

SELECTED PROJECTS PORTFOLIO

Successful architectural solutions are fundamentally human-centered, creative, efficient, and environmentally friendly.

To achieve these goals, we focus on being on the cutting edge of design, construction and environmental technology, providing my clients with innovative and practical solutions with an emphasis on meeting budgets.

1972- Obtained my Degree in Architecture at the Xavier University, Bogotá, Colombia- (5) year program

1973- Bouwcentrum, Rotterdam, Holland • Urban Planning, SAR Design, Construction certificate- (5) month program

1973- Undertook professional practice at Boissevain and Osmond Architects, Epsom, Surrey, England

1979- Founded Serrano & Ponce de Leon Ltd. Bogota Colombia

1985- Founded ColCamp Ltda. to manufacture mobile trailer camps for workers of the oil industry in Colombia.

Early on learned to work within an unstable economy; with difficulties in obtaining supplies, skilled workers, and specialized tools; and in an environment where traditional building materials and construction techniques were the norm. A proven background and experience as a project manager in harsh environments contribute to my success in designing buildings that are economical to construct and maintain.

When I moved to Canada, started an e-commerce business: Friendly Home Resource Centre, which provided home solutions and friendly devices to elderly and disabled people keeping them independent and safe in their own homes. Have been involved in residential and institutional projects in Canada, USA, Spain, Venezuela, Chile and Colombia.

Colombia, South America



Guatavita la Nueva
with Llorente & Ponce de Leon Ltda. 1970-1974

Town of New Guatavita

Member of a interdisciplinary team that designed and built the 7020 inhabitants' town. Today a tourist attraction

The new municipality replaced the old town flooded as a result of the construction of the Tominé Dam. Located 57 Km. from Bogotá, (Colombia's Capital City)

White facades, rustic masonry and red clay tiles, arches, fountains and arcades everywhere, as well as a central square, a Catholic Church, bullring, the hostel and a market place, retain the old town's charm.

Close by you can find the famous Guatavita lake, the ritual center and sacred lake of the Muisca natives, cradle of the El Dorado legend.

Alvaro Ponce de León – Architectural Designer



Central Square and Hostel



Roman Catholic church



Heritage Museum

Guatavita la Nueva
with Llorente & Ponce de Leon Ltda.

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CIAT- International Centre for Tropical Agriculture
with Llorente & Ponce de Leon Ltd. 1970-1974

International Centre for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) is a non-for-profit research and development centre dedicated to reducing poverty and hunger in developing countries while protecting natural resources.

CIAT is one of 15 centres founded by 58 countries, private foundations, and international organizations that make up the Consult Group on International Agricultural Research. Located in Palmira, Valle del Cauca, Colombia

Alvaro Ponce de León – Architectural Designer



**Conference room:
Seating 180 people**



Project Model

**CIAT, International Centre for Tropical Agriculture
with Llorente & Ponce de Leon Ltd.**

Alvaro Ponce de León – Architectural Designer / Site Supervisor



423 hectares
10,000 Club members
2 lakes-canoe rowing
Bullring
Supermarket
5 swimming pools
Gymnasium
Ice rink, dressing rooms, stands
Restaurants
Tennis courts, Dressing rooms
Camping area w/BBQ grills
Shooting range
Nursery, windmill, and fort
Auditorium, Zoo, Horse riding
Mini-golf, mini-football
Housing project

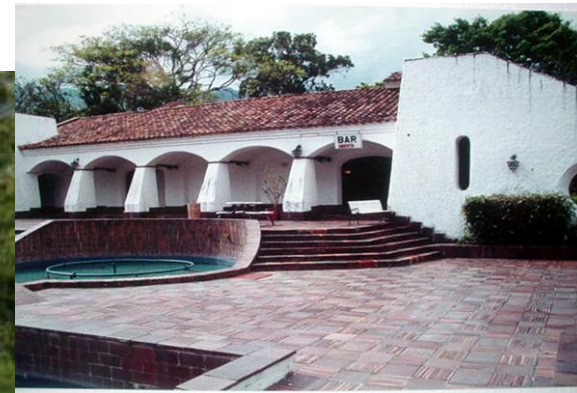


Club Campestre el Bosque- El Bosque Country Club
with Ramirez & Ponce de Leon Ltd. 1974-1979



