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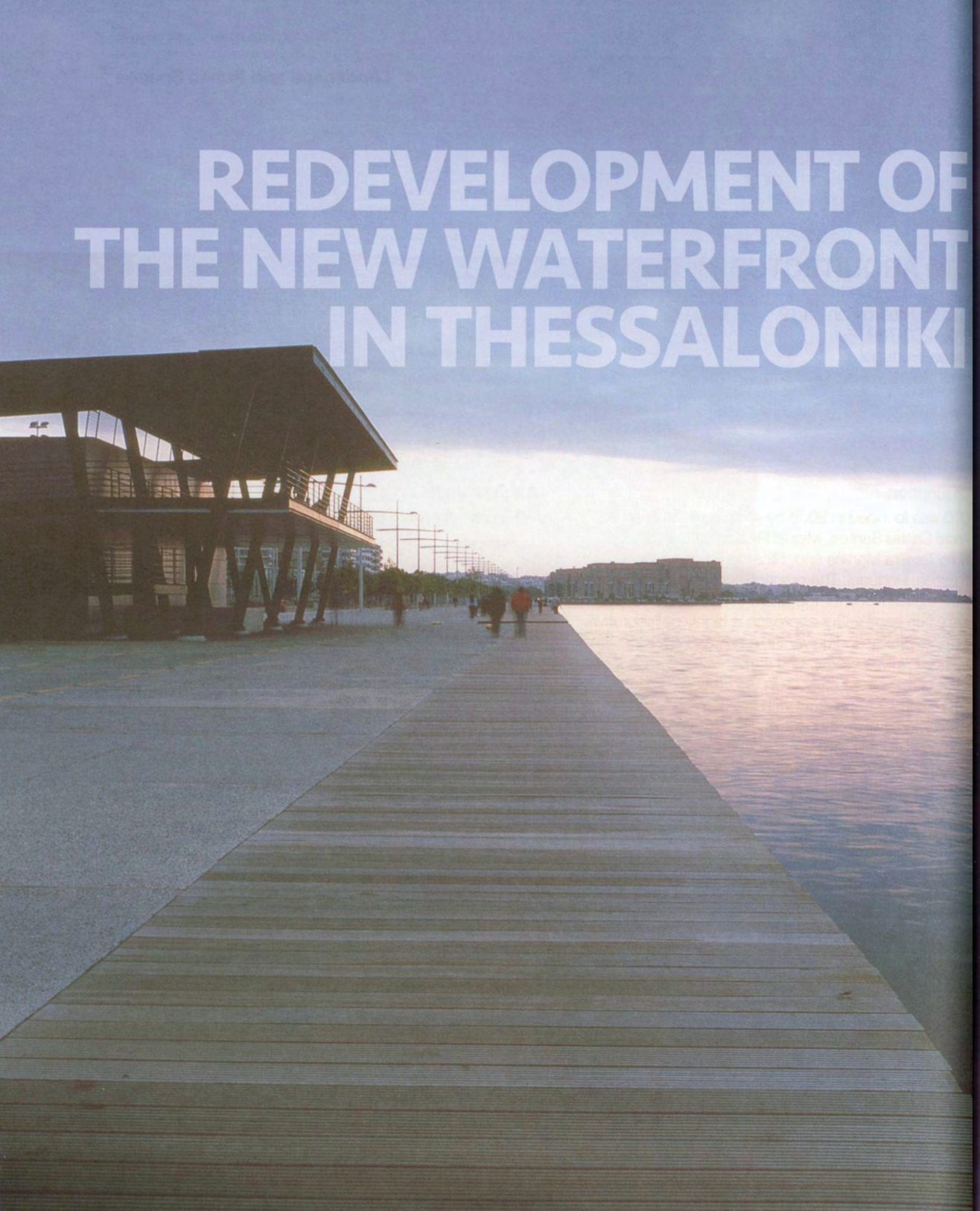

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Category:
Landscape and Public Spaces

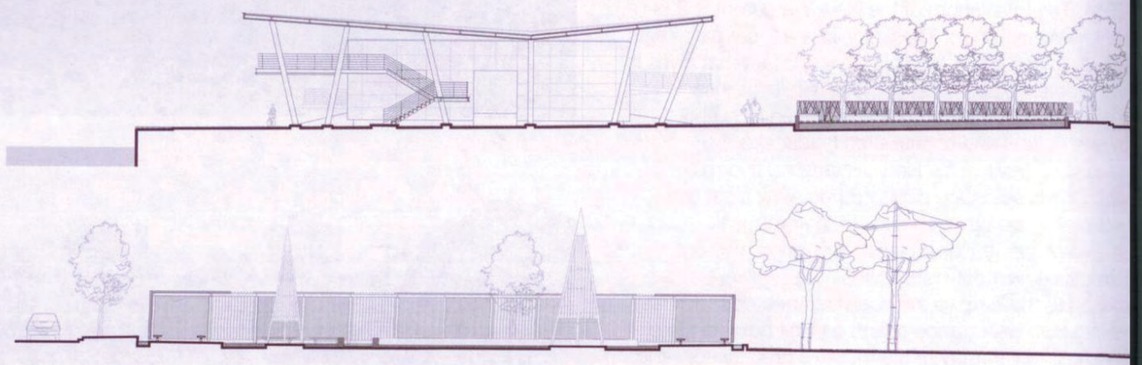
Project selected:
REDEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW WATERFRONT IN THESSALONIKI

