VELO CITY

ARCHITECTURE FOR BIKES

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BERMONDSEY BIKE STORE
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Sarah Wigglesworth Architects' Bermondsey Bike Store has become a centrepiece for a once run-down area of southeast London.

The bike store's façade, made up from triangular steel panels, is hung from a series of 13 portal frames made from Douglas fir. The translucent GRP panels used for the internal walls bathe the interior in natural diffused light.

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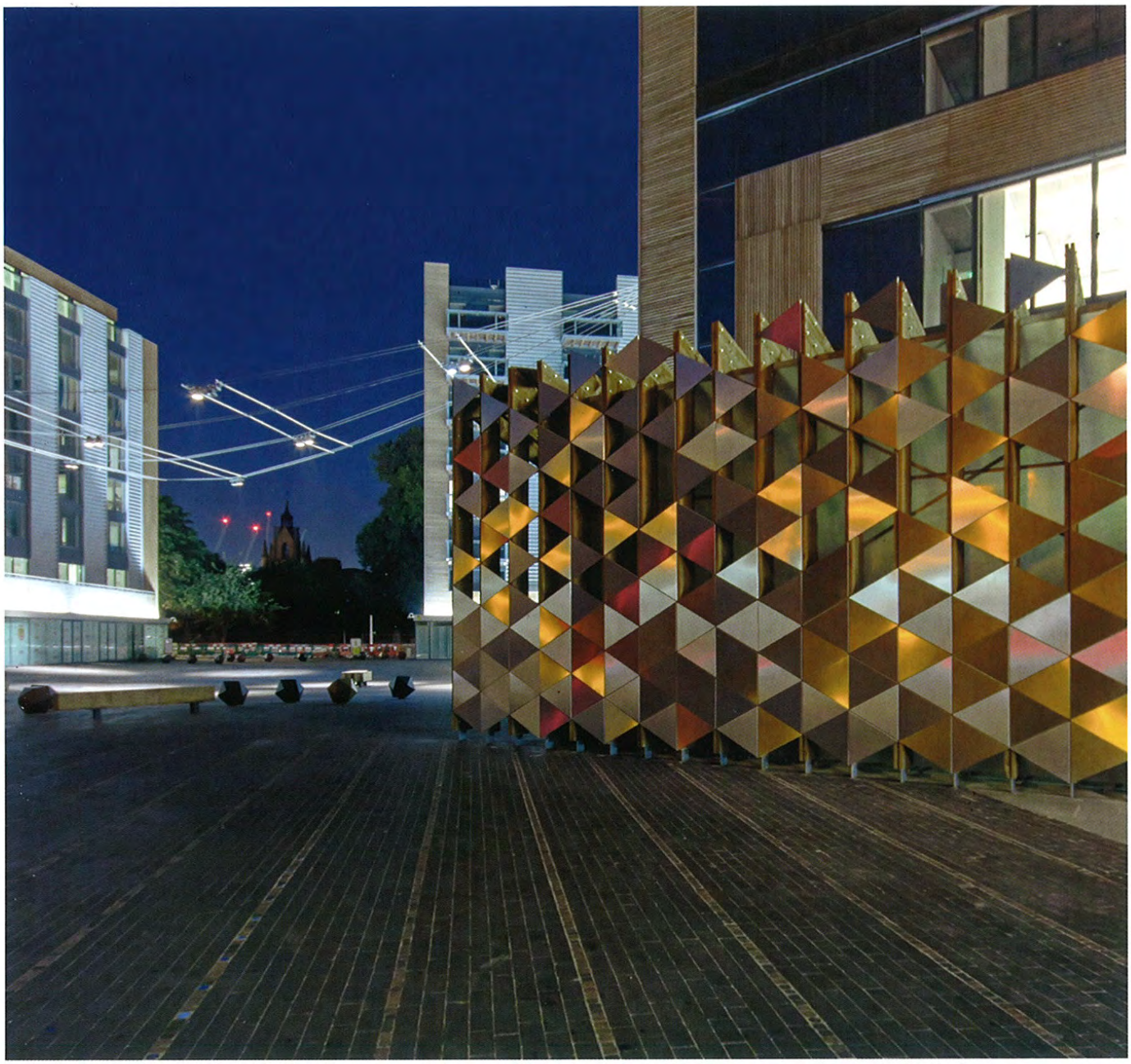
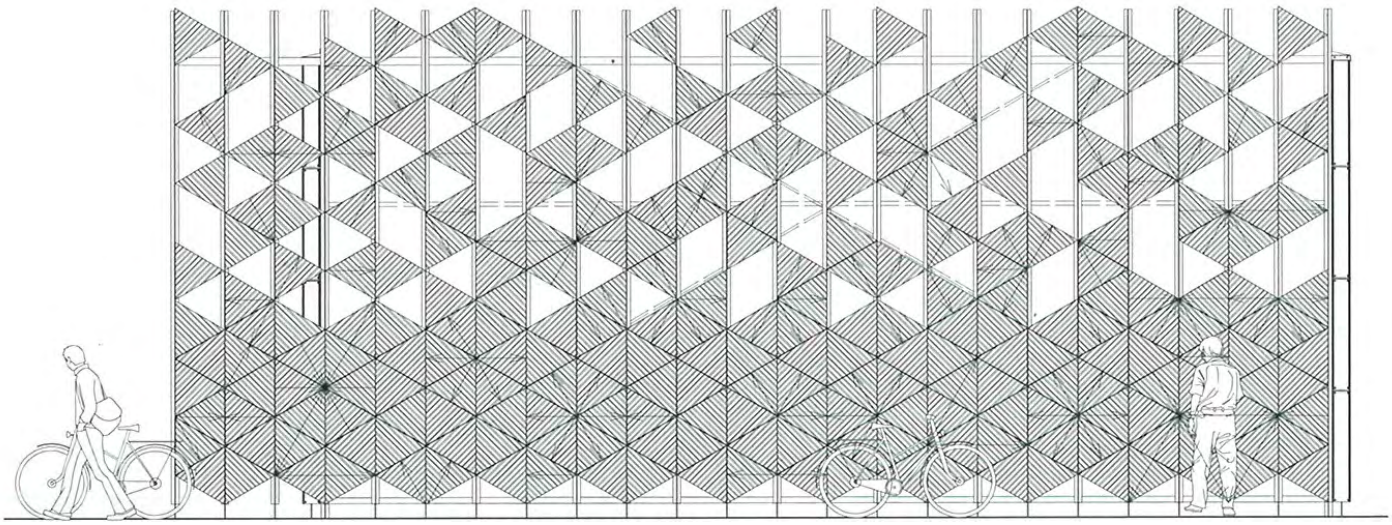
The bicycle store resembles - especially when lit up at night - a jewelled box, enhancing the square and adding a welcome dash of drama against the backdrop of its more soberly suited neighbours.



The practice has also designed a sustainable Christmas tree for the square which is made up of 35 recycled bike wheels and which can be used year after year.

There's space for 76 bicycles inside, all of which are reserved for residents and for those who work at the square.