

## Visigothic Art Museum in Vega Baja

Toledo, Spain



### REPORT

This building is a solitary one (hence its chosen location, not the one suggested in the bidding conditions) and absolutely independent in its shape. This is clearly seen in the views over the building from the higher part of the city.

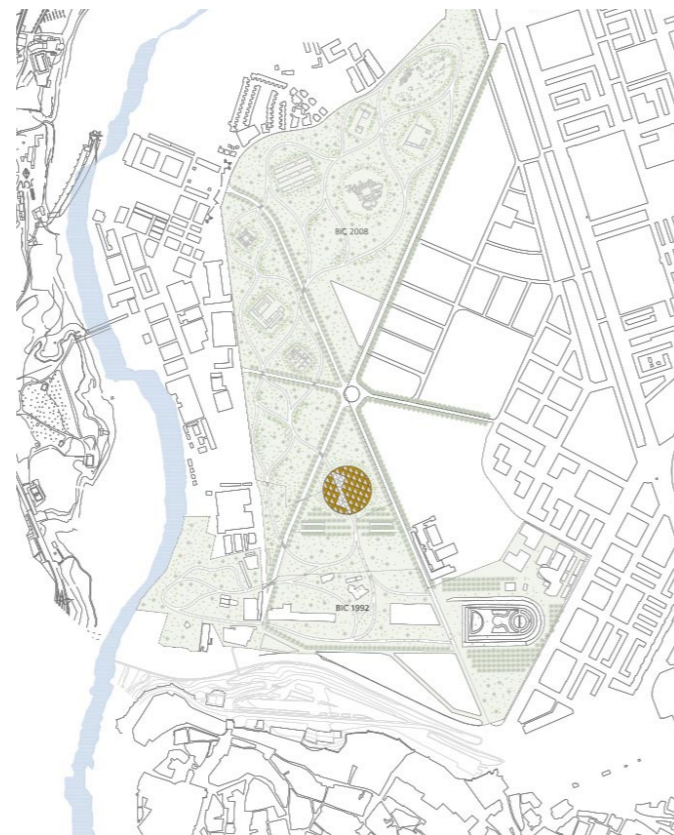
The proposal includes planting dense poplar woods in all areas not occupied by archaeological remains of interest; this will generate paths connecting the different clearings, with the building also understood to be part of a route through this archeological park. The route cuts through the circle. This transit area grants access to the different areas and services. The roof, based on structural lines and organized around a geometry of triangular subsections, alludes to compositions common in Visigoth bas-reliefs.

