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## City Futura in Milan, Italy by B+U Architects

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"City Futura" is a visionary urban design proposal for an expansion of the City of Milan set in the year 2210. The project is part of a development plan for fifteen different sites located on the outer ring connected by the Milan Metro line. An eclectic international group of architects including Mad Office from Beijing, R&sie(n) from Paris, Rojkind Arquitectos from Ciudad de México and B+U from Los Angeles among others were invited to each choose one of the available sites and envision an "arch-urban object". Our site is located in the North-West part of the city close to Piazzale Giovanni dalle Bande Nere adjacent to the Bande Nere metro train station. City Futura is superimposed over the existing city leaving most of its buildings untouched and tapping into existing infrastructure and expand it.



Main View

- **Architects:** B+U Architects
- **Project:** City Futura
- **Location:** Milan, Italy
- **Client:** City of Milan
- **Program:** City for 70,000 inhabitants
- **Size:** 50 Million sqft
- **Architect Design:** B+U, Ilp, Herwig Baumgartner, principal, Scott Uriu, principal
- **Team:** Dan Hutchins, Stephan Sobl

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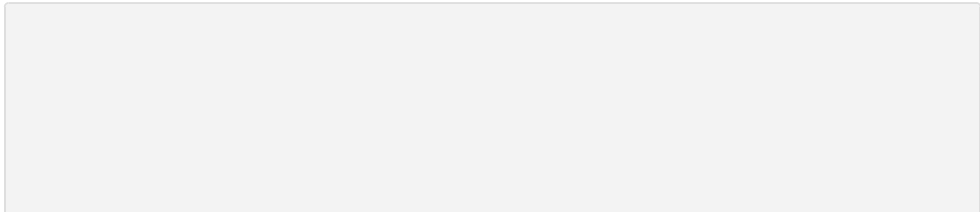
**Urban design concept- Tissue and Void**

The 600m tall structure hovers over the city covering about a million square meter area and is divided into nine districts that are organized around three programmatic topics including: A- Civic; B- Entertainment and Recreation; and C-Art, Fashion and Manufacturing. Initially the nine districts were represented as spherical void spaces and randomly placed across the site, floating above the ground and varying in size and height they became placeholders for enormous civic arenas which expand up to 250 meters in diameter.



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These public super centers act as a scaffold for developing a new kind of urban tissue that is not defined by conventional massing and zoning rules within a two dimensional city grid but are based on emergent growth models and developed by linking together families of massing elements that form larger subsystems in-between and around these public hubs, which then in turn are linked again to give rise to a grander systems vastly expanding across the city. Elevating this system off the ground exposes the underside of the city, a quasi sixth façade.



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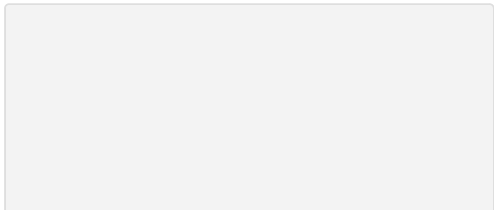
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It allowed us to rethink the city quite literally from the ground up envisioning how one might move through it and how infrastructure might develop, how our spatial perception and experience might change, how our organizational models can be expanded and new interrelations can be made. City Futura touches ground and connects with the “old” city at several strategically important locations, which are related to existing or newly proposed infrastructure, including train stations, metro lines and sky trains that connect the 70,000 plus inhabitants of this new part of town with the rest of Milan and the world.



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The Districts that can be best described as enormous public outdoor spaces, which expand vertically and horizontally approximating the spherical void, which based on its geometry is mostly covered, but has large openings bringing in daylight and expanding views to the city all around. Driving underneath one of these vibrant hubs will be an impressive experience and visually draw you up into these hyper-dense urban centers that appear to be floating hundreds of meters above you.

