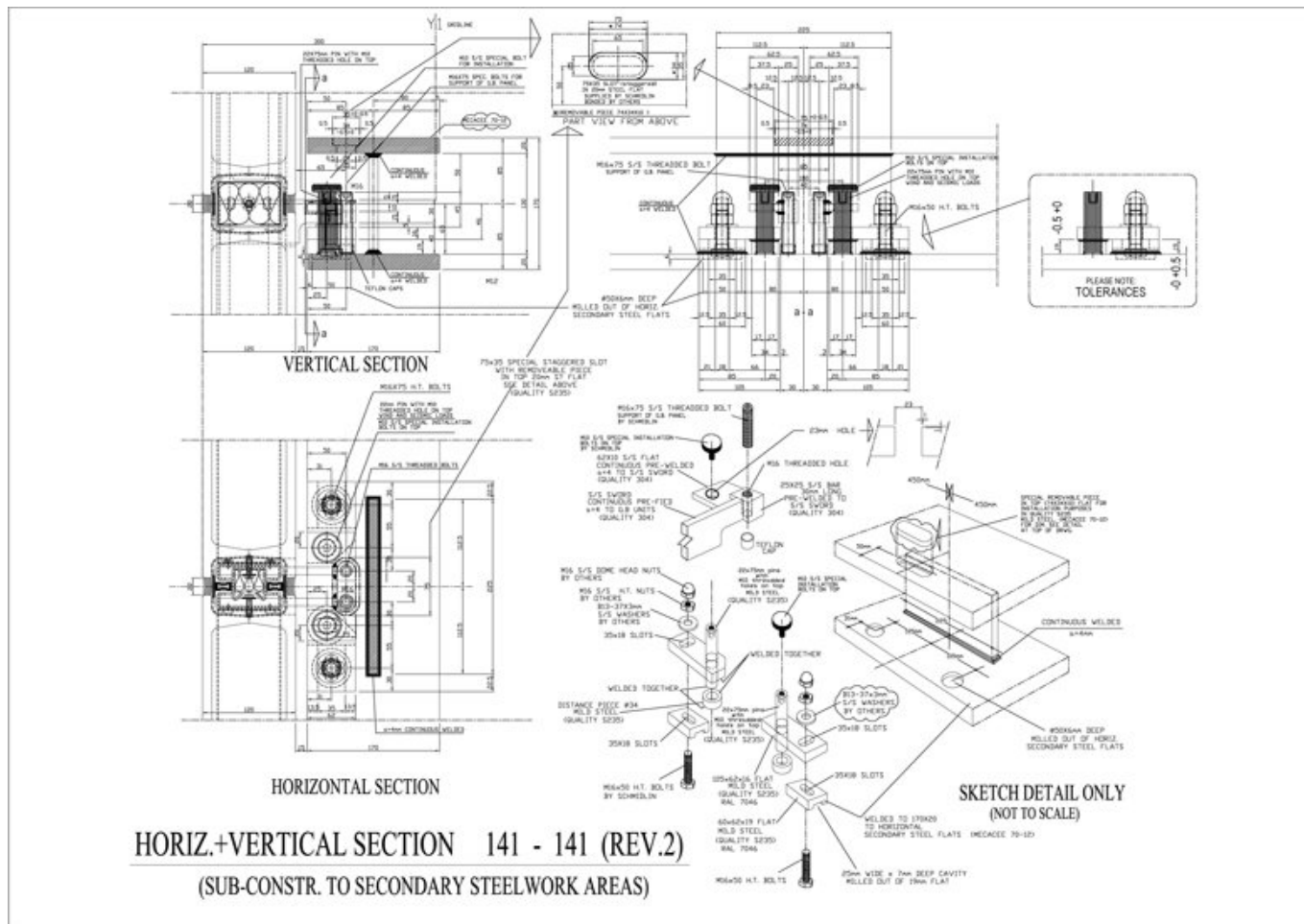
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