Silvania, Colombia

Alvaro Ponce de León – Architectural Designer / Site Supervisor



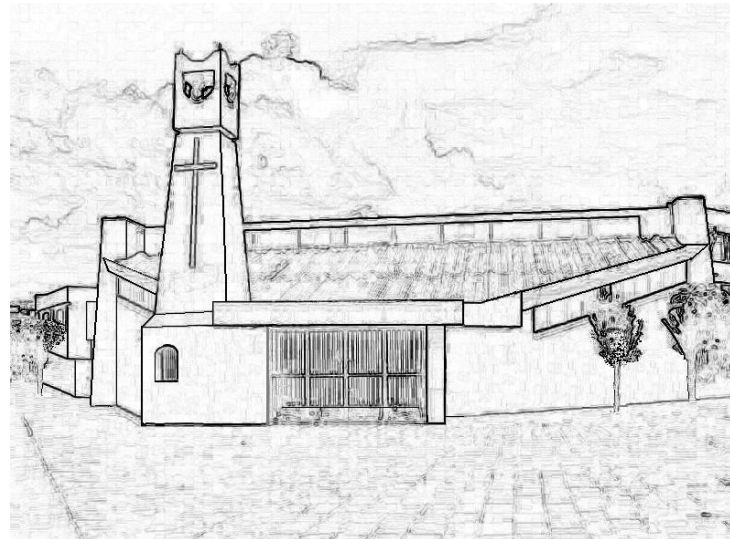
Club Campestre el Bosque- El Bosque Country Club
with Ramirez & Ponce de Leon Ltd.

Alvaro Ponce de León – Architectural Designer / Project Manager



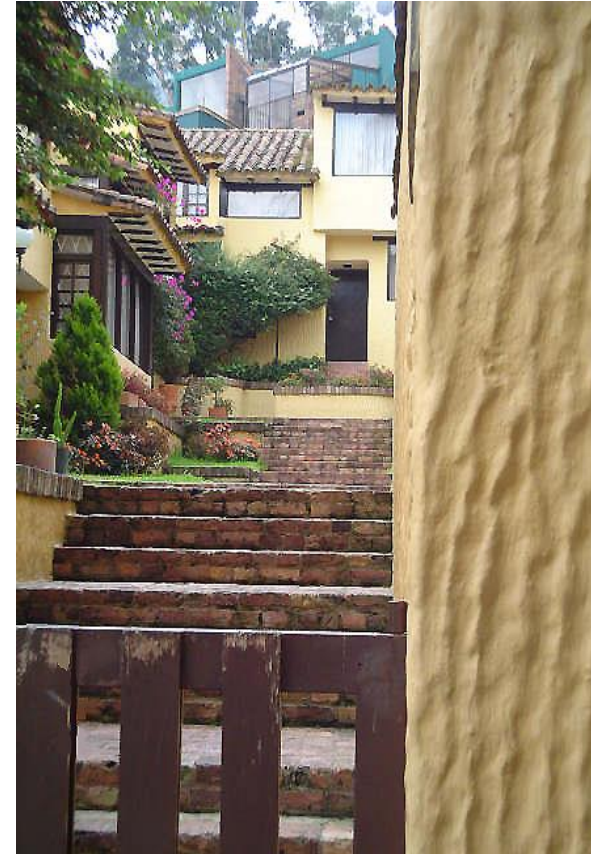
Parroquia San Silvestre

450 m² Bogotá, Colombia



Parroquia SAN SILVESTRE- Roman Catholic Church and Parish
with Serrano & Ponce de Leon Ltd. 1979-1997

Alvaro Ponce de León – Architectural Designer / Project Manager



Conjunto Residencial **EL BARBECHO**

Nine (9) attached multi-family residential units
1,620 m2 Bogotá D.C Colombia

Conjunto Residencial EL BARBECHO
with Serrano & Ponce de Leon Ltd.

Alvaro Ponce de León – Architectural Designer / Project Manager



Conjunto Residencial EL RETIRO

Affordable Residential housing
6 Stories high, 6,500 m²
57 Condos with underground parking
Bogotá D.C, Colombia

Conjunto EL RETIRO
with Serrano & Ponce de Leon Ltd.



