

portfolio

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MASTER OF
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ABOUT ME

My name is Nika Koren, an ambitious individual eager to deepen my expertise in architectural design, with a strong focus on interior design. My long-term aspiration is to excel as a project manager, where I can create unique and impactful interiors. I believe my dedication and knowledge will significantly enhance your team and contribute to a vibrant working environment.

SKILLS

- Graphisoft ArchiCAD
- SketchUp
- Lumion
- Adobe InDesign
- Adobe Photoshop
- Adobe Illustrator
- AutoCAD
- CorelDraw

LANGUAGES

Slovenian

English

Italian

INTERESTS

- renovation
- photography
- travel
- sports
- cooking

AWARDS

Recognition award for the Slovenian pavilion at Frankfurt Book Fair 2023 with MONOMO arhitekti.

WORK EXPERIENCE

INTERIOR DESIGNER | 2023 - present

Junior interior designer at company Ema Babošek Interiors, Ema Babošek s.p.

ARCHITECTURAL INTERN | 2022

Participating in a competition to design Slovenian pavilion at Frankfurt's Book fair 2023 with MONOMO arhitekti d.o.o. and architectural internship.

DESIGNER | 2019 - 2022

Interior, graphic and 3D designer at door and window production company Alu-Kovač, Robert Koren s.p.

BARTENDER | 2017 - 2020

Bartender and waitress at restaurant and camping company at Turistični center Lazar d.o.o.

RECEPTIONIST | 2016

Front desk receptionist at water sports and bike rental company at Positive Sport d.o.o.

MANAGER | 2015 - 2022

Manager of an apartment house at Hiša Sonca d.o.o.

RECEPTIONIST | 2014 - 2015

Front desk receptionist at hostel, rafting and water sports center at X-Point d.o.o.

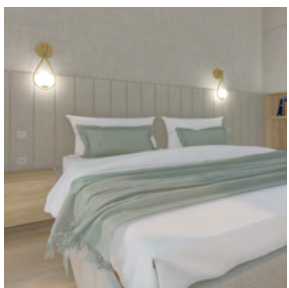
EDUCATION

MASTER'S DEGREE

Single Master's study programme at Faculty of Architecture at University of Ljubljana.

HIGH SCHOOL

Graduated high school art programme at gymnasium Nova Gorica.



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PROJECT M

residential apartment,
new build



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PROJECT R

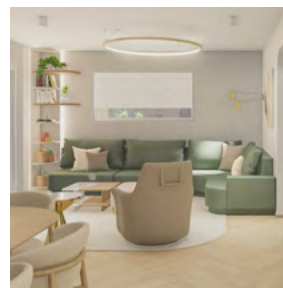
hospitality apartment,
renovation



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PROJECT S

residential apartment,
new build



04

PROJECT N

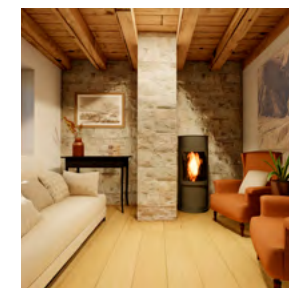
residential apartment,
new build



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PROJECT K

residential
neighbourhood
conceptual design



06

PROJECT Z

mountain chalet,
conceptual design

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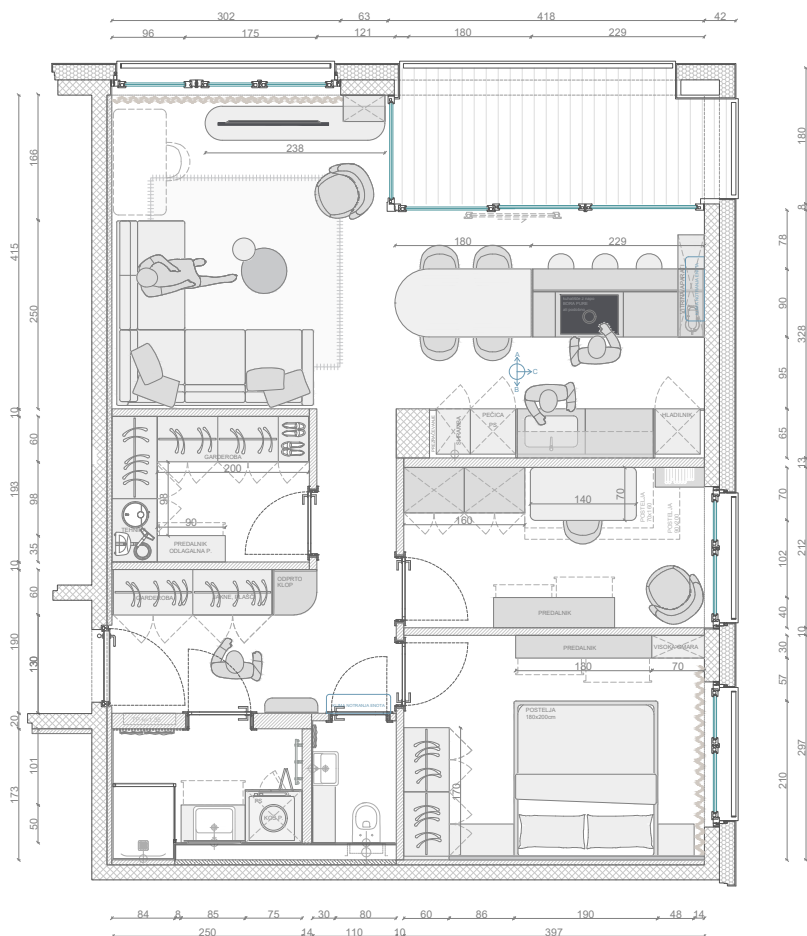
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LJUBJANA, SLOVENIA

