

CO-HABITAT

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In a time of change, we move and look for new places to install much of our lives for as long as necessary. The increase in single person households and the number of divorces or marital separations, provisional coexistence, increasing nomadism... All these things have caused that the concept “family” has changed and, consequently, also “home”.

The buildings studied are located in the Barrio del Pilar (Madrid). They were built in the middle of last century when many rural families came to cities in search of a new life and better opportunities. Houses made with not too many resources (do not get into discern whether by necessity or by express desire) that have been virtually obsolete in the new era we live.

From the existing building the project proposes an increase in height of four floors that allow no loss of housing units after the swelling is done for the creation of collective floors.

While the existing building has courtyards inside, I choose the solution “flip the sock”, keeping the existing structure, and taking these courtyards outside to increase the area of facade available. This coupled with the chosen facade system favors the passive conditioning, with cross ventilation in all indoor spaces.

Touring the building, four “playful | productive floors” appear interspersed to provide services to the residents of the “warehouse floors” (WC | rest, private elementary functions). This allows the correlation of the inhabitants and control of building sanitary installations.

In these times of forced migrations, we will never be able to know what lies on the other side or the changes that our lives will suffer. All of this could make us need a house that allows continuous adaptation to each of those variations.

Architecture and, therefore, rehabilitation, should be sensitive to temporal reality and the changes that are occurring increasingly faster. Giving the buildings a certain versatility simplifies part of our lives, without preconditions; we should not think of buildings as a finished project; or in planning, a unique performance. And in that way we would allow a continuous transformation and perfectibility.