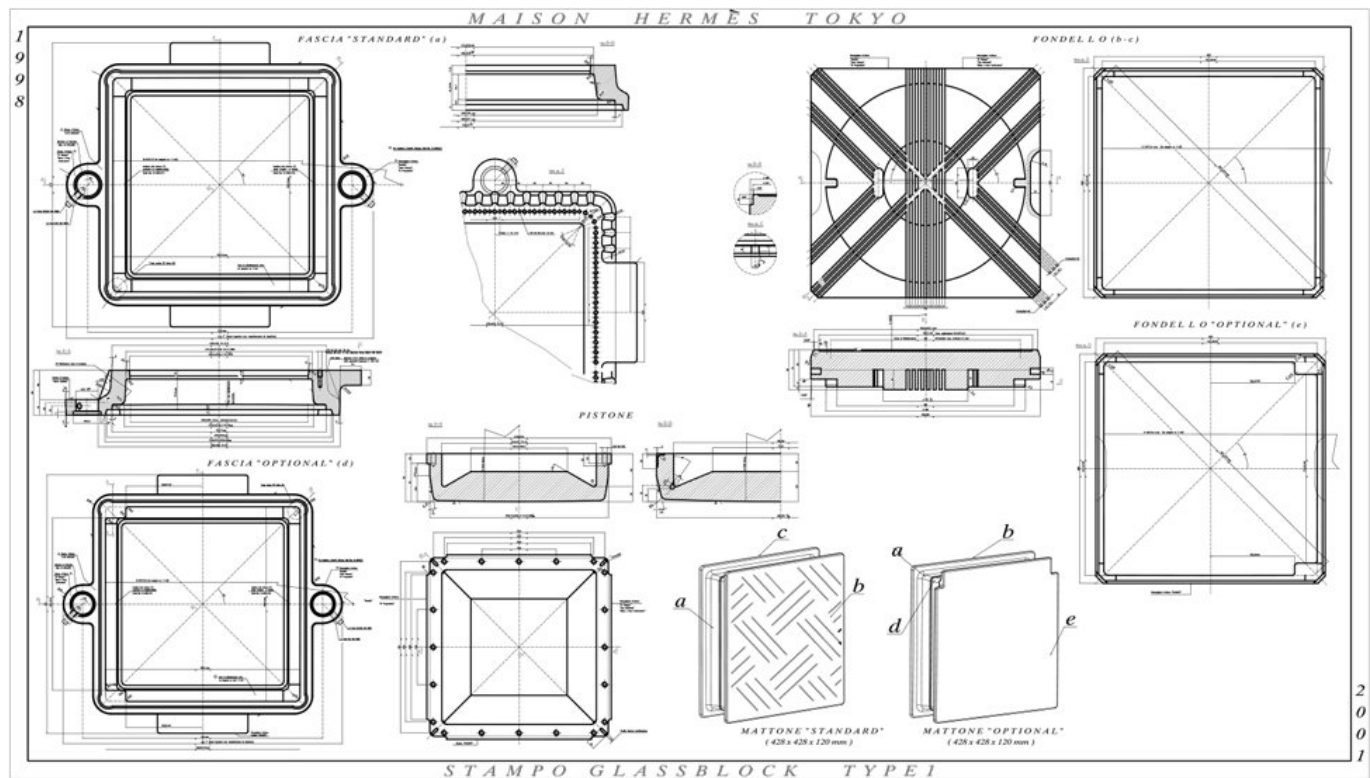
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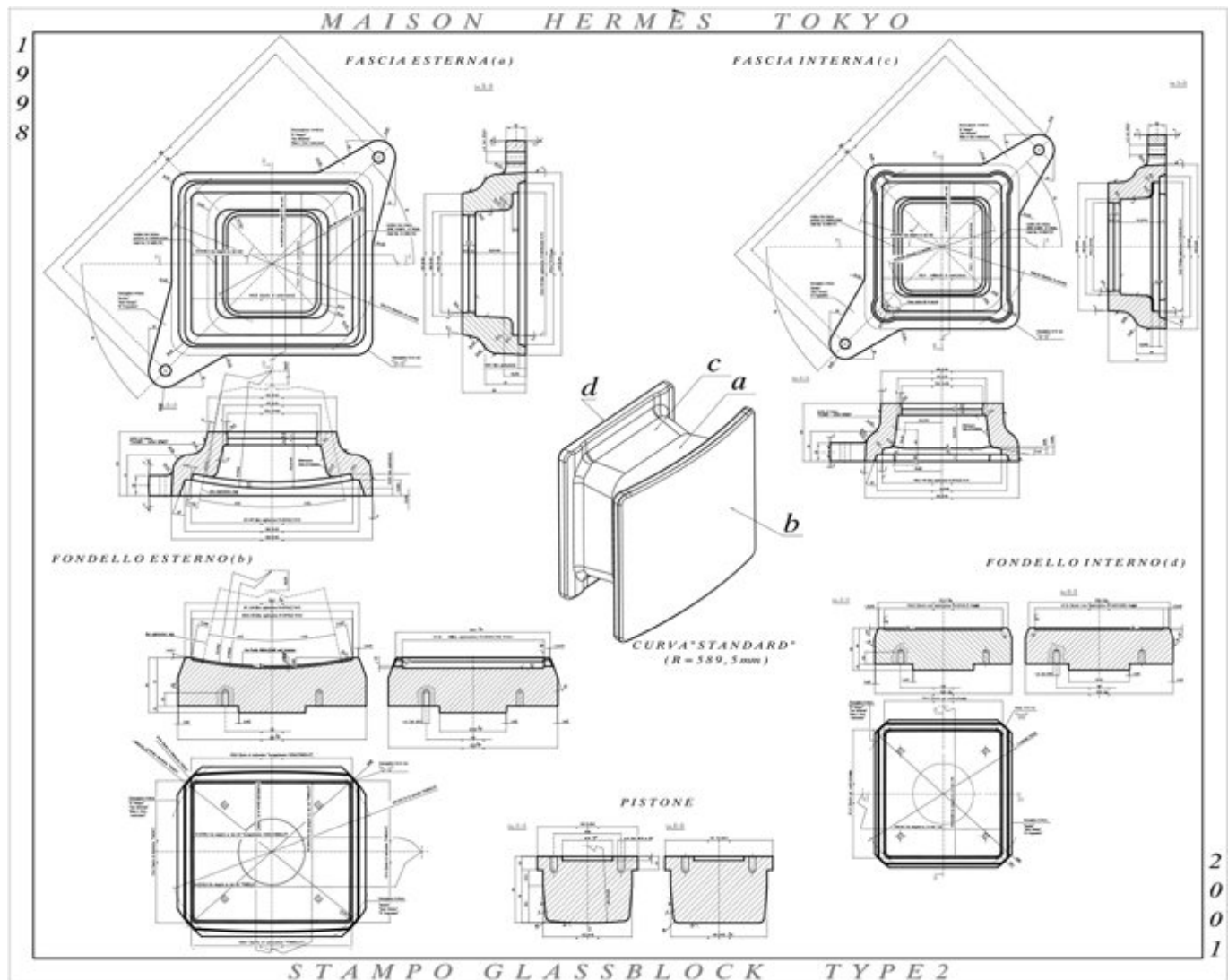
