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# Envisioning a Future

Dedicated to you



# A Timeless Legacy

Nuno Leónidas Architects, established in 1980, proudly carries a rich architectural legacy. With over four decades of experience, we have earned a distinguished reputation for unwavering design excellence. Our extensive portfolio showcases more than 400 projects, spanning the globe. Our journey is marked by a profound commitment to the art, resulting in remarkable achievements across various architectural domains. As a testimony to our expertise, we've left an indelible mark on the global architectural landscape. Our legacy is defined not only by the sheer number of projects but also by the enduring impact of our designs. We've consistently pushed the boundaries of architectural innovation, shaping spaces that inspire, function seamlessly, and stand as testaments to our commitment to architectural excellence.



# 40 years of expertise

teamwork, cultural interchange, innovation,  
and the integration of **BIM & GIS technologies** all  
converge to drive our commitment Towards  
**sustainability** in architecture



# Team





# Think Global Act Local

NLA Arquitectos is committed to creating architecture that deeply resonates with its surroundings. Our team immerses itself fully in the local culture of each project, ensuring that every design is not only functional but also culturally integrated and widely recognized. By understanding the unique context and traditions of each location. By cultural interchange which takes us to deep understanding of specific cultural needs, we become proficient to create spaces that are recognized and embraced by the community. Our approach combines global insights with local knowledge, resulting in architecture that is both innovative and deeply rooted in its environment. At NLA Architects, we believe that successful design deserves unique and exclusive dedication, which is about crafting spaces that reflect and enhance the cultural fabric of the community.









# Shaping our Tomorrow

Nuno Leónidas Architects remains devoted to pioneering architectural technology and sustainability. Drawing upon decades of experience, our dynamic team thrives on challenges and unwavering adaptability, guiding us to conquer the future. Our commitment to sustainability and evolving architectural technology fuels our vision of a future marked by sustainable innovation. With the power of new technology, we make informed decisions to create a cohesive architectural environment. In our relentless pursuit of architectural excellence, we harness technology to craft spaces that not only meeting today's needs but also anticipating tomorrow's challenges. The future is our canvas, and we are the architects of innovation, shaping a world where architecture seamlessly integrates with the environment, fostering a sustainable and harmonious tomorrow.







# Mastering Architectural Diversity

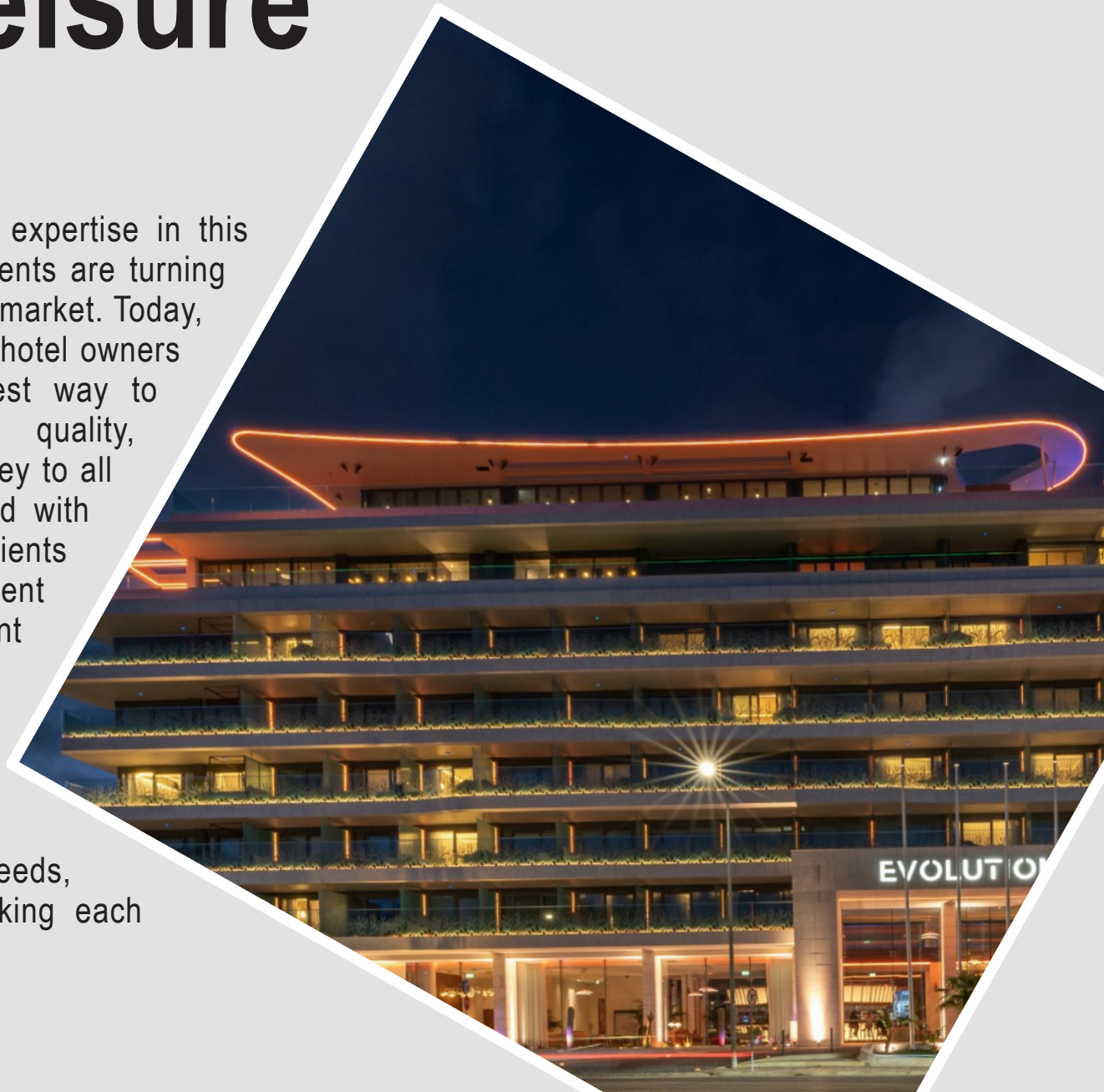
Nuno Leónidas Architects brings over four decades of expertise to a range of disciplines, including hospitality, masterplanning, office buildings, housing and education. We combine innovation with sustainability, using BIM & GIS technologies to deliver designs that showcase our commitment to excellence.

