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URBAN GREEN HOUSING

Theme and Problem / Today life in metropolitan area, specifically for Istanbul, drifts the person facing real problems that we had not in our past. The reason of the burden of urban problems are mainly derived from the protection of nature or in other words, we may sum up it as the dominance of artificiality over naturality.

Contrary to these negative aspects, the life in central Istanbul is more dynamic and more heterogeneous and more cultural in these days. So, the younger generations prefer to live in Istanbul and to spend their limited time and periods in these dynamic and vivid settings. As the urban quality and specifically trend wise, we see these preferences in other cities of the world, like New York (please see the movie Jack Lemmon's Second Avenue), London and Tokyo. The emerging city problems in metropolitan areas can be bearable for young people and couples, these populations in their ages may overcome city problems. On the other hand, the city of Istanbul has faced critical problems that we have too much doubts about emerging high population, high density and newly constructed urban regeneration projects.

Aim / This project term is to create a liveable and green home environment, on the consciously planned site in the center of Istanbul. This term, we are asking a planning and design question like "Can we transform or regenerate a piece of land in the center of Istanbul as a green and liveable environment?" if we may continue our questions like "Can we transform how we live in the city through innovation?" or "Can we use green areas in home environments?" or "How can we create new approaches in designing green surfaces especially in vertical settings?"...

Site / The project site is considered in the central city of Istanbul, approximately 2 hectares (20,000 sqm). The considered density is 400 person per hectare. The ratio for maximum construction floor area will be 2.0. The details about the selected site will be announced in the first studio date.

Houses and Functions / Housing types will be varying according to the latest real estate trends. The first category as studio type houses as 1+0, 1+1 will be comparatively the highest ratio. 2+1 will be secondary choice in this approach. 3+1 typed solutions will be the least. The housing site will also house small shopping facilities (supermarket, shops, cafe), a fitness club, and sport and recreational areas.

