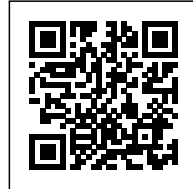




## HOPE CITY

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HOPE City - Home Office People Environment - is a major mixed-use development, incorporating high quality residential, business, leisure, retail, hospitality, educational, cultural and recreational uses.



The project arises over an area of 400 hectares including a mixed functional programme of about 3 million sqm of Gross Floor Area, hosting more than 65,000 citizens.

HOPE City is designed by the Italian architectural firm Open Building Research (OBR, Paolo Brescia and Tommaso Principi) in coordination with an international team of experts in engineering,

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economy, finance, mobility and environment. This project is part of the national development policy aiming to transform Ghana into a knowledge-society, a first choice for international investors and an active player in the global economy.



Despite the traditional leading sectors of the country, Information and Communication Technologies are seeing a strong development. In this sense, HOPE City is a new international polarity. It is the most sustainable real estate development in Ghana and a milestone project for Africa.

HOPE City is not only a new technological hub, but also a completely new city, which is also a new

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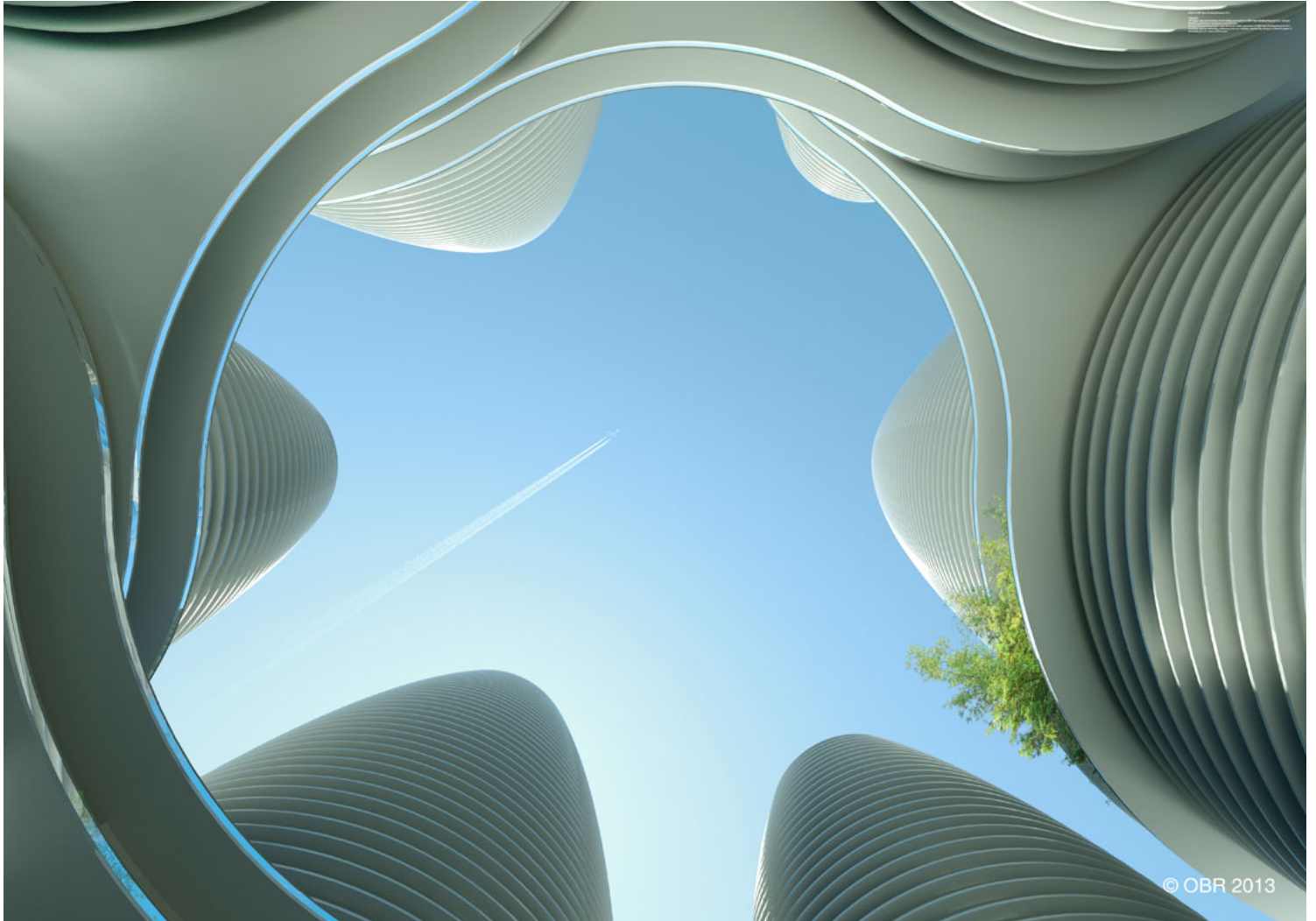


