

Project description and Background Information regarding the *Taiwan Tower International Competition* (official competition website: www.twtower.com.tw)

"TAIWAN TOWER TECH TREE" Proposal by Dorin STEFAN qualified among the five shortlist tenderers for stage two of the **"Taiwan Tower" International Competition** as Taichung Deputy Mayor Hsiao Chia-chi unveiled Friday, the 2nd of September.

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The seven-member judge panel is comprised of experts from Taiwan, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States. According to the city's Urban Development Bureau, the significance of the Taiwan Tower Conceptual Design International Competition attracted a great deal of global talent, 12 of which in particular caught the attention of the judges. From a pool of 99 participating teams, the panel selected five teams from the U.K., Austria, the U.S., Romania and Japan.

The panel said at a press conference to announce the finalists that when the final winning design is realized and built, it will „definitely redefine the conventional definition of high-rise towers.”

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On the 21st of June 2011 the official site announced (www.twtower.com.tw):

„TAICHUNG, Taiwan--(EON: Enhanced Online News)--Taichung City Government is happy to announce the "Taiwan Tower International Competition" procurement project right now. This competition is new and different from the "Taiwan Tower Conceptual Design International Competition" that was completed on 2010/11/05 and it was a "Conceptual Design"

Please note that the qualification of this competition is different from the Conceptual Design competition...

The tenderers are not required to (and they should not) follow the winning projects of "Conceptual Design". Instead, the tenderers need to propose a new proposal in accordance with their design concept. Please DO NOT copy or make reference to the winning projects of Conceptual Design competition for your proposal.”

Project team:

Dorin STEFAN architect leader*

Bogdan CHIPARA, architect in charge*

Adrian ARENDT, architect*

Claudiu BARSAN-PIPU , architect**

Oana NITUICA , architect**

Corina FODOR , architect*
Anda STEFAN, interior design architect*
Ioana VULTUR, architect, pr officer*
Dragos MILOTIN
Emilian GEORGESCU

Mihai CRACIUN, consultant
Dragos MARCU, consultant
Adrian CIOCANEA, consultant
ARUP(Structural and Mechanical Engineering consultants)
CUNDALL(M.E.P. + Sustainability + Environmental consultants)
WERNER SOBEK(Technical consultant)
Erwin Kessler(Art Curator & Critic)

** **DSBA Dorin Stefan Birou de Arhitectura** (<http://www.dsba.ro>) was founded in 1990 as a follow up of **Dorin STEFAN's** architectural practice started in 1975. During the communist era, he designed proposals for a series of international competitions (such as Tête Défense, Paris, 1982; New Japan Opera House, Tokyo, Japan, 1986), public buildings in Romania (such as Slatina Youth's Culture House, 1985) and participated in various art & architectural exhibitions (such as Interarch Biennale of Architecture, Sofia, Bulgaria 1987 [silver medal] or "Space as Object" Art Installation - 1982, UAP+UA, Bucharest). After the fallen of the communist regime he started working as a private practice(DSBA), addressing various challenges in the field of architecture (such as "Opera Center" Bucharest, 2000; Romanian National Pavilion, AICHI, Japan, 2005), urban planning (such as the Urban remodeling in Constanta, Romania, 2001), national contests(such as Revolutiei Square Urban Design, Bucharest, 1996) and international competitions (such as Bucharest 2000 Contest, 1995; Romanian Government Extension, Bucharest, 2006) and art events (such as Triennale de Milano, Italy, 1996; the Biennale of Architecture, Venice, Italy, 2002[as curator])
Dorin Stefan is teaching since 1979 at the University of Architecture and Urban Planning "ION MINCU" in Bucharest, RO.*

*** **upgrade.studio**(<http://www.upgradestudio.eu>) is a platform for experimental architectural & urban investigations recently founded by two young designers: **Claudiu BARSAN-PIPU** and **Oana Maria NITUICA**. It's main goal is that of applying a wide range of interdisciplinary approaches based on the theory of complexity and artificial intelligence in developing new ways of addressing the design challenge. They previously won distinctions in the eVolo Skyscraper Competition & the 2nd Advanced Architecture Contest and have collaborated over a wide range of projects and competitions with international practices such as Delugan-Meissl Associated Architects from Wien, AT and Rasmussen-Brunke from Hamburg, DE.*

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