

This building occupies one corner of an important square in this neighborhood. Projecting into the townscape, the upper level two-story penthouse is treated like an appendage isolated from the main body, changing from a steel-reinforced concrete structure to a steel frame structure. A glass screen has been built around the recessed exterior walls, in an attempt to erase their presence. With a ceiling height of more than 5m, the first floor is a space belonging to the city, continuous with the square outside. The middle floors use anonymous materials, and were conceived as a volume continuous with the adjacent generic buildings facing the square. These operations participate in the composition of the city, and become a manifestation of the urban fabric.

location: Minato, TOKYO

use: shop, apartment

structure: steel framed reinforced concrete + steel frame,

1 basement and 8 stories

site area: 82.14m<sup>2</sup>

building area: 70.72m<sup>2</sup>

total floor area: 477.30m<sup>2</sup>

completion date: 2010/11

structural engineer:

Kanabako Structural Engineers

mechanical engineer: DAN Consultants

