NIGC, Tehran

Headquarter National Iranian Gas Company

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1. Description

Eike Becker_Architekten and Hadi Teherani Architects jointly win first prize in an international competition for the new headquarters of the National Iranian Gas Company in Tehran.

The jury was convinced by the holistic approach, which is dedicated to the central principles of Iranian architectural history leading them into modernity.

The landmark of the 380,000 m² large NIGC complex is a 200 m high office tower whose design takes up the traditional Persian Shamseh ornamentation with its typical 9-square system. The 40-storey high-rise building is supplemented by six adjacent 11-storey office buildings of the Gas World Trade Center, a congress center, a science center, a museum, a mosque as well as shops, restaurants and cafés, which form a harmonious overall composition within a 2 to 3-storey pedestal and two rectangular squares.

The NIGC company headquarters is embedded in a newly emerging neighbourhood around the reconstructed historic Saltanat-Abad-Garden. Four gardens of different sizes are planned, which will be connected by arcades, squares, streets and various paths in all directions. The design thus continues the Iranian art of squares and horticulture of Isfahan or Kashan courtyard. The residential quarter Mojdeh on the opposite side of the Sayad Shirazie motorway will also be integrated via a garden bridge.

The NIGC headquarters is planned to be an integral part of the city and will play an important role in people's everyday lives. Cafés, restaurants, galleries, gyms and daycare centres are open to NIGC employees and the neighbourhood alike.

Facts & Figures on the Competition

Name of the Competition: NIGC, Gas Urban Plaza

Client: National Iranian Gas Company

Organisation: Kurit Omram Ariana & Badband JV

Period: July 2018 - February 2019

Special feature: First architectural competition since 1979 in Iran, held according to

international standards

Participants: 20 architectural firms had applied, 7 qualified for participation

- EB_A & HTA
- COOP HIMMELB(L)AU
- 2xM studio
- Studio Fuksas
- Emre Arolat Architecture
- Miralles Tagliabue EMBT
- Rafael de la Hoz Arquitectos

Jury:

- Suha Ozkan (Chairman)
- Ian Ritchie
- Benjamin Hossbach
- Farhad Ahmadi
- Mohamad Beheshti
- Rasoul Mirghaderi
- Mostoafa Behzadfar

1st prize for architectural design:

Eike Becker_Architekten + Hadi Teherani Architects

Management: Siamak Rashidi (EB_A), Sebastian Appl (HTA)

Local architect: Design Core 4S

<u>Specialist consultants:</u> KREBS+KIEFER, Panta Engineers, ZWP International AG, Priedemann Building Envelope Consultant, Kardoff Ingenieure, Topotek 1

2. Visualizations



The 380.000 m² NIGC Headquarter in Tehran



NIGC Headquarter view from Sayad Shirazie highway



NIGC Headquarter view from south courtyard



The Gas World Trade Center on the NIGC complex



NICG Headquarter view from Saltanat-Abad-Garden



Types of use NIGC Headquarter, phasing study



Types of use NIGC Tower



Animationfilm NIGC Headquarter

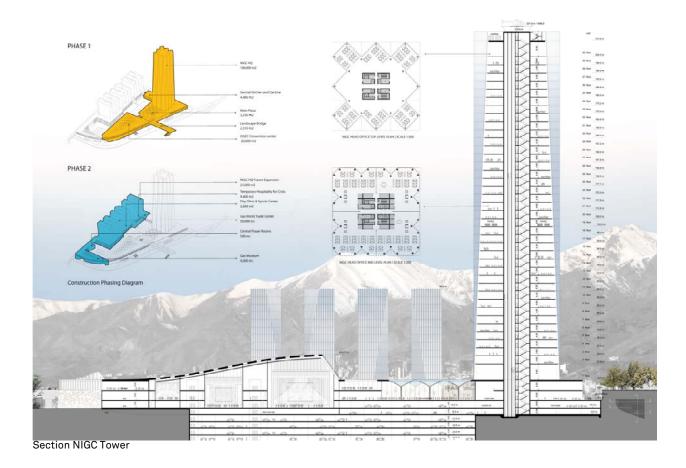
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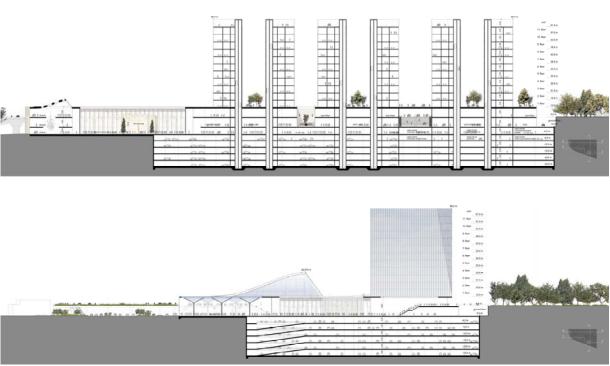


Masterplan The Future of Saltanat Abad Garden



Ground floor NIGC Headquarter





Section Gas World Trade Center

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Hadi Teherani Architects

Architecture by Hadi Teherani Architects is characterised by a holistic, urban approach and top-class design. For us the fascination and challenge lies in linking the client's desires with site-specific requirements, anticipation for flexibility in the future and sustainability, tying economic and ecological awareness together. Functionality, efficiency and sustainability are essential to our work. We expand on these foundations to create long-term usability that is based on emotional connections with an architectural space. our designs should arouse feelings and continue the concept of urban design with distinctiveness and sensitivity. By following these principles, we have received numerous awards, created numerous innovations and built a reliable reputation among our clients. Hadi Teherani's concept of "Living Bridges," which span waterways and connect urban districts, are an example of this.

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