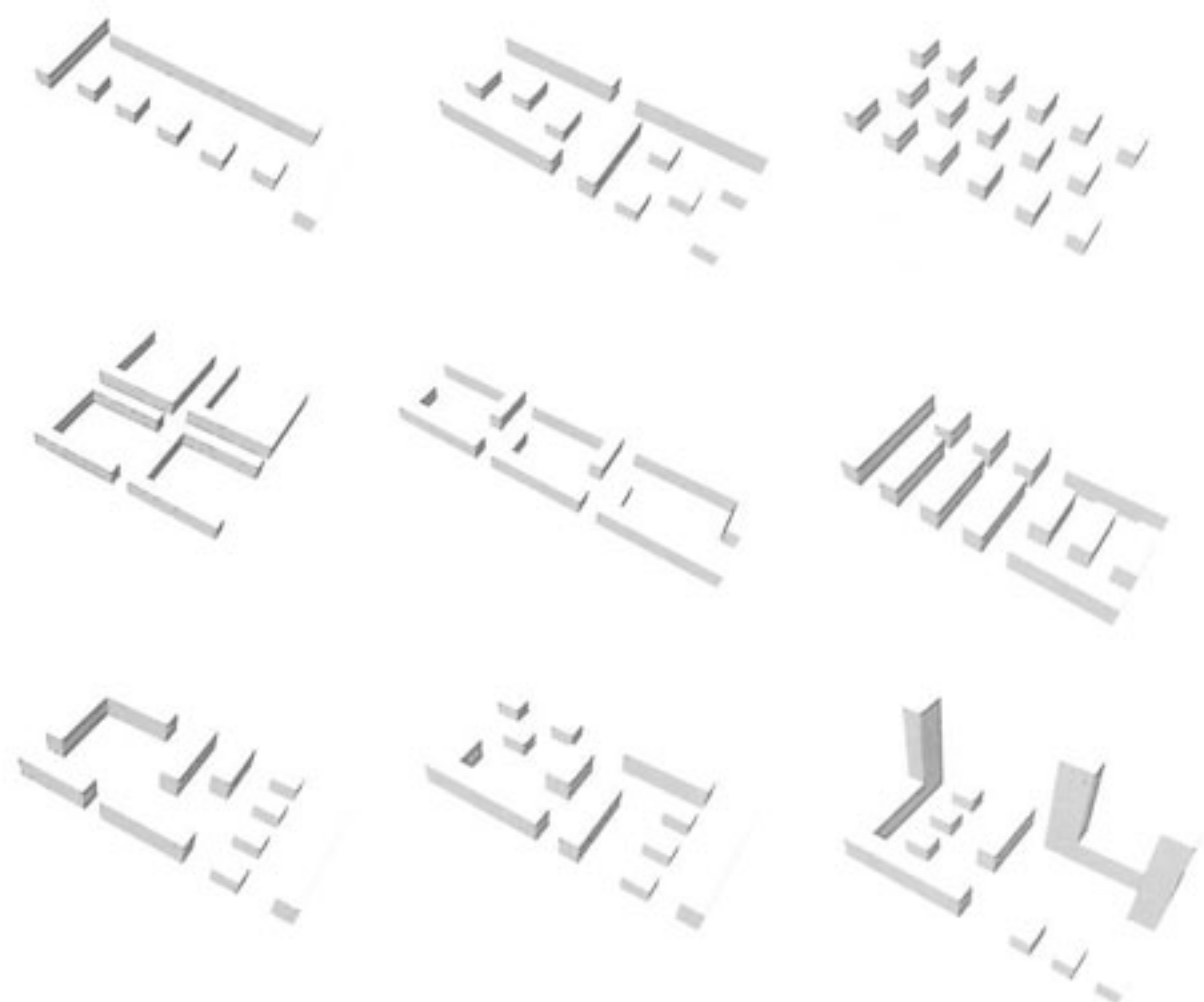


# European Housing 1990 2010 Concepts

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## 002 Promontorio Architects



### Address

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Lisboa (P)

### Design

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### Principal

Cociclo Oriente / Espreita  
o Rio

### Dates

1996-2002

### Units 30

### Oriente Complex

The design of the Oriente complex results from the merger in a single plot of two co-operatives and different programmes for housing, offices and shops. Set in one of the most infra-structured zones of the Expo '98 precinct, facing the Boulevard of the Oceans and bordering the Portuguese Pavilion and the Museum of Science, the plot was later devised as a perimeter block divided approximately in half by the two co-operatives. Complying with the legal constraints imposed by the Expo '98 masterplan the buildings are set on a platform that functions as a commercial belt around the perimeter, the latter compulsorily shaped as an arcade on the elevations facing the boulevard. The housing building is set as a U on the platform level, permeated by an arched passage that generates a semi-enclosed patio allowing public access to the apartments. On the platform, besides access to the offices, a number of restaurants and cafeterias produce a constant flow of public movement. The wall construction system for both the housing and office facades is based on an insulated brick wall, protected by a ventilated fibber-cement panelling system. In contrast with artificial nature of concrete and fibber-cement, the frames are made of solid redwood. The physical presence of the ensemble, however discreet and formally restrained, aims to establish a positive contrast with the multifarious plasticity of the surroundings.



Mix: dwellings, offices,  
retail space

