

I. IDENTIFICATION DATA

Thesis title:	Adaptive Reuse of Historic Brewery in Sedlec, Kutná Hora
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II. EVALUATION OF INDIVIDUAL CRITERIA

Assignment	challenging
<i>How demanding was the assigned project?</i>	
<p>The historic site of brewery in Sedlec, which was former monastery built in the 12th century has fallen into ruins in past few decades. With close vicinity to the bone church and famous Cathedral, it holds more importance and value. The thesis deals with the adaptive reuse of the property which is also undergoing some minor renovations at the moment. The purpose is to function and cater to the community and tourists as a spiritual- cultural centre. Having almost a modern take on the concept of 'monastery' and facilitating to the current generational needs.</p>	

Fulfilment of assignment	fulfilled
<i>How well does the thesis fulfil the assigned task? Have the primary goals been achieved? Which assigned tasks have been incompletely covered, and which parts of the thesis are overextended? Justify your answer.</i>	
Please insert your comments here.	

Activity and independence when creating final thesis	B - very good.
<i>Assess whether the student had a positive approach, whether the time limits were met, whether the conception was regularly consulted and whether the student was well prepared for the consultations. Assess the student's ability to work independently.</i>	
Please insert your commentary.	

Technical level	B - very good.
<i>Is the thesis technically sound? How well did the student employ expertise in his/her field of study? Does the student explain clearly what he/she has done?</i>	
Please insert your comments here.	

Formal level and language level, scope of thesis	B - very good.
<i>Are formalisms and notations used properly? Is the thesis organized in a logical way? Is the thesis sufficiently extensive? Is the thesis well-presented? Is the language clear and understandable? Is the English satisfactory?</i>	
Please insert your comments here.	

Selection of sources, citation correctness	C - good.
<i>Does the thesis make adequate reference to earlier work on the topic? Was the selection of sources adequate? Is the student's original work clearly distinguished from earlier work in the field? Do the bibliographic citations meet the standards?</i>	
Please insert your comments here.	

Additional commentary and evaluation (optional)

Comment on the overall quality of the thesis, its novelty and its impact on the field, its strengths and weaknesses, the utility of the solution that is presented, the theoretical/formal level, the student's skillfulness, etc.

The main task of the diploma thesis of the student Yashashree Ananth Kumar is, based on the research and evaluation of the potential, to propose the revitalization and completion of the devastated area of the former brewery in the neighborhood of the important Gothic-Baroque temple of the former monastery Sedlec – Kutná Hora, a place with rich cultural, social and economic significance since the Middle Ages, which is under monument protection and is included in the UNESCO world cultural heritage list.

The area is undergoing gradual staged restoration under the leadership of a private investor, but for the most part it is still in a state of disrepair, similar to the neighboring area of the former farm yard and castle, in the vicinity of which there is a famous chapel with an ossuary.

The diploma thesis is nicely and clearly presented in a cultured graphic design and convincingly presents an original vision of the proposal for the regeneration of a damaged industrial area for a holistic cultural center, ideologically connected to the demolished neighboring historical monastery, which was transformed into a cigarette factory in the past.

III. OVERALL EVALUATION, QUESTIONS FOR THE PRESENTATION AND DEFENSE OF THE THESIS, SUGGESTED GRADE

Summarize your opinion on the thesis and explain your final grading.

The overall layout and operational continuity of the individual parts of the new functional concept appear favorable, but in some parts the chosen layout and operational solution of the interiors has its reserves. In some respects, it would also be appropriate to specify the proposed structural solution, which, however, given the scope of the work, is understandable.

The presented design and visualization of the architectural modifications of the selected exteriors and interiors present a distinctive creative approach to the regeneration and transformation of the historical building, with original designs for the interiors, garden and courtyard, therefore I recommend this remarkable work for defense.

The grade that I award for the thesis is **B - very good**.

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Signature: *Tomáš Efler*