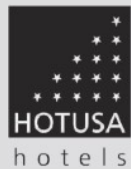
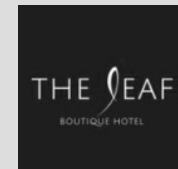


# Hotels & Leisure

**Over 50 accomplished projects**

Over the last **40 years**, we've developed expertise in this market niche, realizing that capital investments are turning tourism and leisure into a significant growth market. Today, we fully understand and meet the needs of hotel owners and operators, advising them on the best way to advance their programs. Experience, quality, innovative design, and budget control are key to all our projects, some of which are developed with international design teams. Business hotel clients seek comfort, convenience, and excellent communications, while leisure travelers want a unique, unforgettable experience. Hotels must be designed to make guests feel at home even when working. Designers should capture each location's atmosphere and character, incorporating them into the design. Each operator has unique needs, corporate image, and business style, making each project a distinct challenge.









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# Interior Design

**Art and functionality in a cohesive relationship**

In 1989, NLA - Nuno Leónidas Architects established a dedicated Interior Department as a consequence of its extensive hotel project commissions. The department's growing presence led to the formation of an independent firm, in 1997 - NL Decoração specialized in Interior Design, although maintaining all its connections with the core Architecture Practice and thereby profiting from the resulting synergy. The connection with the architectural practice permits a multi-task professional team to offer the client a homogenous project approach from conception to final design execution, thus integrating interior design, art and accessories, with the space's architecture. The services provided by NLD range from concept design to the turn-key delivery of the project and include the detail design, acceptance of all materials and supplies and the supervision of the execution of all related works.

















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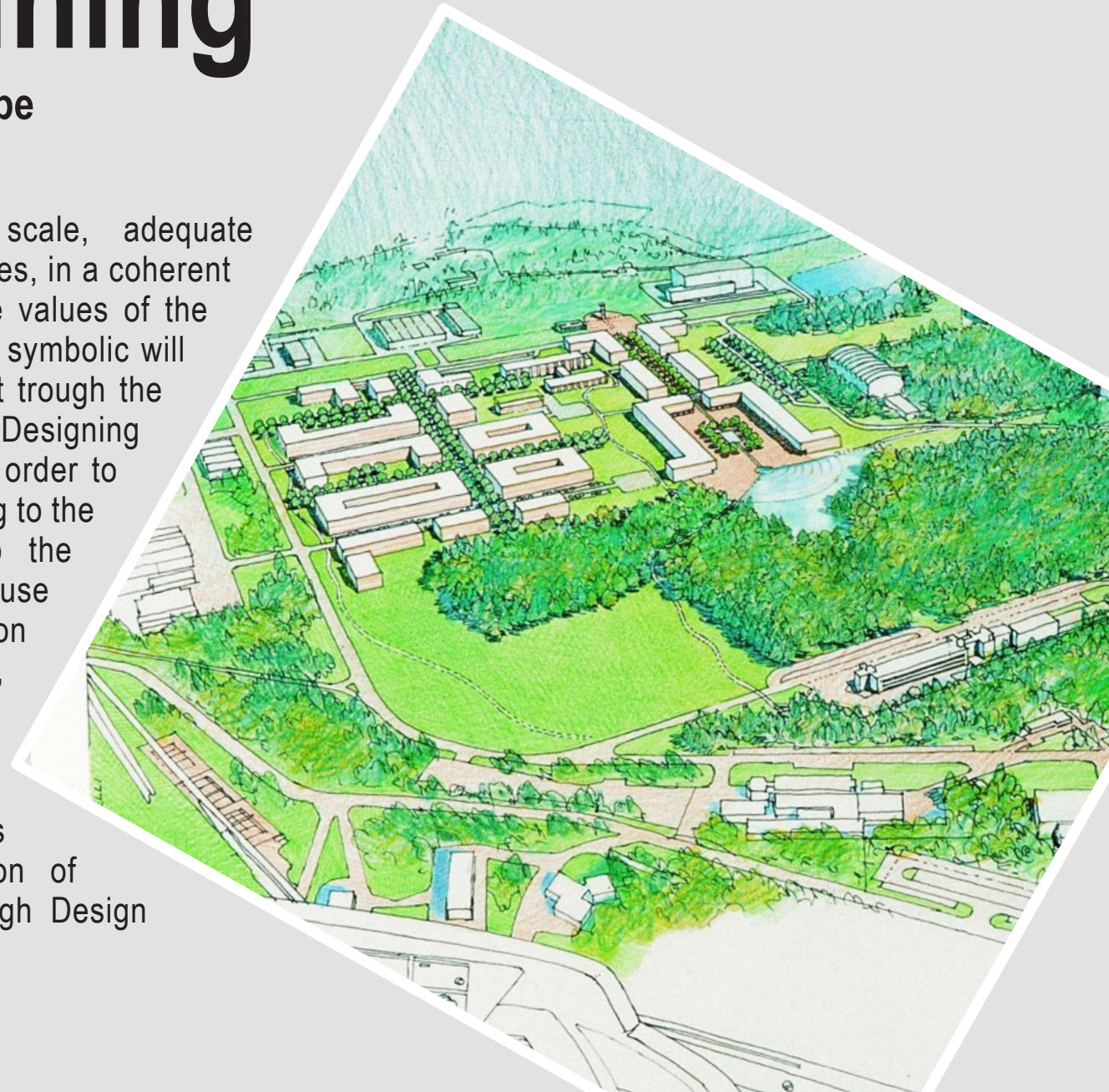




