

INTRODUCTION

Lagula Arquitectes is an architectural firm based in Barcelona since 2001. It brings together five partners and an extensive team of collaborators. The studio develops projects of all type for public and private customers, with a special mention to high standard residential developments around the world.

Lagula Arquitectes combines the practice of architecture with research and teaching in national (UPC-BarcelonaTech, UIC, IAAC, ELISAVA) and international universities (Tsinghua University of Beijing, AAVA London). Lagula has been guest speaker at conferences and lectures (World Architecture Festival WAF, INSIDE Festival, Smart City Expo World Congress).

Lagula Arquitectes obtained prizes in many architectural competitions, such as the International Housing Competition VIVA (2007) in Mieres, Asturias; or the Museum of La Patum (2010) in Berga, Barcelona, a Catalan Festival declared "Masterpiece of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity" by UNESCO.

Lagula Arquitectes' works were selected at the European Union Prize for Contemporary Architecture – *Mies van der Rohe Award* (2015); the *55th Venice Biennale* (2012); or the *FAD Prizes* (2015)(2005)(2002). They have been widely published in national and international architecture websites and publications.

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AWARDS

- 2015 PRIZE. International Property Awards. Best Villa-Architecture Single Residence Spain 09.13-VGA La Vinya in PGAC Golf Resort in Caldes de Malavella, Girona.
- 2015 SELECTION. European Union Prize for Contemporary Architecture – Mies van der Rohe Award. 11.15.NKO-A house in Tudela.
PRO: Fundación Mies van der Rohe - European Union.
- 2015 SELECTION. FAD Awards. 11.15.NKO-Casa en Tudela. PRO: ARQ-INFAD. Barcelona.
- 2014 PRIZE 1st Catalan Architecture Exhibition-Private dwellings.04 BAD-Badalona Block. PRO: Col·legi Oficial d'Arquitectes de Catalunya – Catalan RIBA.
- 2013 FINALISTS in the XII Premio de Materiales Ceramicos ASCER. Bitxo House.
PRO: Asociación Española de Fabricantes de Azulejos y Pavimentos Cerámicos.
- 2010 HONOURABLE MENTION. Intl.Competition for Archaeological Museum in Calvià. .
PRO: Fundació Calvià.
- 2010 1st PRIZE. Competition for social dwellings complex.
PRO: Boadella i Les Escaules City Council – COAC - Generalitat de Catalunya.
- 2009 1st PRIZE. Competition for UNESCO Immaterial Heritage La Patum Museum, Berga.
PRO: Berga City Council.
- 2008 1st PRIZE. International Competition. Sant Jordi Sports Centre Tarragona.
With Equip X. Claramunt.
PRO: Tarragona City Council / Generalitat de Catalunya.
- 2008 1st PRIZE. Competition for the Airport Shopping Area. Terminal 1. Barcelona.
With EQUIP Xavier Claramunt.
PRO: Obra & Retail, AENA.
- 2007 SELECTION. New Habitability Regulations Consultant Board.
PRO: Generalitat de Catalunya.
- 2007 FINALIST. Girona Architecture Awards with the work Melià Golf Vichy Catalan.
PRO: Catalan Architects Association (COAC).
- 2006 1st PRIZE. VIVA competition. 102 Social Dwellings in Mieres, Asturias.
With Alonso Balaguer i Arquitectes Ass.; J. Ribas Arch. & S. Gimeno Arch.
PRO: Ministerio de vivienda/SEPES.
- 2006 1st PRIZE. VIVA competition. 96 Social Dwellings in Ceuta.
With Alonso Balaguer i Arquitectes Ass.; J. Ribas Arch. & S. Gimeno Arch.
PRO: Ministerio de vivienda/SEPES.
- 2006 SELECTION. 4th BACC Biennial of Architecture. Two apartment renovation, Berga
PRO: Catalan Architects Association (COAC).
- 2005 FINALIST. FAD Awards. BMW- Motor Munich Retail.
PRO: ARQ-INFAD. Barcelona.
- 2001 SELECTION. 2nd Barcelona Biennial of Landscape Design, "The 7 Lleida Doors".
PRO: Lleida City Council.
- 2001 SELECTION. FAD Awards. Exhibition: "Mies van der Rohe, retrieved images".
PRO: ARQ-INFAD, Barcelona.

SELECTED WORKS

PMU10 Apartments

PGAC. Caldes de Malavella. Girona



Construction of 56 apartments in 14 buildings combining semidetached house typologies with duplex scheme apartments. Blocks are placed to achieve good orientation, shadows in summertime, the best close and far views and privacy from neighbours. Strict volumes are integrated within the topography and the forest: accesses and common areas are conceived as natural platforms, as part of the landscape. Internal layouts are based in open plan typologies.

