

## **Symbiosis business district's Building D by ACPV ARCHITECTS reaches completion**

**Milan, October 27, 2022** – Architecture and interior design practice ACPV ARCHITECTS Antonio Citterio Patricia Viel celebrates the completion of Building D in Milan's Symbiosis business district by Covivio. The new 20,000-sqm office building redefines the workspace as a place that can adapt to employees' ever-changing needs.

Building D, designed for European investment and development company Covivio, welcomes large firms, such as Boehringer Ingelheim, LVMH P&C Italia, Amplifon, and companies of the Mars - Royal Canin Italia and Fratelli Orsero groups. Building D has obtained LEED Platinum and WELL Bronze certifications for its focus on people's well-being, indoor comfort, and energy-efficient design that guarantees lower carbon emissions.

The office building's completion has been marked by the event 'A Piece of Beauty' by Covivio that unveiled the artwork 'Altra Natura' by emerging artist Pamela Diamante, the winner of the first edition of the Covivio Acquisition Award established as part of the international modern and contemporary art fair MIART. Breaking through from the ground to take shape in Symbiosis, the site-specific artwork reproduces a hybrid living organism in the continuum between nature and culture.

Building D comprises two superimposed volumes: a shorter four-floor-high portion whose top floors cantilever over Via Orobia, and a nine-floor-high portion with generous spatial arrangements for office spaces, and commercial spaces on the ground floor. The green outdoor garden located on the roof of the shorter volume improves employees' well-being by offering a one-of-a-kind place for a casual walk or light physical exercise.

The new building's flexible layout facilitates agile work processes, fostering interaction through collaborative workspaces where people can connect seamlessly with colleagues working from home. This optimized use of workspace allows the building to absorb new functions that diversify the ways in which people can experience the office environment. The kitchenette, the gym, the resting and hotel rooms of Building D ensure employees can access all essential facilities without needing to leave the premises.

As a highly energy-efficient building designed with social sustainability in mind, Building D interacts with existing buildings and green public areas in its surroundings. The building's use of materials, and the patterns drawn by its alternating glass and solid elements, recall the features of the adjacent Fastweb Headquarters, while the street level's green areas and water surfaces merge with Piazza Olivetti – the square named after Italian engineer and entrepreneur Adriano Olivetti.

The completion of Building D is a major milestone in implementing ACPV ARCHITECTS' Symbiosis masterplan that envisions an accessible new district, following a polycentric and pedestrian-friendly model of sustainable urban development. Part of the Sharing Cities project, a European initiative focused on innovative approaches to creating more environmentally sustainable and livable cities,

Milan's Symbiosis area is currently undergoing rapid transformation, offering new educational and service sector facilities in line with contemporary demands.

## CREDITS

Building D (Symbiosis business district, Milan, Italy) is an architecture project by ACPV ARCHITECTS Antonio Citterio Patricia Viel for Covivio.

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## ACPV ARCHITECTS Antonio Citterio Patricia Viel

ACPV ARCHITECTS Antonio Citterio Patricia Viel is an architecture and interior design practice headquartered in Milan, Italy. Led by architects Antonio Citterio and Patricia Viel, the practice is involved in several international projects, developing complex projects at different scales of intervention – from master planning to residential and mixed-use complexes, corporate headquarters, hotels, and the conservative renovation of public buildings. Today, ACPV ARCHITECTS can rely on a team of more than 140 people, coordinated by eight partners. Recent projects include: NEXXT–Fastweb HQ at the Symbiosis business district in Milan (Italy); NOVE, an office building in Munich (Germany); Arte, a residential building in Miami-Surfside (USA); La Bella Vita residential tower in Taichung (Taiwan); luxury hotels in Europe, Asia and the Middle East.

In 2021, ACPV ARCHITECTS produced "The Importance of Being an Architect" (a MyBossWas production, by Giorgio Ferrero and Federico Biasin, 60', Italy), a documentary film conceived as a virtual dialogue and musical journey in four acts, which investigates the responsibility of architects in building the society of tomorrow. The film has been featured in several festivals worldwide.

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