

**I. IDENTIFICATION DATA**

<b>Thesis name:</b>	<b>Quarter at Holešovice train station</b>
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**II. EVALUATION OF INDIVIDUAL CRITERIA**

<b>Assignment</b>	<b>extraordinarily challenging</b>
<p><b>The project is an office and educational complex in a developing area of Prague Holešovice district. The site is arranged and regulated according to existing plans designed by Pelčák and Partner Architekti. The thesis project done by Tamar consist of four buildings – 3 office (main part of the work) and a local school. To add to the complexity of the design the metro line exist under the site.</b></p>	

<b>Satisfaction of assignment</b>	<b>fulfilled with minor objections</b>
<p>The thesis solves rather complex and challenging brief and it's volume based on current design or regulation done by Pelčák and Partner. The candidate focused on the office blocks divided into two rather big courtyard type buildings and one single slab five tract one.</p> <p>The design is done with visible presence of knowledge of the typology and Tamar's experience from junior job in the design studio. The solution is standard in a good meaning of the word just with minor flaws the time would solve...</p> <p>Maybe combination of high density and rather vacant spaces through the plans would need more attention. Also the orientation of classes in the school part of the design can be better solved.</p> <p>Anyway, the scope of the work is a challenge solved with maybe rather stern but logical approach. The value of this work is in making another step from town planning scale to the scale of the public space, solution of volumes, envelopes and architectural character of the site taking the inspiration from the Lower Holešovice area with all it's rationalism and "no thrill and anything goes" approach. Can feel the Trade Fair Palace and Little Berlin flavour. Atrium of the bigger block and curved corners are the evidence.</p>	

<b>Design Method</b>	<b>correct</b>
<p>The student is analysing major volume of data about the site, district and the city. Large part of the project is this rather thorough research to help us understand what is important. Tamar worked hard on the project and she is rather rare example of the student, who is able to scrap a design in the middle of the work just to make a new, better solution. She has a dedicated character any office would appreciate and, I am sure, at the end even a represent base for her own business in future.</p>	

<b>Technical level</b>	<b>B - very good.</b>
<p>Even so the design is not a solution on the edge of mankind's technical skills it is a simple and safe way to fulfil the brief. I must appreciate Tamar's courage in facing this complex solution and using all the skills she has to solve the challenge. Maybe the Metro crossing is a point worth more technical focus.</p>	

<b>Formal and language level, scope of thesis</b>	<b>C - good.</b>
<p>The thesis is written understandably. Visualizations are simple but good enough to inform us about the design character. The volume of work is describing enough Tamar's intention to create an integral part of the city she seems to understand.</p>	

<b>Additional commentary and evaluation</b>	
<p>The design presented is ambitious and in case of maybe spending greater part of time for design than for analysis could result in outstanding results. Anyway the scope and volume of the task chosen and decided by Tamar to solve deserves appreciation.</p>	

### III. OVERALL EVALUATION, QUESTIONS FOR DEFENSE, CLASSIFICATION SUGGESTION

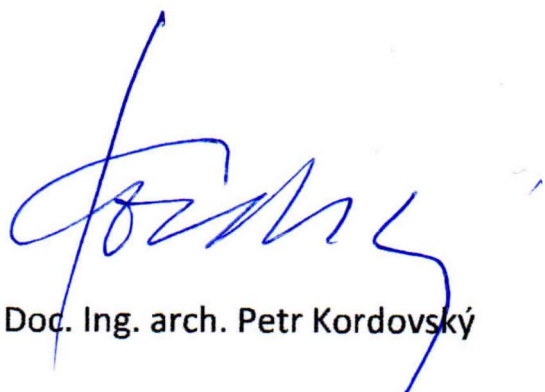
*The complex presented has a great potential for having a good time for the people and visitors to live and work in. Complexity of the technical solution and balancing on the edge between rationality and courage in such a big project represents a great challenge for any architect. I must appreciate the already mentioned courage to achieve such a goal in a civilised and humble way. Tamar used and probably spent all her energy to finish this design in rather complicated conditions of this strange times we live in. I evaluated all the time Tamar spent in our group and suggest give this Thesis a go.*

**Questions:**

- 1) How would you use the rain water in the designed area ?
- 2) What was the reason to solve parking in a way presented ( not using the whole site area) ?
- 3) What methods of cooling and ventilating and thermal protection you would suggest in such a big project?

I evaluate the thesis with classification grade

**B - very good.**



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