

I. IDENTIFICATION**Mosque at Avicenne Military Hospital**

Marrakech, Morocco

Date Completed : 1982

Architect : Charles BOCCARA, MoroccoClient : Administration de Défense Nationale, Morocco

Building Type I : (612) Religious : Centres : Mosques

Building Type II :

II. DESCRIPTION

The project is situated in the military quarter of Marrakech to the west of the city. Located on the hospital grounds, the mosque was envisaged to be used by both patients and medical staff.

The building was designed to include a garden in order to create a separation between the mosque and the hospital public grounds.

The overall structure, rectangular in plan, consists of a central planted courtyard with a fountain for ablutions, a second court with access to the ablution rooms, and the prayer hall, which is based on a square plan with four columns. The prayer hall is surmounted by a central cupola which appears externally as a pyramidal roof. A generous, arcaded porch overlooks a pool on the north side of the prayer hall. Decoration is kept to a minimum, both internally and externally.

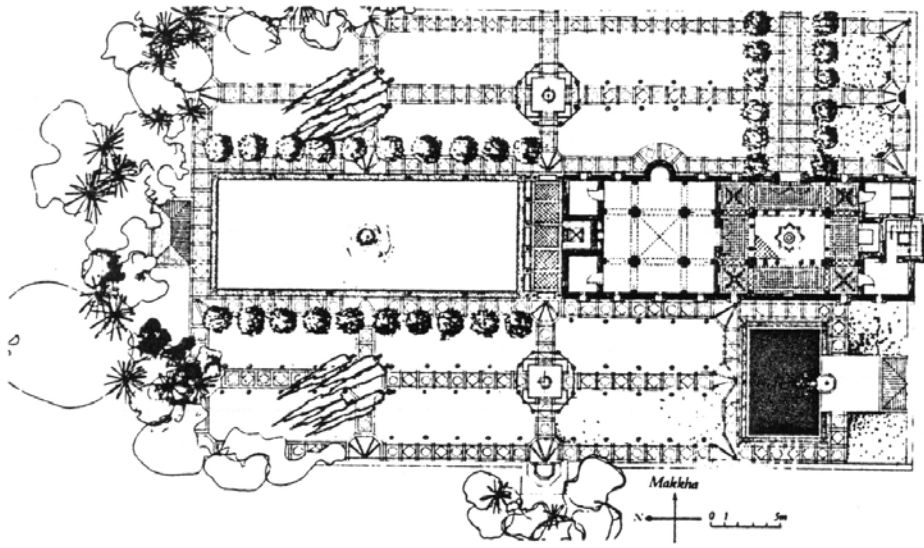
Construction:

Granite foundations and bearing walls, inner court perimeter walls of pisé stabilized with lime, interior arcades in baked bricks (locally produced), ceilings in traditional Tatoui technique (eucalyptus and laurel branches). The outer walls are earth coloured.

III. AREA and COSTS :**Site and Building Area (in square metres):**Site 6'000 Ground Floor 280 and 180 (pool) Total Floor _____**Costs :**

Total cost : US\$ 88'000 / DH 520'000

US\$ 338 per square metre / DH 2'000



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