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worldwide cultural anchor, attracting international tourists, investors and trades, by hosting the largest Pan-African Contemporary Art Foundation and the Science Centre.



The design investigates an alternative to the typical campus scheme, where single buildings are dedicated to specific functions, toward a new urban centrality with the same functional and social complexity to the city.

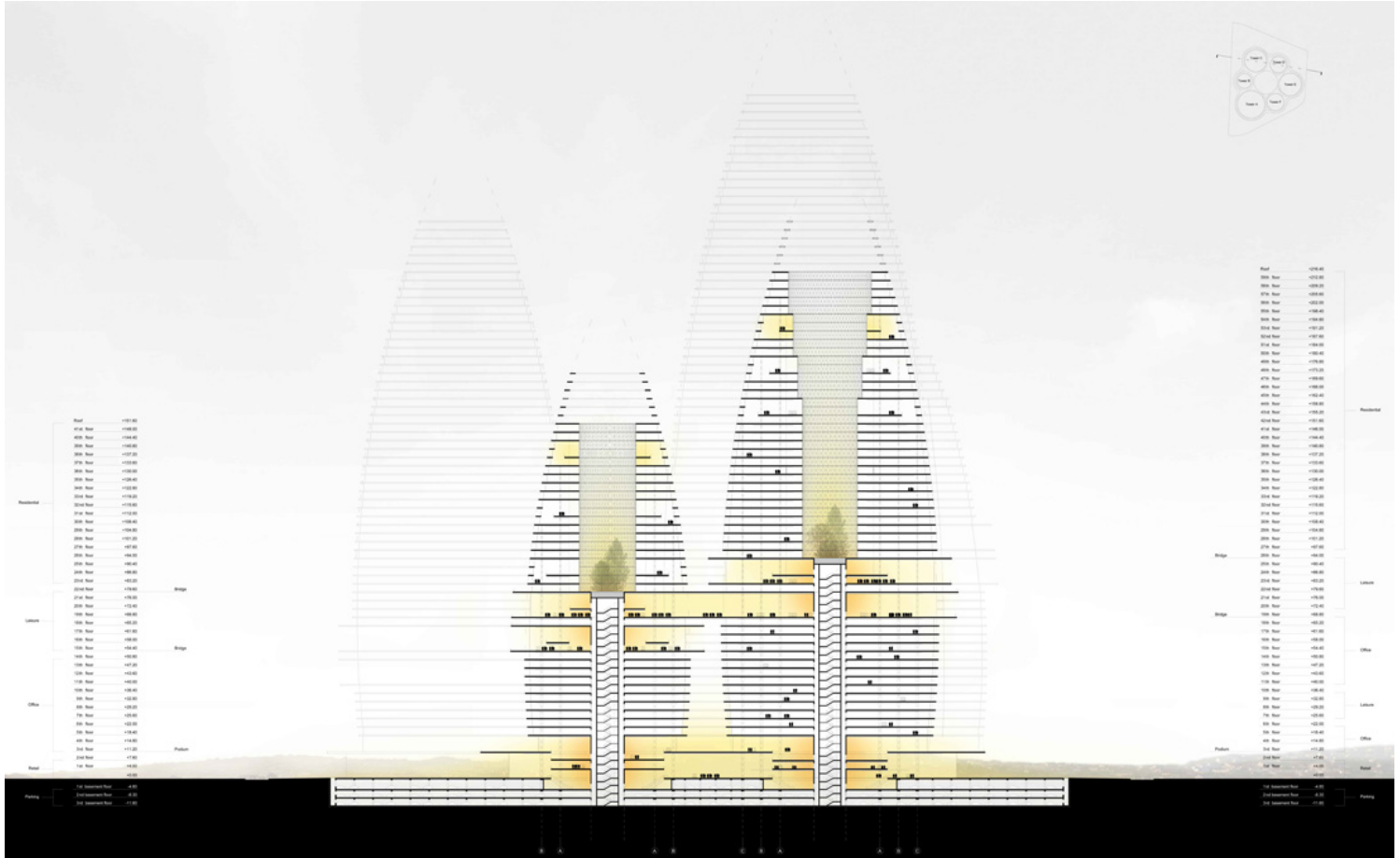
The towers are not a series of separated objects in the landscape, but define together a unique compound as a new urban polarity in the widespread cityscape, creating a very effective urban life