Alvaro Ponce de León – Architectural Designer / Project Manager



8 Country Houses, 1,000 M2
New Guatavita, Colombia

White facades, rustic
masonry and red clay tiles



Casas de Campo, New Guatavita
with Serrano & Ponce de León Ltd.

Alvaro Ponce de León – Architectural Designer



Edificio Altos del Lago
with Serrano & Ponce de Leon Ltd.



Edificio Altos del Lago

Residential Building
14 Stories high, 5,100 m²
37 Apartments
Two underground parking levels
Bogotá D.C, Colombia



Alvaro Ponce de León – Architectural Designer / Project Manager



**Edificio Altos del Retiro
Residential Building
7 Stories high, 1,200 m²
6 Apartments
Underground parking
Bogotá D.C, Colombia**



**Edificio Poncelé
Residential Building
7 Stories high, 580 m²
5 Apartments,
Underground parking
Bogotá D.C, Colombia**

**Edificios Altos del Retiro y Poncelé
with Serrano & Ponce de Leon Ltd.**

Alvaro Ponce de León – Manufacturer / Project Manager

Puerto Romero, Colombia



Sample of one of many trailer Camp Sites

SAE Camp Site- 114 trailer units Area of 2,050 M2

Included: water and sewage treatment plants, Diesel power generators, sleeping quarters, bathrooms, industrial kitchen, dining, office area, amenities, etc.

Oil Pipeline Camp Site

with COLCAMP Ltd. Puerto Romero 1985-1991

Alvaro Ponce de León – Architectural Designer / Project Manager

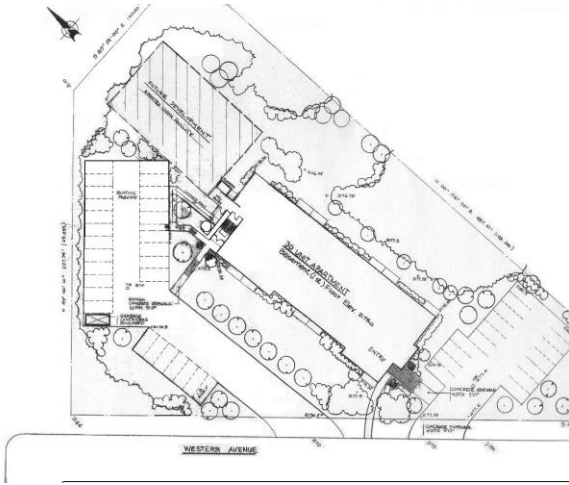


Sample of two of 60 + Gas stations
ESSO- Armenia Bus Terminal
MOBIL - Alto Prado, Barranquilla
Colombia