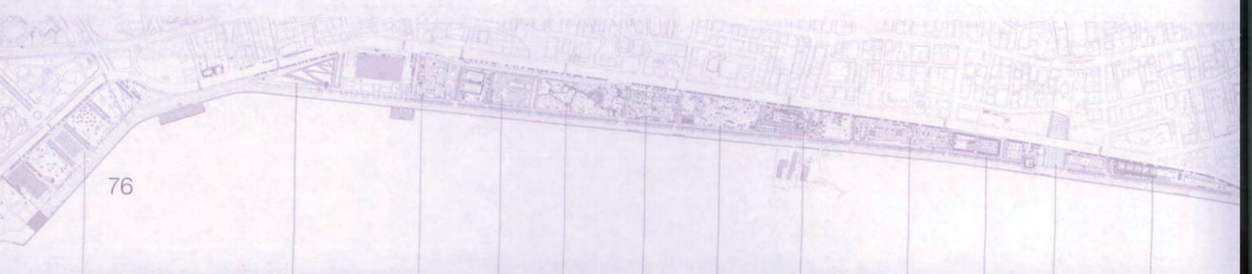
Location:
Thessaloniki, Greece

Year:
2014

Description

In 2000, the Municipality of Thessaloniki launched an International Architectural Competition for the redevelopment of the New Waterfront and in 2006 the construction of the 1st prize begun. The first part (around 75800m2) was completed in 2008 and the second part (around 163000m2) started in 2011 and was completed in 2014. The total length of the New Waterfront is 3,5km. The New Waterfront of Thessaloniki is a linear place with relatively limited depth and big length, a fact that gives it the characteristics of a "front", of a thin layer, inserted on the difficult and challenging limit between land and sea, between natural and constructed landscape.
For the waterfront of the New Waterfront, two major characteristic areas are distinguished, which set the principles for the basic choices of the proposal.
The breakwater: an ideal place for walking, without interruptions, without distractions. The "walker" is exposed to the light, to the open perspective, and has a continuous walk on the charming limit between two opposites: the stability of the massive breakwater - the instability and lucidity of the liquid element.
The green spaces: at the inner side of the coast, 13 green spaces were formed, as a succession of "green rooms - gardens", each with a special thematic characteristic. It's not about big "parks", but "rooms" of small size that remind of the domestic gardens that existed in the area and used to reach the natural seashore, before the landfill of the coast.





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Description

Prodromos Nikiforidis and Bernard Cuomo cooperate since 1991.
In their most notable projects they include: the residential building in Paris (1992-1994) , the Cultural Center and Theatre in Menemeni (Thessaloniki, 1997), the Technopolis Building in Pylea (Thessaloniki, 2006-2009), the New Waterfront of Thessaloniki (2000-2014) and the building of the Treasury of the Bank of Greece in Thessaloniki (2001-2009).
By participating in architectural competitions they have received various distinctions and awards, as the 1st prize in European 2 in 1991 and for the redesign of the Monumental Axis of Aristotelous in Thessaloniki in 1997; the 1st prize in the architectural competition for the redevelopment of the New Waterfront of Thessaloniki in 2001 and for the Academy of Arts and Culture of the Municipality of Kalamaria in Thessaloniki in 2003; the 1st appraisal in the architectural competition Re-think Athens in 2013 and in the architectural competition for the redevelopment of the littoral zone of Neapoli in Monemvasia in 2015, and others.
In 2009 they were awarded by the Greek Institute of Architecture for their architectural work during 2004-2008. In 2014 they received the UIA -International Union of Architects- prize friendly spaces accessible to all for the redevelopment of the New Waterfront of Thessaloniki. In 2015 they were finalist for the European Prize for Contemporary Architecture - Mies van der Rohe Award with the project of the redevelopment of the New Waterfront of Thessaloniki.

Main projects

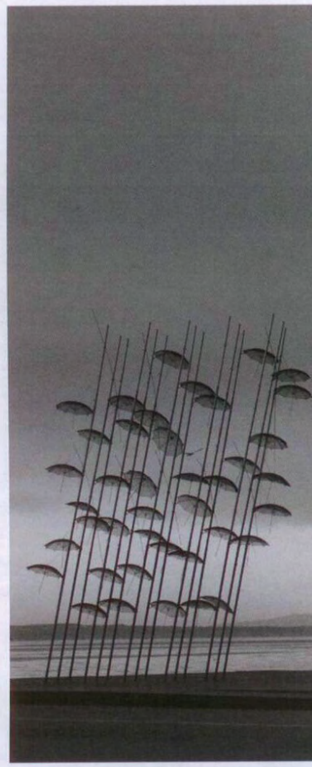
The New Waterfront of Thessaloniki, Greece 2014

The building of the Treasury of the Bank of Greece in Thessaloniki, Greece 2009

The Technopolis Building in Pylea, Thessaloniki, Greece 2009

Cultural Center and Theatre in Menemeni, Thessaloniki, Greece 1997

Residential building in Paris, France 1994

Project work in progress

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