



Graf-Adolf-Platz 15, Düsseldorf

A GLOWING LOCATION

Concept

In connection with the 90 m high office building, GAP 15, new development work was carried out on the Graf-Adolf-Platz. The task was to restructure the urban space, define it more precisely, and make it tangible again.

The existing setting, which was characterized primarily by streets and traffic, was radically simplified: floor paving across the whole square, the "elevation" of the park through a gentle modelling of the ground and 40cm-high, metallic green steel borders, the preservation of all the park trees and the removal of the entire shrub-like undergrowth.

The "Mikado" motif of road axes and white illuminated benches between the exclusive shopping street Königsallee and the 21st century art collection of the K21 is the main feature of the design draft.

Low-key arrangements of seating and steles made of natural stone mark the areas in which people are encouraged to linger. A particularly striking element is the very long, linear seating elements made of translucent plastic that are spread across the space like Mikado sticks, extending into the adjacent urban spaces. They creatively enclose the square and transform it into an art space at night. As both sculptural seating and light objects, they very much contribute to giving the Graf-Adolf-Platz a distinct identity.

Client

GAP 15 GMBH, DÜSSELDORF
IKB DEUTSCHE INDUSTRIEBANK AG, DÜSSELDORF

Project period

2002-2005

Size

19.250 m²

Type

PUBLIC SPACES & SQUARES

Location

DÜSSELDORF, GERMANY

Competition

1. PRIZE „GAP 15“, 2002

Realisation

WES & PARTNER

Partner

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Publications

Trade journal „Garten + Landschaft“ **Graf-Adolf-Platz 15 (GAP15)**

Author: Anette Kolkau

Callwey-Verlag, No. 1/2007

Trade magazine „Wirtschaft & Architektur Rheinland“ **eues Wahrzeichen in Düsseldorf, GAP 15**

Author: Sascha Gumbinger

VSG Medien, Worms, No. 4/2006

Magazine „TASPO Garten Design“ **GAP 15: Mikado aus Licht und Wegeachsen**

Author: Imma Schmidt

Thalacker Medien, No. 2 - 4/2006

Book **Pläne Projekte Bauten Düsseldorf: Architektur und Städtebau in Düsseldorf 2005 bis 2015**

Author: Joachim Erwin

Verlagshaus Braun, Berlin, 2006

Book der Stiftung Schloss und Park Benrath **Düsseldorfer Gartenkunst nach 1945**

