

# Büro Ole Scheeren

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Transformation for the future.

## Internationally acclaimed architect Ole Scheeren sets new standard of urban living with a residential high-rise in Germany

Announcing its first project to be built in Europe, Büro Ole Scheeren presents RIVERPARK Tower, a spectacular residential high-rise for Frankfurt commissioned by GEG German Estate Group AG. The transparency and openness of the dynamically layered, sculptural architecture will stand in stark contrast to the mute office towers of this German city.



Prominently located on the banks of the river Main, with a height of almost 100 meters, the tower will offer sweeping views of the city's striking skyline and its riverbank, creating an entirely new quality of life in the heart of the city.

RIVERPARK Tower will emerge through the conversion of an existing concrete office building. Large, horizontal panoramic floors will be inserted into the free-spanning concrete structure of the vertical tower.

**Architect Ole Scheeren:** "This ambitious project presents a convincing example for high-quality living in a high-rise in Germany. By transforming a hermetically enclosed office tower from the 70s into an open, light-flooded residential experience, we demonstrate that the intelligent and sustainable reuse of an existing building can enrich the quality of life – not only in the building itself but also for its context and urban life beyond. RIVERPARK Tower will come to stand as a beacon for the future of Frankfurt."

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The building's 220 units on 23 floors will offer high standards of modern living, ranging from small business apartments to 4-room suites. The new loft floors at the top of the building will form an expressive gesture with a distinctive apex in the tradition of the iconic Frankfurt skyline.

This project further expands the international portfolio of Büro Ole Scheeren, in developing future-oriented architecture through new typologies of large-scale, urban ensembles and geo-specific residential high-rise buildings – projects that have received a multitude of awards for their innovative and sustainable qualities.

RIVERPARK Tower will be developed in cooperation with GEG, one of Germany's most prestigious real estate investment platforms, combining high-quality architecture with environmental innovation and sustainability. Construction work is scheduled to start during Q4 2018.



The international portfolio of Büro Ole Scheeren comprises city-defining structures and cultural buildings in Europe, Asia, and North America. Several projects are currently nearing completion: the Guardian Art Center near the Forbidden City in Beijing; DUO, a large-scale mixed-use project in Singapore, revitalizing a whole city district; and MahaNakhon, Bangkok's tallest skyscraper at 314 meters. The Interlace, a residential complex in Singapore, was awarded World Building of the Year 2015.

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## Ole Scheeren

Ole Scheeren is a German-born architect and the principal of Büro Ole Scheeren. His landmark projects shape the way we interact with our cities and generate new social narratives in highly integrative environments.

Scheeren is Büro-OS's chief designer and responsible for steering the company's creative vision and strategic development. His projects have won numerous awards, including World Building of the Year 2015 and the CTBUH Urban Habitat Award 2014 for The Interlace in Singapore, as well as the global CTBUH Best Tall Building Award 2013 for the CCTV Headquarters in Beijing.

Highlighting the need for visionary, transformative solutions to the challenges facing contemporary society, Scheeren's architecture is characterized by a 20 year commitment to grounding this idealism within pragmatic, highly successful, real world projects, including the completion of three major developments in 2017; the MahaNakhon skyscraper in Bangkok, the DUO mixed-use towers in Singapore, and the Guardian Art Center in Beijing.

Büro Ole Scheeren's large-scale projects are complemented by Scheeren's independent collaborations with filmmakers and artists, as well as research projects exploring his personal interest in cinema, media and narrative space. He created Archipelago Cinema (2012); a floating auditorium in a lagoon on the Andaman Sea for Thailand's Film on the Rocks festival (also featuring at the 2012 Architecture Biennale in Venice, Italy), and Mirage City Cinema (2013) for the Sharjah Art Foundation, paying homage to the Gulf city's historic architecture.

Prior to founding Büro Ole Scheeren, Scheeren was a director and partner at OMA, where he was responsible for the practice's expansion into Asia as well as its work for Prada, with flagship stores in New York (2001) and Los Angeles (2004). Scheeren was also the partner-in-charge of the groundbreaking CCTV Headquarters for China's national broadcaster in Beijing (2010). Subverting the traditional typology of the skyscraper, this monumental building challenges architectural convention and creates a giant loop of interconnected activities of people and the city.

Alongside his architectural work, Scheeren has created exhibition designs for New York's Museum of Modern Art and London's Hayward Gallery, contributed to triennials in Beijing and Milan, and participated in the Rotterdam Film Festival. He has been a TED speaker and regularly lectures at international institutions and conferences, as well as serving on juries for architectural awards and competitions.

Having lived and worked across Europe, the United States and Asia, Ole Scheeren was educated at the universities of Karlsruhe and Lausanne, and completed his studies at London's Architectural Association. He was awarded the RIBA Silver Medal – the most prestigious European prize in architecture education.