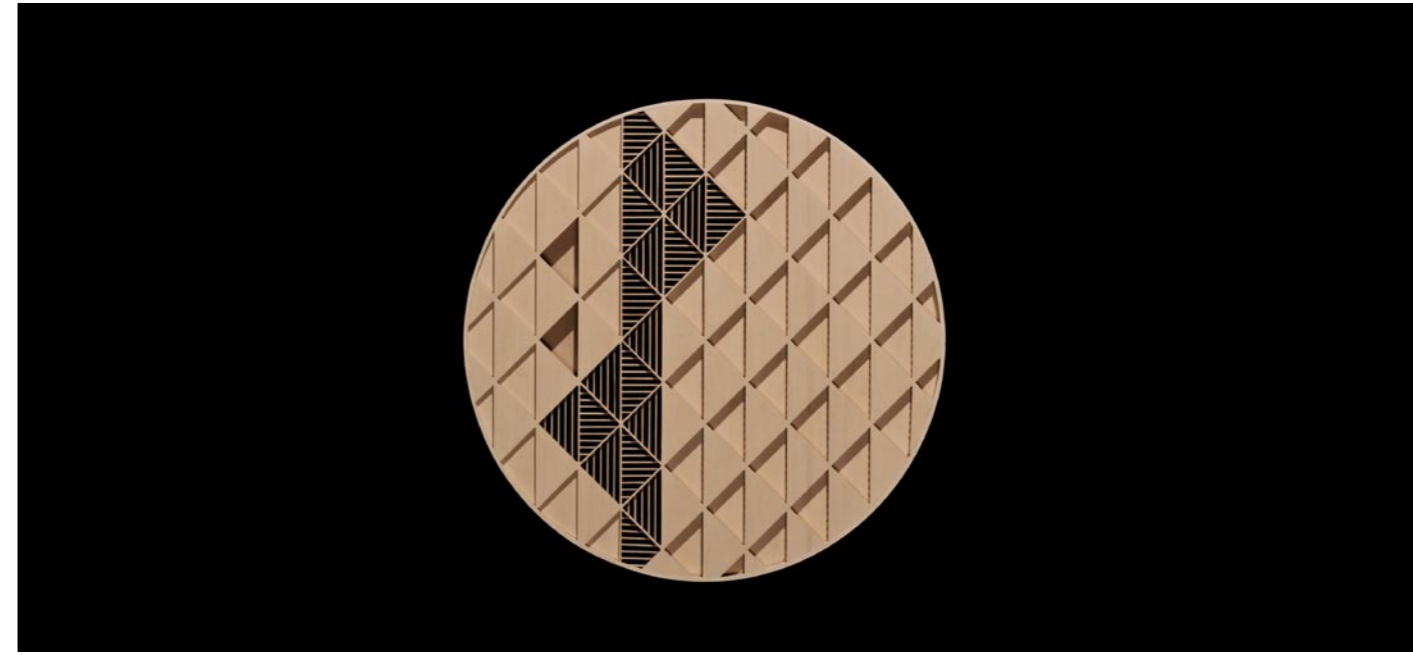
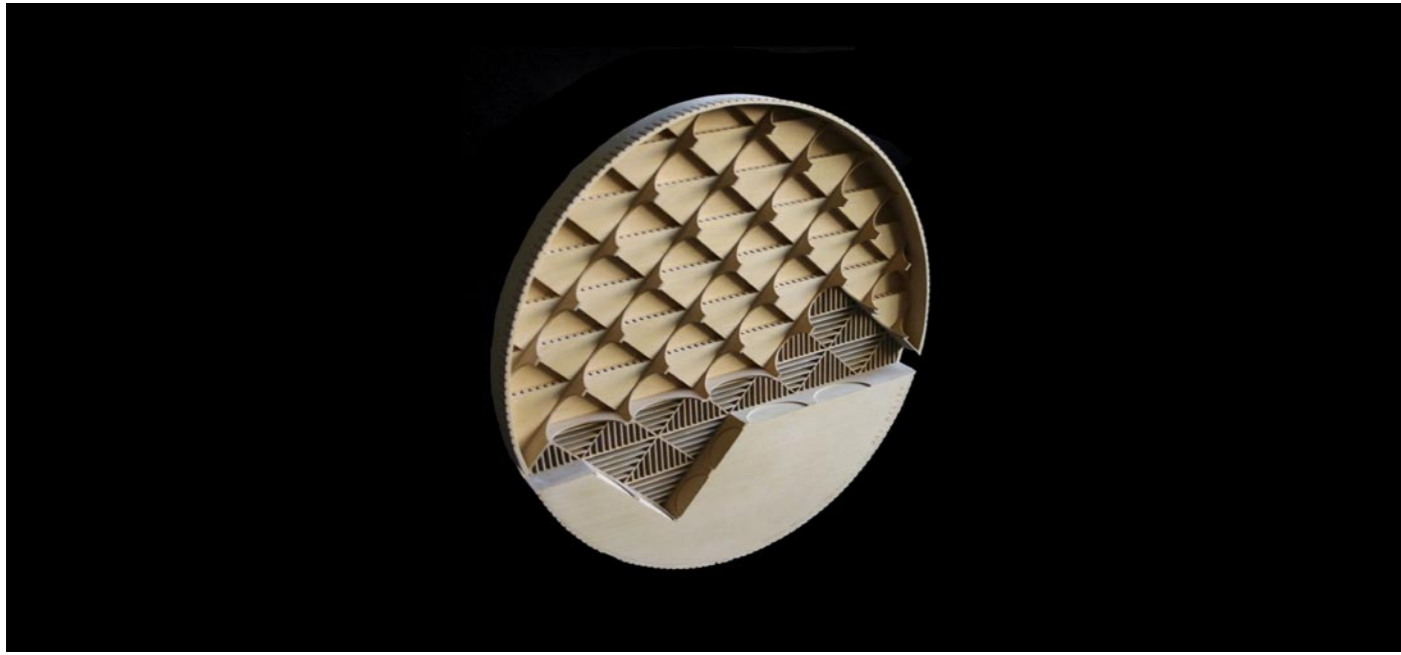
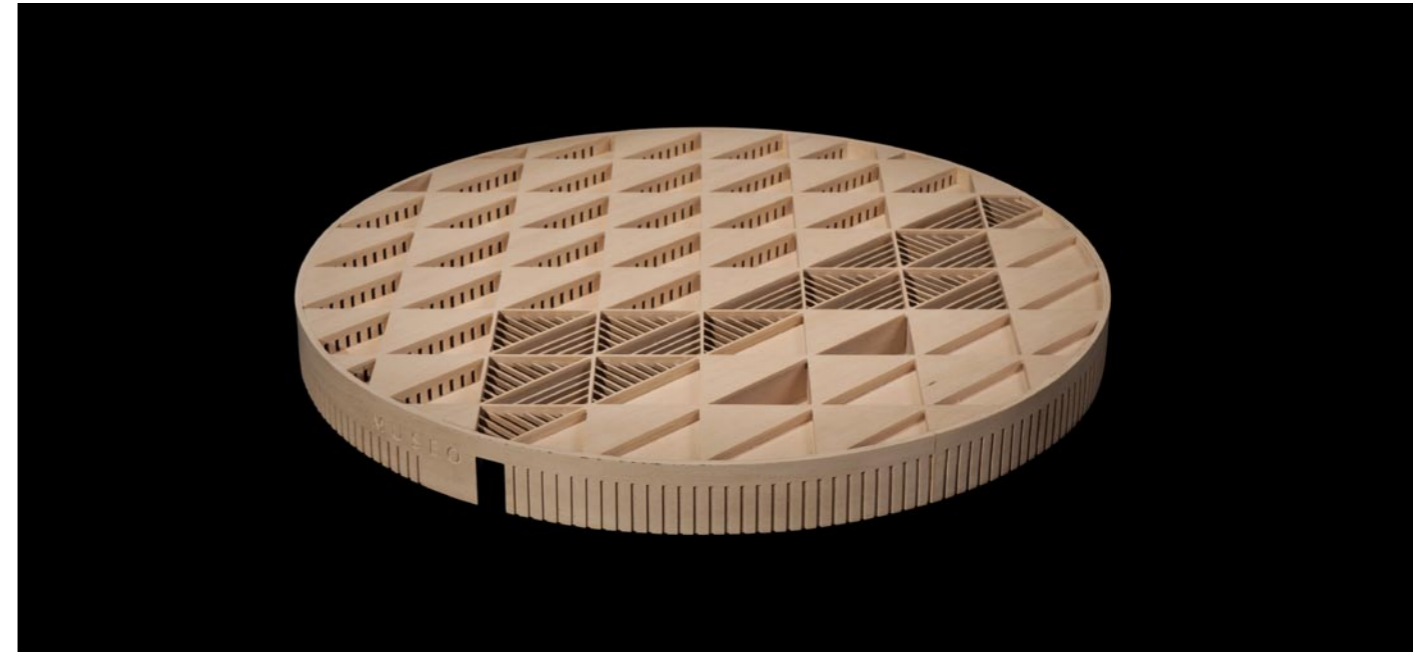
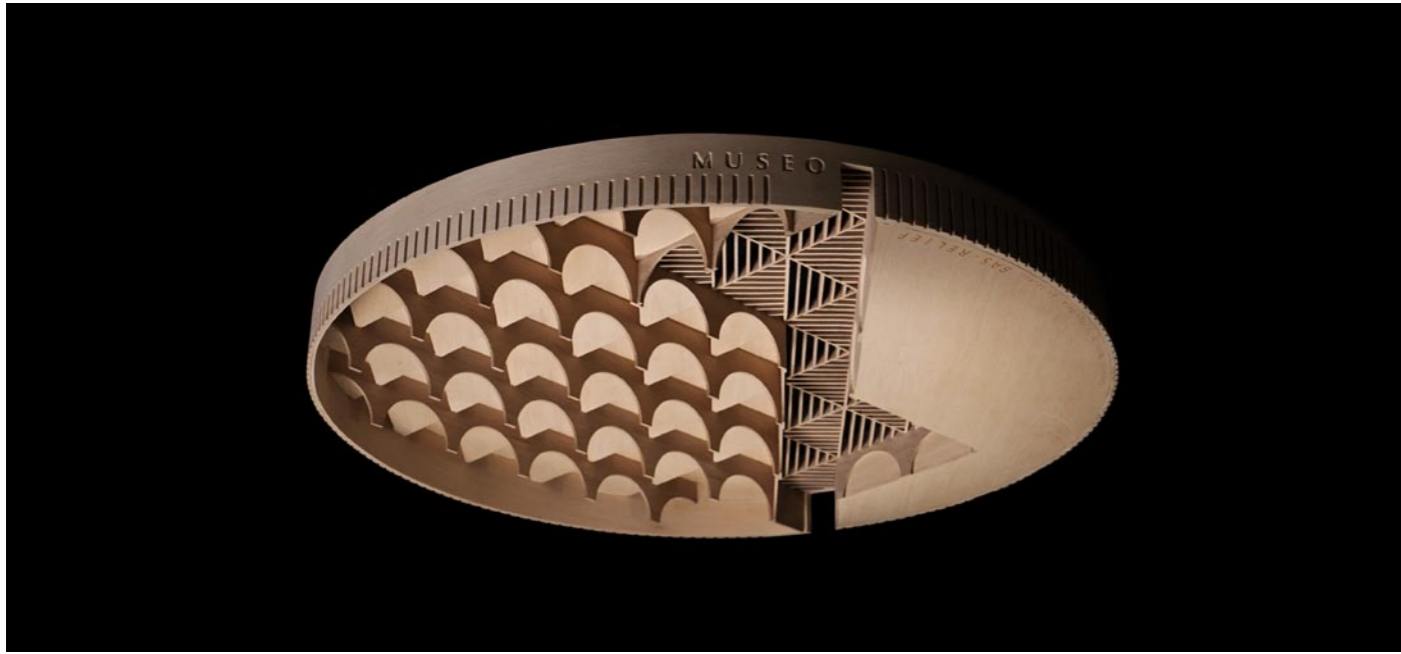
