Kick-Off Meeting, 19 October 2018

The kick-off meeting of the research project was held in Dubai at the 2018 CTBUH Conference on October 19, 2018. Prior to this, the CTBUH team worked on the organization of the meeting and the preparation of documents needed for the research agreement to be delivered to thyssenkrupp Elevator (TKE). Through a targeted call for participation, attendees of the Steering Committee meeting were derived from CTBUH’s network of experts in the fields of architecture, structural engineering, urban design, interiors, MEP engineering, and related fields, particularly those who had experience in either researching or designing, constructing or operating skybridges.

CTBUH delivered a primer presentation on skybridges to date, based on the research undertaken by Dr. Antony Wood in the pursuit of his PhD in 2007, and updated by CTBUH researchers to the present day. The presentation also proposed a classification system for the upcoming research. TKE presented the MULTI ropeless, multi-directional elevator system, which is expected to significantly change the way that people experience skybridges, and how skybridges are designed and incorporated into developments and cities. The research parameters and next steps for the Steering Committee...
Immediately after the meeting, the CTBUH team prepared the Web report of the event and the Meeting Minutes Document that was forwarded to all experts involved in the research. The attendees of the meeting were:

CTBUH representatives:
- **Antony Wood**, CTBUH CEO, Chicago
- **Peng Du**, CTBUH China Office Director and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Chicago
- **Daniel Safarik**, CTBUH Editor, Chicago
- **Dario Trabucco**, CTBUH Research Manager, Venice

TKE representatives:
- **Markus Jetter**, Head of Product Development, MULTI, Neuhausen, Germany
- **Luis Ramos**, Head of Communications, Dusseldorf
- **Michael Ridder**, Head of Communications, MULTI, Dusseldorf

External experts:
- **Ignacio Gomez**, Design Director – Middle East, Aedas, Dubai
- **Goman Ho**, Director, Arup, Hong Kong
- **John Ivanoff**, Associate, BuroHappold, New York City
- **James Parakh**, Urban Design Manager, City of Toronto Planning Department
- **Gurjit Singh**, Senior Vice President – Real Estate, Dubai World Trade Centre
- **Hashimah Hashim**, Executive Director, KLCC Property Holdings Berhad, Kuala Lumpur
- **Alexandros Yiagos**, Senior Project Manager, Langan Engineering, Dubai
- **Daniel Ayars**, Principal, NBBJ, Columbus, Ohio, USA
- **Anton Davies**, Principal, RWDI, Toronto
- **Pierre Leflour**, Structural Engineer, Setec TPI, Paris
- **Aaron Mazeika**, Associate, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, San Francisco
- **Thomas Bock**, Chair, Building Realization & Robotics, Technical University of Munich
- **Joseph Burns**, Managing Principal, Thornton Tomasetti, Chicago
- **Viviana Mussettola**, Associate Director, Zaha Hadid Architects, London