Promoter: PGAC Golf Resort
Year: 2015-2017
Status: Under Construction

Marlet 1

Gothic Quarter. Barcelona



Renovation of a 21st century building to accommodate 10 high-end apartments. A former infirmary in the Jewish Quarter to attend poor people and travellers is today a building renovated in a modern manner, with apartments that keep the spaciousness, the high and precious woodwork ceilings, the large windows and majestic balconies and the attic terraces. Design, technology and refinement coexist with the old good things of the historical building.

Promoter: Arc Properties
Year: 2015-2016
Status: Under Construction

Bouregreg Sequence 4

Vallée du Bouregreg. Rabat
Morocco



Bouregreg Sequence 4 is a major residential development along with golf courses and a central urban area. Villas and townhouses are displayed in terraced rows to maximize the views towards the river and the valley. Townhouses gather in clusters to create intimate levels of neighbourhood. Within the clusters, typologies are developed with different access strategies and architecture, drinking from modern style and traditional Moroccan architecture.

Promoter: Eagle Hills Abu Dhabi
Year: 2015
Status: Project

U-Smart Toys

Passeig de Gràcia. Barcelona



Design of a family of urban smart toys to foster children active outdoor playing. Toys are designed to offer interactivity through the use of electronics and the reinterpretation of traditional street games such as chasing games, soap bubbles or statues games. Design focuses in creating charm toys that children identify as their new friends of the city. Prototypes were built and tested in the streets of Barcelona.

Promoter: U-Smart Toys
Year: 2015
Status: Built

Hotel PGAC 5 *****

PGAC. Caldes de Malavella.

Girona



Renovation of a 150-room existing hotel in PGAC into a five-star hotel. Interiors are totally renovated to allow a new multifaceted experience of the building. New accesses modify the sense of arrival and the movement inside the building. New outdoor areas become extensions of the living areas indoors. The comfortable and baroque detailing search for a new warm and joyful style.

Promoter: PGAC Golf Caldas Resort

Year: 2015-2016

Status: Under Construction

Leste One House

Quinta do Lago. Algarve.

Portugal



Construction of a new show villa for a renovated high-end image in a golf resort. A house to see and to be seen. The villa is theatrically defined as a stage that opens to the public through a proscenium of concrete beams and columns, but that also allows privacy through large curtains. Access and internal flows are smooth in order to provide a continuous experience of space.

Promoter: Quinta do Lago

Year: 2014

Status: Project

3Patio House

PGAC C1.08. Caldes de Malavella.

Girona



The construction of a high-end villa of 300 sq m in a single floor allows research on the typology of classical palatial buildings and old industrial spaces: a continuous flow, a regular structural system with apparent vanes of beams and columns, and a sequence of functional spaces organised by three large courtyards under a continuous roof. A Mediterranean palatial workshop, with timeless materiality in a permanent nature.

Promoter: MBD Real Estate Group

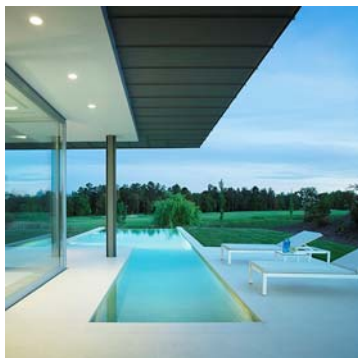
Year: 2014-2016

Status: Under Construction

Z-Balca House

PGAC C1.10. Caldes de Malavella.

Girona



Z-Balca is a laboratory-controlled experiment: a proved typology with new construction systems. The use of dry technologies, a steel structure or light zinc façade systems, allows a recyclable construction and imply formal consequences. The house assumes its own expression of materiality, and rejects comparisons to its neighbouring sisters.

Promoter: PGA Catalunya Resort

Year: 2014-2015

Status: Built

Balca Townhouses

PGAC. Caldes de Malavella.

Girona



Construction of 8 townhouses in a relaxing piece of nature with a smooth descent towards some lakes and the golf course. The cluster definition achieves a singularity in each unity, preserving views and intimacy. A modern but timeless architecture of white volumes, connected to the Mediterranean tradition. A transparent relationship between interior and exterior, with an extension of nature in the embedded courtyards, organizing the two internal floors layout.

Promoter: PGA Catalunya Resort

Year: 2013-2015

Status: Built

Magarola House

PGAC. Caldes de Malavella.

Girona



Renovation of an existing house in a privileged location with views towards the sea, and surrounded by Mediterranean pine forest. The general volume of the old construction is mostly kept, and a new order of three-dimensional cubicles intersects with it. The new volumes are extensions of the internal functional programme with lookouts to the landscape. They are intermediate spaces, establishing new relationships between the existing building and the nature around.