# Masterplanning

More than 65 plans all over the globe

Townplanning has to reflect Human scale, adequate distribution of green areas and public facilities, in a coherent and multifunctional design that reflects the values of the past. These lost values, both historical and symbolic will be returned and assumed by the inhabitant through the coherence of design and image of the city. Designing a city implicates an intelligent approach in order to create an urban structure capable of reacting to the urban tensions and being adaptable to the changes of urban demands. This means the use of a global development model, based on systems that compose urban structure, resources and metabolism. Integration, view system, references, roads and paths, green structure, functions, environment quality and sustainability are keywords present in all our plans. The integration of buildings flow as a natural process through Design from urbanism to architecture.

















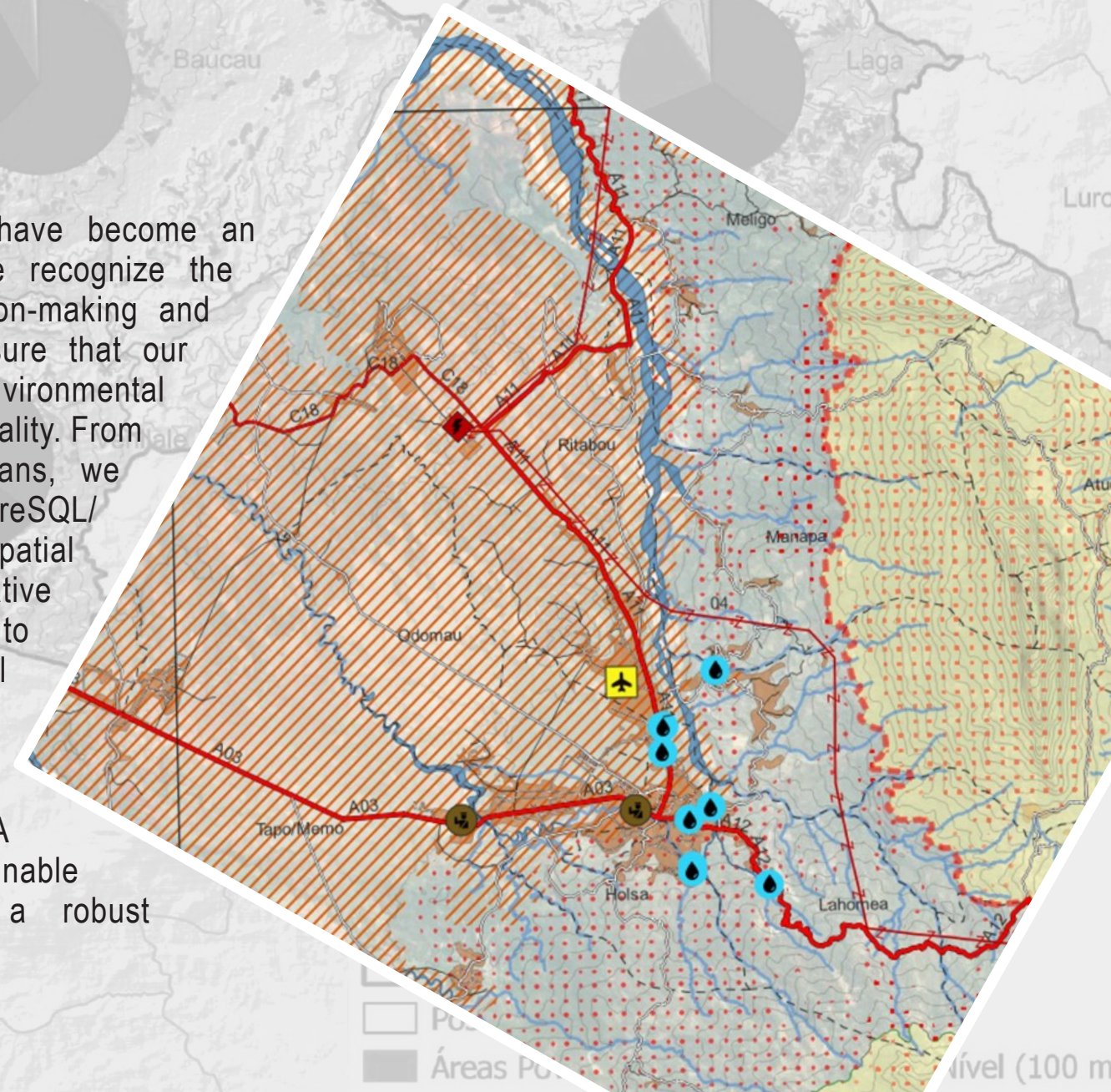




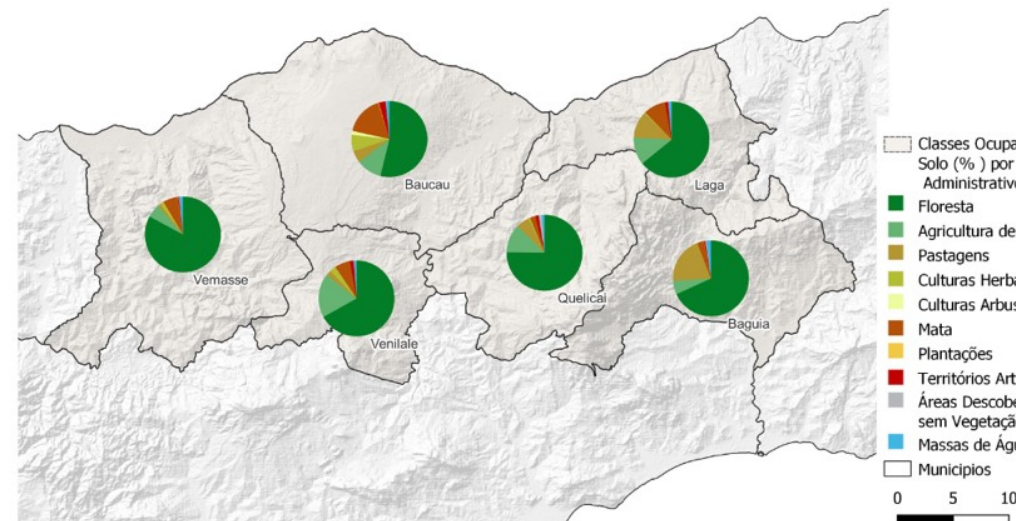
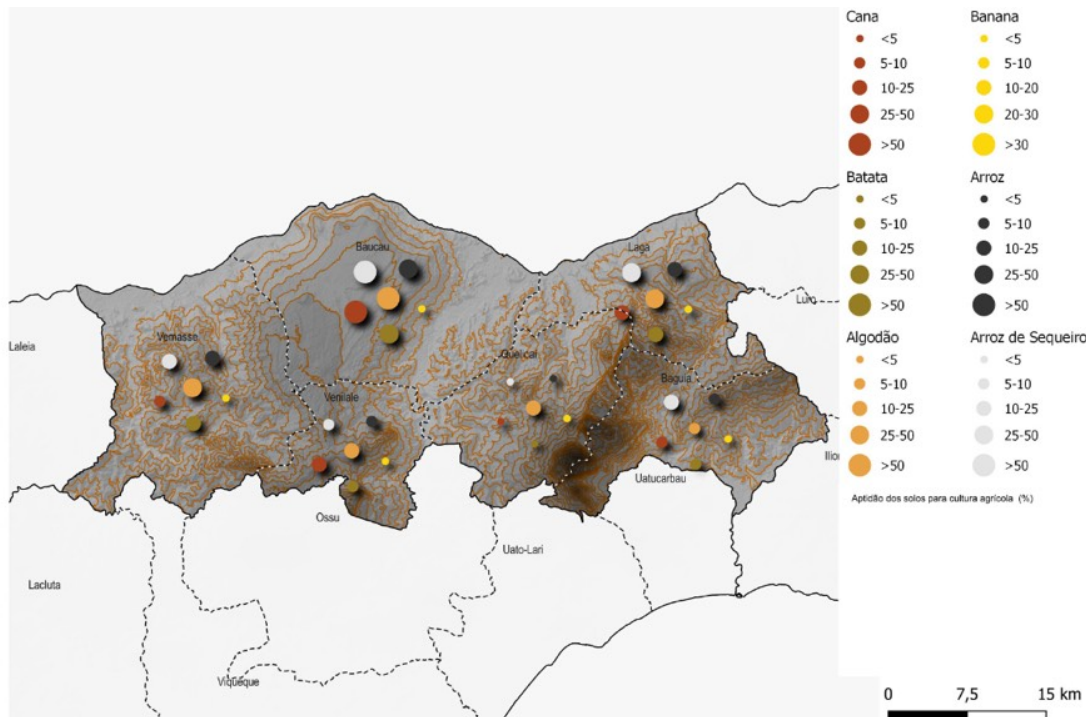
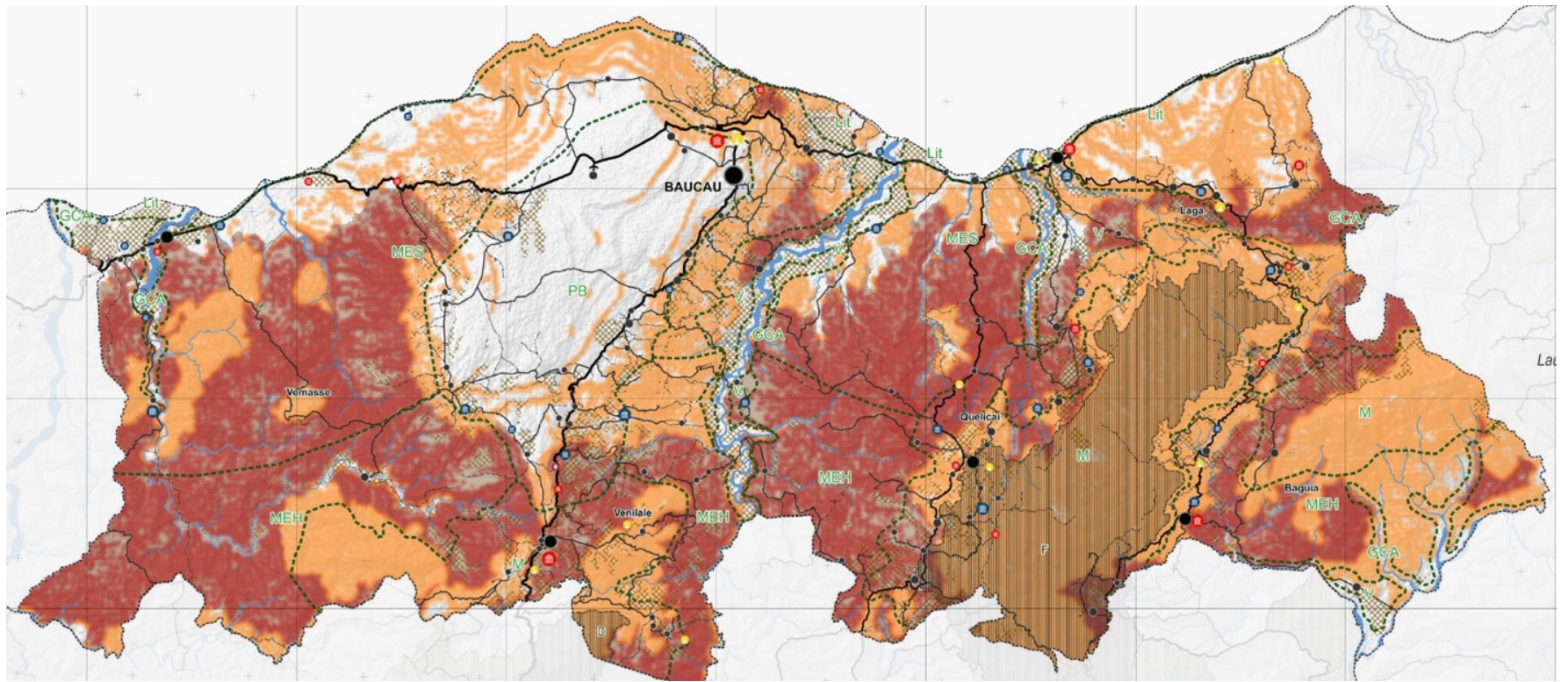
# GIS

