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## Josep Lluis Mateo on Building Matter and Form Philip Ursprung

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• This book collects precise information on the main recent projects by Mateo, from the Offices in Boulogne-Billancourt (France) and the PGGM Headquarters in Zeist (Netherland), to the Banc Sabadell Headquarters Renovation and the Catalonian Film Theatre in Barcelona

• Chair at the ETH Zürich, Josep Lluís Mateo is an internationally acclaimed Spanish architect with current projects worldwide

Josep Lluís Mateo: On Building is a book that looks towards the future. It encourages readers to imagine another reality, another world where great architectural feats are made possible. In the words of the architect: "Building is a long journey through the present continuous. The past exists as an echo, as a phantasmal form that is no longer discussed, and sometimes even its origin is forgotten. Building means taking root in the mud, squelching through it on a journey without distant horizons." The featured buildings have been captured on camera by Adrià Goula. They are compositions of planes and surfaces that form volumes, yet also a dialectics of the light and shade that define the spaces around them. Set among these images are descriptive texts and, at the end, the principles of order as determined by the building plans.