

The Covid-19 pandemic and social distancing has blurred the boundaries between home, work and play. This results in a new typology of residences that blends spaces for all three activities with multifunctional indoors and attached open spaces, and this is the essential idea behind Step Up: A Co-Living Experiment.



MATERIAL-INSPIRED MASSING



ADAPTABLE + SCALABLE

Designed as a **modular system, the units can work in isolation as** well as a cluster. Thus, it can be adapted to fit into the various sites available in the existing city fabric.



URBAN INFILL INTERVENTION



Traditional lap joint from timber construction ensures greater structural stability.

Each unit is designed to interlock with each other creating a **3-dimensional grid.**

Private Zone with attached balcony spaces





Public Zone including cafes, laundry facilities, and small retail

COMPACT YET OPEN LIVING

The interlocking split levels accommodates 100 units. The midlandings allow for visual connections while providing privacy.



CITY BLOCK RE-DESIGN



The compact design maximises the potential of living in the vibrant yet dense city fabric.



Multiple balconies at various levels look out onto the central spine, making it an interactive space.



Interior spaces are designed to be bright, multi functional spaces.

CONSTRUCTION METHODOLOGY





Glulam columns provide vertical structural supports.

UNIT DESIGN

Load bearing CLT walls & floors transfer the load vertically and horizontally.



The waffle slab and lightweight stud walls allow for cantilevering extensions.











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