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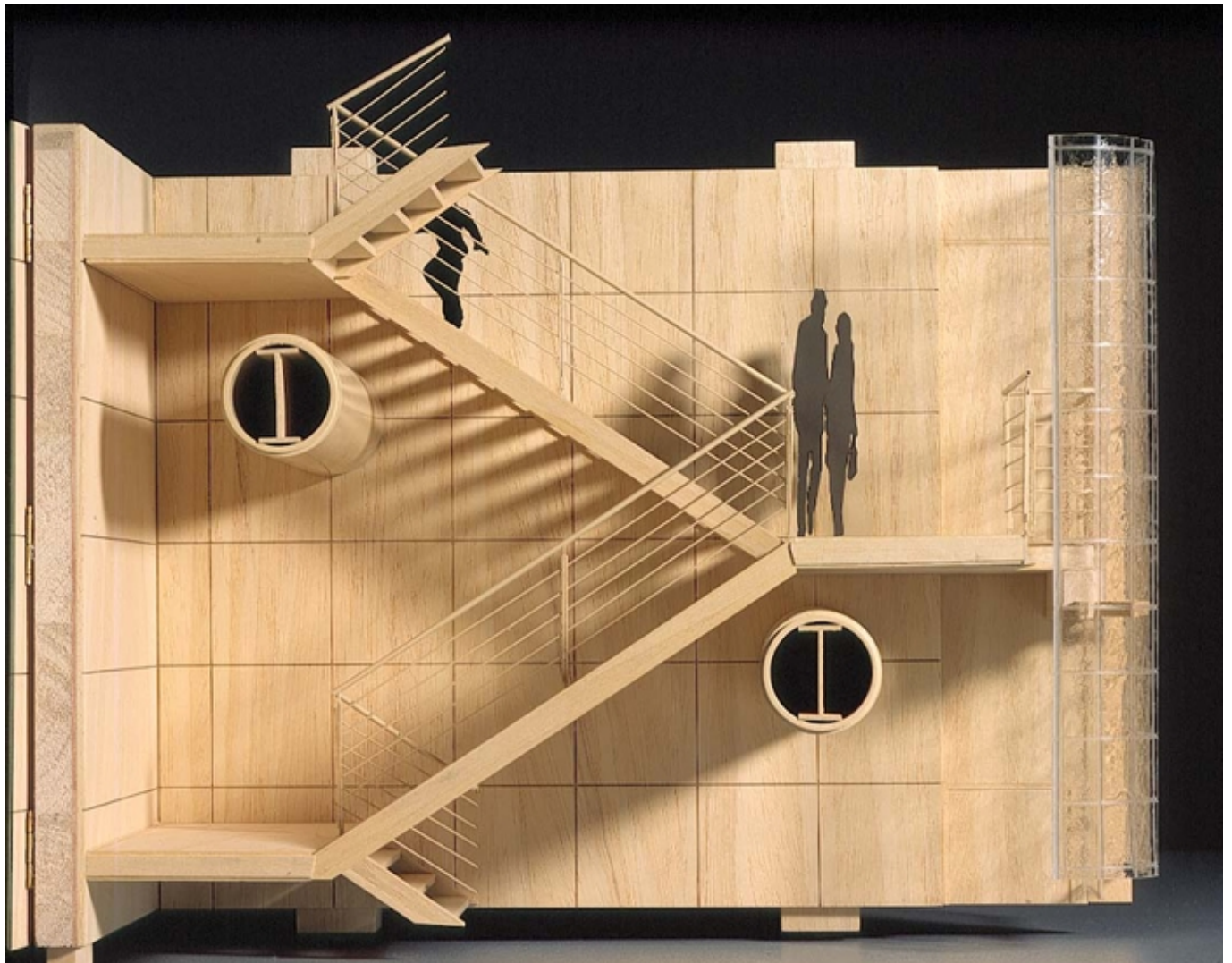


