

Milan beats New York: Bosco Verticale is the best skyscraper on Earth

During yesterday night, in Chicago, the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat promoted by Illinois Institute of Technology of Chicago, has awarded Bosco Verticale as the most beautiful and innovative skyscraper of the world, beating the One World Trade Center of New York, symbol of the American renaissance

Stefano Boeri: "I'm very happy for Milan and Italy, that could see today in Bosco Verticale the symbol of its recovery, and I'm glad also for the Italian culture and architecture that confirm that their great innovation moment"

Manfredi Catella: "Italy has returned to produce architectural excellence recognized worldwide"



Chicago, November 2015: After the International Highrise Award of Frankfurt and the success in China, the Bosco Verticale, designed and planned by **Boeri Studio** (Stefano Boeri, Gianandrea Barreca, and Giovanni La Varra) **managed by COIMA SGR**, in the district **Porta Nuova Isola in Milan**, has been awarded in USA as the **most beautiful and innovative skyscraper of the world**.

The prestigious Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat promoted by Illinois Institute of Technology of Chicago chooses every year the best skyscraper in each continent and then declares the most beautiful and innovative one among all the continental winners. Bosco Verticale, after winning the award for the best European skyscraper, prize announced months ago, yesterday evening has won the award for the **Best Tall Building Worldwide 2015** giving to European architecture the victory over the other continents (the award has been won last year by the One Central Park in Sidney – Australia).

The prize giving took place in the night of 12th of November in Chicago during the ceremony in the famous Crown Hall designed by Mies van der Rohe. Bosco Verticale has won this prestigious prize competing against the **One World Trade Center - New York**, realized by the renowned **SOM studio** (CTBUH award winner for Americas) and the

favourite one for the worldwide prize, **CapitaGreen – Singapore, realized by Toyo Ito & Associates Architects (CTBUH award winner for Asia - Ausatralasia), Burj Mohammed Bin Rashid Tower - Abu Dhabi, realized by Norman Foster + Parters (CTBUH award winner for Middle East & Africa).**

The prize was awarded because Bosco Verticale is an unprecedented idea in its deployment of greenery at such scale and height. The building's intensive "*living façade*", incorporating numerous trees and more than 90 species of vegetation, is an active interface to the surrounding environment. The scheme is exceptional because of the plants act as an extension of the tower's exterior envelope. The jury called this exploration of the viability of greenery at such heights groundbreaking.

Manfredi Catella, co-founder and CEO of COIMA SGR, stated: *"This further international Award to Porta Nuova and Bosco Verticale, reaffirms our Italy's architectural reputation in the world, through innovative projects, including new challenges of sustainability in buildings"*

Stefano Boeri, added: *"After the worldwide prize received in Frankfurt in 2014, the global one of CTBUH in Chicago in 2015 confirms that Bosco Verticale of Milan has become an international contemporary architectural icon. I'm happy for Milan that could see in Bosco Verticale its symbol of recovery, and also for the Italian culture and architecture taht confirm their great innovation moment. The prize to Bosco Verticale is the award to the bravery and common hard work of a great team of creative talents, technicians, experts, entrepreneurs,building workers who has realized an innovative and unique architecture in Milan".*

Bosco Verticale is located in Porta Nuova, one of the most prestigious city center mixed use developments in Europe, whose sole investor is Qatar Investment Authority.

CREDITS of the project:

Boeri Studio (Stefano Boeri, Gianandrea Barreca, Giovanni La Varra)

Bosco Verticale Landscape Design: Emanuela Borio and Laura Gatti

Interior Design: COIMA Image in collaboration with Dolce Vita HomesAesthetic Supervision of works:
Davor Popovic

Investor: Qatar Investment Authority

Asset Management: COIMA SGR

Property Manager: COIMA

Design phases: 2006 – 2008

Construction phases: 2008 – 2014

Design development: Gianni Bertoldi (coordinator), Francesco de Felice, Alessandro Agosti, Andrea Casetto, Matteo Colognese, Angela Parrozzani, Stefano Onnis

Schematic design and PII: Frederic de Smet (coordinator), Daniele Barillari, Marco Brega, Julien Boitard, Matilde Cassani, Andrea Casetto, Francesca Cesa Bianchi, Inge Lengwenus, Corrado Longa, Eleanna Kotsikou, Matteo Marzi, Emanuela Messina, Andrea Sellanes **Structures:** Arup Italia s.r.l.

Facilities Design: Deerns Italia s.p.a.

Detailed Design: Tekne s.p.a.

Landscape Design: Land s.r.l.

Infrastructure Design: Alpina s.p.a.

Building Management & Supervision of Works (DL) 2008-2012: MI.PR.AV. s.r.l.
Building Management & Supervision of Works (DL) 2013-2014: Studio Ing. Giorgio Ceruti
Cost, Time & Tender Management: J&A Consultants s.r.l.
General Contractor 2008-2012: ZH General Construction Company S.p.A.
Main Contractor 2013-2014: COLOMBO COSTRUZIONI S.p.A.

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