

House FN



category	Housing
location	Zagreb
year	project 2006.
size	650 m2
client	Zagorjegradnja
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team	Dražen Banković, Saša Kalanj, Krešimir Tarnik /GIFStudio
status	completed 2007.

project description

FN House in Zagreb, is an example of residential architecture that successfully combines the subjects of common living and a family house. This sensitive subject is one of the leading determinants of higher level housing construction in the Croatian suburbs, especially in Zagreb. The project was created in a specific fragmented territory characterized by individual buildings, chaotic and fragmented morphology and highly variable topography, with disordered infrastructure and street network.

Spatial Plan allowed the construction of large building, which is different from the most common single-family houses that are prevalent in the wider area, while the commercial logic of the project requires the maximum in terms of square footage. An additional aggravating circumstance is the construction for unknown user, who typically buys an apartment, not a house, so the program, and consequently the identity of the building, topologically differs from the surrounding buildings.

The house consists of five vertically organised residential units integrated by a common entrance area. The basic concept of the apartments in towers is simply and consequently carried out: in the lower, entrance floor there is the area with bedrooms and bathrooms while upper floors have been used for attractive living rooms with kitchens and dining room areas, which are oriented to both sides. The architectural concept is based on the effort to achieve maximal residential quality with the use of the simplest building devices and spatial solutions.

awards / exhibitions

- 'Drago Galić' Award for the best residential building in Croatia, in 2007
- National CEMEX Building Award 2008, 1st place, category best residential building
- International CEMEX Building Award 2008, 2nd place, category best residential building
- national nomination for the European Mies van der Rohe Award 2009
- national nomination for the Piranesi Award
- 2006 and 2009 Zagreb Salon
- 2010–2015 Continuity of modernity
- 2011 The International Arhitekt Festival Fluencies, Timisoara, Romania