

Kálida Sant Pau - part of Maggie's Centres Barcelona, Spain

When a person is diagnosed with a cancer, it can feel like a punch in the stomach. Often there are tough questions to face, uncertainty of what will happen in the future, difficult emotions to cope with from anxiety to loneliness and feelings of fragility, uneasiness and fear. Kálida will be there to help and support you, a warm and welcoming place that is a refuge from the stress of the Hospital offering a programme of evidence based support which strengthens physical and emotional wellbeing.

Kálida will be warm and welcoming, full of light and space with a mix of open areas and more private protected areas. The emphasis is on creating a homely, domestic environment in contrast to the clinical hospital building. Tagliabue, who supported her husband Enric Miralles through his brain tumour diagnosis and treatment clearly is well placed to understand the curative value of well-designed buildings.

The design is of a garden pavilion in which the boundaries between interior and exterior space are blurred. Kálida will be on a site positioned between Hospital Sant Pau and the modernista Heritage site. The 400m² building is arranged on two levels with an extensive garden area. The lower floor will be an open and flexible space, conceived as a sequence of gardens and patios. The kitchen area is the welcoming heart of the building, in addition there is a library and a large multipurpose room. From the Oncology Department of the Hospital, there will be a paved area leading to the main entrance of Kálida.

Stakeholders :	Kálida Foundation, Nous Cims, Fundació Privada de l'Hospital de la SantaCreu i Sant Pau, Maggie's Centre
Date:	2008 - In progress
Status:	Under construction
Typology:	Health, Landscape
Architect:	Benedetta Tagliabue
Project Director:	Joan Callís
Project Coordinator:	Valentina Noris
Design Team:	Gabriele Rotelli, Marianna Mincarelli, Enrico Narcisi, Paola Amato, Helena Carì, Astrid Steegmans, Liza Zanin, Federico Volpi, Letizia Artioli, Giovanni Vergantini, Paula Gheorgue, Angello Coarite.
Structure Engineer:	Bernúz Fernández Arquitectes SLP
Engineering Facilities:	Proisotec Engineering
Measurements:	Borrel Jover SLP
Gross floor area:	400 m ² + 981 m ² landscape

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