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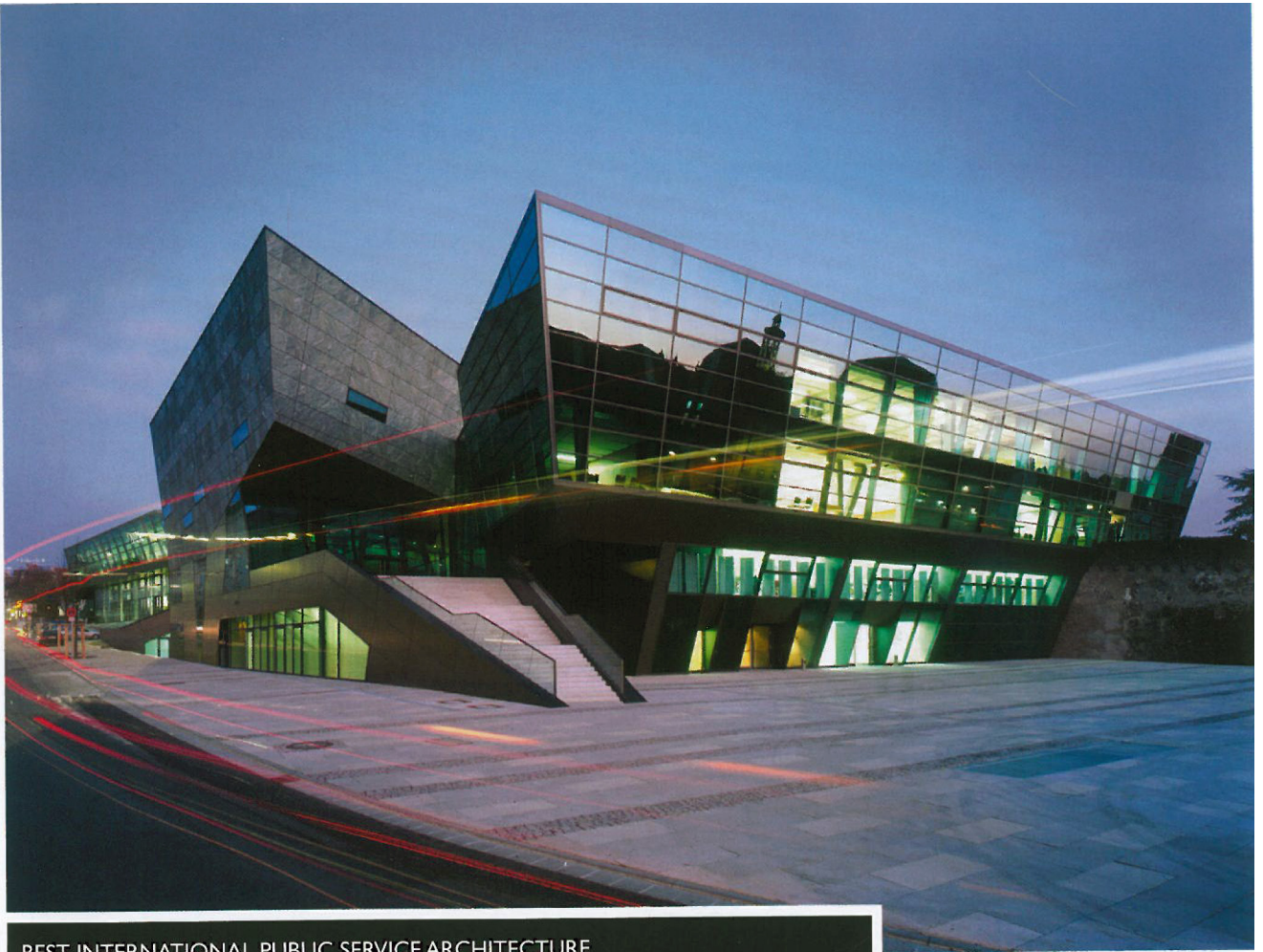


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Darmstadtium, a Science and Conference Centre in the city of Darmstadt, Germany, is the completed winning scheme of a three stage architectural competition. A total of 164 anonymous projects were presented with 30 of these being selected by the jury for further development. These were shortlisted to four before Chalabi Architects emerged from the third stage as the ultimate winner.

Within the outmoded Technical University campus of the 1960s, Darmstadtium faces an 18th century castle. A listed 52 metre long remaining part of the medieval city wall occupies part of the site and has been integrated into the foyer. All pedestrian paths from the surrounding campus are extended within the building and lead to the foyers.

The building's geometry and angles as well as the resulting vistas are contextual. Its back-of-house functions are placed at ground level but hidden within the ascending eight metre topography of the site. This unique solution allows the large assembly hall stage to be situated in the centre of the building. It also connects to the main entrance foyer when the safety curtain behind the stage is lifted.



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