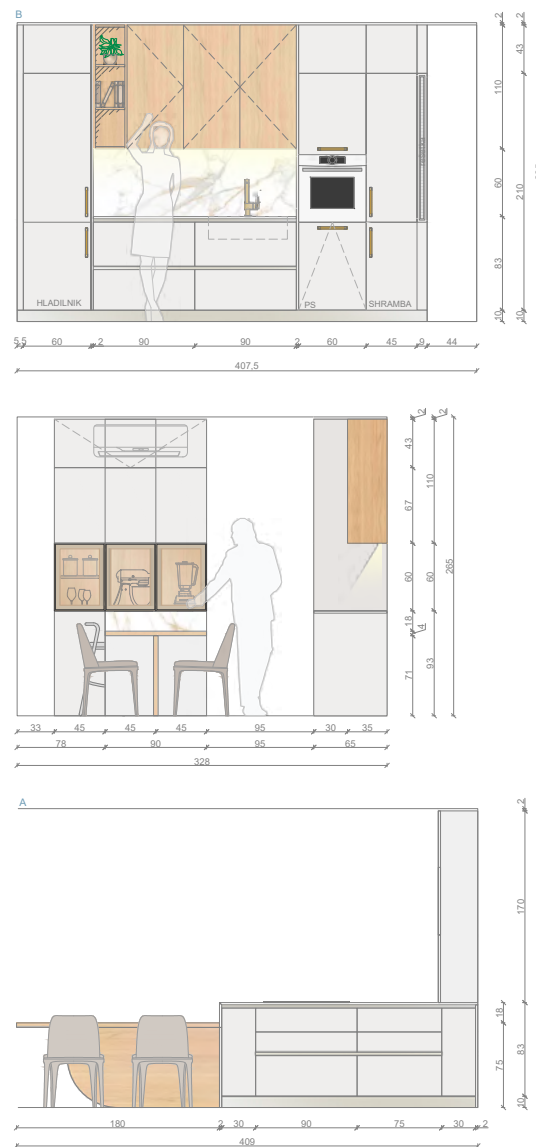
Complete design for interior of a new build apartment for a couple in Ljubljana. Project included creation of working plans for a custom kitchen and most of the furniture.

I worked on this project as a junior interior designer at Ema Babošek Interiors.



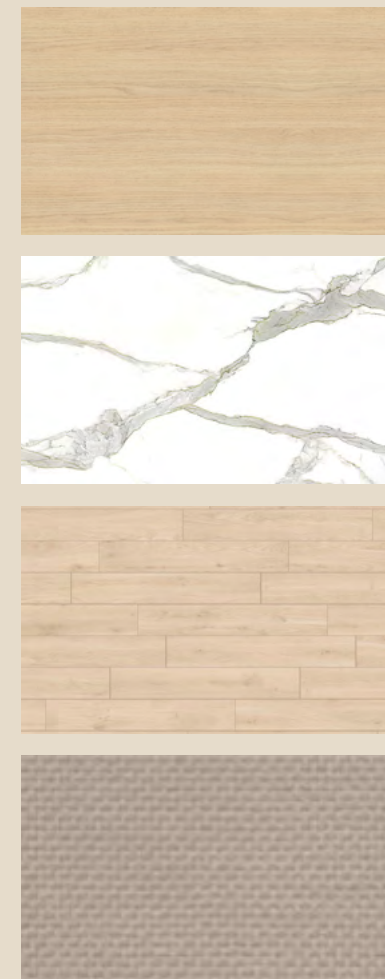


floor plan
M 1:100



kitchen plans

50 cm



materials

PLANS



CONCEPT

This project involves designing the interior for a two-person household, focusing on functionality, comfort, and a cozy atmosphere. The space will feature neutral tones like beige, wood, and gold, creating a warm and homely feel.

The kitchen will be the central area, with an emphasis on cooking and functional elements. The living room will include a large sofa, which can also serve as an additional sleeping area. The overall project is aimed at creating a modern, inviting, and comfortable living environment.



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02 project r

KOBARID, SLOVENIA

One floor design as a renovation of a tourist apartment in Kobarid. Project included creation of working plans for a custom kitchen.

