

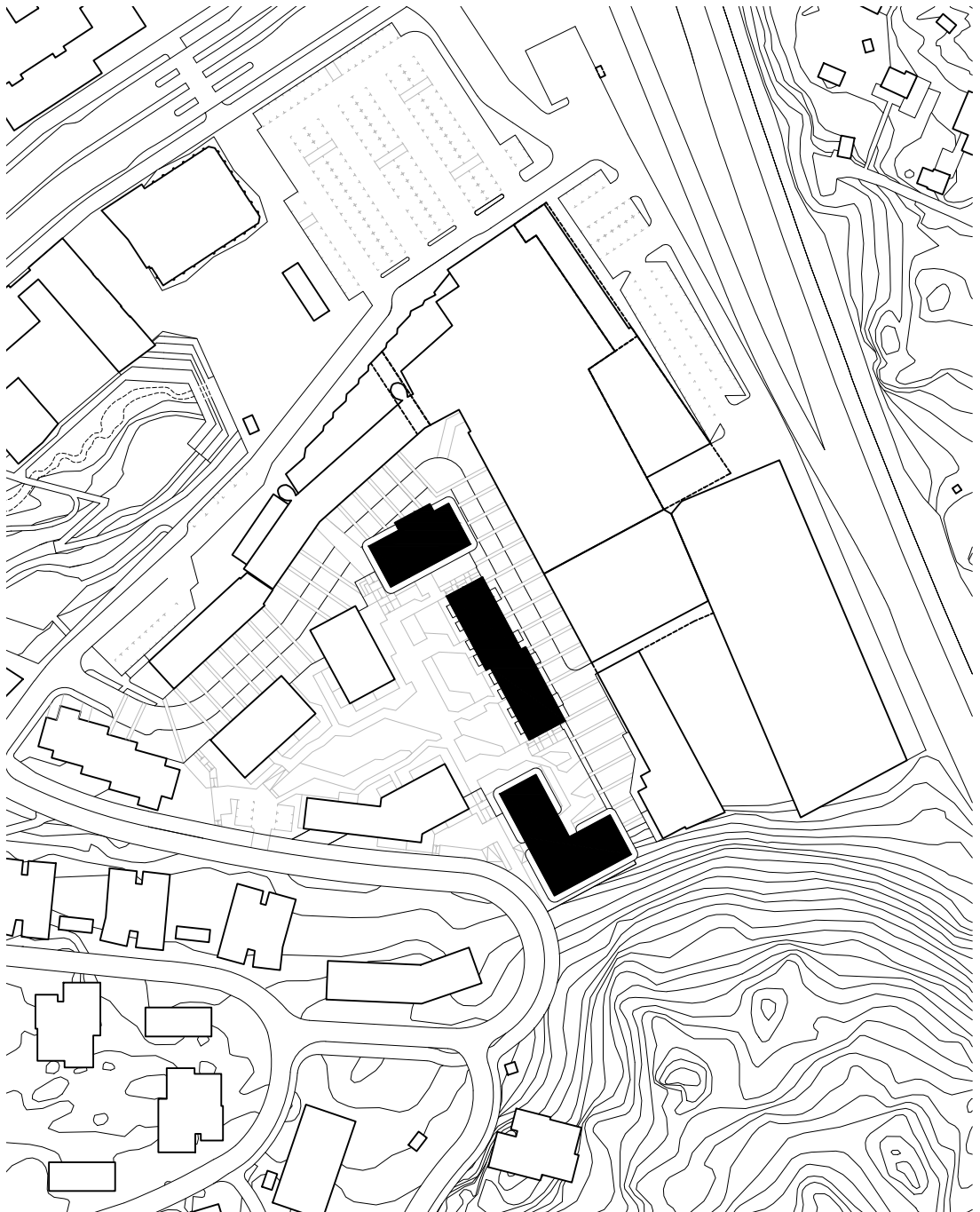
Info	Project Name: Nya Hovås	Matthias Wild
	Architect: Unit Arkitektur	Project Management: SWECO
	Client: Skanska Nya Hem	Landscape Architect: 02 Landskap
	Location: Gothenburg, Sweden	Color Consultant: Märit Lagheim
	Completion: 2021	Structural Engineer: Skanska teknik
	Gross Built Area: 11 857 sqm	Mechanical Services: TN System
	Lead Architects:	Electrical Planning: KLT Konsult
	Klas Moberg & Mikael Frej	Acoustic Engineer: SWECO
	Project Architect: Jon Tibell	Fire Consultant: BRIAB
	Assistant Architects:	Main Contractor: Skanska Sverige AB
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Like many growing cities, Gothenburg has had a chronic housing shortage since at least the beginning of the 21st century. Due to legal complexities and nimbyism slowing down permitting procedures in central locations, developers have started searching for more peripheral plots. This is exemplified by Nya Hovås, fifteen minutes by car from Gothenburg, neighboring a prosperous suburb.