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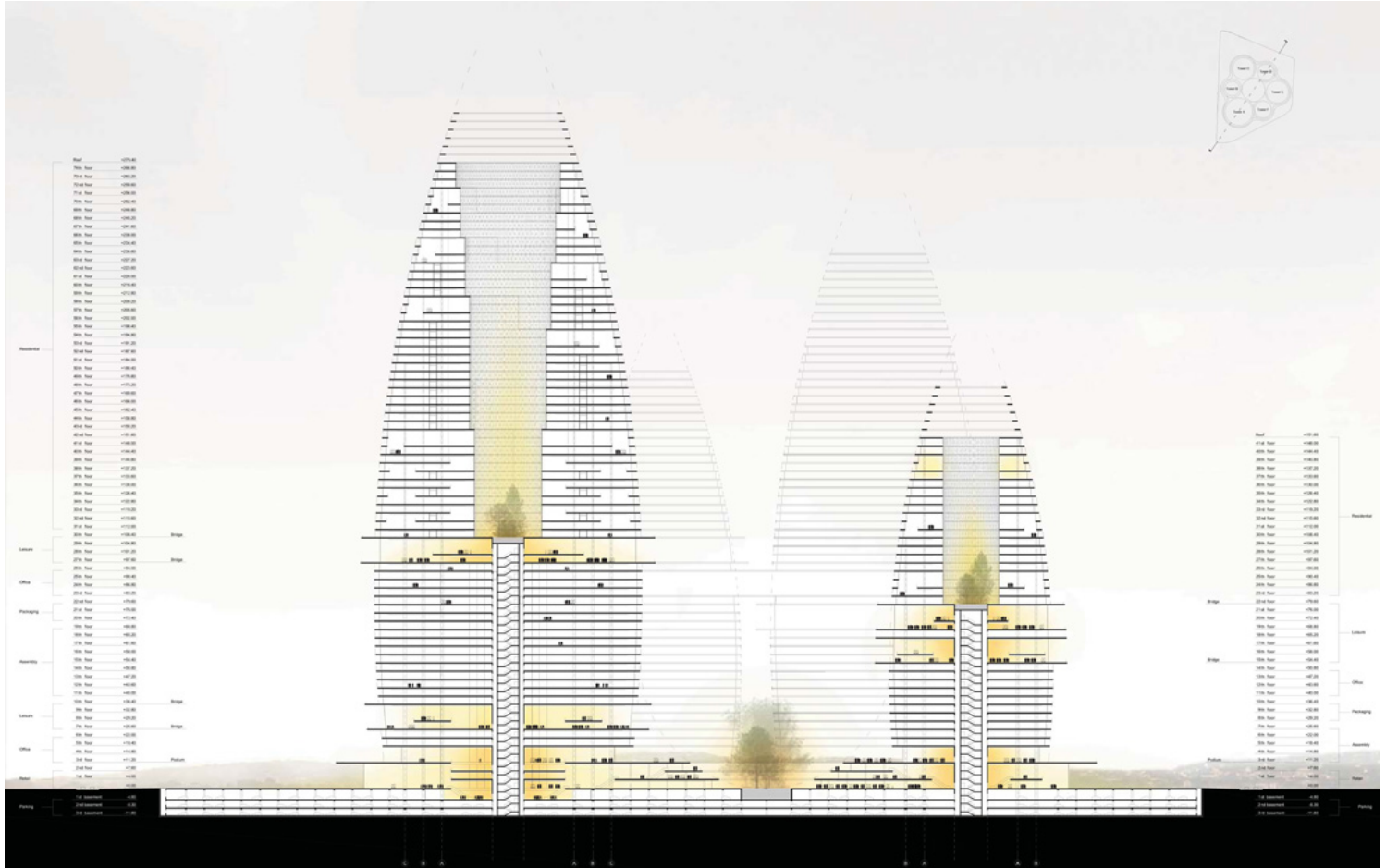
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based on easy and sustainable interconnectivity and visual-physical communication between people.