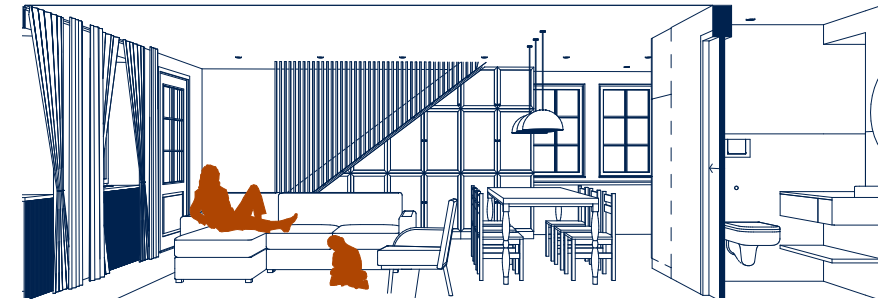
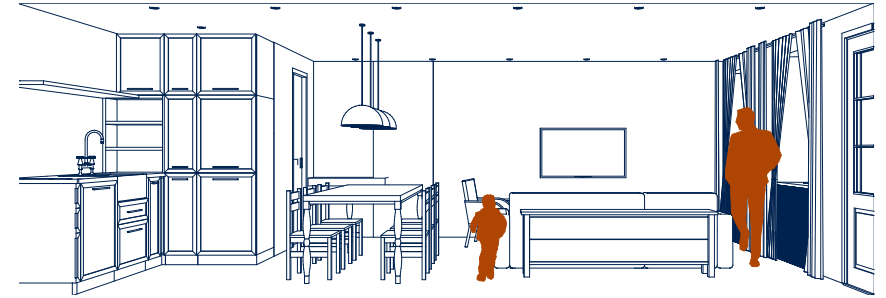
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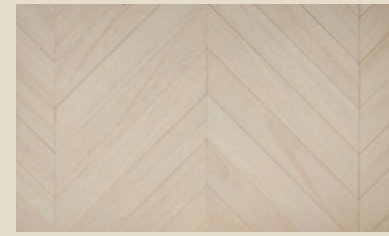
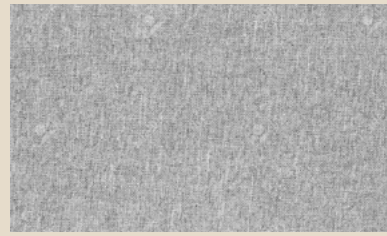
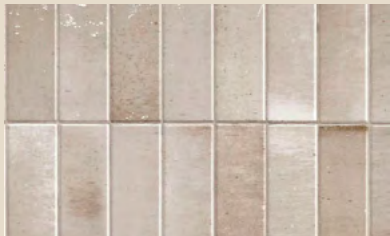
floor plan

M 1:100



side view

50 cm



materials

PLANS



CONCEPT

This project involved the renovation of one floor in a partially restored, charming old house located in the heart of Kobarid. The client sought to transform the space into a welcoming, modern farmhouse-style apartment intended for tourists. The renovation focused on updating key areas, including a new day-use bathroom, a comfortable living space, and a fully equipped kitchen.

The design combines the rustic charm of the house's original character with modern touches, creating a cozy yet contemporary environment. This renovation enhances the property's appeal, blending tradition and modernity for an ideal tourist experience.



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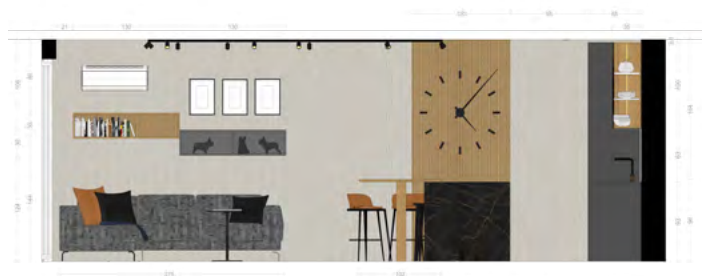
03 project s

LJUBJANA, SLOVENIA

Complete design for interior of a new build apartment for an individual in Ljubljana. Project included creation of working plans for a custom kitchen and most of the furniture.

