

BAR CENTER FIER

FIER, ALBANIA

assignment refurbishment and extension of commercial building **location** Fier, Albania **size** 470 m² GFA, 365 units **client** Kujtim Aziz Rexhepi, Pajtim Sali Baho **status** completed **team** Martin Sobota, Irgen Saliqji, Marina Kounavi, Karolina Szóstkiewicz **cooperation** Architects For Urbanity **projectnumber** 1764-BCF

The plot of Bar Center in Fier, located next to our project Rinia Complex on a central urban intersection and adjacent to an inner-city park, is occupied by an existing building from the late 1990s. This building – the plinth of an unfinished high-rise, which stands at three storey's high – is unassuming and unfitting for this prominent location; therefore, the owners approached us, as they were looking to extend the building and upgrade the existing floors. We used the volume of the existing building as a starting point for the design.

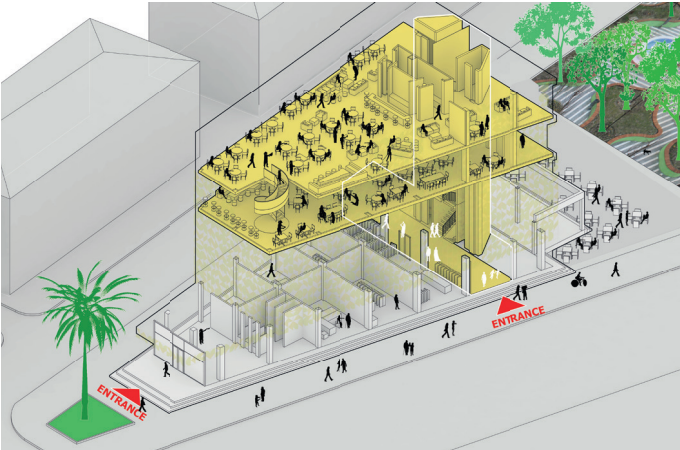
The addition activates the upper floors and makes them directly accessible from the new main square of Fier, to which the building now prominently orientates. The result is a stepped five-storey volume that is enclosed in a geometrical, rasterized façade. This geometrical façade, in turn, is partially clad in semi-transparent golden shading sheets, which function as a screen against the sunlight, but also bring more unity to the building's appearance. The volume, whose two newly added floors contain a publicly accessible rooftop bar with views over Fier, offers an urban topography that serves the city as a whole.



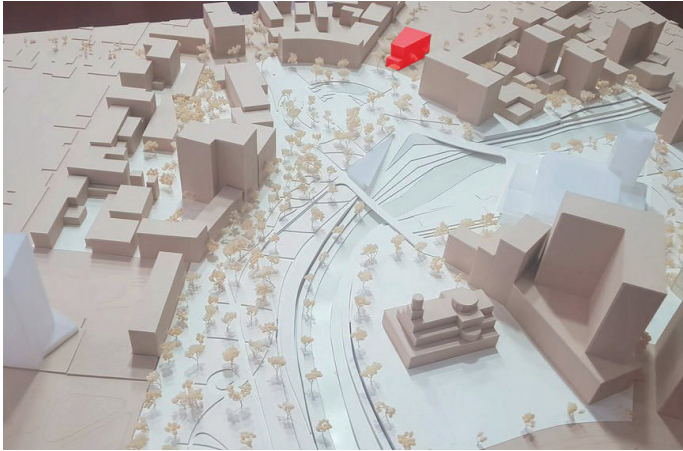
Street view from Rinia Complex towards Bar Center Fier



Axonometry



Entrances and public areas



Urban Renewal Fier



Existing situation



Side view.



View on golden sheets facade