When living in a city with a shortage of dwellings, finding a place to live will always be difficult. A difficulty not known by the privileged since there is always the possibility of buying. Although many, if not most families are unable to get such big loans granted without many years of saving, which is not an easy task to perform having to provide for several children. Even if these steps are possible, a house comes with a lot of responsibilities. Additionally, not all families wish to be tied up to all the work a house brings.

What do you do when these choices are not an option? Your family might try to rent an apartment, but the number of big apartments in the city are few. The queue for getting one is currently between 10-15 years, a wait that increases by the year.

Say you would get somewhere to live with your family. Then one will most likely have to travel far to another part of town to put your kids in kindergarten. Because the one that is closest to you is already full.

The problem being created is the classic suburban lifestyle, where families are forced to move to the outskirts of the city to build or buy a house where the prices are lower. Then at least one car will be necessary to be efficient in commuting to work, grocery shopping, and all other commitments that family life brings.

Haven’t we already seen the problems that dividing people creates? Diversity and creating working communities where everyone can feel welcome is the way forward. Connecting people and making all demographics visible in the city will enable an understanding and togetherness that otherwise would be impossible.

Designing rental apartments for families, with the qualities of a house but not the huge undertakings of one. That is what I am aspiring for with this project.
STRATEGY

Footprint
Shops / Kindergarten
Office space
Large apartments
Row through building
Green areas
Row house apartments
South facing priority
Flow through building
Flow through courtyard
Row house apartments
S 1461 m2
4235 m2
ROW HOUSE APARTMENT

Plans - Sections

Layout

1:50

1:100

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