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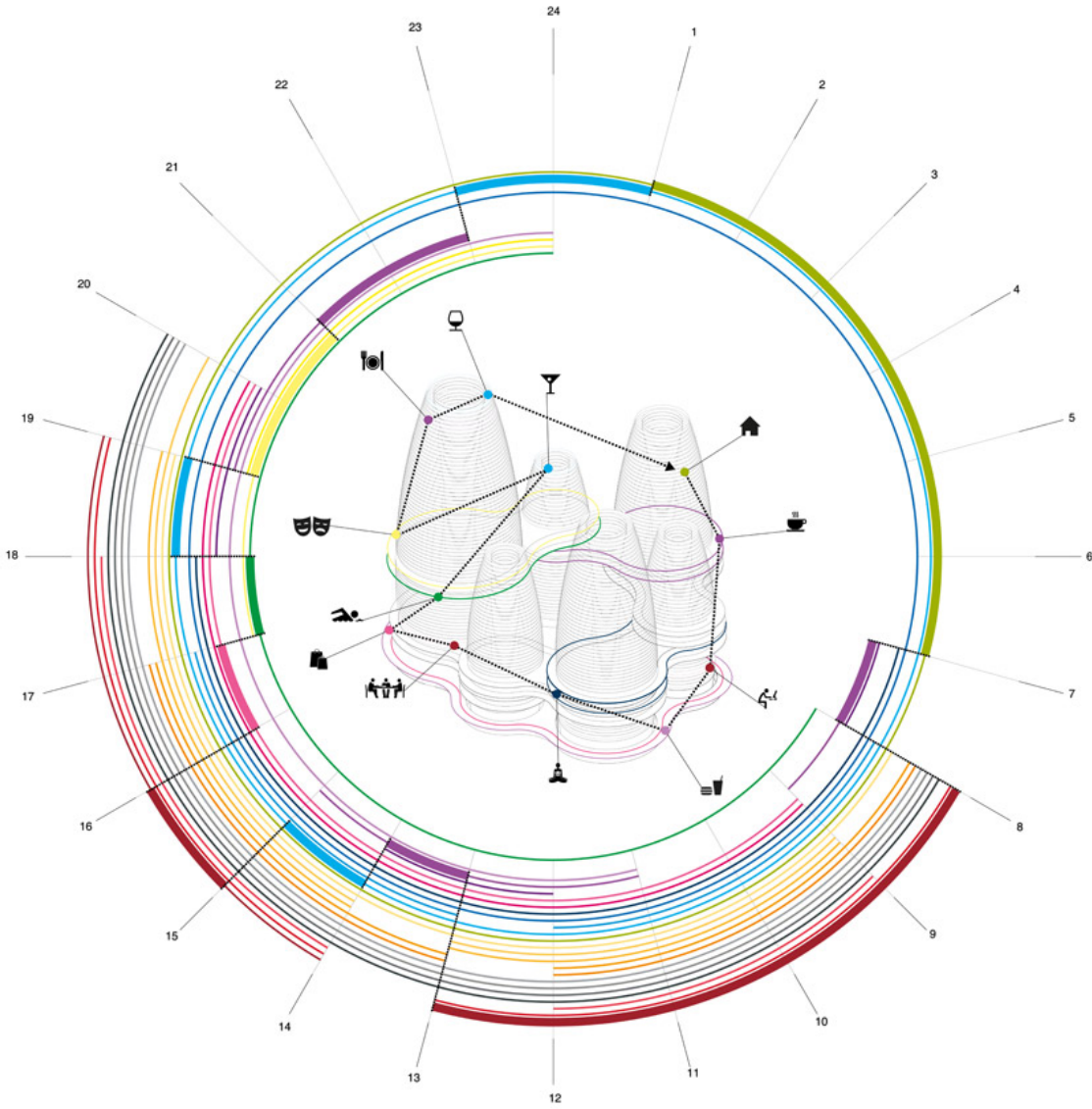
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The clusters are composed to recreate the typical Ghanaian urban aggregation, which generates an inner space for the community. HOPE city is intended to promote - through Architecture - the sense of Community, sharing common values in common space.

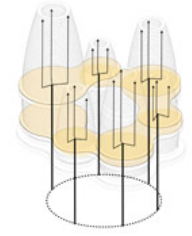
HOPE City is the opportunity to demonstrate how urban planning and business capacities can merge together in a sustainable project, while still respecting the local environment, society, culture and traditions in a contemporary way.

