

GREEN UNDER GREEN, SPORTS & POOLS

PROJECT: GREEN UNDER GREEN, SPORTS & POOLS

LOCATION: Barcelona, Spain

YEAR: 1986

The competition for the design of this sports and leisure complex was organized by the Barcelona City Council. The winning proposal was carried out along with the Architectural firm L35. The complex was the largest underground sports center in Europe, covering a total of 376,736 sq ft, was constructed beneath the surface of the park and outdoor pools. These pools, with a transparent floor at different points, illuminate the halls of this huge underground complex consisting of several gyms and fitness rooms, paddle and squash courts and additional services. A parking lot consisting of three levels with a total of 1,000 spaces was constructed under these installations. At ground level a 21,527 sq ft farmhouse-style building was restored, located on the corner, for catering services and hosting events. This project represented a milestone in a consolidated urban sector and is unique in Barcelona. Its success lies in integrating the project into the city and on the intensive use, not only by local people, but also by a large number of people working in the area who can enjoy the wide range of sporting activities, in addition to outdoor recreational areas, movie theaters and a wide variety of local restaurants.