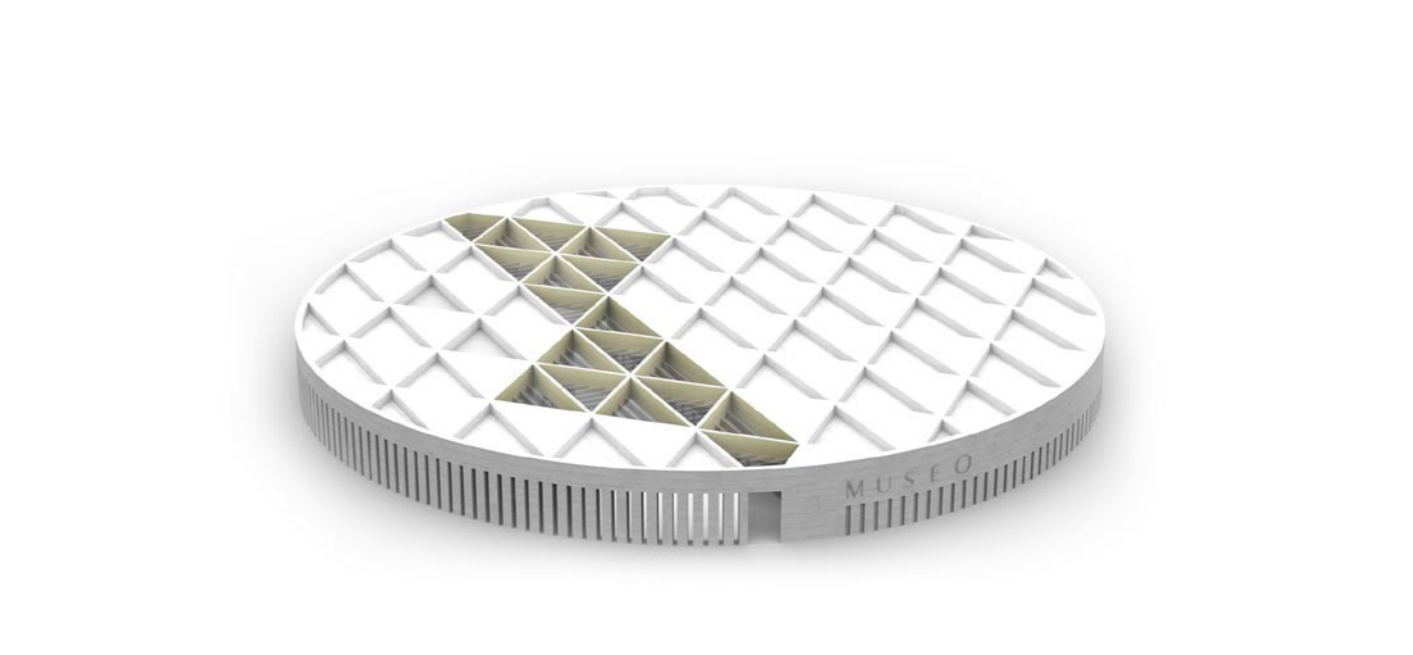
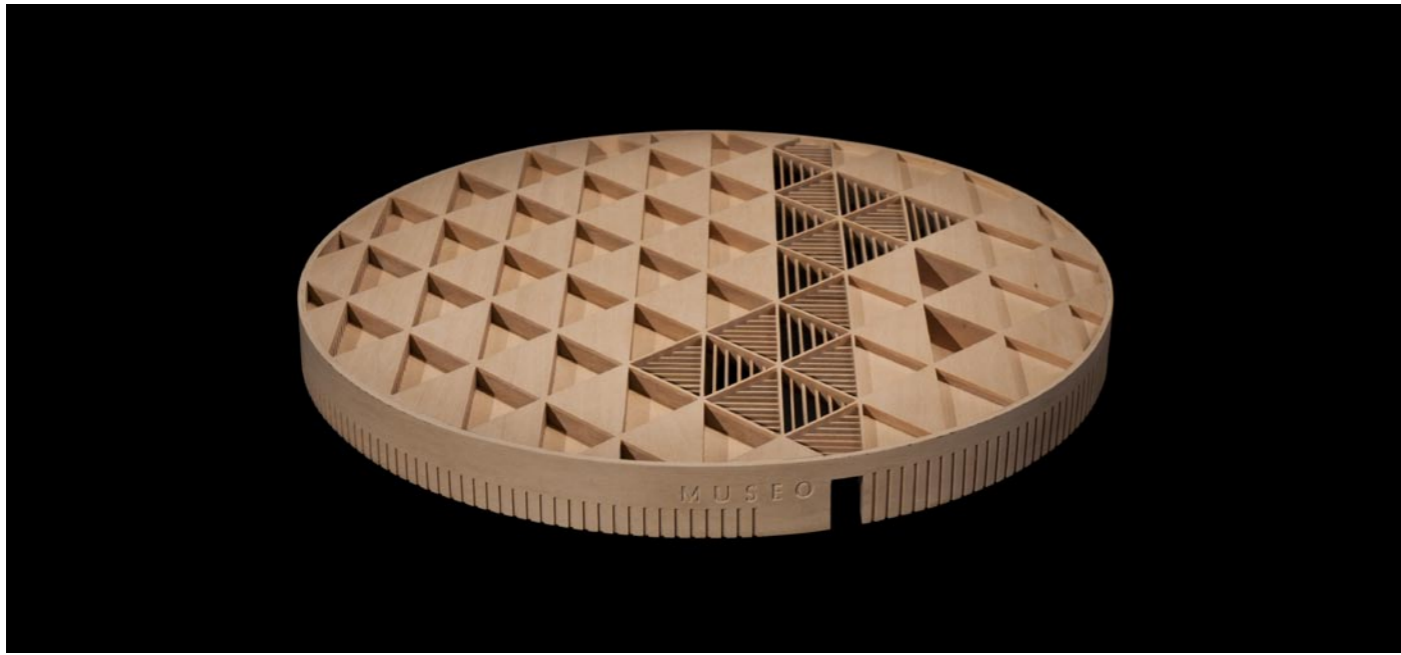
The circular building is massive and closed off to the exterior. Two opposite entryways allow access to the interior and to a protected area with a pergola; a new place that acts as preparation for the museum visit, hence the importance of the roof as a complement and explanation for a building that seems so closed-off from its immediate surroundings.