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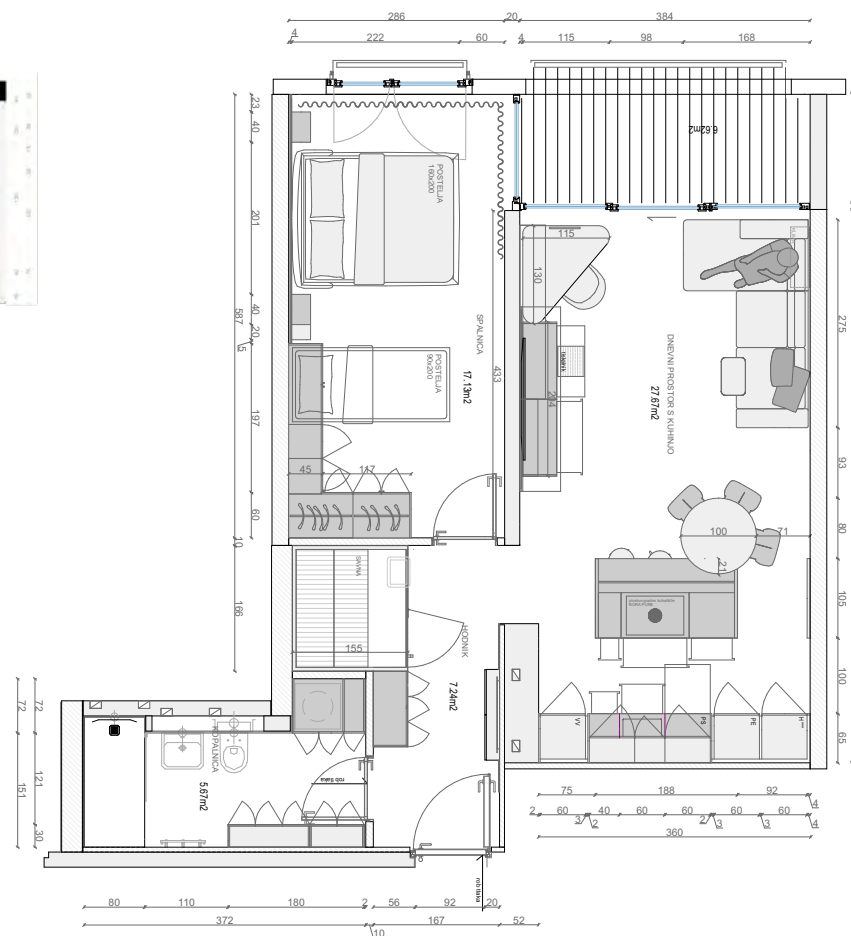




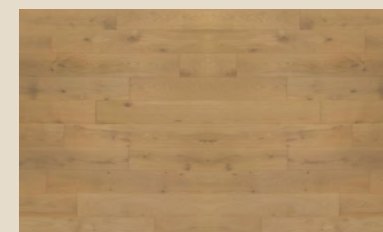
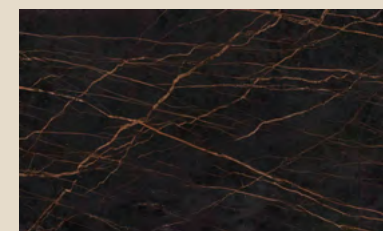
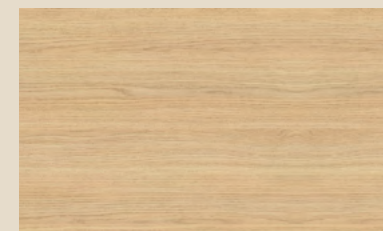
side view living space
50 cm



side view bedroom
50 cm



floor plan
M 1:100



materials

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CONCEPT

This project focuses on creating a modern, masculine apartment for the client's son, who will be attending college in Ljubljana. The design features a sleek and contemporary aesthetic, combining practicality with style to suit student life.

The apartment includes a separate bedroom with a main bed and a Murphy pull-out bed, offering flexibility for accommodating guests. A new sauna is also integrated into the design, adding a touch of luxury and relaxation to the space. The overall concept ensures a comfortable, functional, and stylish living environment in a newly-built setting.



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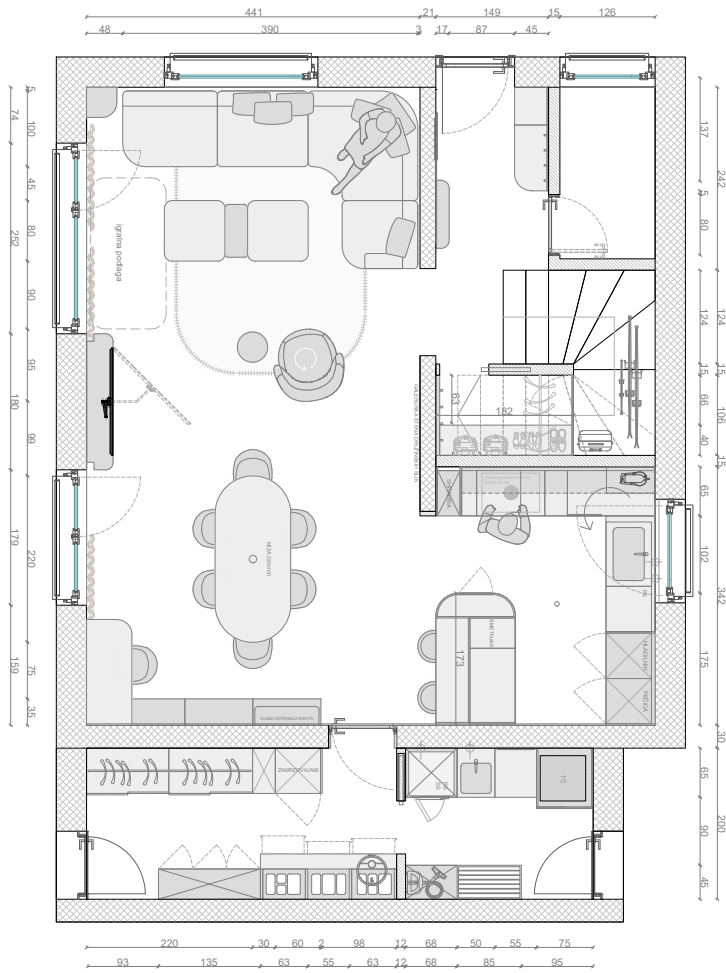
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LJUBJANA, SLOVENIA