## Navigating the Geospatial Scene

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) have become an integral part of NLA's methodology. We recognize the significance of geospatial data in decision-making and design. Our team leverages GIS to ensure that our architectural solutions align with the environmental context, fostering sustainability and functionality. From Municipal/Regional Plans to Detailed Plans, we employ open-source tools, such as PostgreSQL/PostGIS and QGIS, combined with spatial analysis tools, to create innovative methodologies. This approach enables us to develop comprehensive plans at national and international scales, incorporating all essential data for informed land use planning decisions. With a commitment to navigating the geospatial scene, NLA remains at the forefront of sustainable architectural solutions, supported by a robust foundation of geospatial intelligence.









# Office Buildings

## A lifetime of designing everlasting workplaces

The corporate buildings sector is evolving rapidly due to new technologies. Improved access to information and communications has disrupted traditional departmental structures. Organizations must now adapt and reorganize themselves based on external demands, challenging building design and performance. New needs have arisen with the introduction of IT in the workplace. Space Design must be versatile and flexible, with module-based approaches best enabling structures to adapt to future changes. Additionally, companies demand comfort, air quality, and energy efficiency. To assist, we conduct space planning studies to optimize building use, ensuring users have the space they need while maximizing flexibility. Our corporate buildings are designed as smart buildings, focusing on meeting environmental needs and adapting to future conditions without relying on expensive equipment.























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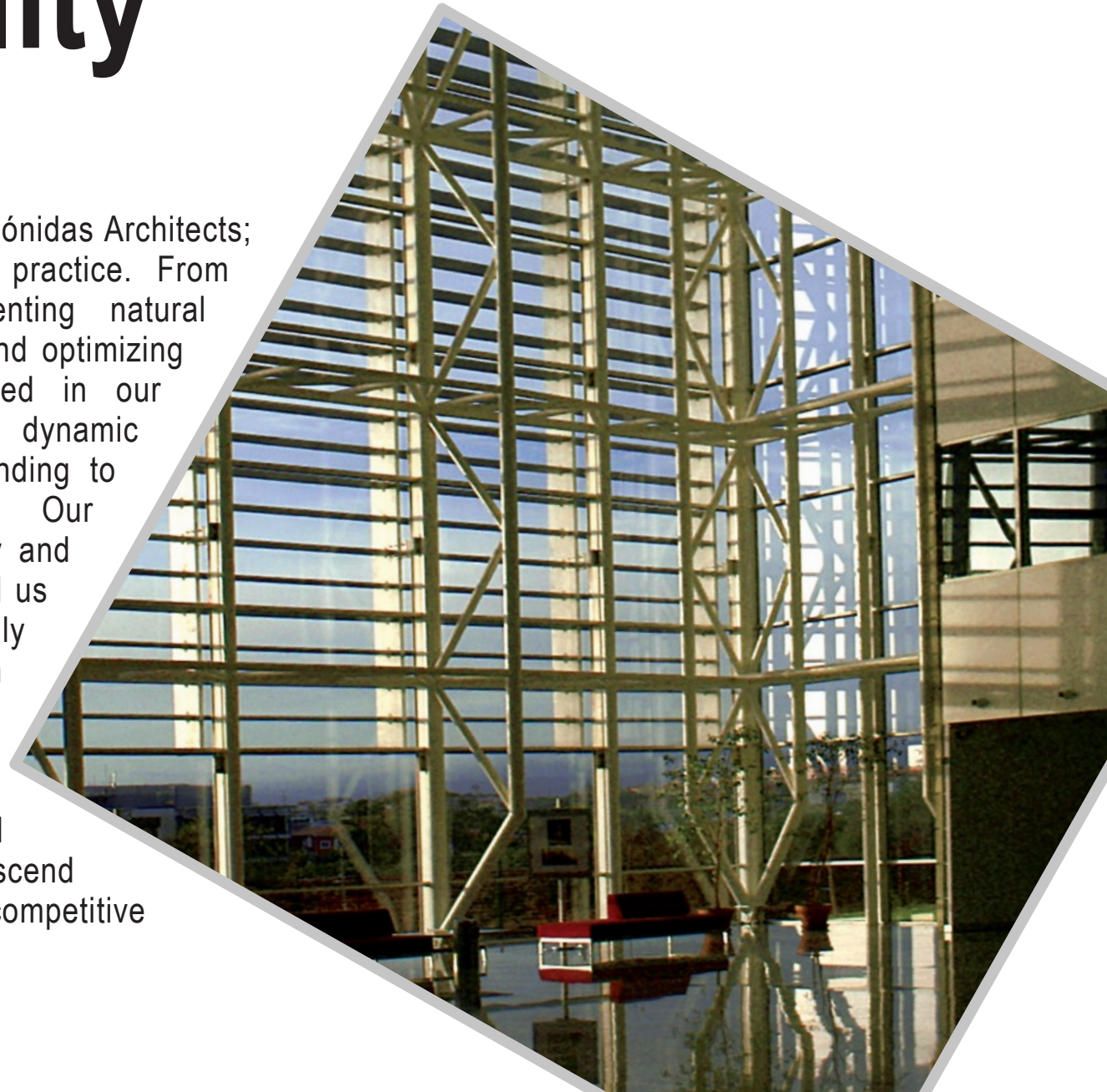