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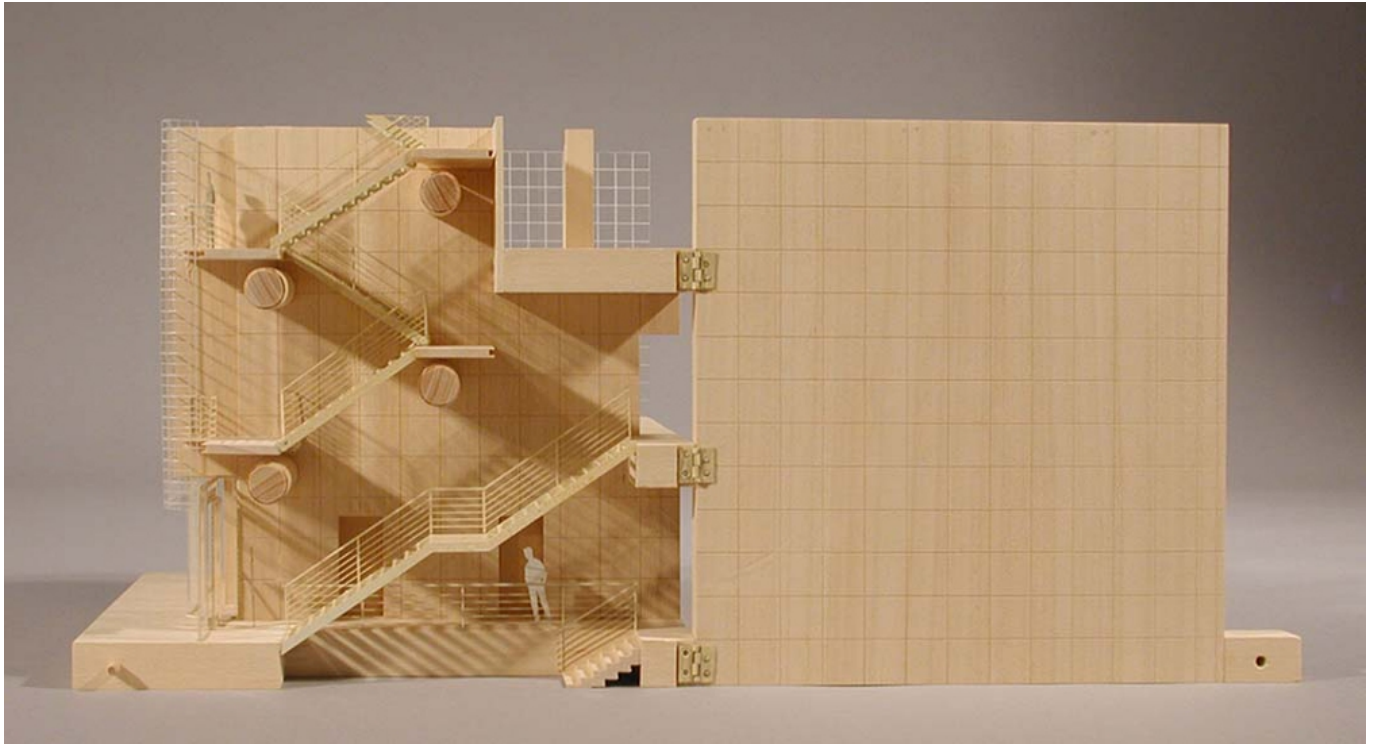


