

Competition open to create a sky farm in Turin



Myplant & Garden and Fondazione Minoprio, in cooperation with the real estate investment firm SATAC SIINQ S.p.A., which operates under AEDES SIINQ S.p.A., have announced a creative design competition to create a sky farm on a portion on the rooftop of the new destination centre Caselle Open Mall (COM) in Turin.

The large rooftop garden (3,900 sqm) will be dedicated to the learning and spreading of new techniques and technologies for the cultivation of flowering plants and vegetables, both outdoors and in the greenhouse.

The green area will have to include educational and sensory paths. As well as to devise the presence of traditional and automated vegetable gardens, as well as transparent structures for hydroponics, aeroponics and aquaponics.

The green area, accessible through a panoramic elevator, will welcome visitors of the new mall as well as charities, associations and schools for didactic, environmental education and sense-rehabilitation projects. With this in mind, also an indoor 100-sqm area dedicated to educational projects such as workshops, didactic activities and labs will have to be developed.

The candidate projects will have to take into consideration the following requirements:

- zero impact on the environment
- low maintenance
- ample use of low-emission equipment
- ample use of plants.

The deadline is 9 February 2022 and on 26 February 2020, on the opening day of Myplant & Garden, the first three winning candidates will be announced. The winner of the first place in the competition will receive a € 10,000 prize, and the second and third will receive a prize of € 2,500.

If SATAC SIINQ will decide to build the winning project, that could start approximately in 2022, the designer will be called to coordinate the project with the role of artistic director.