Complete design for interior of a new build apartment for a family in Ljubljana. Project included creation of working plans for a custom kitchen and most of the furniture.

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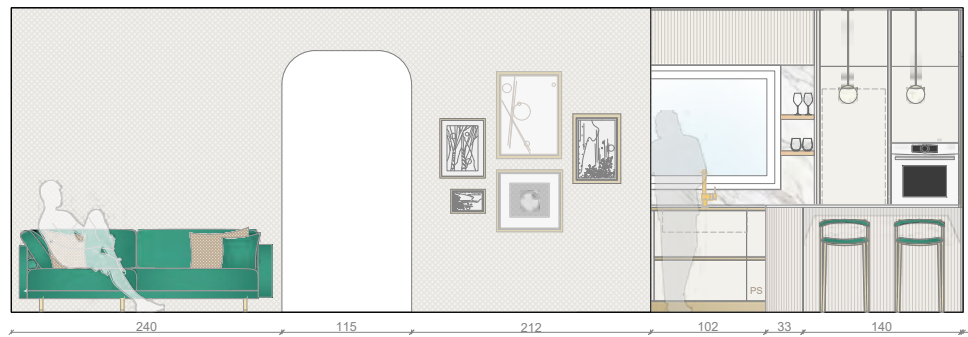


floor plan
M 1:100



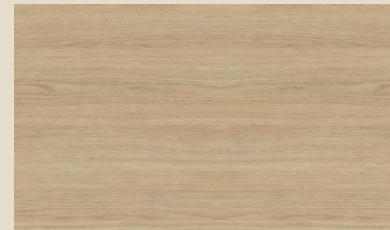
kitchen and dining room

50 cm



kitchen, living room and hallway

50 cm



materials

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CONCEPT

This project is for a family home designed for two adults and two children, focusing on functionality and a cozy, welcoming atmosphere. The interior will feature light colors, natural wood, and rounded corners, creating a warm, homey feel.

Key elements include a high kitchen counter, a dining area for up to 10 guests, and a large seating area in the living room, perfect for family gatherings. The design integrates practical solutions with a modern aesthetic, ensuring comfort and functionality for everyday family life.



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05 project k

KOBARID, SLOVENIA

Conceptual design of a residential neighbourhood in Kobarid - Solving the housing problem of young people.

The Municipality of Kobarid is facing a pressing issue among the youth - the housing problem. Despite its ideal location in the heart of nature, developed industry, and rich cultural and historical heritage, the number of residents is decreasing, and the average age of the population is increasing.

The lack of available housing and buildable plots, unfavorable housing finance policies, the unaffordability of real estate, and the lack of modern job opportunities have forced young people to move to larger urban centers, despite their desire to return to their hometowns. The rapid development of tourism and the renting out of secondary apartments and additional units have only exacerbated the housing problem for young people in the Municipality of Kobarid.





CONCEPT

The master's thesis systematically approaches solving the housing problem of the youth by analyzing the spatial identity of the area. It examines the geographical framework of the Municipality of Kobarid, its historical and cultural landmarks, and the local economy. The economic-tourism aspect of the housing problem is analyzed in detail, along with the solutions proposed by the municipality. A survey conducted among the youth confirms the presence of the housing issue and involves them in the co-creation of the living space. By analyzing the typical Kobarid house, summarizing the typological elements of building typology in Kobarid, selecting a plot, and considering examples from abroad, an idea for a potential solution to the youth housing problem is formulated.