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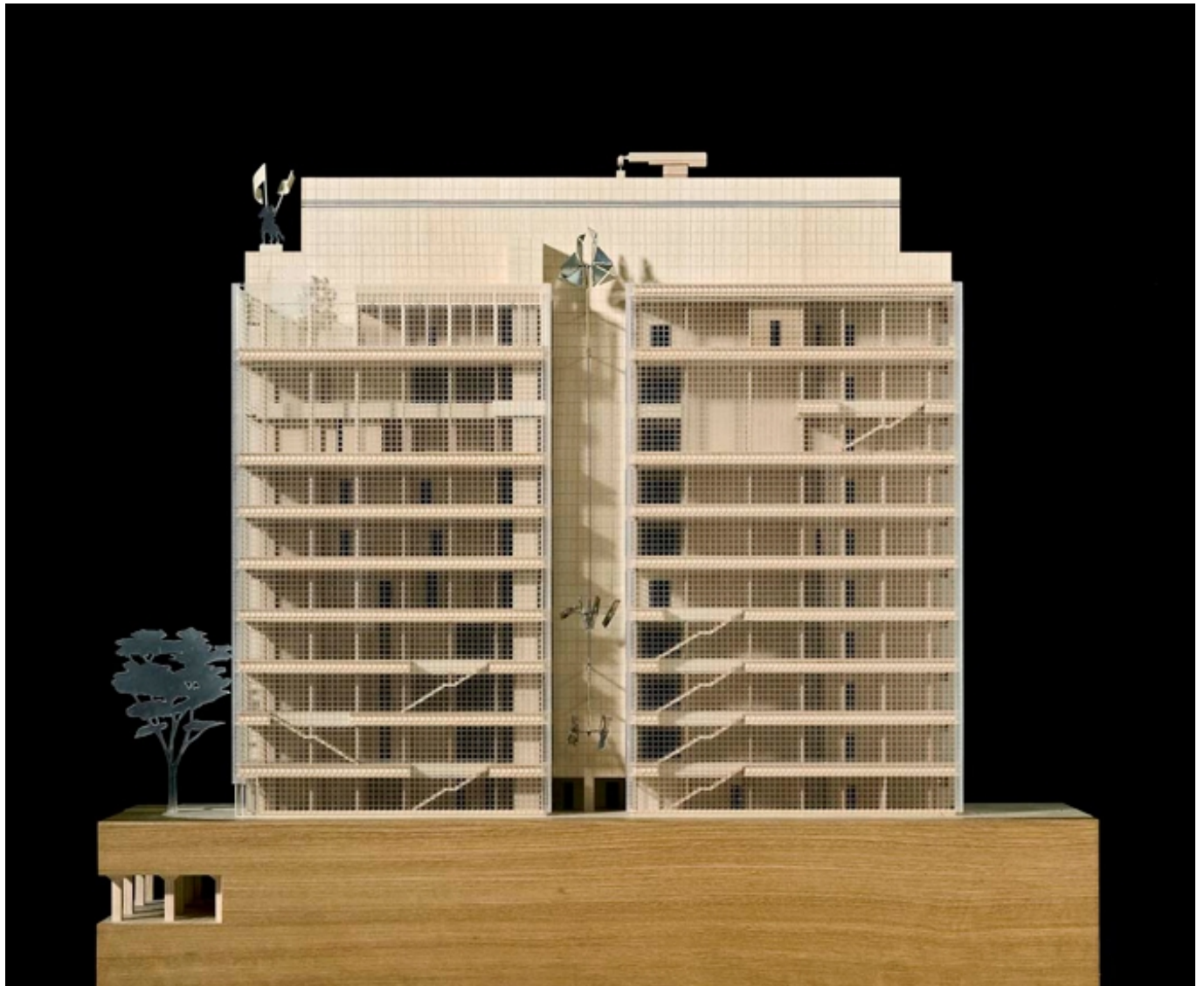