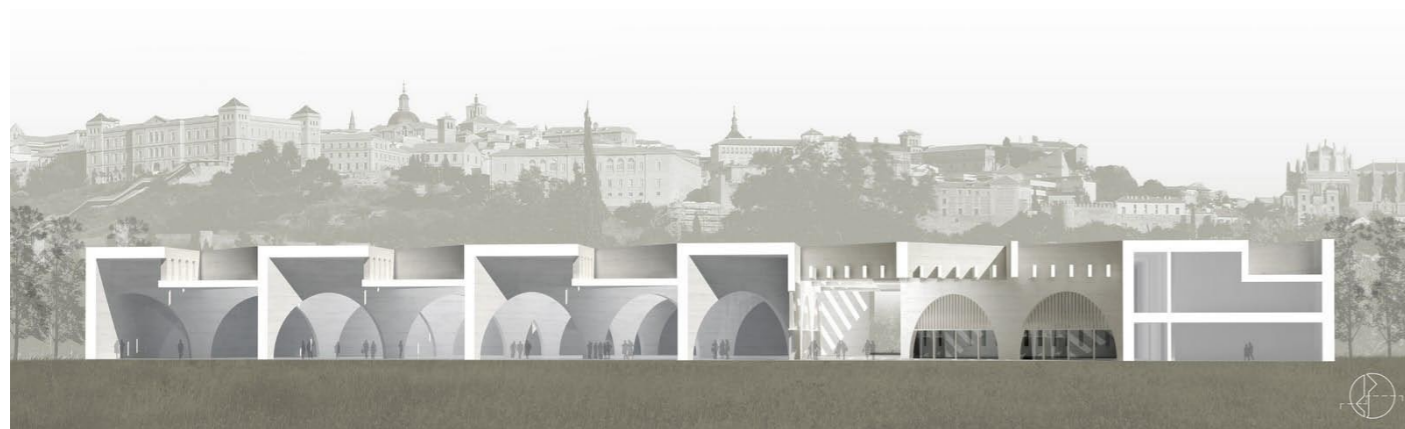
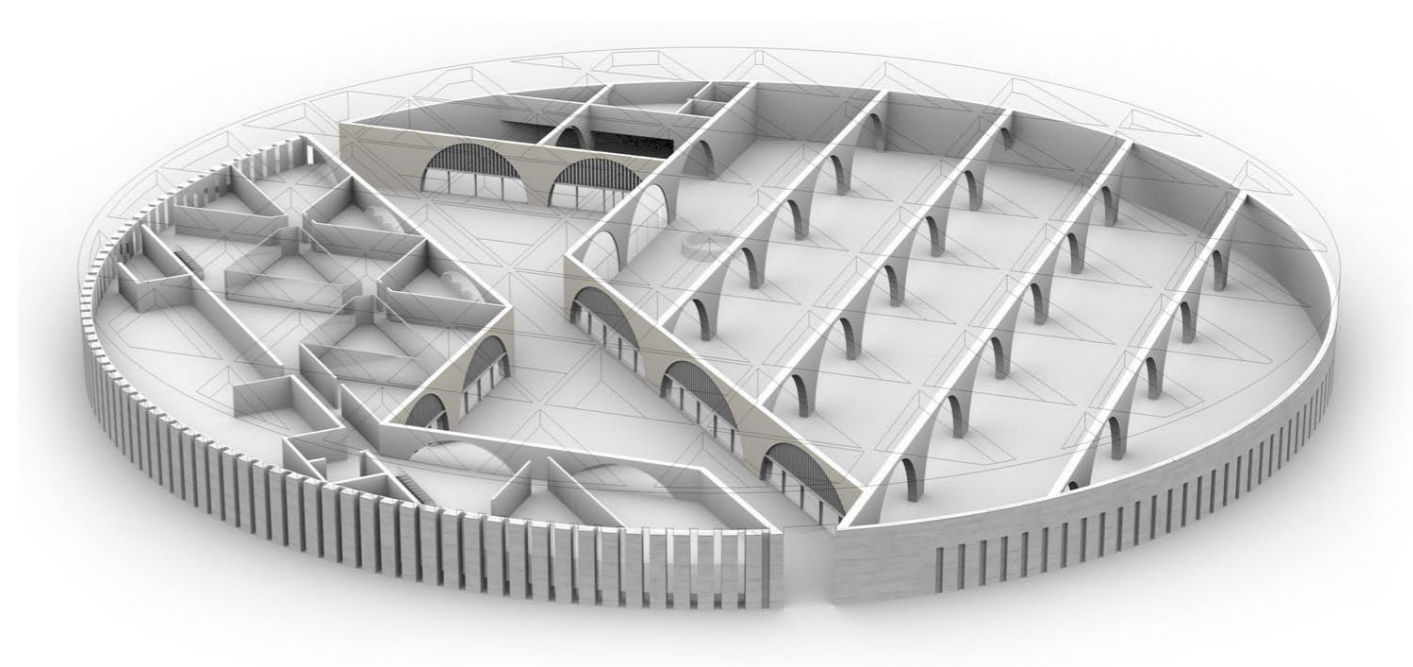
The building is divided into two parts; the smaller of the two holds non-exhibition spaces, leaving the larger part for exhibitions, both from the, the Vega Baja Interpretation Centre and the rooms that house the Museum's temporary and permanent exhibitions.

