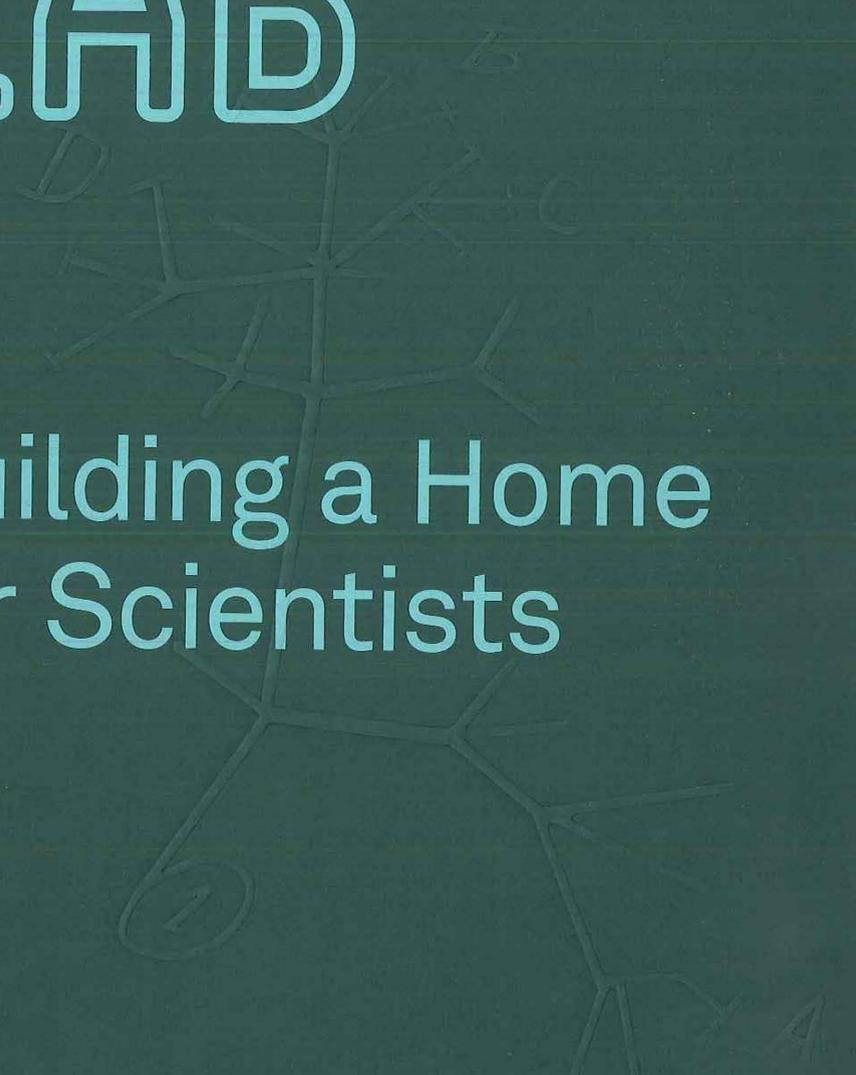


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Santiago, Chile

Project architect Diego Torres

Landscape Design Teresa Moller

Floor area 8,322 m²
above ground 89,577 sq. ft.

Floor levels 6
above ground

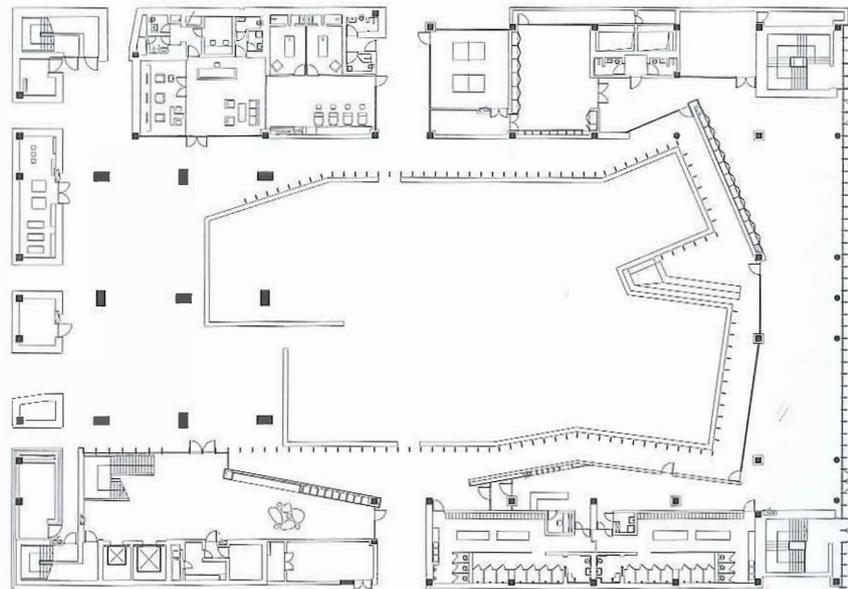
Building height 32 m
above ground 105 ft.

Workplace capacity 204

Materials and structure Fair-faced concrete,
reclaimed broken brick,
glass curtain wall

Alejandro Aravena, born 1967, graduated from the Universidad Católica de Chile in 1992. From 2000 to 2005 he was a professor at Harvard University's Graduate School of Design, where the path to the foundation of ELEMENTAL started. He is the Pritzker Prize Laureate 2016 and was the director of the XV Venice Architecture Biennale 2016.

ELEMENTAL is a do tank founded in 2001, focusing on projects of public interest and social impact, including housing, public space, infrastructure, and transportation. A hallmark of the firm is its participatory design process, in which architects work closely with the public and final users, fostering a user-centric approach. In the development of complex initiatives, which require the coordination of multiple stakeholders, ELEMENTAL contributes innovation and quality of design.



Building 6, L1

ALEJANDRO ARAVENA

BUILDING 6

The office building combines aspects of the local environmental and climatic conditions with the characteristic needs of an office. The relatively hermetic volume, with very controlled perforations toward the outside, addresses energy considerations as well as natural daylight requirements. Local rough, broken bricks give this monolithic building a unique texture on the exterior and internal façades.

The interior creates different spaces within the open office plan to accommodate different modes of work. Those areas are further defined by the use of varying materials and furniture. Collective work areas alongside the south façade, as well as the customized open work-spaces, also offer a series of individual retreats and meeting spaces to foster interaction between users, a key to knowledge creation.