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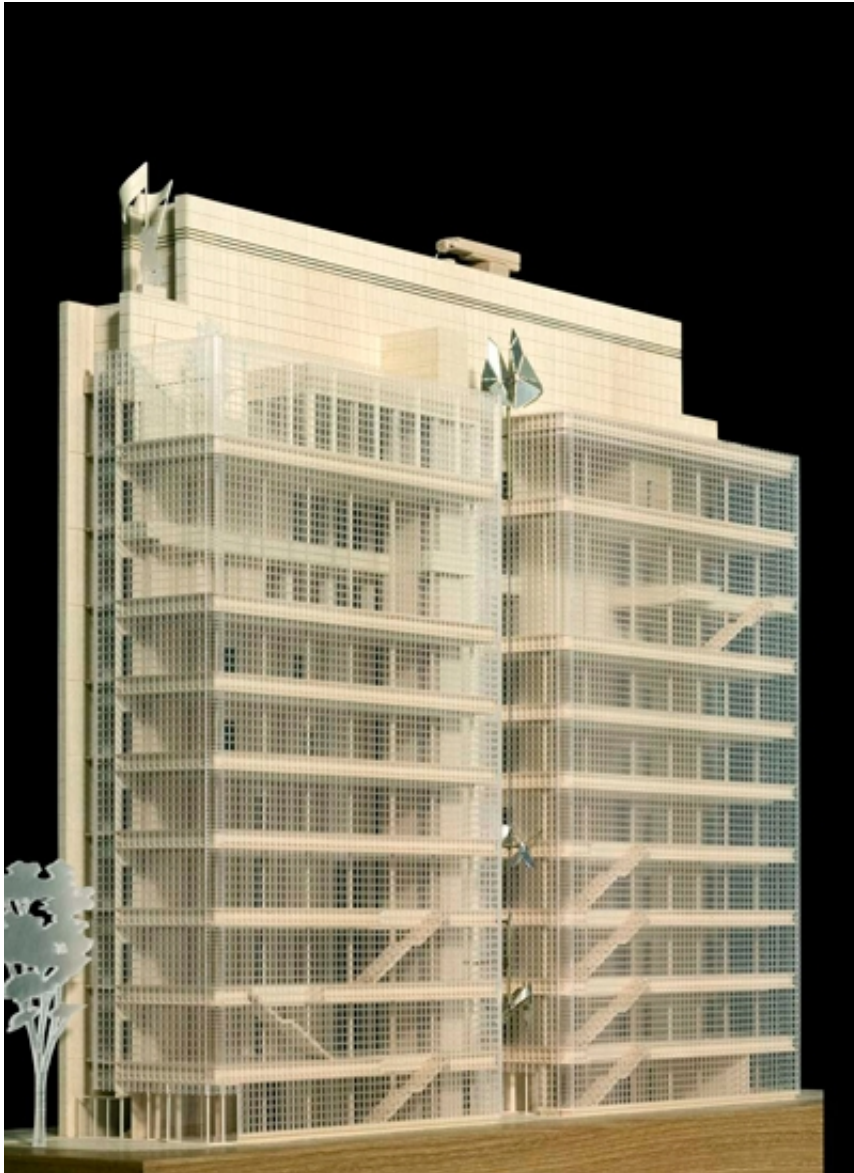
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