

## **Stefano Boeri Architetti opens a new office-think tank in Tirana, Albania**

**Thursday, May 3rd 2019, Stefano Boeri Architetti** opens an office and a think-tank in **Tirana** with young Albanian architects.

After having designed the future of Tirana, with the Masterplan **Tirana 2030** completed in 2016, Stefano Boeri Architetti establishes a new branch of its Milanese office in the Albanian capital, in in Rruga Pjeter Bogdani, in the central district of Blloku.

“We have opened of our new office in Tirana because we wanted to give back to albanian young architects the opportunity of growth that this extraordinary city has offered us and still continues to offer” says **Stefano Boeri**.

In Tirana, today at the center of the international attention also for the challenges that it has decided to face at an urbanistic scale but also at the environmental one with the creation, conceived in the masterplan **Tirana 2030**, of a continuous ring of woodland made up of 3 millions of new trees, Stefano Boeri Architetti is following the construction of three new buildings for private clients and also the project of 3 of the 22 schools, “open 24 hours a day, all days of the year, to people of all ages”. The schools are also part of the development of the city designed by the office.

Together with the office opening, Stefano Boeri Architetti announced the beginning of the construction of a new residential building nearby the Albanian Presidential Palace.

The building is located in a narrow and wide parcel that faces with its smallest façade an important boulevard but opens itself fully with its longest façade on a wide public space inside the urban structure that relates it directly with other public building that insist on the area.

“The volume is designed as many cubes overlapped: different residential units vertically piled up and slightly dis-aligned in order to give very single apartment a loggia or a balcony at least. This architectural solution also gives every unit a different visual perception on Tirana. The basement is entirely open to the city and hosts different commercial and entertaining activities that strengthen the connection of the building to the urban context” specifies **Francesca Cesa Bianchi**, Project Director di Stefano Boeri Architetti.

This residential building located in Rruga Ibrahim Rugova is up to now the third building under construction in Tirana designed by Stefano Boeri Architetti, together with the commercial building **Blloku Cube** in Rruga Pjeter Bogdani and the **Vertical Forest** in Rruga Dervish Hima.

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