Promoter: Private

Year: 2014-2015

Status: Built

Blanca

PGAC. Caldes de Malavella.

Girona



Construction of *Blanca from the Pyrenees* Green Unit, the Training Centre, placed under a pre-existing shed. Below it, an X-shaped platform floats over the ground, adding new significance to the place.

Resting on the platform, independent concrete-block built elements house the functional programme. The spaces in-between are meaningful outdoor extensions of the interior and the hall, just before returning to nature.

Promoter: Blanca from the Pyrenees

Year: 2012-2014

Status: Built. In collaboration with Ahedo Studio

La Balca House

PGAC. Caldes de Malavella.

Girona



Construction of a show villa at PGAC in the area of La Balca. The house is conceived as a high-end vacation home, where the experience of space is a consequence of the temporary, informal but intense life during vacation. A white Mediterranean architecture of pure volumes with open continuous spaces, large outdoor areas directly connected to the interior living spaces, and covered spaces to provide shadows during the warm summertime.

Promoter: PGA Catalunya Resort

Year: 2012-2014

Status: Built

Marina Urbanisation

Marina St. Barcelona.



Urbanisation of 12.000 sqm of public space in central Barcelona. The intervention adds specific character to the urbanization standards in Barcelona. Outdoor living areas are created and differentiated through the use of materials. A new system of pluvial water recovery and reintroduction to the water table is introduced, with dedicated areas acting as water basins and wells.

Promoter: REGESA Barcelona City Council

Year: 2012-2014

Status: Built.

Tudela House

Old Centre. Tudela.

Navarra



Construction of a new four-storey building that merges with the medieval heritage of the Jewish, Muslim and Christian origin of the surrounding buildings. In addition to the austere street façades, the house leans out to an outdoor covered courtyard, which twins with the staircase, accessing all levels of the house. Traditional rendered walls in the exterior mix with the charm of the courtyard's wooden panelling and the magic of a planted maple tree.

Promoter: Private

Year: 2011-2014

Status: Built. In collaboration with Ahedo Studio

La Vinya House

PGAC. Caldes de Malavella

Girona



The construction of a high-end show villa at the PGA Catalunya Resort defines strategies for ulterior development of the residential areas: a contemporary white architecture drinking from Mediterranean tradition and a classical modern style. Introducing abstraction in nature, framing the landscape. Topography defines accessing levels, dissolving boundaries between the inside and the outside, and providing distant and close views to the golf courses.

Promoter: PGA Catalunya Resort

Year: 2009-2011

Status: Built

Casa de la Patum

Old Centre. Berga.

Barcelona



Construction of a museum for La Patum, a traditional Catalan festival that takes place every year during Corpus Christi and that was declared "Masterpiece of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity" by UNESCO in 2005. The building, sitting in the city's main square, shapes the square and the medieval old centre, and solves urban shortcomings related to accessibility to the centre, and puts into value the 14th century wall that surrounded the medieval city.

Promoter: Berga City Council

Year: 2009_

Status: Competition won. Construction in stand-by

Mas Ribera Square

Berga. Barcelona



Urbanisation of 8,000 sq m in a suburban area of the city of Berga. The sloped topography is dotted with circular flat areas where activities can be held: playground, resting area, event area. The accordance between the flat and slope surfaces results in an artificial topography where children can skate, slide, and jump. White signage through the entire square brings in an additional playing layer.

Promoter: Berga City Council

Year: 2009-2010

Status: Built

Tarragona Sports Centre

Imperial Tarraco Square.

Tarragona



Construction of a new sports facility with swimming pools and multi-sport fields developed in two underground levels, while the ground floor becomes a new urban public square. Two glazed organic-shaped buildings appear on the square, providing access and an additional fitness and wellness programme. They also define the square area and direct the city flows along the surface.

Promoter: Consorci CADS

Year: 2008_

Status: Competition won. Construction in stand-by.

Boadella Housing

Boadella i les Escaules. Girona.



Construction of a new block with 4 social housing units in the Pyrenees. A double block recovers the traditional single unit scale of the town. The staircase and attics become common living areas. Open plan typologies with central service nodes organise the house functional spaces around them. Traditional local materials merge the construction with its surroundings, while modern geometry and expressionist concrete structure singularise the development.

Promoter: Boadella i les Escaules City Council

Year: 2008_

Status: Competition won. Construction in stand-by

La Betsaida Sport Centre

Sant Adrià del Besòs.