ESSO & MOBIL Gas Service Stations
with Serrano & Ponce de Leon Ltd 1979-1997

Alvaro Ponce de León – Architectural Designer / Project Manager

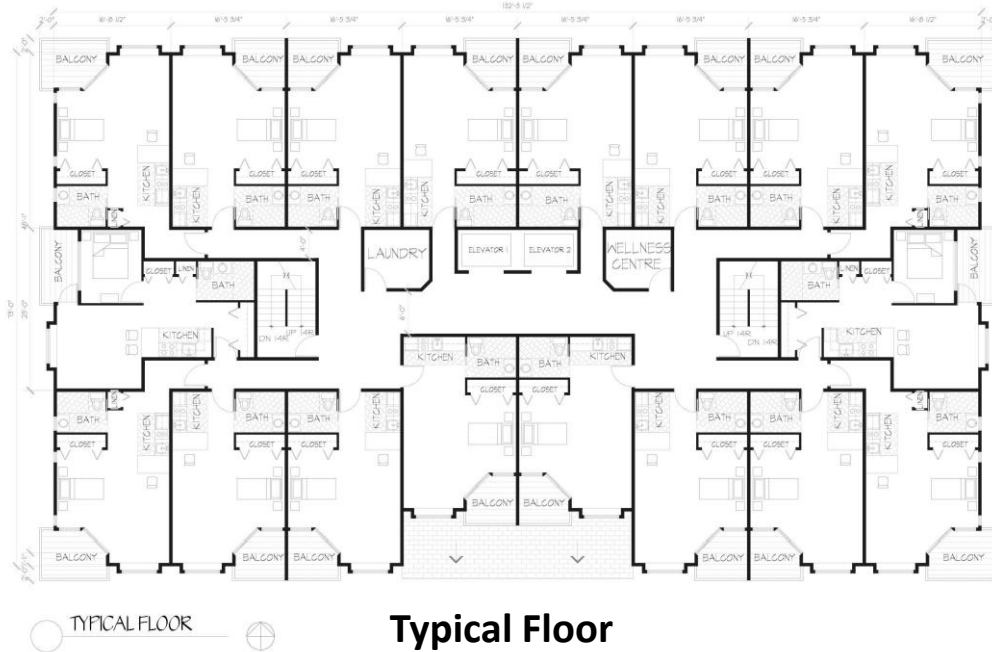
Canada, North America



Sunrise Apartments, Williams Lake, BC
with APdeL Design Studio 2003 – to date

Residential Building Rehabilitation CMHC- RRAP
30 residential apartment building
for INTERCON Trading Corp.
Independent Living for senior tenants
Concrete ramp and new secure entry. 10 apartment
units were made fully accessible- Wheelchair users.

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ILBC, Independent Living Facility

- 55 Bachelor Suites- 6 One-Bedroom Suites

- Support Services include: Hospitality services such as:
Commercial kitchen, servery, dining, Hard-linen laundry, lounge, media and activity rooms.
Administration offices, Wellness centers, floor lounge and pantry. Underground parking.

Independent Living Project, Port Coquitlam, BC, Canada
with APdeL Design Studio

Alvaro Ponce de León – Entrepreneur

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Home Solutions

New!

Home Solutions for People with Alzheimer's Disease

The home is an important place for a person with Alzheimer's Disease. It helps the AD person connect with the past and maintain a sense of who he/she is. However, some practical changes may need to be made to keep the home "Alzheimer-friendly."

[Home Solutions for People with Alzheimer's Disease >>>](#)

Home Solutions for people with Parkinson's disease

Activities of daily living include tasks such as bathing, grooming, dressing, preparing food, eating and caring for the home. Walking and general mobility - getting from place to place- are also important aspects of a person's life. People with Parkinson's disease often have tremors, rigidity and slowness of movement, all of which may interfere with their ability to care for themselves.

[Home Solutions for People with Parkinson's Disease >>>](#)

Solutions For

- Wheelchair Users
- Stroke Clients
- Limited Strength and Dexterity
- Alzheimer's Disease
- Safety Recommendations

Design Tips

- General Space
- Cabinets & Storage
- Counter tops
- Floor coverings
- Tubs and Showers

Selected Products

TOILEVATOR \$ 102.00

When life dictates the need for an elevated toilet seat, Toilevator provides a safe, economical and hygienic answer. The addition of the Toilevator elevates the toilet in a non-obtrusive, aesthetically pleasing manner which can be comfortably used by the whole family. The Toilevator will provide 3.5" (9cm) of additional height to any standard 14-15" (35-38cm) tall toilet, round or elongated bowl. The Toilevator can be painted, by first providing an undercoat with "Preprite Anchor Bond". This undercoat is available wherever Sherwin Williams paint is sold. 500 lb. (225kg) maximum weight limit. Kit includes: Toilet Spacer, Soil pipe extension, 2 longer "T" closet bolts, 2 oval washers & caps, 4 hex nuts, 2 foam seals, Flexible water supply line, and instructions for installation.

[More Details](#)

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Verti Shelving Lift

SKUID: GV830 [More Details](#)

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e-commerce Business, North Vancouver, BC, Canada
 with Friendly Home Resource Centre Inc. 1998 -2005



Alvaro Ponce de León – Architectural Designer



Two Fourplex buildings, North Vancouver, BC, Canada
with Karl Wein & Associates 2006-2008