Author: Eva-Maria Gruben

Museum für Europäische Gartenkunst, Stadt-Bild-Verlag, 2005

Exhibition **WES & Partner. Landscape architects**

WES & Partner

Genoa showroom for contemporary architecture and art, 2004-2005

Book **Stadtplätze: Architektur und Freiraumplanung**

Author: Jürgen Knirsch

Verlagsanstalt Alexander Koch, 2004

Awards

Nomination Building of the year 2008

Architekten- und Ingenieurverein (AIV) Düsseldorf, 2008

Recognition Good Building Award 2006

Association of German Architects (BDA) Düsseldorf

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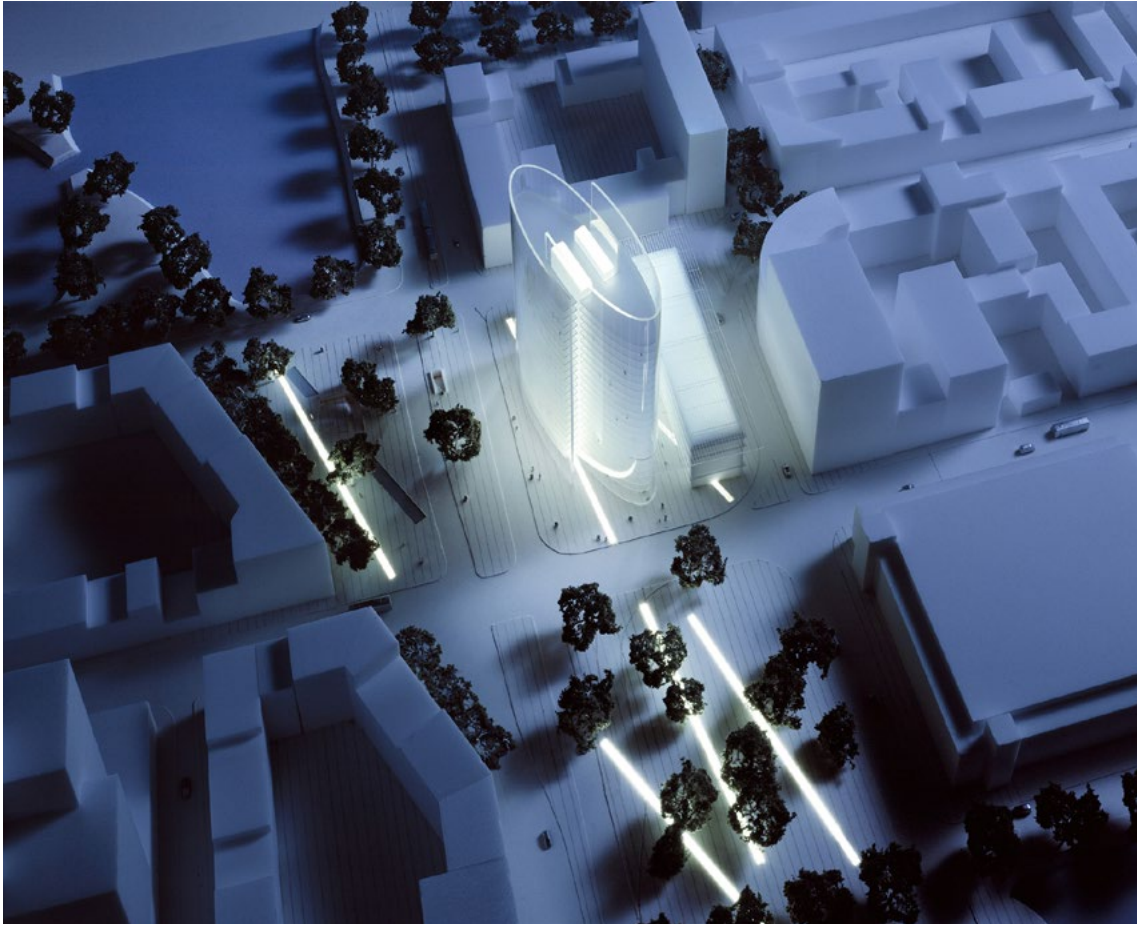
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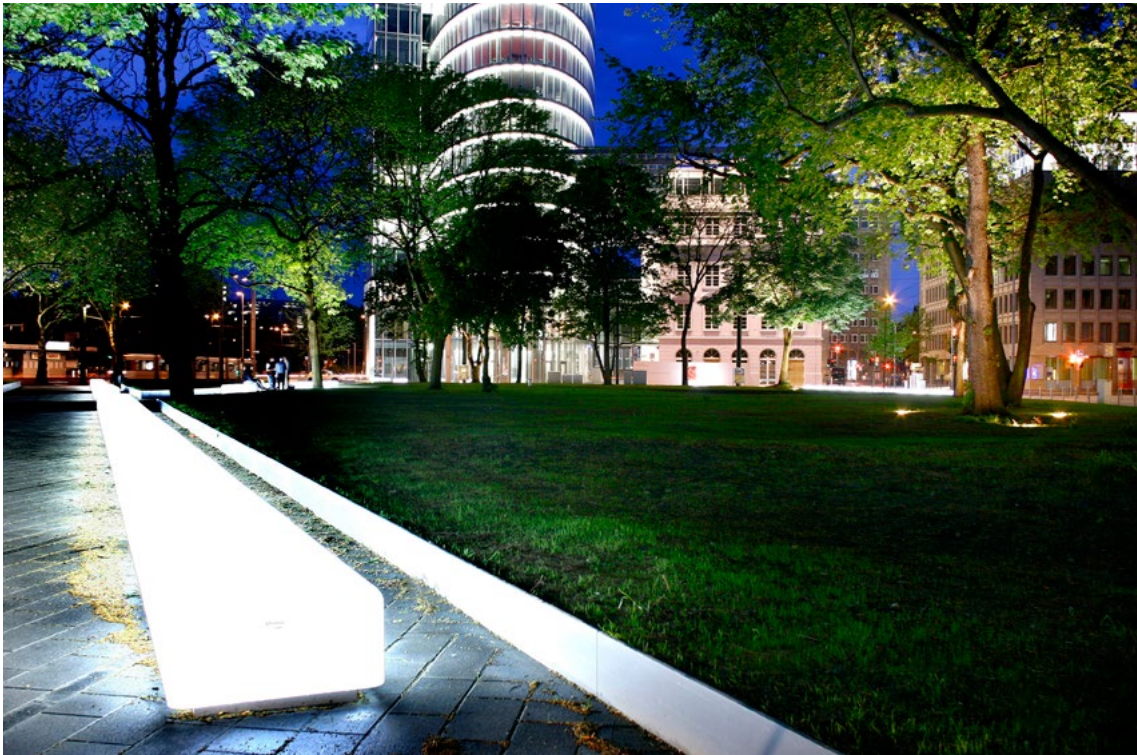
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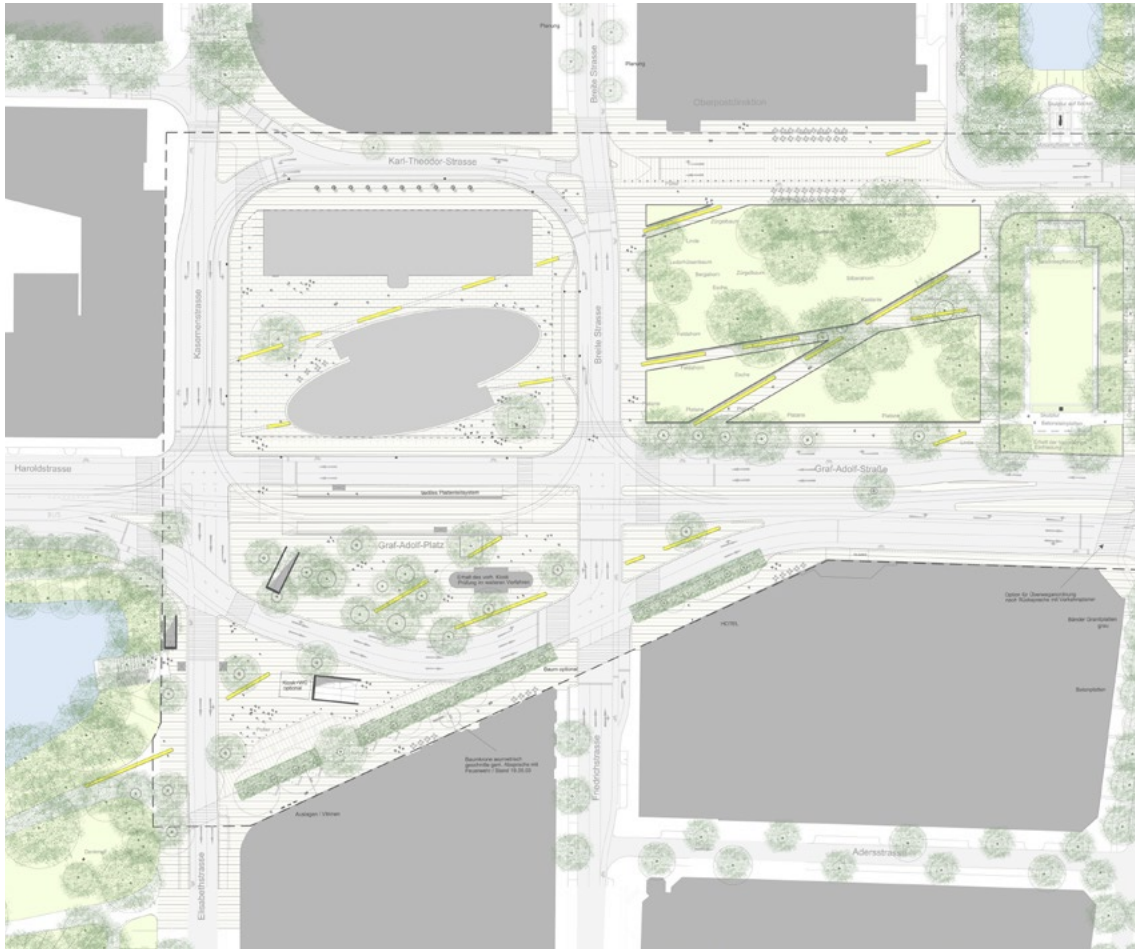
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