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## **BABYLIFE**

# **THE ECO-SUSTAINABLE NURSERY SCHOOL OPENS TODAY IN CITYLIFE PUBLIC PARK**

Innovative experiential journeys will encourage children's educational  
development and learning

*Milan, June 8th* - The **BabyLife nursery school** was inaugurated today **in CityLife public park in Milan**, and will open its doors to **72 children from 0 to 36 months** next September, at the beginning of the new school year. The opening ceremony was held in the presence of **Giuseppe Sala**, Mayor of Milan, **Laura Galimberti**, Councilor for Education and Instruction, **Pierfrancesco Maran**, Councilor for Urban Planning, Green and Agriculture, **Gabriele Galateri di Genola**, Chairman of Assicurazioni Generali, **Philippe Donnet**, CEO of Generali Group, **Aldo Mazzocco**, CEO of Generali Real Estate and Chairman of CityLife and **Armando Borghi**, CEO of CityLife.

BabyLife is the first nursery school in Milan made entirely of wood with the «Leed platinum» certification objective, an innovative example of sustainable architecture for children. With its 3,000 square meters of garden and 1,000 square meters of internal structure, the nursery school is located in a public park of 173 thousand sqm with over 2000 trees. The building has been created with **eco-sustainable techniques and materials with low environmental impact** for energy saving, the containment of water consumption, the use of high-efficiency heating systems and insulation systems.

The new BabyLife crèche was created with the **objective shared by the City of Milan, Assicurazioni Generali and CityLife** to create an educational structure of excellence that encourages pedagogical learning and educational development and make it available to the community.

The children will be accompanied and encouraged in their cognitive explorations through common laboratories both inside and outside the nursery school. These spaces include the garden, with its tactile paths and educational gardens, in addition to play areas.

To celebrate this inauguration, Generali will give 72 large trees to the city of Milan, one for each child, which will be planted in the public areas of City Hall 8. This is further evidence of the Group's attention to the community and to public parks.

The BabyLife nursery school was designed by architectural firm O2Arch, winner of the competition promoted by CityLife in collaboration with Federabitazione Lombardia in 2014 and aimed at young architects under 35.



### **CityLife**

*CityLife is the company engaged in the redevelopment of the area where Milan's old complex of exhibition halls was located (Fiera di Milano) and with an overall area of 366,000 square metres, it is one of the main projects of this kind in Europe. It includes the world-renowned architects Zaha Hadid, Arata Isozaki, Daniel Libeskind. It is a balanced mix of public and private functions including residences, offices, shops and the third largest public park in the centre of Milan and it includes the first Golf Driving Range in downtown in Europe. An innovative Business and Shopping District formed by three towers and the Tre Torri Square with quality shops, services, restaurants and entertainment facing the Park, is the heart of the CityLife project. The area is distinguished by a very strong attention to the environmental sustainability: the Residences are Class A certified, and the three office towers have already obtained Leed™ pre-certification with rating Gold. Moreover, CityLife is the most extensive pedestrian area in Milan, thanks to the decision of moving all the vehicular traffic and parking underground. CityLife S.p.A. is a company 100% owned by Generali Group. [www.city-life.it](http://www.city-life.it)*

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