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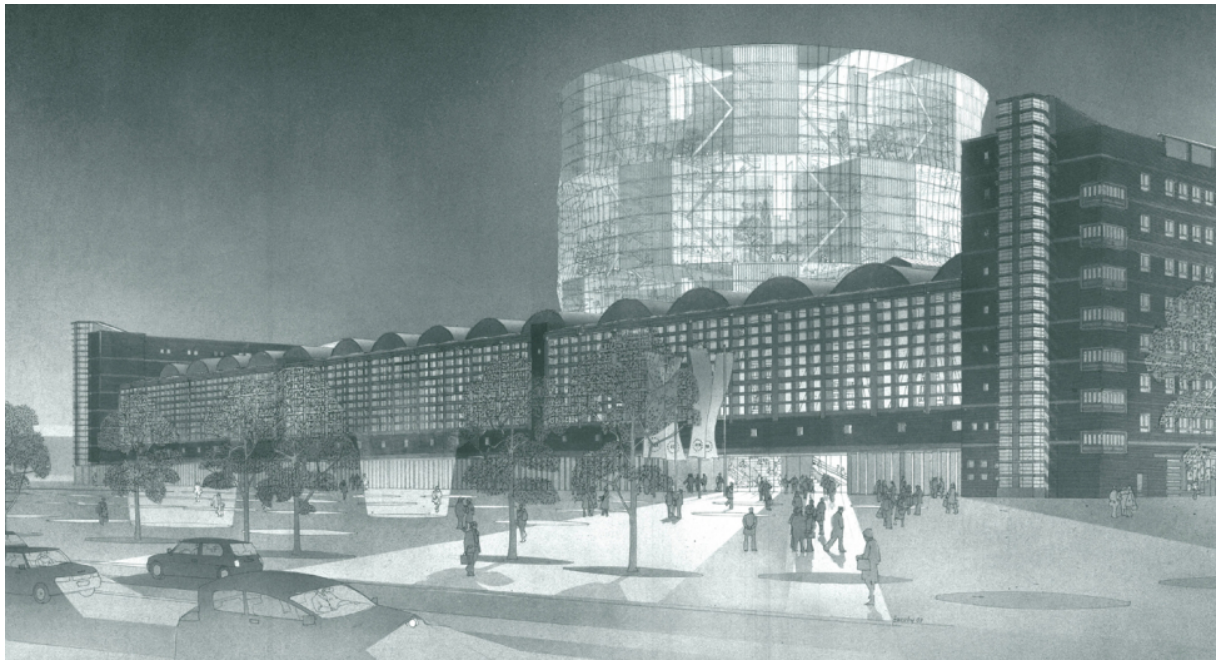
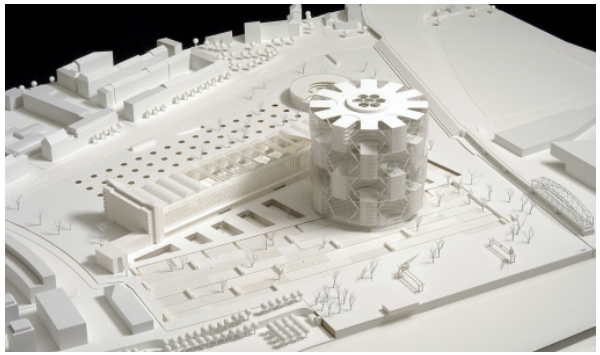
Office/administration buildings

Second round (only eight contestants left) All the necessary rooms are housed within a centralized structure, like a town stacked vertically. As a counterpoint to the covered wholesale market, a compact, 89 m diametre circular building has been placed between the historical building and the Main River. Grouped into four units, each being six stories tall, three semicircular office tracts dock onto a central core on each floor. As with a cogwheel, these units are staggered by half a turn, so that each unit?s ceiling forms the platform for a "sky garden" above. This new methodology combines the advantages of cogged structures - good views, natural ventilation and small units - with the advantage of the tower - short distances and central access. A generous and compact building has been planned; both simple and complex, rational and poetic, modern and timeless.





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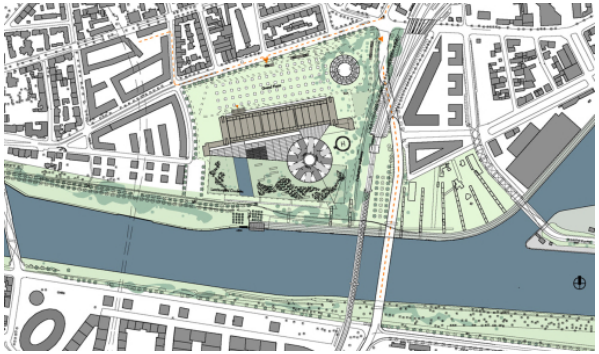
Typology: Office/administration buildings
Procurement documentation: Competition
Service phases (HOAI): 1