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INTERCONNECTIVITY: a day in HOPE city



## CONNECTIONS



## PROGRAM



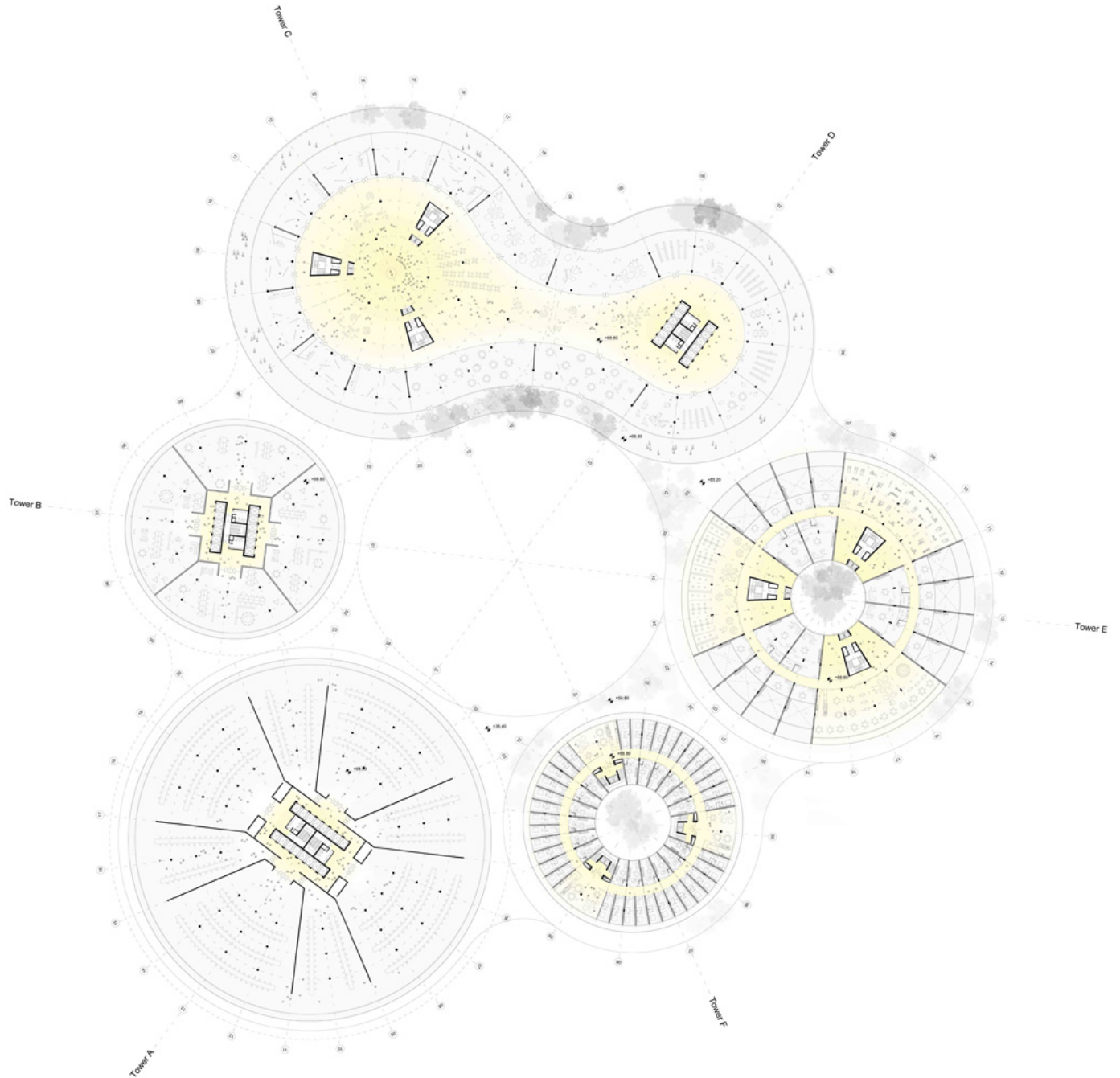
<b>1. Administration</b>			
• Boardroom	1,200 people	10 spectators	12,000 sqm
• Executive	500 people	20 spectators	12,000 sqm
• Reception	50 people	30 spectators	1,000 sqm
<b>Total</b>	1,750 people		25,000 sqm
<b>Total estimated workers</b>	1,800 people		
<b>2. Industry</b>			
• Fabrication	7,000 people	7 spectators	49,000 sqm
• Production	8,000 people	7 spectators	56,000 sqm
• Assembly	13,000 people	7 spectators	91,000 sqm
• Packaging	5,000 people	7 spectators	35,000 sqm
<b>Total</b>	33,000 people		231,000 sqm
<b>Total estimated workers</b>	33,000 people		
<b>3. Research</b>			
• R&D Research & Development	2,000 people	10 spectators	20,000 sqm
• R&D Research & Development management	500 people	10 spectators	10,000 sqm
• University Students	5,000 people	7 spectators	35,000 sqm
• University Professors	100 people	10 spectators	1,000 sqm
• University Staff	30 people	3 spectators	300 sqm
<b>Total</b>	12,630 people		106,300 sqm
<b>Total estimated workers</b>	7,630 people		
<b>Total R&amp;D (r+D) Green Floor Area</b>	7,630 people		
<b>Total estimated R&amp;D workers (r+D)</b>	42,800 people		
<b>4. Residence</b>			
• 11 Single room accommodations	20,000 units	24 sqm	480,000 sqm
• 12 Family accommodations	2,000 units	52 sqm	104,000 sqm
• 13 Family accommodations	200 units	100 sqm	20,000 sqm
• 14 Executive special guests	10 units	150 sqm	1,500 sqm
<b>Total</b>	22,200 units		605,500 sqm
<b>Total estimated residents</b>	30,000 people		
<b>5. Facilities</b>			
• Gym	200 people	40 spectators	10,000 sqm
• Bath	100 people	10 spectators	1,000 sqm
• Hospital	100 beds	100 spectators	20,700 sqm
• Social Activities (lectures, seminars, & so.)			1,000 sqm
<b>Total</b>	1,000 people		32,700 sqm
<b>Total estimated workers</b>	1,000 people		
<b>6. Commercial space</b>			
• R&D Store, exhibition centre	200 units	70 sqm	14,000 sqm
• Office	300 people		24,000 sqm
<b>Total</b>	500 people		38,000 sqm
<b>Total estimated workers</b>	500 people		
<b>7. Catering</b>			
