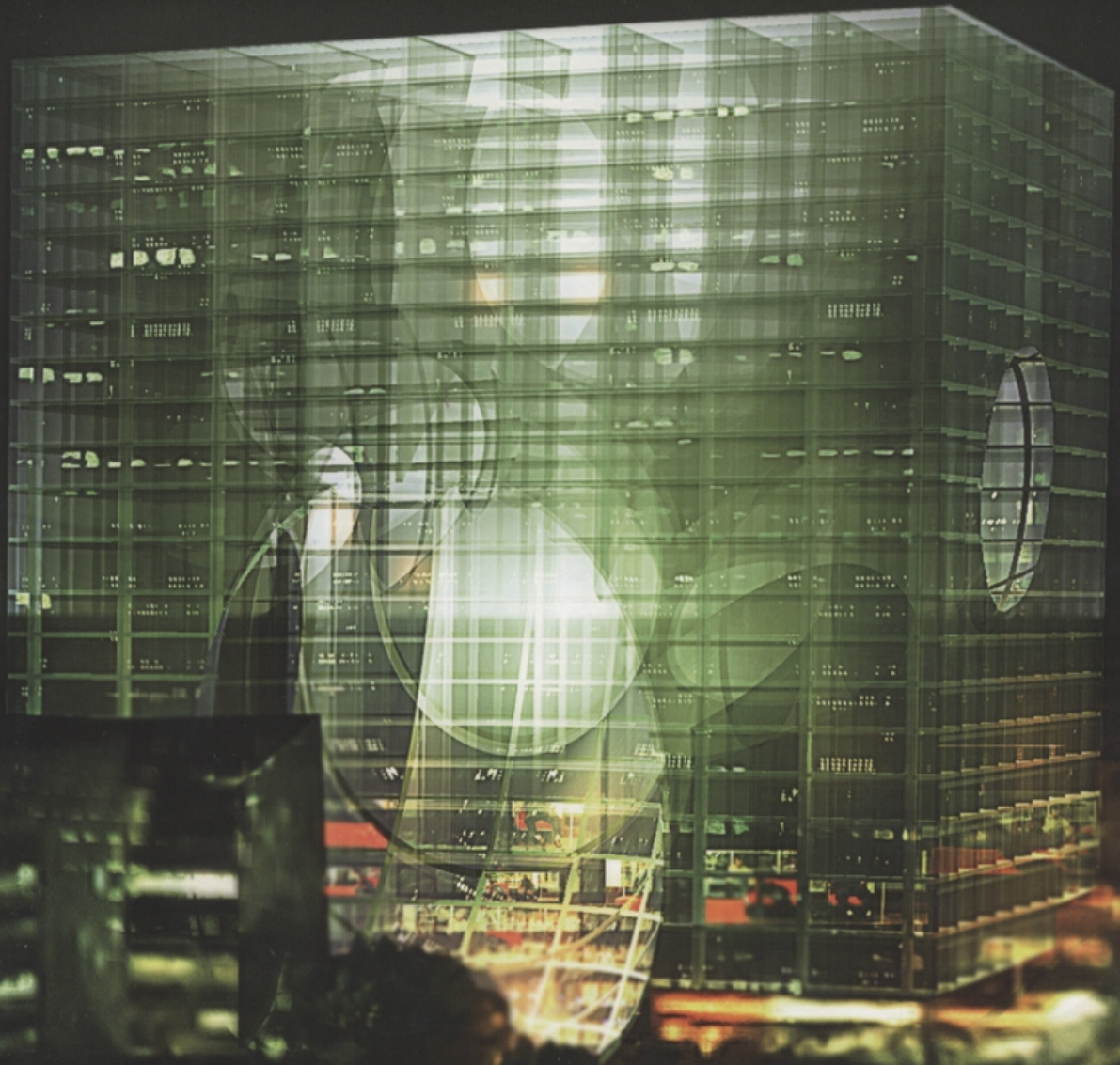


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Multi Development Belgium wins 2008 ULI Award for Excellence with Stadsfeestzaal

International recognition for new shopping palace in Antwerp

The Awards for Excellence of the Urban Land Institute (ULI) are widely recognised as the most prestigious recognition programme for real estate development. The award recognises the full development process of the project, not just its architecture or design.



The Stadsfeestzaal is a historic monument situated between Hopland, with its wide range of luxury shops, and Meir, Antwerp's most popular shopping street. The imposing 19th century neoclassical building was devastated by fire in 2000. Multi Development has restored it to its former glory paying particular attention to its historic details and its special character. This unique building is now a new "shopping hot spot". It comprises 20,500m² of retail space on four floors, and houses 40 national and international retailers.

The concept for Stadsfeestzaal was supplied by Multi's in-house design agency T+T Design in collaboration with the Danish architects Exners Tegnestue and The Belgian practice Ferre Verbaenen, and historical architect Romain Berteloot.

The Jury Chair Andrea Amadesi announced the Awards for Excellence winners during ULI Europe's spring trends conference in May in Stockholm. "All of these projects represent innovative uses and best practices in sustainable development", Amadesi said. The 2008 winners were selected from 24 entries from 11 countries, which were narrowed to 11 finalists and eventually to five winners. Stadsfeestzaal has been automatically nominated as a finalist for the 2008 ULI Global Awards for Excellence Competition.



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