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# Fundamental Approach Architects Win First Prize for Unconventional Mosque and Plaza Design

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proposing an atypical mosque design for the city of Karaj.

The winning proposal bypasses traditional [mosque](#) designs, blurring the lines between the contemporary structure, the city, and the surrounding landscape.



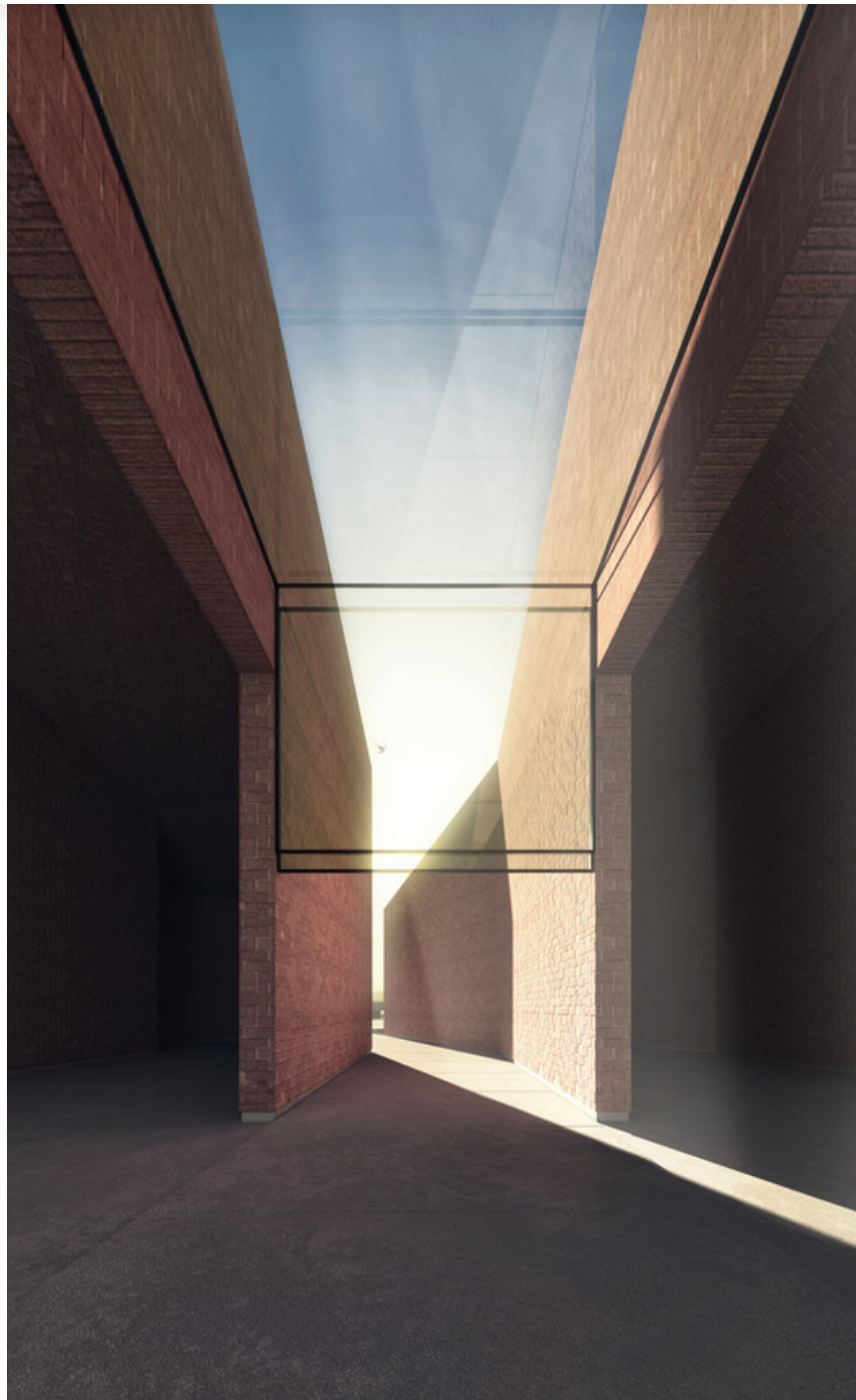
In addition to a [mosque](#)'s evident religious function, the structure carries big cultural and social responsibility. Mosques are places of daily gatherings





the city and people's daily life, making sure their design complements the dynamics of the city.





Situated within a 22500 sqm land area, the mosque will acquire 4500 the space. The architecture firm developed a contemporary design with







creating visible conjunctions between the mosque, a nearby university, the city, and their surroundings. Pedestrian walkways located on the eastern and western sides of the mosque gradually deviate towards the Qibla wall, creating small contemplation spaces and "pauses" between the parallel passages.





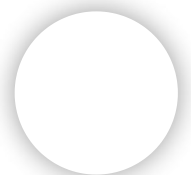
*Lead Architect:* Mohsen Kazemianfard

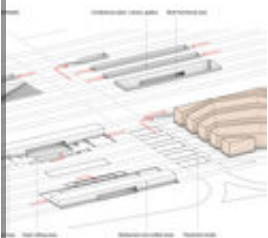
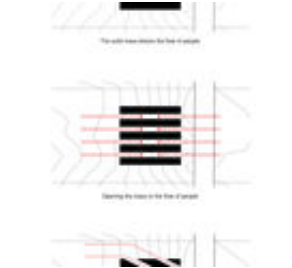
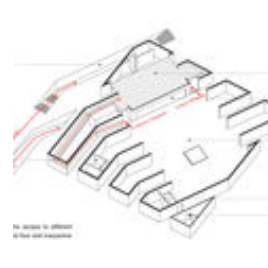
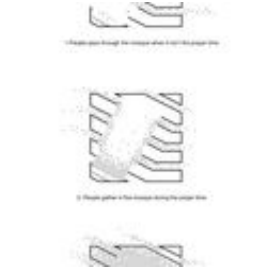
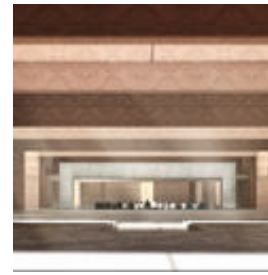
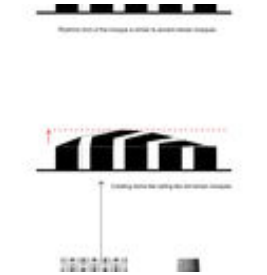
*Design Associates:* Parima Jahangard, Mona Razavi, Nazanin Sharif

*Animation:* Sadra Shahroudi

*Client:* Hajitarkhani Institution

*Civil Engineer:* Hamed Nouri



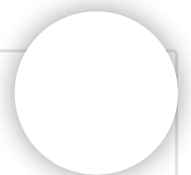


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