

[Project Name: **Shaikha Jassim Al Marzouq Kidney Transplant Hospital**
 Type: Health | 23,000 sqm
 Location: Al Sabah Medical Area, Kuwait
 Date: 2018-
 Client: Heirds of Mohammed Al Bahar
 Cost: Confidential

Project Description

The proposal for the **Kidney Transplant Center** generates an **indoor public space** which is not available outside, as done in other healthcare architecture projects by AGi architects. To do this, a sequence of **continuous and visually connected, warm spaces** are proposed.

The **organization of circulations** is a main issue for this typology. We decided to take this condition as a starting point to organize the building horizontally and vertically. Staff and public areas are divided. Each of these users access by opposite facades, but both converge in a large atrium, and the spaces of both visually unite.

The **central space** is vaulted, generating a continuous interior space. **Crossed views and transparency** connect the different spaces and public programs, such as the cafeteria, the waiting rooms or admission areas. Family rooms allow to accommodate comfortably the patients' visitors.

The **lower floors** are dedicated to **patients and relatives**, and **staff** occupies more space in the **upper floors**. This is reflected in the arrangement of the **façade materials**: the softness of the stone in the base, the setback of the technical plant that connects and resolves transitions in terms of structure and facilities, and the texturized ceramic solution of the upper floors.

We made the decision to move all inpatient units to the **top floor** to create a more relaxed and intimate atmosphere. The **interior courtyards** have the dual function of bringing natural light inside, as well as generating pleasant circulations, avoiding long and monotonous corridors.

Interior and exterior gardens, and the **dissolution of the façade through movements and voids**, are the strategies used to solve the relation of indoor and outdoor spaces. Interior privacy is always maintained through the use of a metal latticework. **Adequate intimacy and programmatic organization** of healthcare architecture are combined with the **introduction of nature, light, and views**.

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