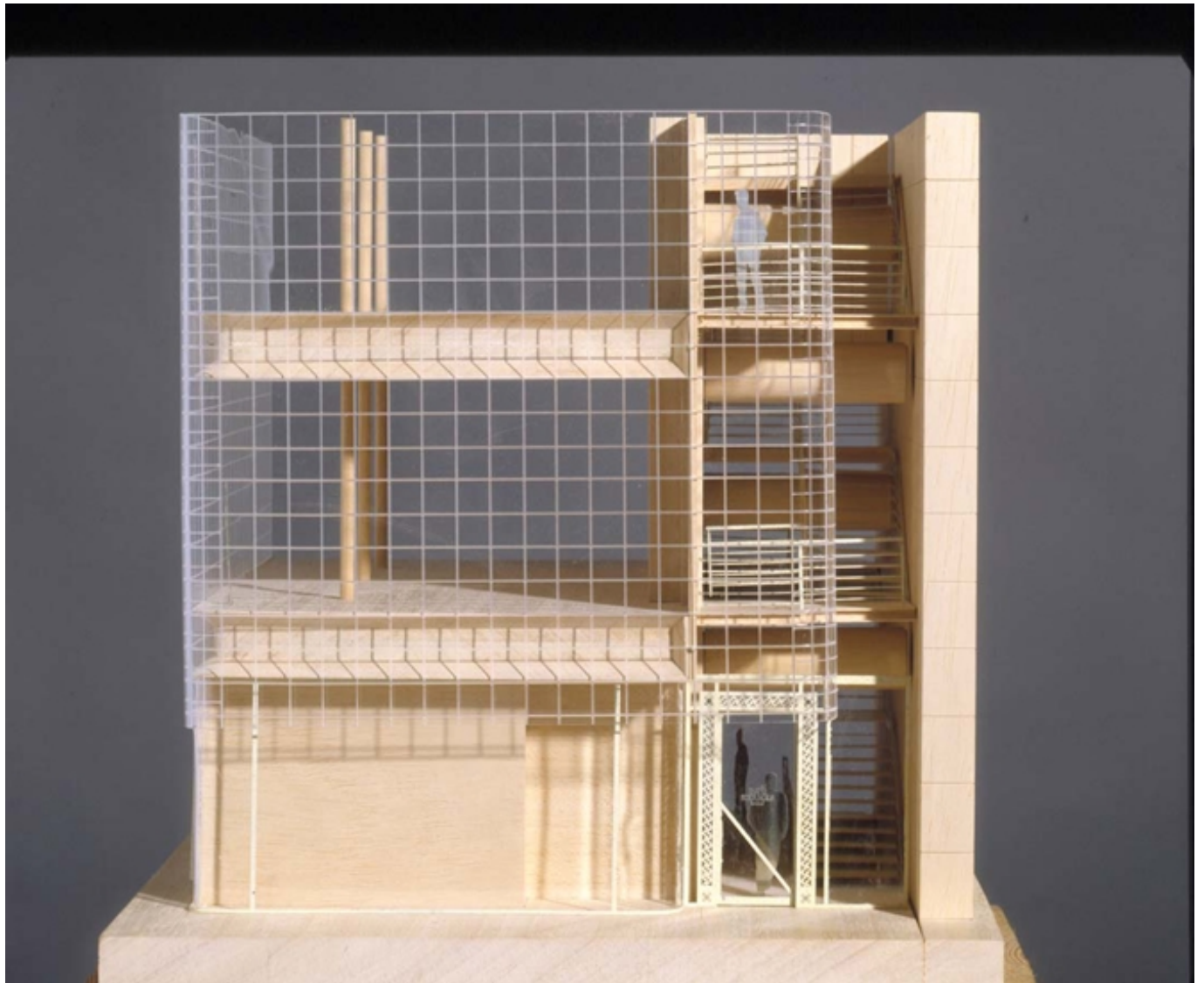
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