Nya Hovås was proposed in 2006 by the real estate developer Next Step Group after they acquired a property containing Kodakhuset. The red brick building, built in 1982 next to the exit of the local trunk road, had been made obsolete by the digitalization of the photography industry. A proposal was made for a neighborhood modeled on the European city center and Next Step Group joined with other developers including HSB, Skanska and Veidekke to realize their plans.

In the fall of 2017 Skanska invited Unit Arkitektur to a design competition for three apartment buildings in Nya Hovås. Our design, containing 131 apartments and one commercial space, was chosen among proposals from White Architects, Arkitekterna Krok & Tjäder and Skanska Teknik. On adjacent plots, HSB and Veidekke are also developing housing making a total of about 300 units. All these buildings are to be connected by a common parking garage for 150 cars, also designed by Unit. Our proposal for the apartment buildings is built around the strong expression of continuous balconies with rounded corners. These balconies also provide a valuable and unique amenity. In many cases, apartments have balconies in two or three orientations amounting to outdoor spaces comparable to a small garden.

Unit



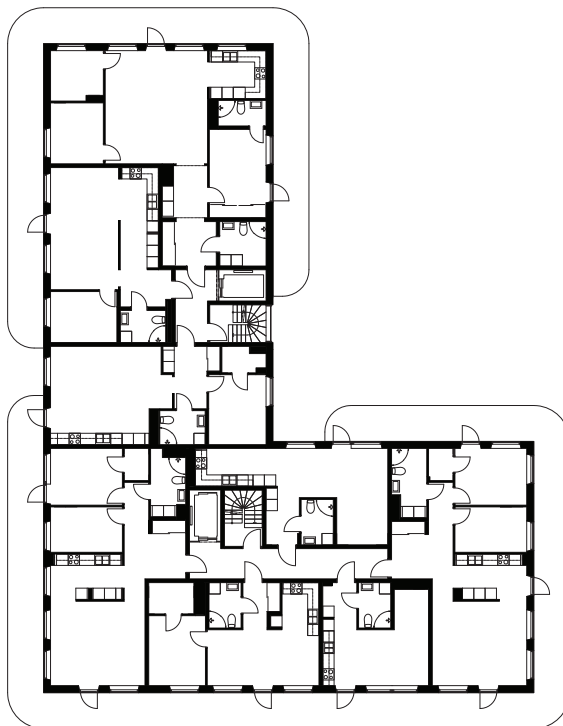
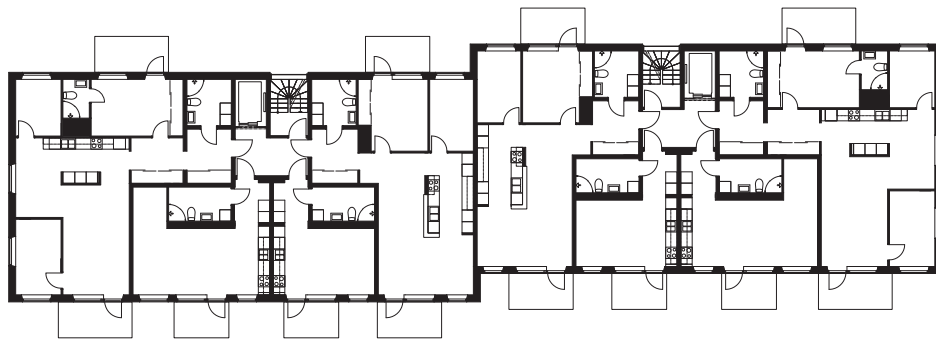
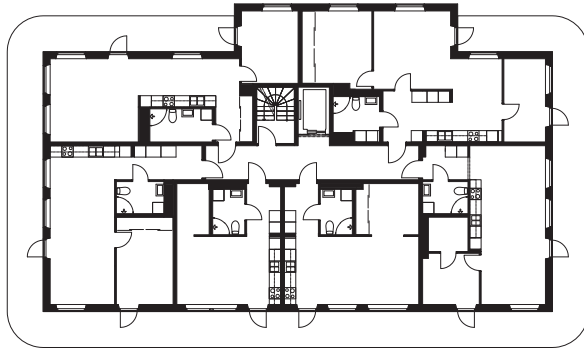
Siteplan
Scale 1:2000 (A4)

Because the surrounding buildings are characterized by darker brick facades, the proposal introduced a lighter color palette where the lightest accents are the bronze- and metallic yellow screens on the continuous, rounded balconies. Other façade materials are perforated corrugated aluminium, aluminium cladding, standing seam metal, formliner cast concrete and wooden screens.

The project broke ground in 2018 and will welcome the new residents during 2021.



Unit



Plans
Scale 1:400 (A4)