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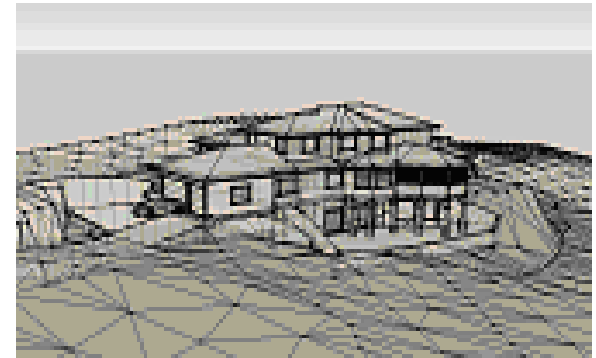
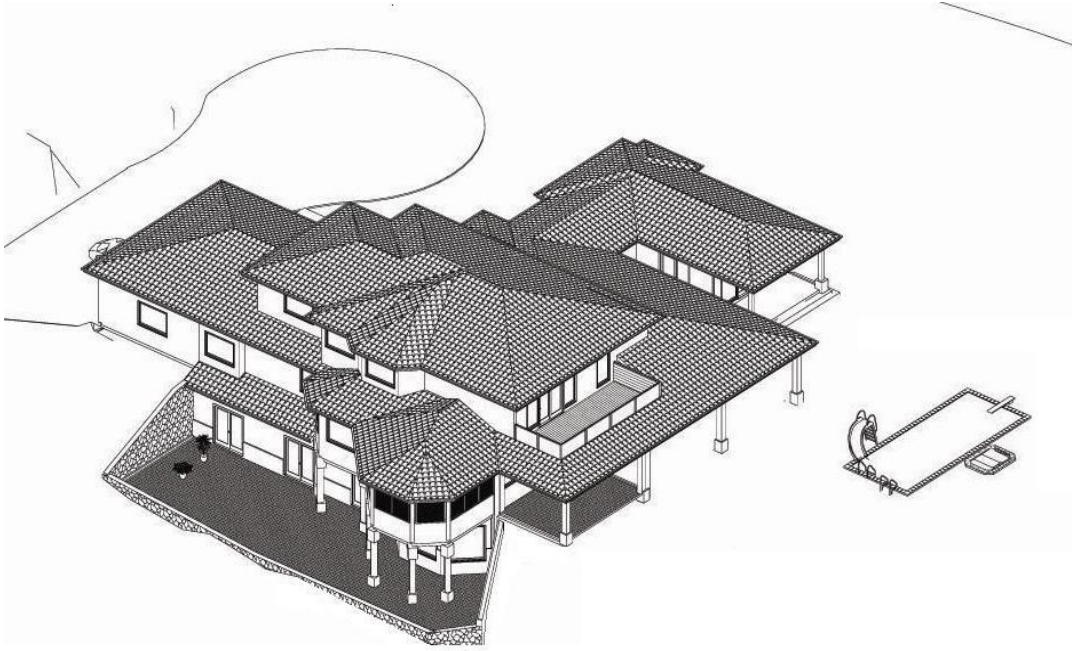
1119 Gilston Road



3355 Mathers Avenue

**High-end Homes in West Vancouver, BC, Canada
with Karl Wein & Associates**

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3400 Wailea Alanui, Maui, Hawaii, USA
with Karl Wein & Associates

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2300 Mansfield Drive, Courtenay, BC, Canada
with Karl Wein & Associates

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2270 Cliffe Avenue, Courtenay, BC, Canada
with Karl Wein & Associates

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4893 – 224th Street, Langley, BC, Canada
with APdeL Design Studio

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Two Residential Projects
3426 – 232th Street, Langley, BC, Canada
with APdeL Design Studio

Guanare and San Fernando de Apure, Venezuela Social Housing Prototype

VIVIENDA INAVI-SUVI 68.5m²
Guanare, Venezuela - 2009



Wall and Roof Prefab Panels
manufactured in BC, Canada,
and shipped in containers.



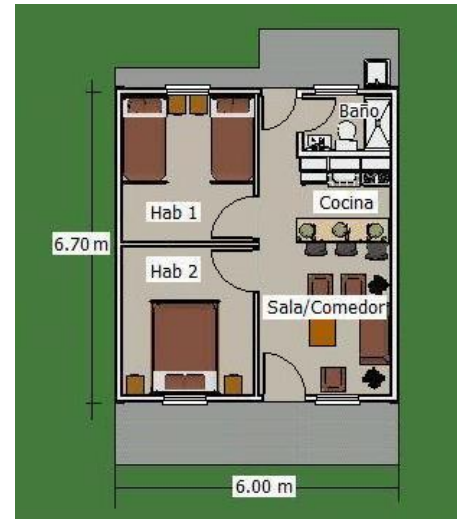
Prefab and assembled
By: Proform Panels

Barranquilla, Colombia

Social Housing Prototype

Wall and roof Prefab Panels
manufactured in BC, Canada
and shipped in containers.
Assembled in 5 days

