

## ARCHITECT'S DIGEST

*A snapshot of the world's most inspiring places and spaces*

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### TOWERING BEAUTY

Could this be a high-rise block people actually want to live in? Italian architecture firm Boeri Studio has created the 'Bosco Verticale' ('vertical forest') towers, one of which is due for completion in Milan's Porta Nuova district this summer.

Billed as a first in so-called biological architecture, the block contains a staggering 480 large trees, 250 small trees, 11,000 plants and 5,000 shrubs – the equivalent of 10,000 square metres of forest. The benefits for residents

of these leafy apartments include better filtration of dust and sunlight, and closer contact with birds, bees and insects (although the latter may be less popular). Greywater recycling from kitchens, baths and showers will irrigate the plants, while solar panels will provide electricity. Milan is one of the most polluted cities in the world, and the hope is that more of these green towers will eventually create a network of environmental corridors ([boeristudio.it](http://boeristudio.it)).