

City Life International Park Competition, Milano

The competition for City Life, the prestigious architectural ensemble that is to define the new quartier of the Messe, was held by restricted teams. The challenges layed in the changes in heights, managing the constraints of this floating structure upon which the 22 hectares of public and private park should grow.

The program included providing path connections

from main underground stations, connecting the central shopping area to the park, 6 meters above, introducing a major regional bike path, providing major recreational areas across many different audiences. Our team chose a solution respecting the budget constraints of the program.

The resulting design is made of a series of private space islands and larger public grounds defined by the network of curving paths.

A large palette of 2500 trees adorn the park. In order to buffer the private gardens and enrich the scenography as one moves through the park, earth modulations are designed. These are held back with small retaining walls that become sitting possibilities. Water recollection is done by the permeable path material and gathered in the center water area.

The project was ranked third place.

Selected Projects

Design:
 Christophe Girot
 Atelier Girot GmbH
 with
 Giugiaro Architettura,
 Spadolini Architetti, Fagnoni
 Associati and MRM Architetti

Client:
 City of Milan

Competition:
 3rd Prize

Surface:
 22 ha

Dates:
 Competition 2010

Budget:
 N/A



- 1 View of the Lake
- 2 Section Metro Entrance
- 3 View of the Park
- 4 Pavillons
- 5 Green areas
- 6 Masterplan
- 7 Detail plan