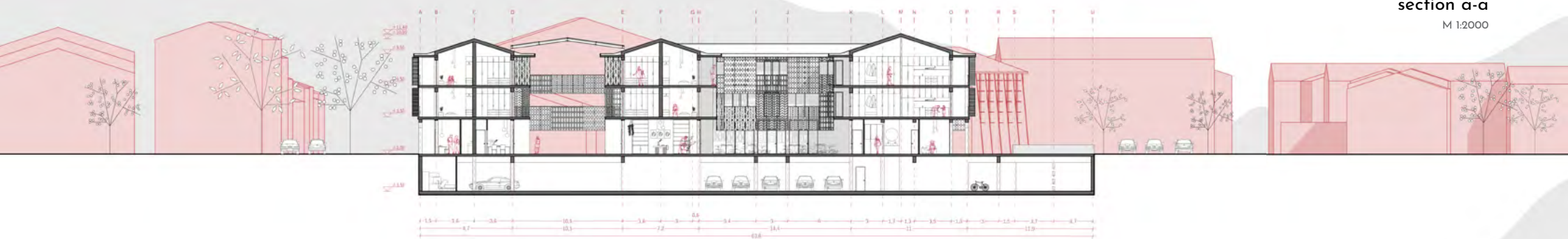
The conceptual solution to the housing problem is a 3-story building with a parking lot in the basement, which incorporates and reinterprets traditional elements of building typology in Kobarid. With a carefully planned layout, a street, a square and an atrium are formed, providing a space for socialization and gathering. The building's private residential section accommodates 102 young people over 2 floors, while the public ground floor meets the sports, work, and social needs of the youth. The building is integrated into the surrounding fabric of Kobarid, connecting the old town center with newly built structures and marking the entrance to the town of Kobarid.





floor plan
hotelski M 1:2000

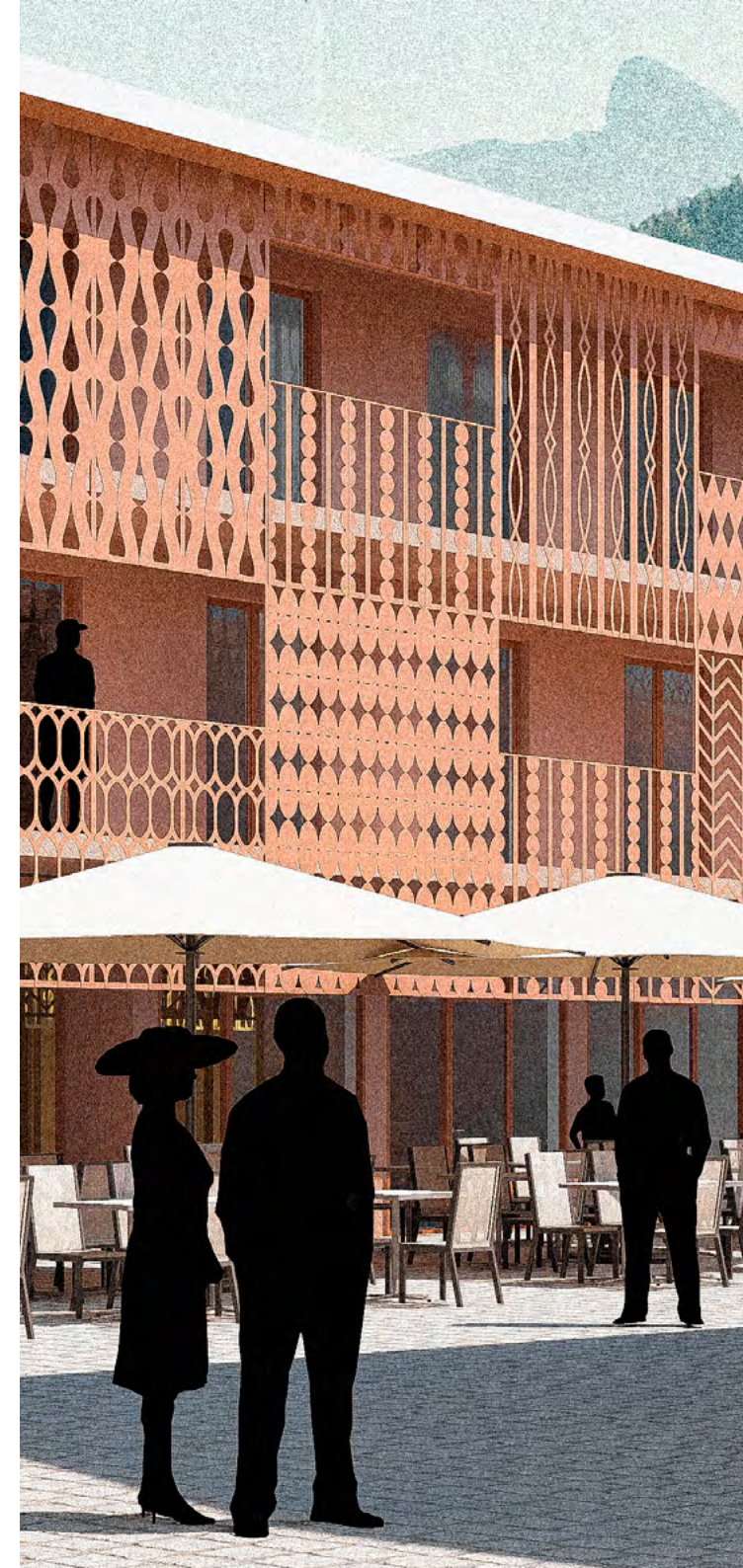
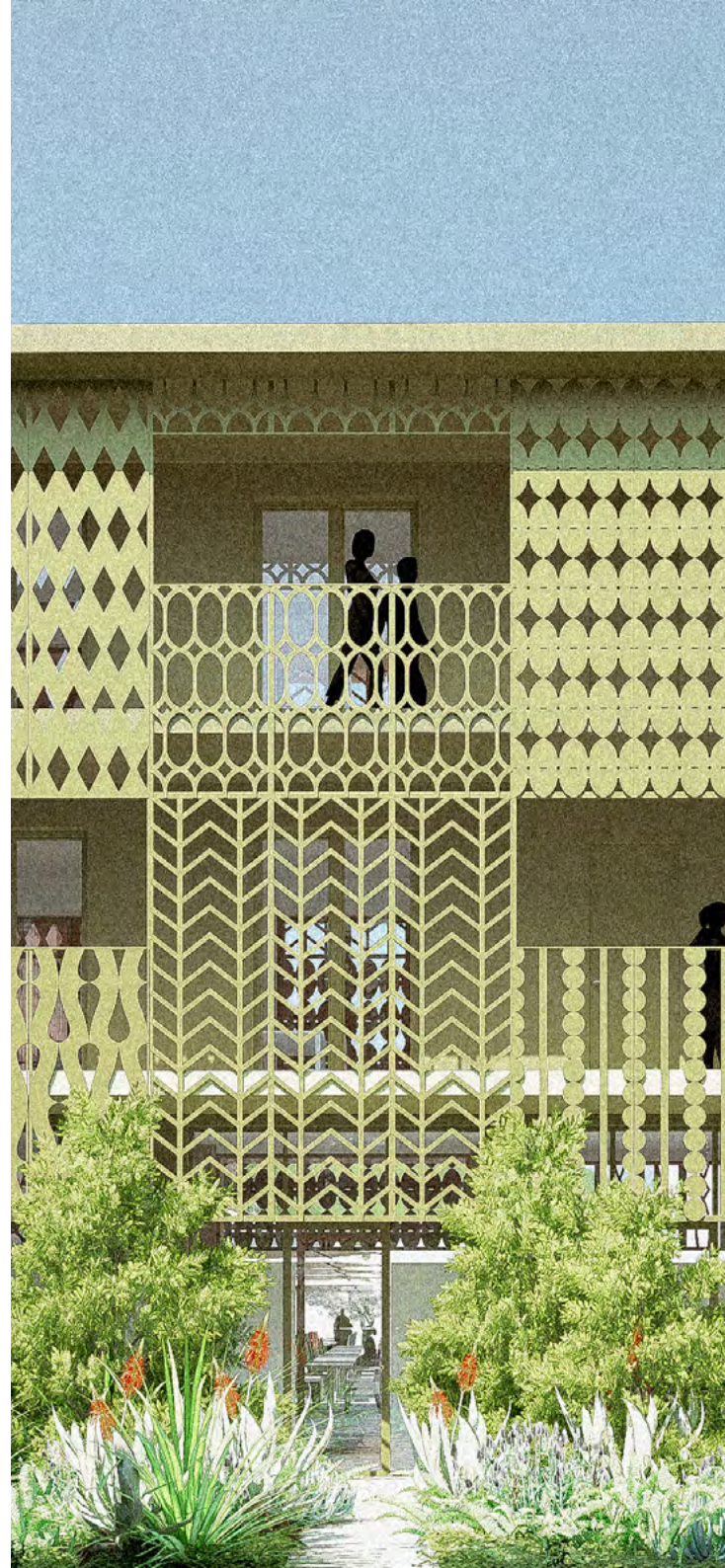
section a-a
M 1:2000