# Sustainability

## A Daily Commitment

Sustainability is not just a trend at Nuno Leónidas Architects; it's a fundamental aspect of our daily practice. From harnessing solar energy and implementing natural ventilation to protecting the environment and optimizing solar shading, sustainability is embedded in our approach. We view buildings as dynamic environmental systems, capable of responding to free available environmental factors. Our dedication to maximizing energy efficiency and promoting environmental well-being has led us to new living concepts. We've successfully applied our sustainable methodology in projects like the Ecocentre Masterplan in Ispra, Italy, one of the largest sustainable European plans. Sustainability isn't an add-on; it's at the core of our architectural ethos, driving us to create spaces that transcend expectations and lead to a greener, more competitive future.





# Housing

## A legacy of enduring residences and accommodations

Rethinking housing has been one of the constants of our activity. First in its relationship with the city in which the interaction with other urban functions have influence on its proper implementation. The notion of human scale, neighborhood and environmental sustainability are factors to take into account in your project. On the other hand the optimization of the program and its suitability for the target market guide the organization of square meters available. The ongoing search for solutions and materials guided by cost-benefit parameters and ease of maintenance / conservation is another factor which together with previous results in projects, humanized, environmentally efficient and financially attractive.

















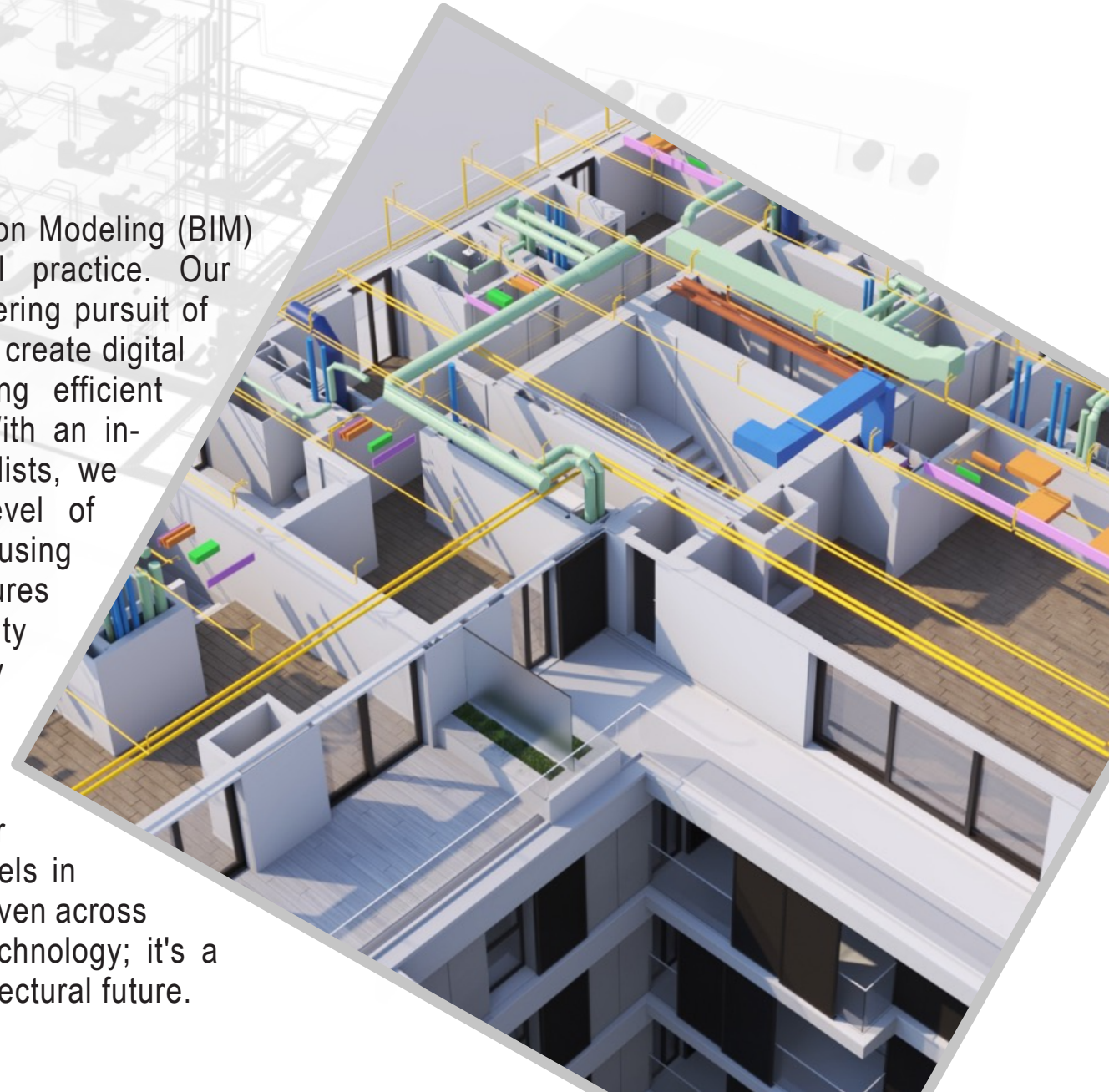