SOLUCION PROPUESTA MODELO NOGAL – 40.2 m² COLOMBIA 2012



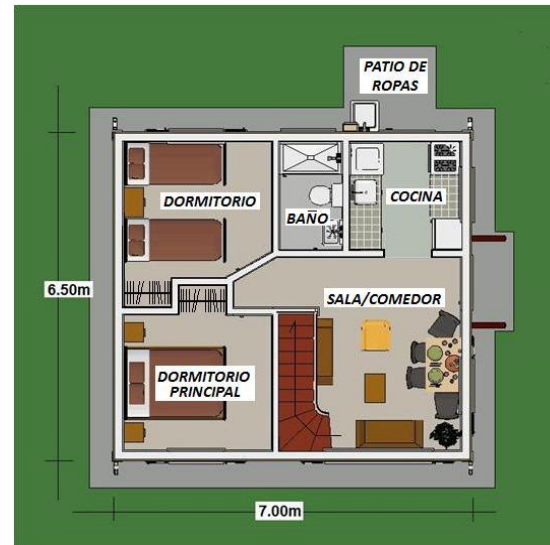
Vivienda en Serie

Prefab and assembled
By: Power Group

Bogota, Colombia

Social Housing Prototype

SOLUCION PROPUESTA MODELO PEUMO II – 45.5 m² + 20.0 m² (Manzarda) CHILE 2011



Wall and Roof Prefab Panels
manufactured in BC, Canada
and shipped in containers.

Bogota, Colombia

Social Housing Prototype

SOLUCION PROPUESTA MINUTO DE DIOS Bogotá , Colombia Marzo, 2013



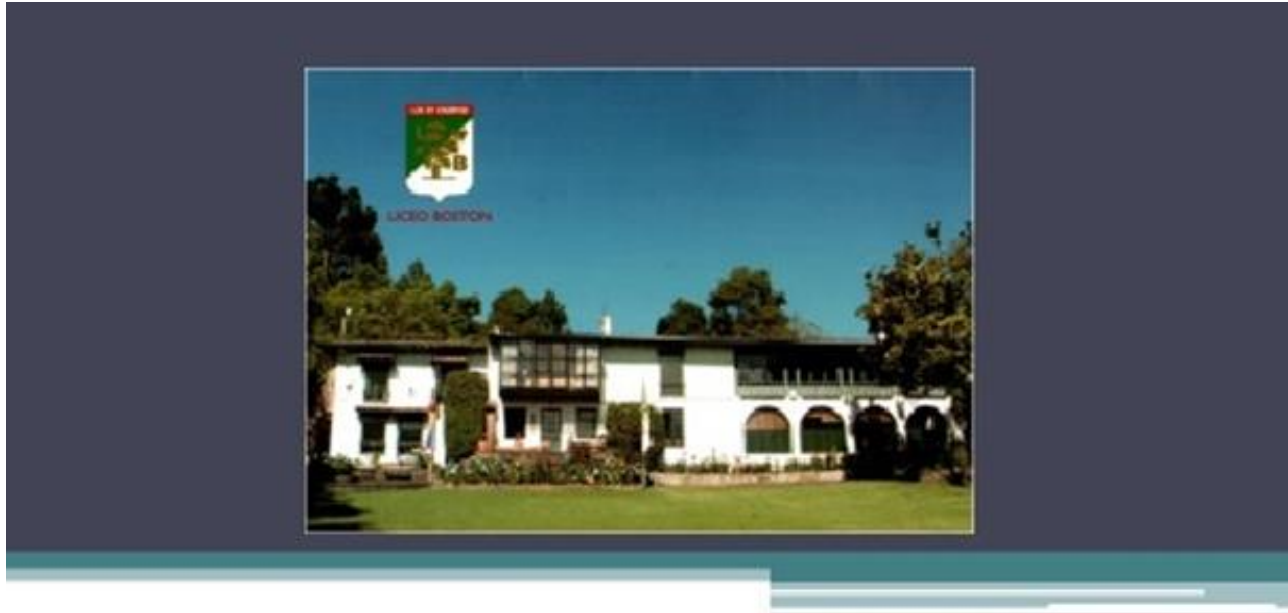
MODELO PEUMO 65.6m2

Prefab and assembled
By: Power Group



Wall and Roof Prefab Panels
manufactured in BC, Canada
and shipped in containers.
Assembled in 7 days