east facade
M 1:2000



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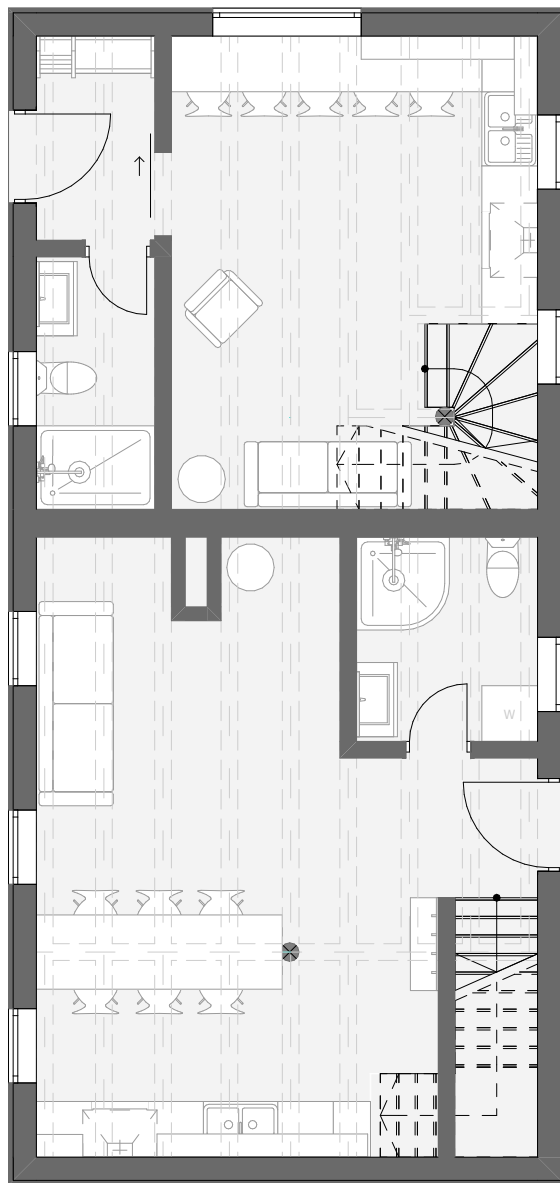
ZAPLEČ, SLOVENIA