Both the interior and the exterior of the building will feature walls of earth-coloured concrete created using local aggregates, a massive, tectonic presence to make the museum a memorable visit.

Publication's title: **Visigothic Art Museum**  
 Typology: **Museums and galleries, Urban design, Landscape**  
 Client: **Toletum Visigodo - County of Castilla-La Mancha**  
 Surface: **16.043 m<sup>2</sup>**  
 Year: **2009**  
 Status: **Competition. Finalist**







**PLANTA PRIMERA**

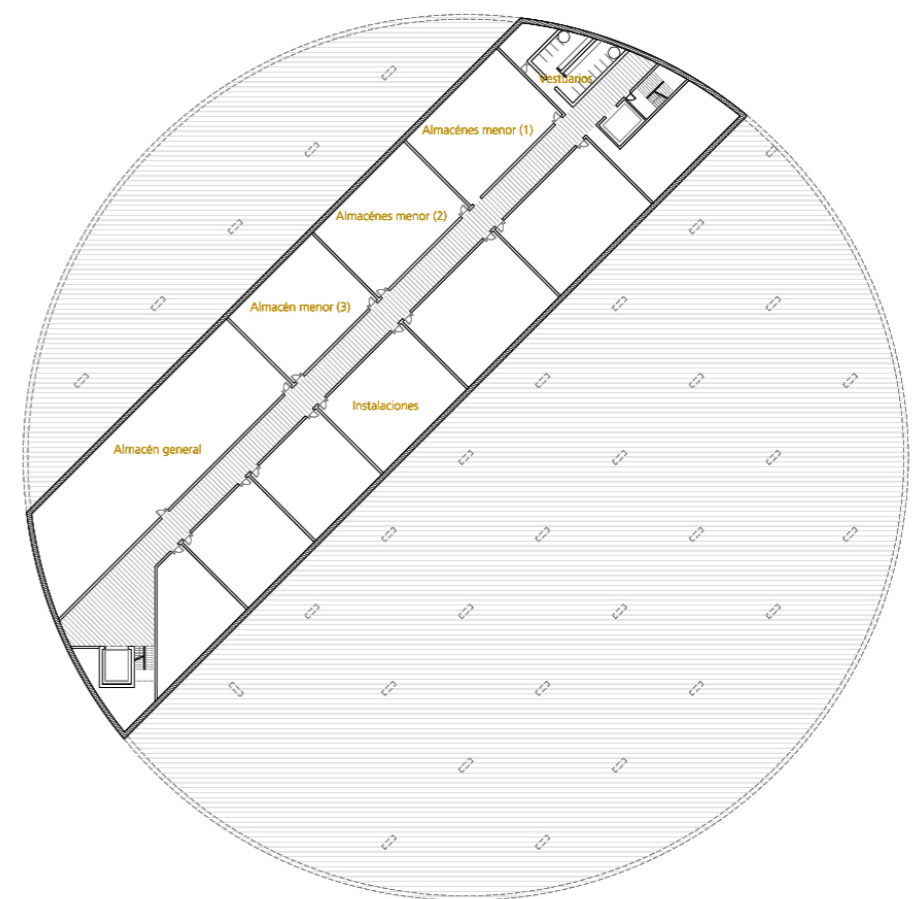
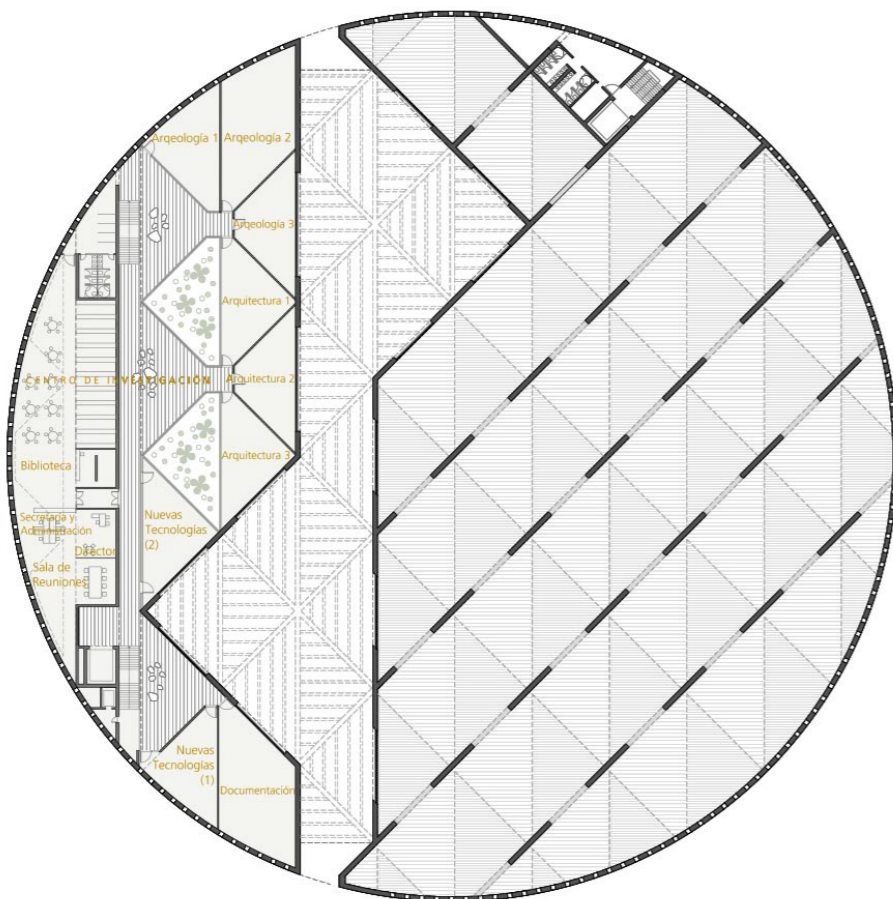
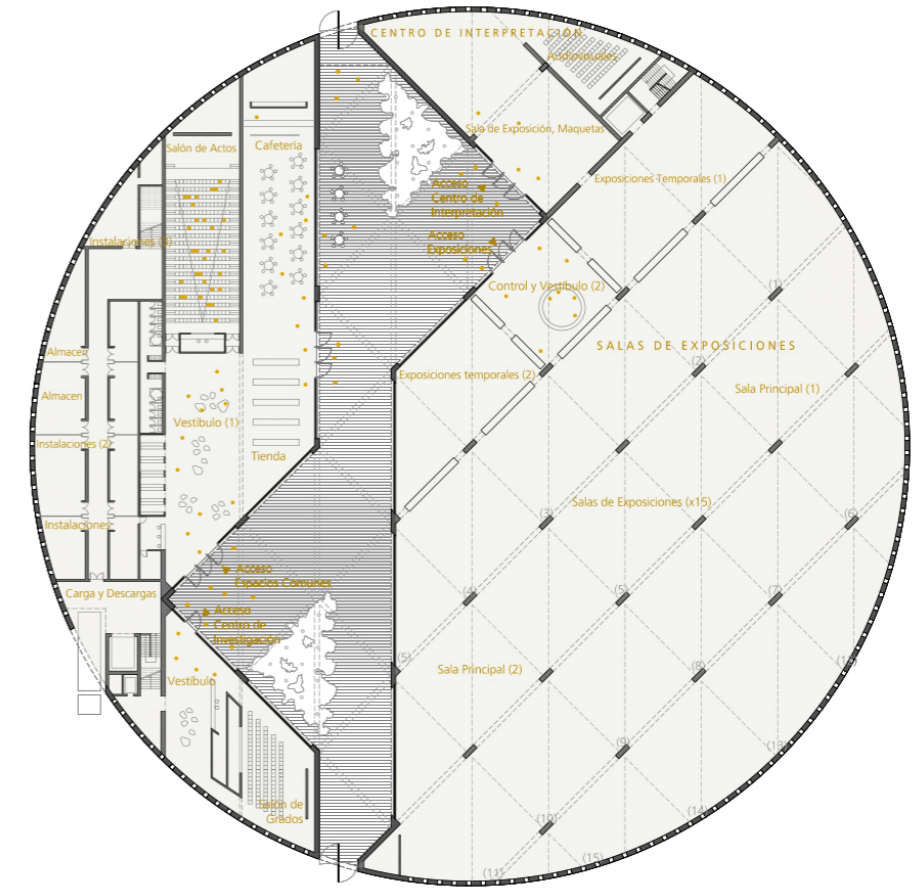
- 3. SERVICIOS GENERALES
  - 3.1 Biblioteca (SG + C Inv)
- 4. CENTRO DE INVESTIGACIÓN
  - 4.1 Despacho Director
  - 4.2 Despacho de Secretaria y Admin.
  - 4.3 Sala de Reuniones
  - 4.4 Modulo de Arqueologia
  - 4.5 Modulo de Arquitectura
  - 4.6 Modulo de Documentación
  - 4.7 Nuevas Tecnologías