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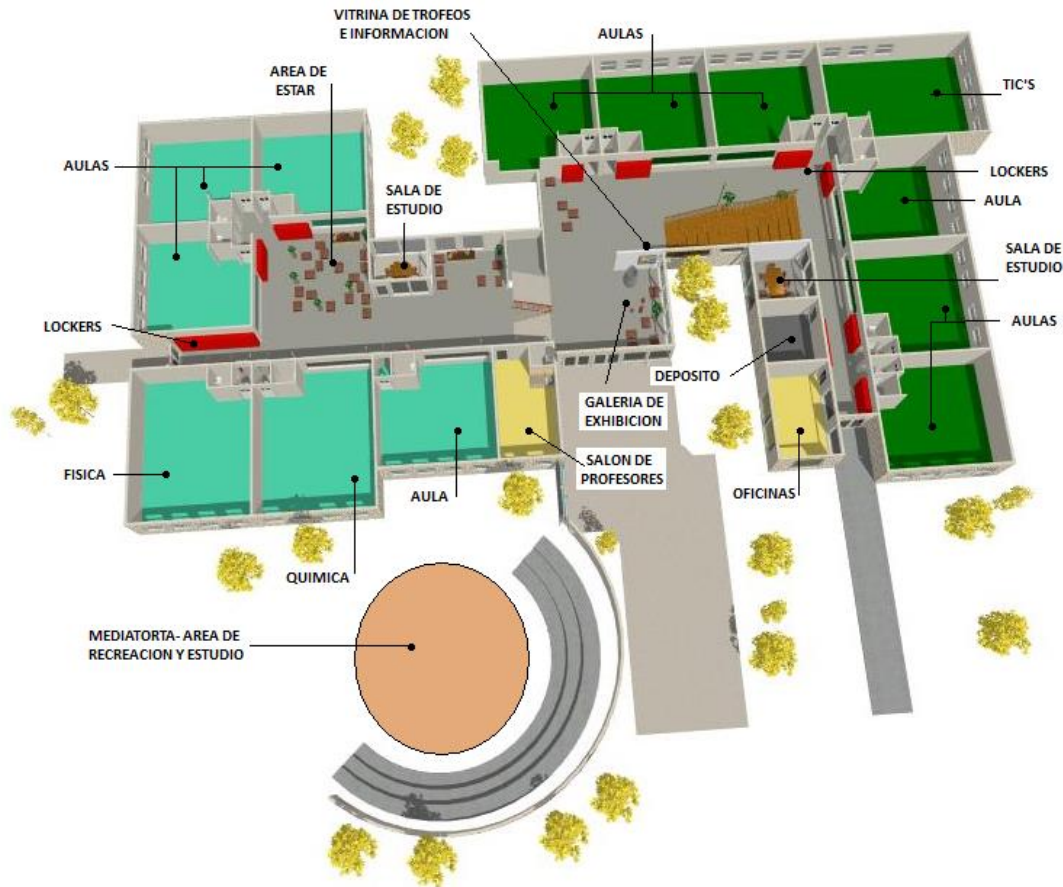
Bogota, Colombia
March, 2014

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**SITEPLAN- New construction 10,000 m²
School for 1.260 students**

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HIGH SCHOOL- 540 Students
GROUND FLOOR

