THE INDISPENSABLE TOOL FOR TEACHING AND DESIGN

- English-language online resource for the study and practice of architectural design
- Based on the publisher’s high international standing in professional architecture books, on the knowledge of the authors and editors who are leading experts in their fields, as well as on the technical quality of the illustrations
- Large international collection of contemporary buildings, e.g. housing, office buildings, museums, schools, libraries, industrial complexes
- Edited by Prof. Oliver Heckmann, Singapore University of Technology and Design
WHAT DOES IT INCLUDE?

- Launch version includes content from **12 previously published Birkhäuser publications** (2002-2016), comprising more than **850 international case studies** from mostly the past 30 years and more than **120 thematic articles** on specific aspects of building design.

- Launch version with approx. **1,800 photos** and approx. **3,500 plans**.

- Annual updates to include additional 1-3 new Birkhäuser publications with additional building types and new projects.

- First update in 2017 to comprise sports buildings, hospitals and more housing types.
WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

- Each building presented with a wide array of technical drawings, plus reference photographs of the exterior and interior
- Vector-based plans of excellent quality available for download
- Thematic essays on key aspects of each building type including links to the relevant case studies
- Language: English
- User interface: English, German
COMPREHENSIVE SEARCH CRITERIA AND FILTER OPTIONS

- Highly flexible and detailed search and browse access to the contents of the Birkhäuser program on building types
- Search by: Full text; architect; author; country; building type; building form; urban context; height, and many more
- Browse by an elaborate structure of categories including Urban Context, Access System, Building Form, Spatial Configuration, several type-specific categories, and many more
2 RESULT LIST

Number of entries
Select the number of results per page

Results can be sorted by
Title/Project (A-Z), Architect (A-Z),
Date, Relevance

Clicking on the title opens
document display

Additional information: Title/Project, Architect,
Date, Building Type

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3 DOCUMENT DISPLAY

Navigate between results

Change to “reading view”

Bibliographical data

Author

Link to Google Maps

Detailed metadata

Bronx Charter School for the Arts

Building Type: Schools & Kindergartens

Architect: Wersz + Yoes Studio

Year: 2004

Location: Hunts Point, New York, NY (link to map)

Country: USA

Urban Context: Urban Block Structure; Industrial Area/Business Park

Morphological Type: Block Infill/Block Edge

Volumetric Configuration: Linear; Grid

Height: Low-Rise (up to 3 levels)

Load-Bearing Structure: Column-and-Slab; Wide-Span Structures

Parking: No parking on site

Access Type: Comb/Grid Systems

Street Plan: Matrix
4 SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL DISPLAY

Map interface allows zooming, printing, and PDF export

Most plans are vector-based
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Coloured tiles on the street façade counter the drab industrial context
Source: Albert Vecerka
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Easy access via browse tree subjects (Building Type, Urban Context, Morphological Type) as well as via filters Content Type and Author.
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