**PLANTA SÓTANO**

- 5. ALMACENES / INSTALACIONES
  - 5.4 Almacén General
  - 5.5 Almacenes menores
  - 5.6 Instalaciones

**PLANTA BAJA**

- 1. EXPOSICIONES
  - 1.2 Vestibulo (1)
  - 1.3 Control y Vestibulo (2)
  - 1.4 Tienda y Venta de Artículos
  - 1.5 Cafeteria
  - 1.6 Salas de Exposiciones
  - 1.7 Salas Principales
  - 1.8 Sala de Expo. Temp
- 2. CENTRO DE INTERPRETACIÓN
  - 2.1 Salas de Exposición, Maquetas, ...
  - 2.2 Audiovisuales
- 3. SERVICIOS GENERALES
  - 3.2 Salon de Actos
- 4. CENTRO DE INVESTIGACIÓN
  - 4.8 Vestibulo
  - 4.9 Sala de Reunion, Grados y Conferencias
- 5. ALMACENES Y SERVICIOS
  - 5.1 Muelles de Cargas y Descargas
  - 5.2 Almacenes específicos
  - 5.3 Sevicios e Instalaciones



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**MAIN DATA**

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**DATAS**

Competition: 2009  
Design of project: -  
Construction: -  
Implementation: -

**SURFACES**

Site: 52.005 m<sup>2</sup>  
Main building: 16.043 m<sup>2</sup>  
Other buildings: -  
TOTAL: 16.043 m<sup>2</sup>

**PROJECT TEAM**

Main Architect: Cruz y Ortiz Arquitectos  
Collaborators: José Ortiz, Javier Monge, Lukas Hoye, Alejandro Álvarez  
Local Architect: -  
Interior design: -  
Lighting design: -  
Landscape architect: -  
Restoration architect: -  
Digital imaging: Cruz y Ortiz Arquitectos  
Model: Queipo Maquetas  
Photography: Fotowork (Maqueta)  
Structural engineering: -  
Climate engineer: -  
Building physics advisor: -  
Fire safety specialist: -  
Health and Safety: -  
Urban planning: -  
Survey: -  
Site control: -  
Contractors: -