
Site: Anywhere

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SPECULATIVE GLOBAL HOUSING

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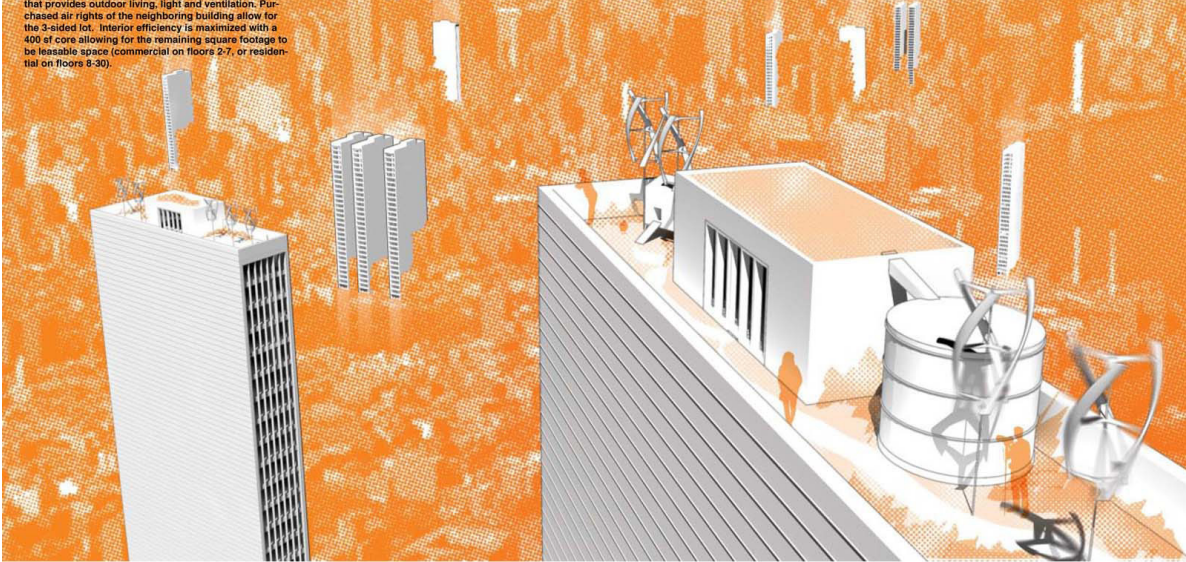
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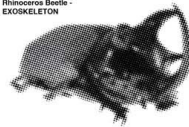
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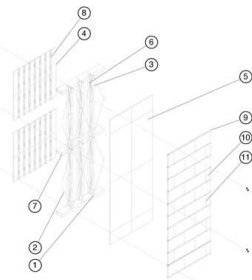
STRUCTURAL LOGICS

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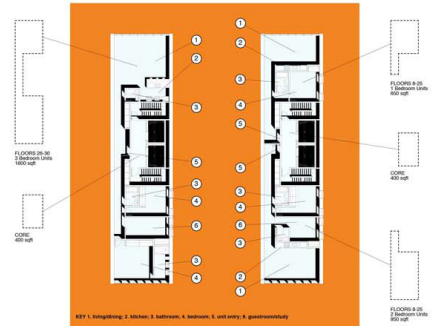
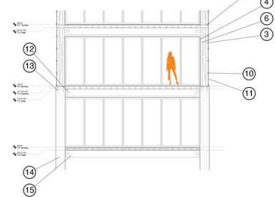
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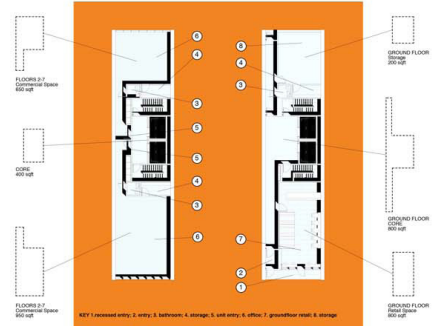
Structural System PRECEDENT: B17 BOMBER



KEY 1, HSS; 2, I-beam end; 3, I-beam; 4, Steeldeck; 5, sheathing; 6, HSS; 7, lateral member; 8, light gauge framing; 9, steel truss; 10, exterior steel panel; 11, vertical panel; 12, steel truss; 13, exterior panel; 14, structural concrete slab; 15, windproof glass member



KEY 1, (entrance); 2, kitchen; 3, bathroom; 4, bathroom; 5, and entry; 6, guestroom/bed



KEY 1, (recessed entry); 2, entry; 3, bathroom; 4, storage; 5, and entry; 6, office; 7, guestroom suite; 8, storage

