

Santa Caterina Market Barcelona, Spain

A competition was opened to restore the Santa Caterina city market located in the old quarter of Barcelona in 1997. EMBT won the bid with a proposal that aimed at incorporating the extreme complexity of the setting itself by creating a commercial market complemented by a residential zone and public spaces that integrated all the activities of the neighborhood.

The project maintains parts of the existing structure and the architects proposed a new and creative render of the area which respected the history and context of the site.

The proposal superimposes new architecture on old, mixes them, and comes up with a conglomerate, a hybrid that accentuates usefulness and is contemporary. The interior distribution of the market was reorganized; there are fewer stands but the access and service systems are rationalized; the surface area of public spaces gains ground and communicates with the Avinguda Francesc Cambó, an important transitional vein in the neighborhood also surrounded by a dense network of narrow streets.

Client: Foment de Ciutat Vella S.A.
Location: Barcelona, Spain
Date: 2005
Typology: Commercial Housing Masterplan Rehabilitation

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Gross floor area: 4.000 sqm/ 4.200 sqm parking



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