# BIM

## Building the Future with Precision

At NLA, we've embraced Building Information Modeling (BIM) as the cornerstone of our architectural practice. Our commitment to BIM stems from our unwavering pursuit of precision and innovation. BIM enables us to create digital representations of our projects, facilitating efficient design, collaboration, and construction. With an in-house team of architects and BIM specialists, we consistently raise the bar, achieving Level of Development (LOD) between 200 and 300 using Autodesk Revit. This methodology ensures optimal inter-operability and productivity across multidisciplinary teams. We employ Navisworks for BIM models' coordination and continually integrate tools like Civil 3D and Dynamo. Our use of Autodesk Construction Cloud DOCS empowers our clients to monitor the development of models in real time, fostering seamless collaboration even across international borders. BIM is not just a technology; it's a strategic commitment that shapes our architectural future.

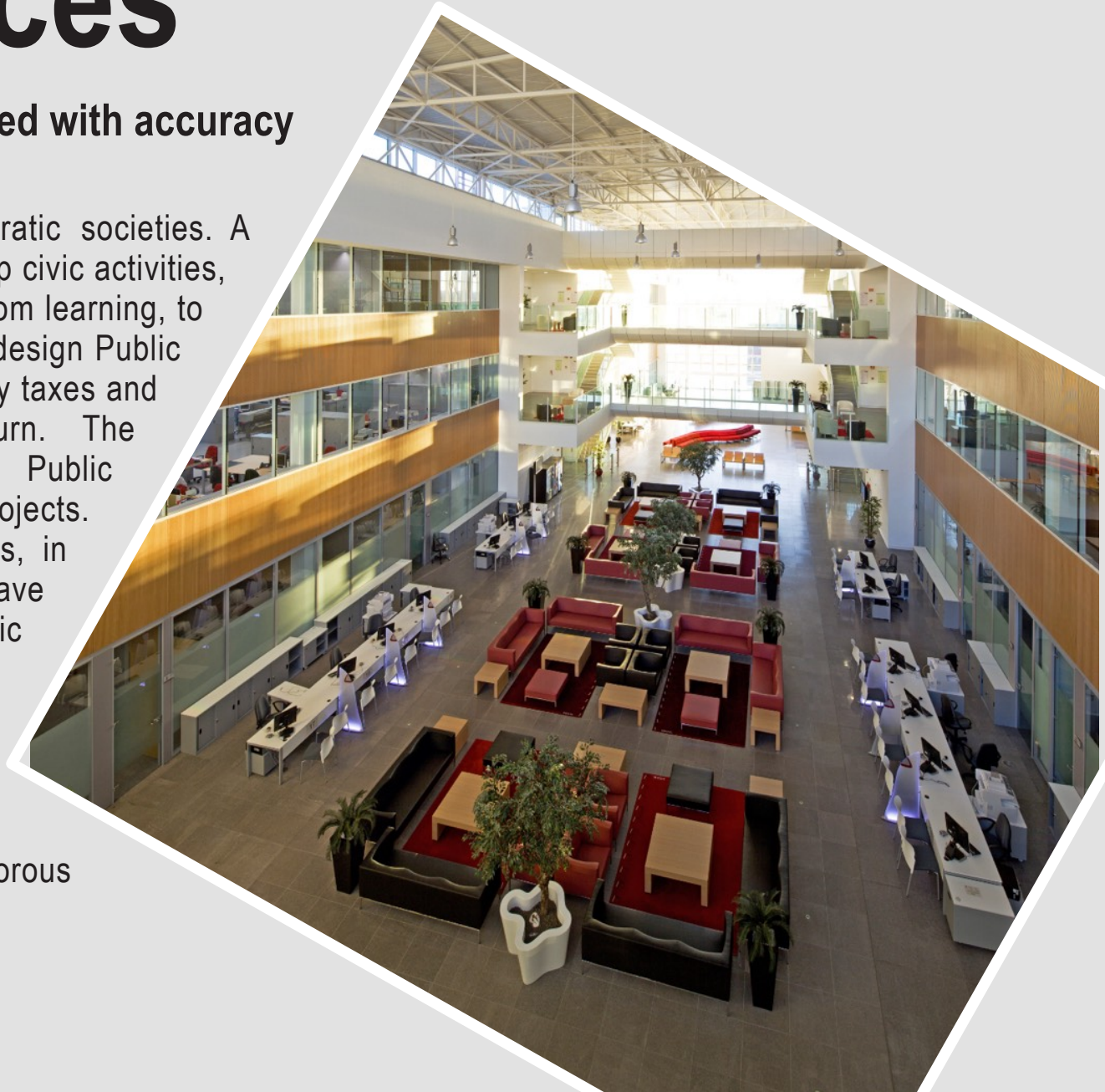




# Public Spaces

**For community and cultures, planned with accuracy**

Participation is a characteristic of democratic societies. A public space accommodates all type of group civic activities, where users search some kind of benefit, from learning, to research, from justice to transportation. To design Public facilities means to design for people that pay taxes and expect to receive something in return. The responsibility of our profession and its Public Interests, reaches higher degree in such projects. In some cases as a result of competitions, in others as direct adjudications, we have successfully designed different types of Public facilities, in which we have applied all our experience and know-how in other different fields like economics, sustainability, ergonomics and maintenance. From concept to completion, we have improved the client's brief and designed with a rigorous approach, and close cost control.