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ELEMENTARY – 360 Students

GROUND FLOOR



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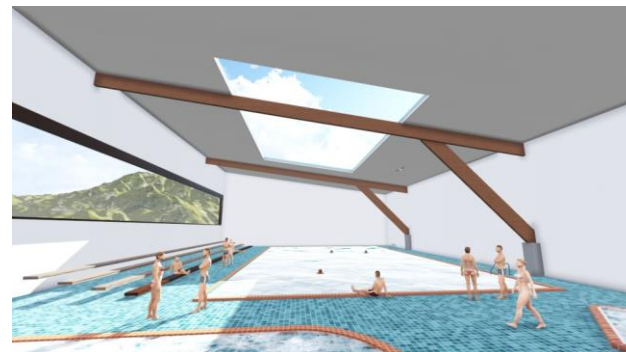
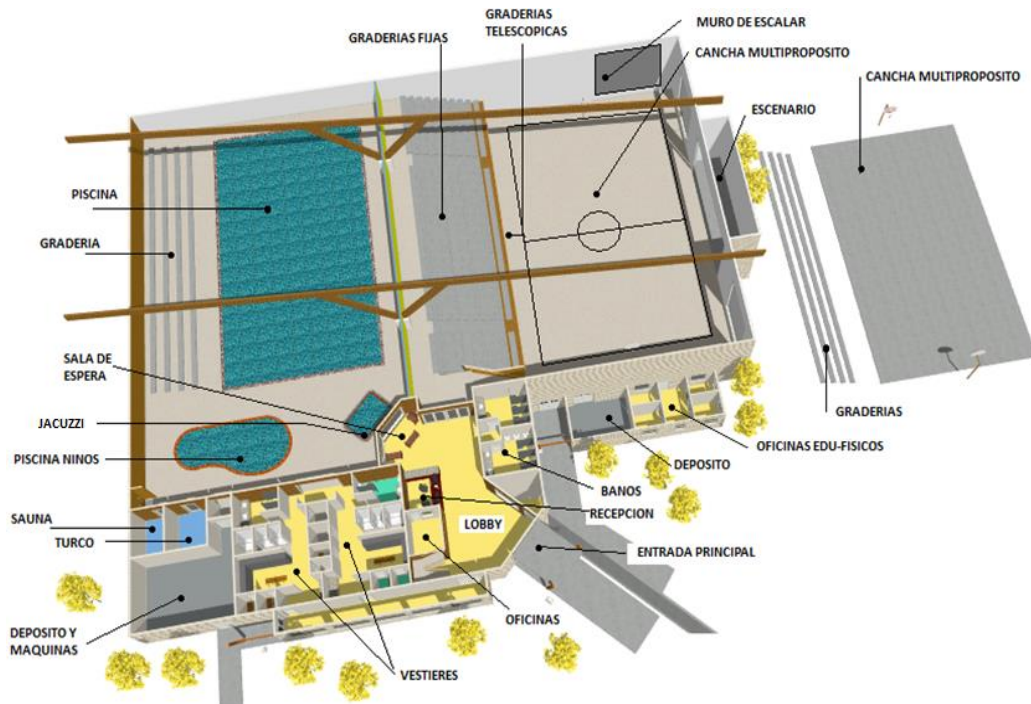


Sample of Green Roof



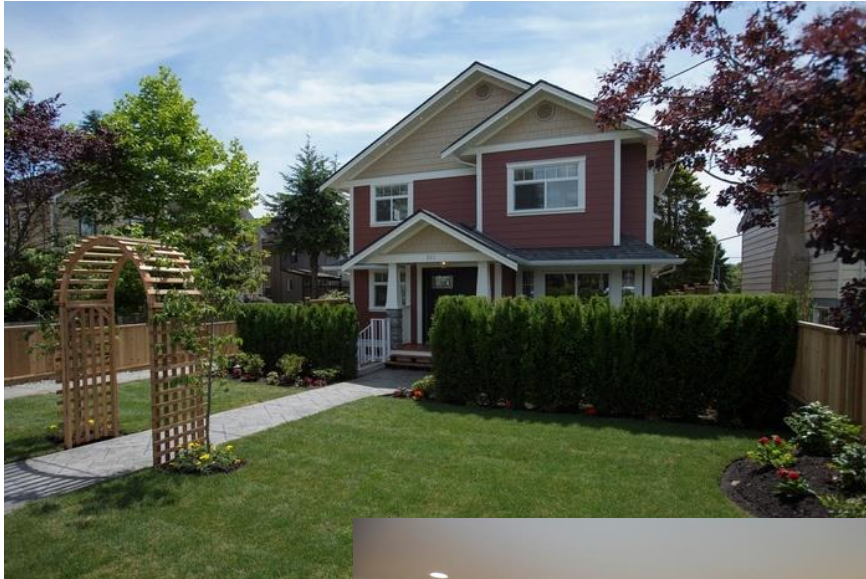
PRESCHOOL – 360 Students
GROUND FLOOR

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Community REC CENTRE
GROUND FLOOR

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With APdeL Design Studio 2014

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