Barcelona



Renovation and enlargement of a sports facility with a new dressing area and stands. Sited in the limits of the city's preindustrial area, the building is a border, a thick limit to the separating courtyard. A simple functional programme covered by a stand/roof element that becomes an elevated square where kids play with spinning tops while their parents cheer the sporty brothers and sisters down in the field.

Promoter: Sant Adrià del Besòs City Council

Year: 2007-2009

Status: Built

Rodonella Housing

Badalona. Barcelona



Construction of 4 townhouses at the feet of the Pyrenees. The ensemble is massive with unitary roof eaves. Vertical spires in the façade assert the vertical proportions, and define a smaller scale to merge in the built environment. Each unit develops its residential programme in half levels connected by a central staircase whose landing areas become rooms in each level.

Promoter: Private

Year: 2006-2010

Status: Built

Mar i Cel Hotel

Cas Català. Mallorca.



Enlargement of a 5-star hotel in Mallorca. The new wing is conceived as a trench in the ground connecting the new part with the old classical building, facing the sea. Many parallel exfoliated layers in stone catch the programme in between them: rooms, spa and restaurant. Typical dry stone walls of the Majorcan landscape characterise exterior and interior, colouring light through fissures and courtyards.

Author: EQUIP XavierClaramunt + Martín Ezquerro

Promoter: Hospes Hoteles

Year: 2006-2009

Status: Built.

Mieres Social Housing

Mieres. Asturias



Construction of 102 social housing units in two blocks as part of a large scale urban development. The history of the place, linked to the coal mines and the wish of looking forward to the future, defines a proposal which assumes the black materiality of local stones, with colourful open plan interior layouts. The access through a wide open corridor in the ground floor becomes a large common area for children to play along the length of the block.

Promoter: SEPES. Spanish Ministry of Housing

Year: 2006_

Status: Competition won. Construction in stand-by

Arc del Teatre Hotel

Old Quarter, Barcelona.



Construction of 2-star hotel in the Raval, a complex area in the old centre of Barcelona where decrepit buildings merge with diverse people. The building is built as a shelf of rooms covered with colourful curtains that refer to the old theatre that once occupied the site, and whose façade is kept as an existing layer at the front façade.

Author: EQUIP XavierClaramunt + Martín Ezquerro

Promoter: Acta Hotels

Year: 2005-2011

Status: Built.

Badalona Block

Badalona. Barcelona



Construction of a new 4-apartment block for a family. The residential programme is organised around common areas in the ground floor, a roof and a spiral staircase, all conceived as shared living spaces. Typologies are compact, with crossing living rooms with lateral curved walls defining flexible areas for bedrooms and bathrooms. The street façade is organically shaped with colour glazed ceramic lattice, as a tribute to the modernist tradition of the area.

Promoter: Private
Year: 2005-2010
Status: Built

Bitxo House

Graugés, Avià.

Barcelona



Construction of a house in a bucolic landscape of gentle slopes at the feet of the Pyrenees mountain range. The house draws up a path in the field, building it behind a traditional brick lattice that hides a continuous spiral walk in half levels, where the programme is developed. Consecutive layers of construction elements (concrete columns walls, rendered façades, coloured ceramic nodes) complete the conceptual process of building a non-traditional house.

Promoter: Private
Year: 2004-2014
Status: Built

Palacio de los Patos Hotel

Granada.

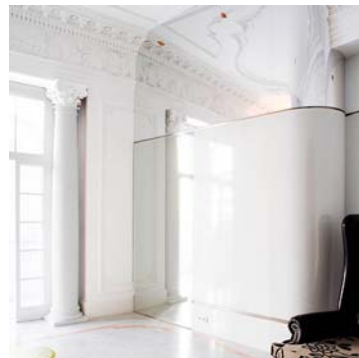


Renovation and enlargement of a 5-star hotel in a 19th century classical palace. The existing building is connected with a new wing that hosts the new spa area and 32 new rooms. Instead of a new strilling piece of architecture, the enlargement is a plane of alabaster squares filtering light and views. The abstract condition both deceives about the real size and establishes a respectful dialogue with the old palace.

Author: EQUIP XavierClaramunt + Martín Ezquerro
Promoter: Hospes Hoteles
Year: 2004-2007
Status: Built.

Chic & Basic Born Hotel

Old Quarter, Barcelona.



Renovation of a 3-star hotel in a 19th century classical building. The existing layout of large rooms is confronted with the requirement of 35 smaller size rooms: complex strategies of light division walls with mirror finishing allow a respectful and rich relationship between the new and the old, with thousand reflections and corners in a spotless shiny white atmosphere.

Author: EQUIP XavierClaramunt + Martín Ezquerro + Marc Zaballa
Promoter: Chic & Basic
Year: 2003-2006
Status: Built.

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