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# Quality

## ISO 9001-Certified Excellence

Quality serves as the unwavering bedrock of Nuno Leónidas Architects. ISO 9001 certification guarantees excellence at every stage of our architectural journey. Our seasoned, multidisciplinary team, equipped with vast experience and expertise, meticulously adheres to stringent timelines and precise cost control measures. Quality is not merely a standard; it constitutes the very core of our strategic orientation. This commitment extends from our visionary leadership to every valued collaborator and partner, ensuring that our clients unfailingly receive the highest quality across every facet of our architectural practice. The result is the creation of spaces that consistently exceed industry norms, setting new benchmarks for those who engage with our work. Our dedication to quality is a testament to our ongoing pursuit of architectural excellence, one that continues to redefine the boundaries of design and sustainability, shaping a harmonious and sustainable future for all.

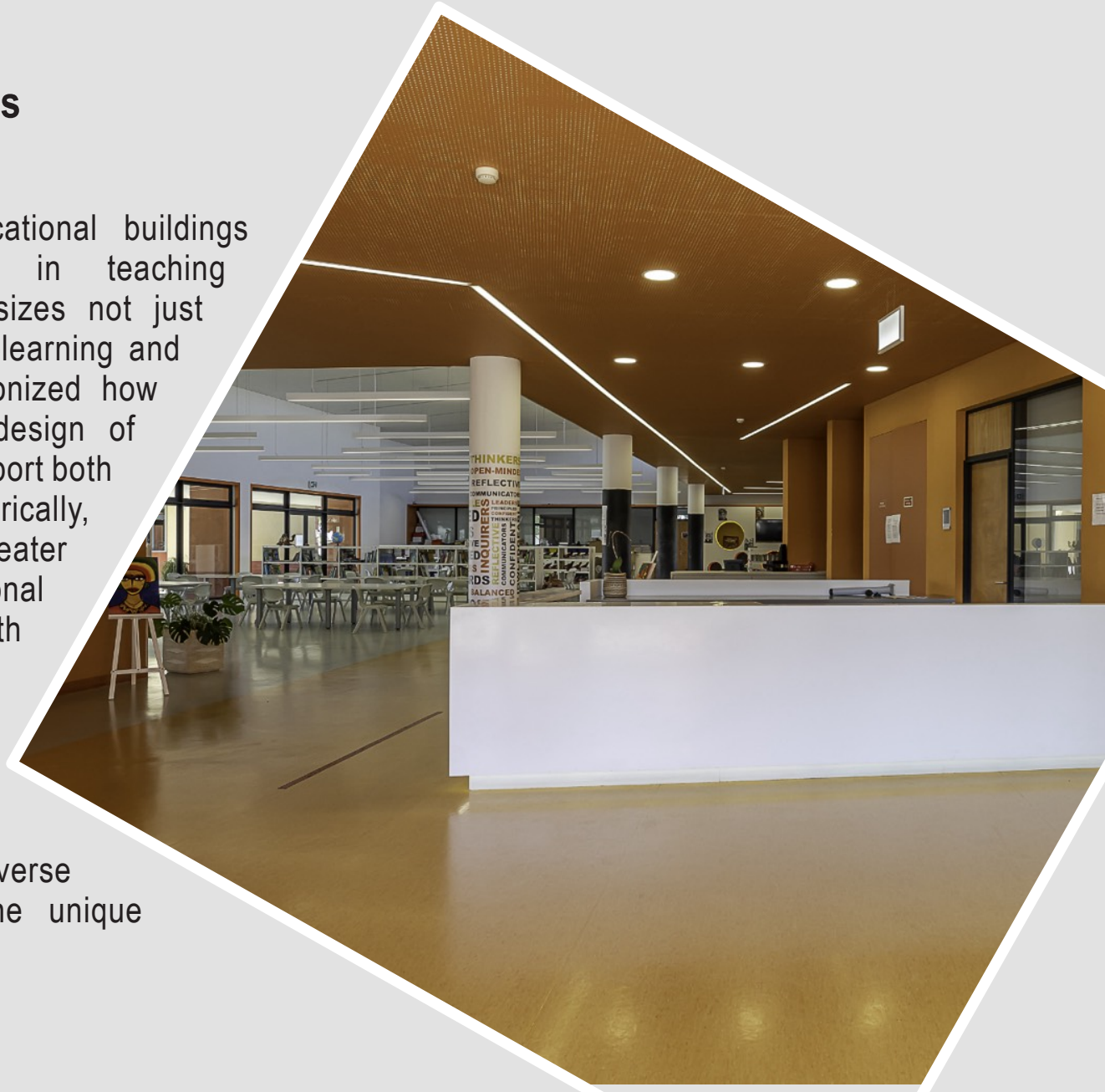




# Education

## Imagining for the future Generations

Designing a university campus or educational buildings requires understanding recent shifts in teaching methodologies. Modern education emphasizes not just knowledge transfer, but also fostering self-learning and curiosity. New technologies have revolutionized how knowledge is acquired, influencing the design of educational spaces. These spaces must support both formal and informal teaching methods. Historically, the Agora, Forum, Cloister, and Amphitheater Room evolved with changing educational paradigms. Today, beyond formal areas with advanced tech, it's vital to include spaces for meetings, co-working, and idea exchange, supporting both individual and group study. Our designs feature a central meeting space, a hub that connects all functional areas. We leverage our understanding of diverse cultures and geographies to address the unique challenges of each project.















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# Shaping the Future of Architecture

Nuno Leónidas Architects, established in 1980, is an architectural powerhouse with a legacy spanning over four decades. Our rich history reflects unwavering design excellence, represented by a legacy of 400+ worldwide projects. Our multidisciplinary in-house team is ISO 9001 certified, and in collaboration with international and expertise partners, navigates the evolving architectural challenges with adaptability at our core. Challenges fuel our innovation, and technology, including BIM and GIS, propels us towards a sustainable, technologically advanced future. Our relentless pursuit of excellence ensures we create spaces that anticipate tomorrow's needs. NLA is not just an architectural firm; it's a visionary shaping of a harmonious, sustainable future through design.



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