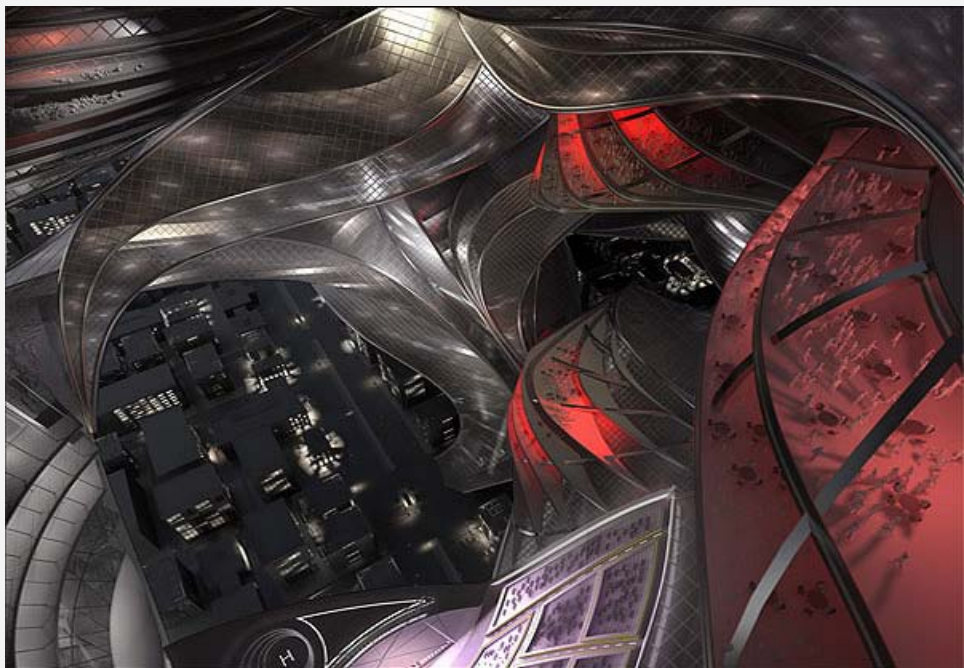


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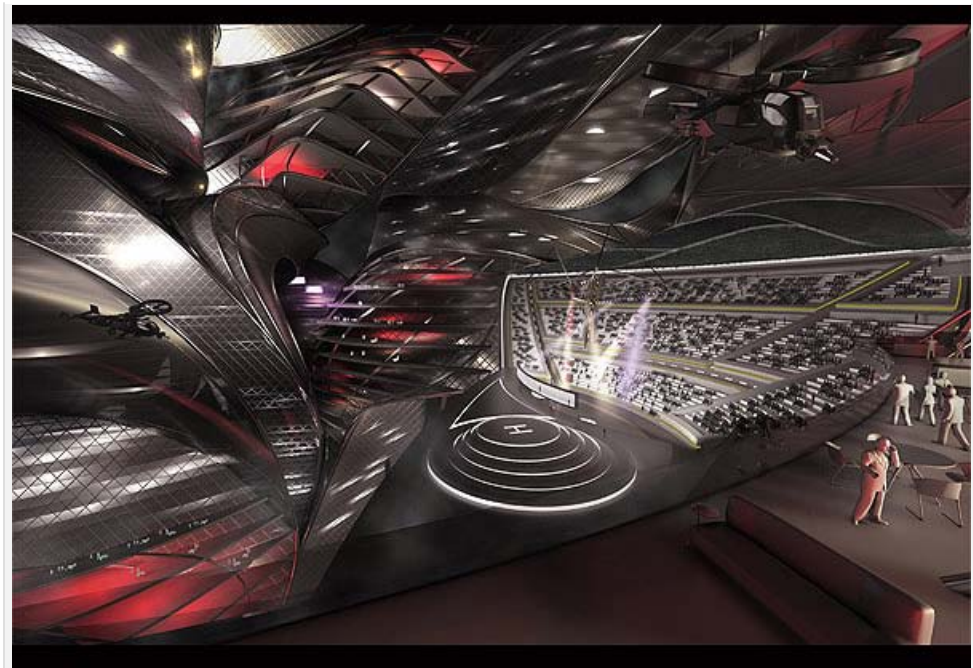


One of the largest hubs is the Entertainment and Recreation district (represented on the close up rendering), that includes for example a 5,000 seat outdoor amphitheater for film, opera, dance and music; a playhouses, clubs, restaurants, movie theaters mixed in several vertical green spaces that in total exceed the size of Central Park in New York City. The building volumes connecting the districts with each other consist of an exuberant and highly differentiated massing morphology that provides around 6.5 million square meters of housing, offices and commercial spaces and is the core structure for this urban vision of Milan's future.



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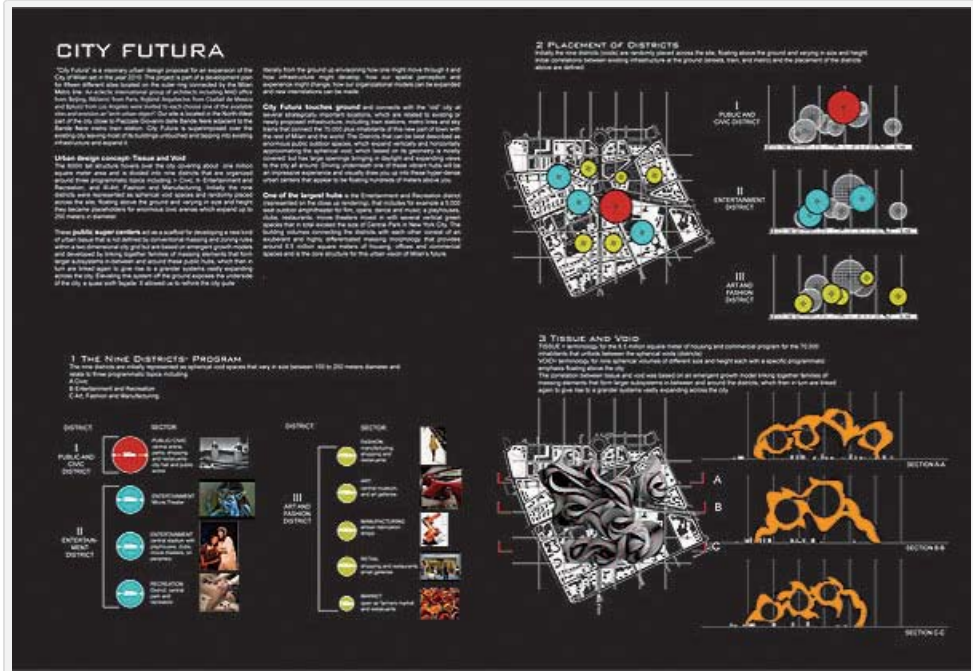


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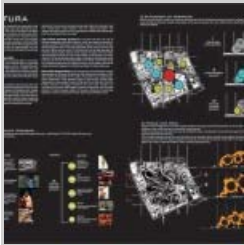


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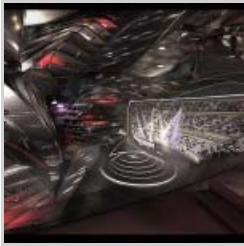
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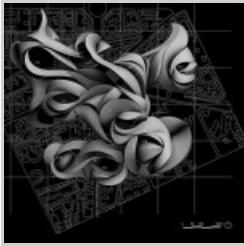
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