

The Urban Hills is set to become a landmark - a landscape-inspired mixed-use development in Tetovo in North Macedonia. The city sits on the foothills of the Sharr Mountains, known for its depicted silhouette which serves as the backdrop of the city.

The urban sprawl sparked our conceptual thinking about how to combine, organize, stack, and create a building that would actually be a vertical neighborhood of homes with gardens.

Through an intricate play with the volumes and masses, we have been focused to turn this large-scale project into a human scale project. It will be the highest man-made mountain in the city when it's finished. Many of the apartments will have their private gardens.

The 150,000-square-meter building stands out with its double hill-shaped slabs reaching peaks of 55 and 45 meters respectively. They consist of 656 residential units with unique floorplans and 15,000 square meters of commercial space.

There will be around 900 parking spaces spread throughout the two underground floors. The canyon-shaped promenade on the ground level that winds between the waving slabs is open and accessible to everyone. The building's silhouette is tailored to offer residents fantastic views towards the surrounding mountains and the city.

With the mixed-use program, we intended to add vibrance on the lower levels while keeping tranquility to the terraces and gardens atop the hills. As the extensive planting matures over the years, it will give the Urban Hills an increasingly green appearance, making the building a paradigm for future developments.

The project recently got approval from the city council and it's scheduled to start construction in early summer of 2025.

Although the project is obviously complex, we made an effort to make it as simple as possible; in essence, it is made up of a single element, continuously evolving and repeating itself.







































