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At the Threshold

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Since founding his office in 2005, Boğaçhan Dündaralp has been exploring the research and development aspect of architectural practice. By entering competitions, organising workshops and summer schools, and writing, he seeks out new means of production for which design research can be undertaken. The Urban.annex project, designed with Pelin Tan for the Bauhaus Awards 2008 competition, for example, highlights the social and economic problems of the workers at Istanbul's Tuzla shipyards. The intention is to make these problems visible and present a model for the interaction of the

different actors – workers, shipyard owners and architects. Dündaralp has achieved this by designing housing for up to 2,500 shipyard workers that provides both private and community spaces. (The workers are largely immigrants who are a long way from their families). By rehabilitating the lagoon next to the shipyards, and transforming its shore into a multifunctional recreation area where citizens and workers can interact, the project is not only provides an architectural solution to the housing needs of the workers; it also creates a socially sustainable urban area.



Urban.annex, Tuzla, Istanbul, 2008