Conceptual design for interior of a renovated chalet for a big family in planina Zapleč.

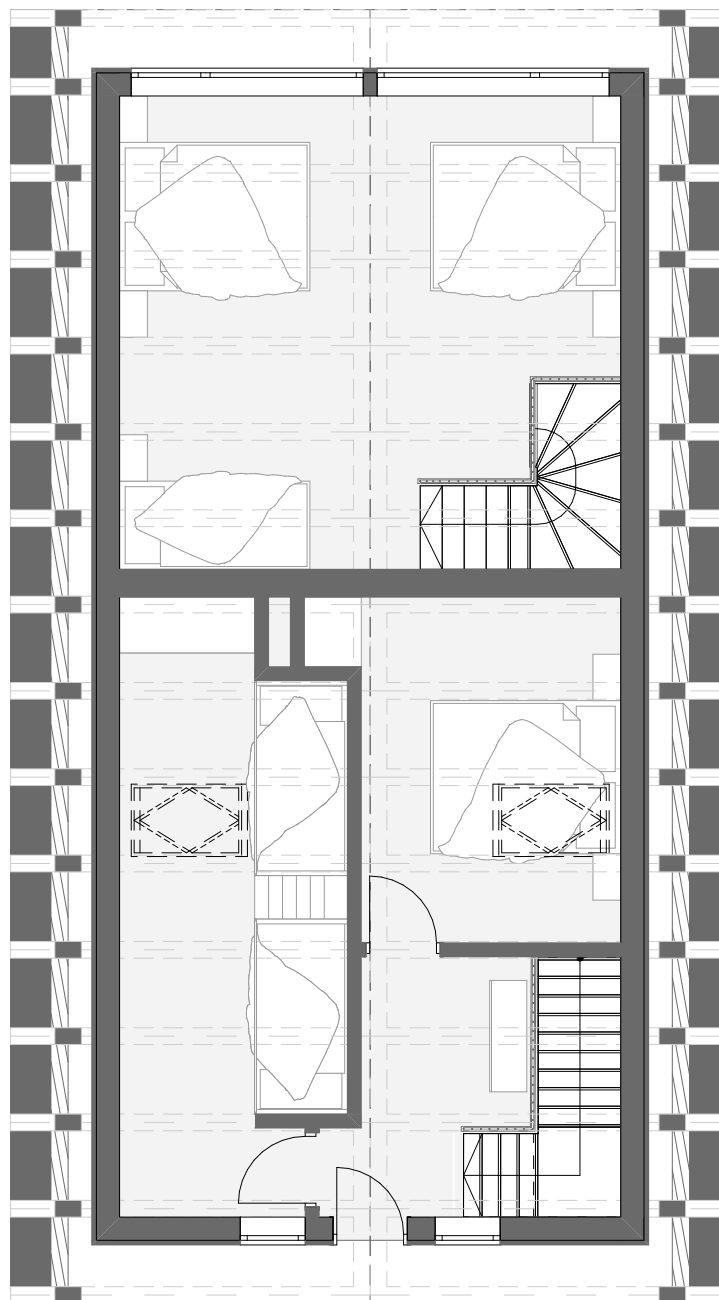
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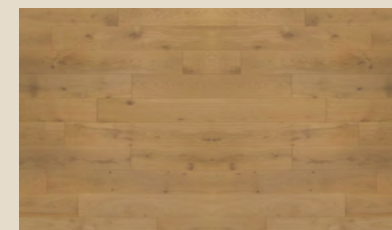




ground floor
M 1:100



1st floor
M 1:100



materials



CONCEPT

This project is a conceptual design for a family cottage in the Zapleč mountains above Kobarid. The renovation transforms an old shepherd's hut into a rustic, farm-style retreat, using natural materials like wood and stone to blend with its surroundings.

The cottage is divided into two sections: the larger area features an open sleeping space for five, while the smaller part has a master bedroom and a room with two bunk beds, accommodating six. The goal was to maximize sleeping capacity for the large family, creating a cozy and functional mountain retreat amidst stunning peaks.

