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I.	IDENTIFICATION			
	Project Title Yalova - Elyaf Management Office (Yalova- Elyaf Administrative Annex)			
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III. ARCHITECT'S BRIEF

Please describe the initial project programme.

A new building for a fibre and silk factory in Yalova that would serve as a space for educational and research facilities of the factory, an annex for the existing administration buildings and a meeting place for the administration and visitors, placed in a central location at the entrance of the factory premises.

IV. EVOLUTION OF DESIGN CONCEPTS

Please describe the history of the project, from its conception to its final construction and actual use.

The project was to design an administrative annex to be erected inside the premises of the Yalova - Elyaf fiber factory on the south coastline of the Marmara Sea. The factory complex was composed of many large and small buildings built by pre-cast concrete components on a 42 acres of land.

The program for the annex was a result of the changing needs of the 25 year-old factory complex and consists of new rooms for training, meeting and administration functions. Designing in an industrial context the main reference has been the contradictory relation between the existing massive buildings and the metal pipes, bridges, towers and silos surrounding them.

The strategy for the realisation of the building relied on a fast manufacturing and assemblage system, not exceeding the limits imposed by the market and financial resources, and which did not occupy the factory precincts for a long time. The building was designed and built as a "light construction" that could be dismantled in which every element of the structure can be pulled out, reset or substituted.

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IX. PROJECT SIGNIFICANCE AND IMPACT

In what way is this project important?

Architectural Significance:

The building aims at permanently enhancing the architectural repertoire in the choice of materials by minimalising and eliminating details, relating the different effects and colours of light through day and night with new experiments.

Functional Significance:

Although the building was initially designed and built for training, meeting and administrative facilities for the factory complex, in time, with the arising demand the building began to be used by other bodies both civil and official from the Yalova city. Thus, the factory complex in addition to its productive function plays a beneficial role for its environment by encouraging the usage of a building in its own premises.

By undertaking such a role, the existence and the functions of the building aims at providing a new perspective to developments and changes for both the factory staff and the outcomers that use it.

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