

Growing

How can we develop buildings that hold the qualities of the forest?

Sunlight is filtered through the web of branches giving an airy feel to the forest stroll. A soft floor and a light ceiling supported by majestic pillars encloses us in one of the most spectacular places nature has to offer. A homogenous place, yet with variations in scale, texture and spaces. In one hand, an aggregation of small parts into a whole, on the other, clearly differentiated, strong objects.

A journey from a site survey in the southern boreal forest of Sweden to an urban housing strategy aimed for dense cities where greenery is sparse. Spatial qualities is measured and analyzed to drive a design that inhabits the same qualities as the forest. If successful, the design does not only hold spatial and esthetic qualities but could also affect humans psychosocially. Living close to forest areas have proven to effect stress levels, children's cognitive development and expected life length. The design is fitted into small pockets in the urban weave and spreads its effect on the entire neighborhood.

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