

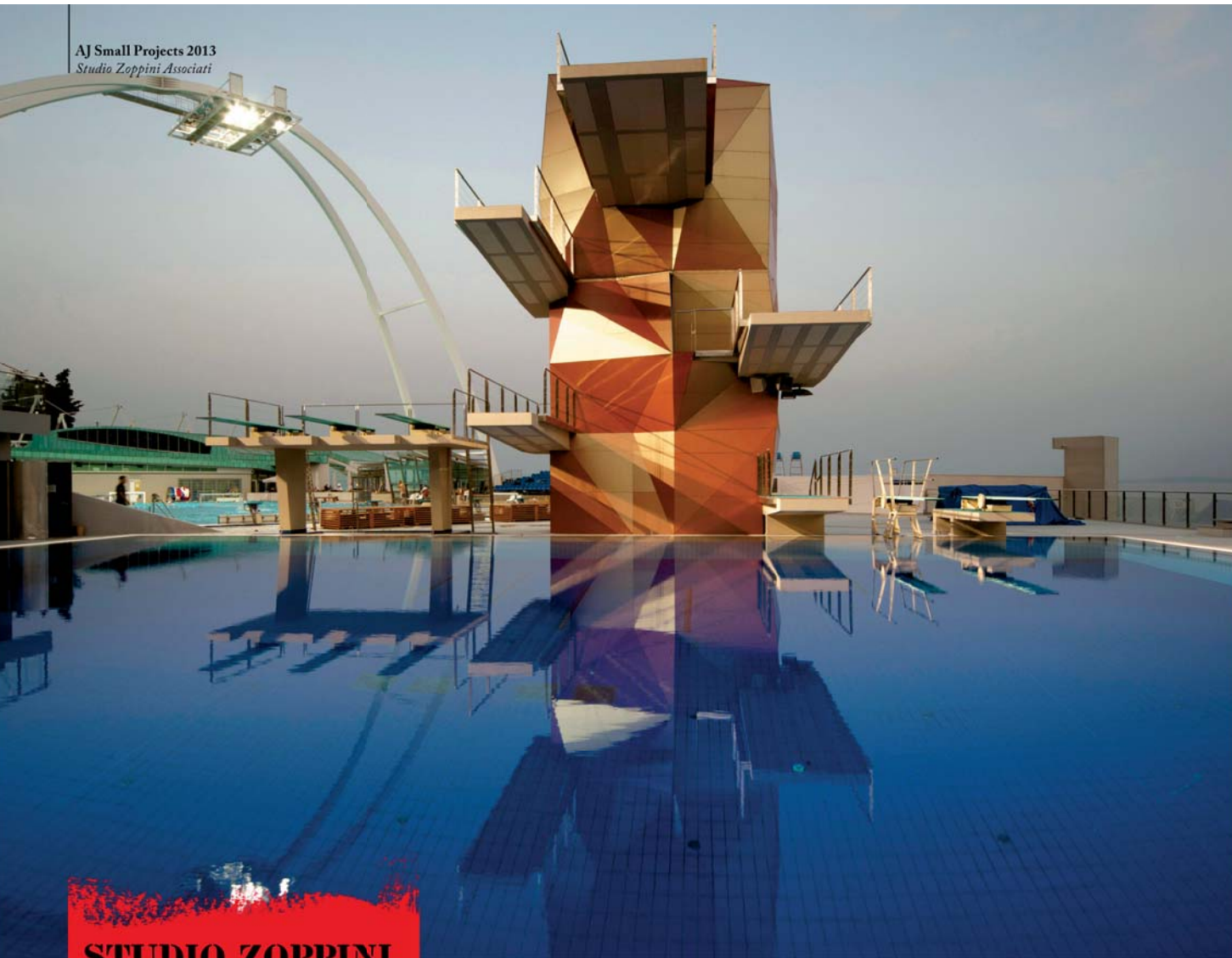
17.01.13

AJ SMALL PROJECTS

Part two of this year's shortlist:
Studio Zoppini Associati

£4.95 / IBP MAGAZINE OF THE YEAR / THEAJ.CO.UK





**STUDIO ZOPPINI
ASSOCIATI**
**RIJEKA DIVING
TOWER**

Sports installation, Rijeka, Croatia
COST £204,000

The new diving tower built in 2012 for the Rijeka Olympic centre, Croatia, has five diving boards placed at different heights, designed according to Olympic regulations.

The architectural approach was to create a cutting-edge facility which is integrated into the landscape of the area adjoining the sea coast. It was conceived as a landmark in

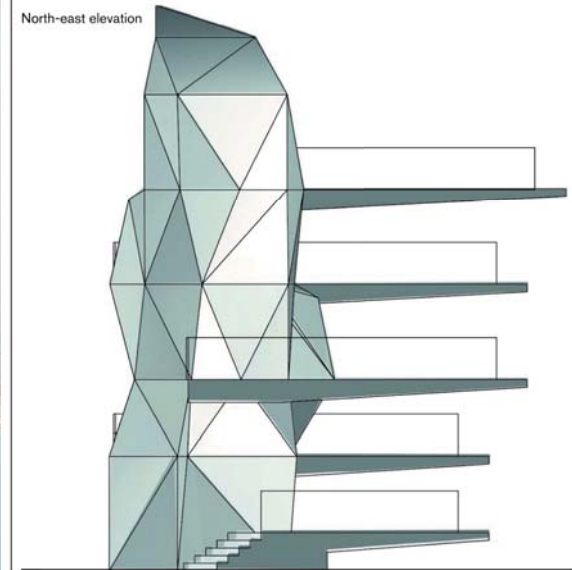
dialogue with the existing element, revealing its strong, discrete presence.

The design looks back to the primordial diving stage elements at the seaside: rocks. It is a reinterpretation of the natural form of the 'Faraglione', a rock which emerges from the sea side, an icon visible even from the water identifying the sport complex.

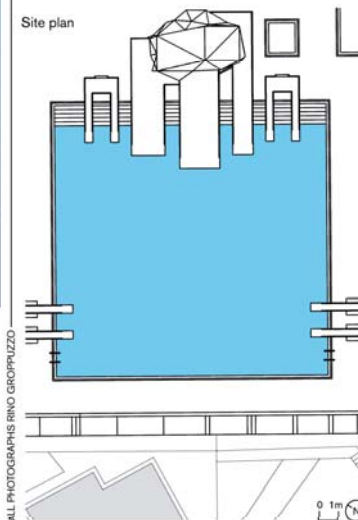
The vertical cladding is supported by a two-way system galvanised steel frame. This structure is supported by the horizontal and vertical concrete elements.

The cladding is built using aluminium panels and its colour changes in relation to the reflection of the changing sunlight.
AJBL.co.uk/projects/display/id/5923

North-east elevation



Site plan



ALL PHOTOGRAPHS RINO GROPPIZZO



CREDITS
CLIENT Rijeka Municipality
MAIN CONTRACTOR GP KRK and Strabag
STRUCTURAL ENGINEER Sajni e Zambetti
PROCUREMENT Traditional