

APARTMAN 18

A 10 story luxury residential building in Erenkoy, Istanbul. Apartman 18 pays homage to Erenkoy's completely destroyed vineyards due to densification of the city with concrete cookie-cutter apartment blocks after 1970's. The "vine" like texture emerges at the ground level functioning as a landscape element, creating a meditative garden. The continuous surface treatment moves upward to become the intertwining building facade, finishing at the roof garden where the residents can enjoy tranquillity away from the noise of the street. This facade treatment offers privacy with maximum light and views within each residence. The metal bands climb like a vine, wrapping Apartman 18 with balconies, employing this decorative element as a functional tool. The vine like delicate sculptural facade also acts as a wrapper of different floor plates into one continuous surface that acts to activate and connect the city. The dance of the intertwining surfaces creates a surprise within the neighbouring building blocks. The hallway symbolizes the inner circulatory system of an apartment, like the streets of a city. It is where the sedentary disappears and the movement occurs.

Internally, the hallway that connects the living and sleeping quarters placed surprisingly on the neighbouring facade where it creates a visual connection with the city without compromising privacy by the use of varied degrees of translucency. It is the resident that animates the facade, creating a cinematic effect.

Credits and Data:

Project Title: Apartman 18

Program: Mid-Rise Residential

Location: Istanbul, Turkey

Start of Planning: 2009

Construction: 2011-2014

Architect: Aytac Architects –Alper Aytaç

Project Team: Alper Aytaç (principle), Çağlar Yazıcı, Zeynal Yeter, Fabio Rosa, Sebla Arslan

Landscape Consultant: Assoc. Prof. Gülsen Aytaç

General Contractor: Aytac Insaat A.S.

Structural Engineer: Inan Muhendislik Ltd.

Mechanical Engineer: Tanrıöver Mühendislik Ltd.

Electrical Engineer: Geta Mühendislik Ltd.

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Site Area: 728 m²

Gross Floor Area: 2700 m²

Parking and Services: 440 m²