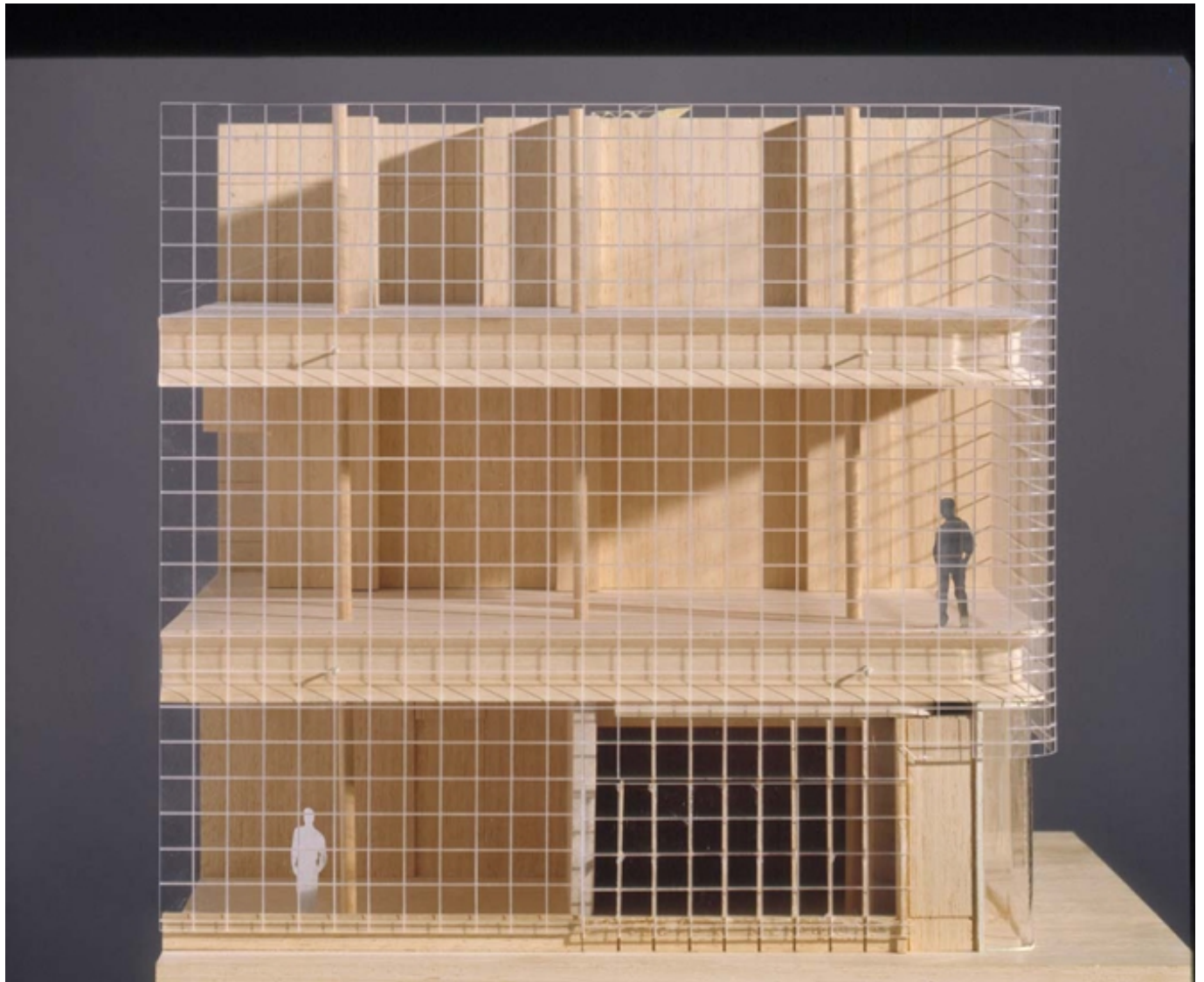
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