• Dining Hall (2 times)	20,000 people	2 spectators	40,000 sqm
• Restaurants (200 people)	4 units	700 sqm	2,800 sqm
• Fast food	10 units	300 sqm	1,200 sqm
<b>Total</b>	20,010 people		44,000 sqm
<b>Total estimated workers</b>	20,010 people		
<b>8. Cinema &amp; Auditorium</b>			
• Cinema (20%)	5 cinemas	400 sqm	2,000 sqm
• Auditorium & Stage	400 people	2 spectators	800 sqm
<b>Total</b>	100 people		2,800 sqm
<b>Total estimated workers</b>	100 people		
<b>9. Underground parking (2 levels)</b>			
• Parking capacity	5,000 cars	20 spectators	100,000 sqm
<b>Total</b>	5,000 people		100,000 sqm
<b>Total estimated workers</b>	5,000 people		
<b>10. Outdoor leisure</b>			
• Swimming pool			5,000 sqm
• Athletic field			8,000 sqm
• Golf course (synthetic)			5,000 sqm
• Green			5,000 sqm
<b>Total</b>	100 people		23,000 sqm
<b>Total estimated workers</b>	100 people		
<b>Security</b>	200 people		
<b>Green Floor Area</b>			1,275,000
<b>Parking</b>			100,000 sqm
<b>Services (20%)</b>			141,000 sqm
<b>Total Built Surface</b>			1,516,000 sqm
<b>Total estimated people</b>	55,000 people		

Interconnectivity: a Day in HOPE City



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## **Plan**

HOPE City will be a site sensitive dynamic organism, which will create an urban effect, merging an international lifestyle with African traditions.

It will be more than a campus, in which single buildings are dedicated to specific functions. It will be a city, in which there is a synergy between different functions and different classes, ethnic groups and heterogeneous tastes that come together. This approach will activate social interactions and a more fluid socialisation between people.

It will be a new city with a strong identity, promoting – through Architecture – the sense of belonging to a new Community, sharing common values in common spaces.

For this reason, the design of HOPE City is developed by OBR (Paolo Brescia and Tommaso Principi) to be unique, iconic, environmentally sustainable and socially attractive, arranged according to landscape criteria, including the tallest tower of Africa.

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