Danish Architecture firm BIG-Bjarke Ingels Group have designed this new project called West 57 located on West 57th Street between 11th and 12th Avenues in New York.

BIG has taken a step back to survey the rules of the system in Manhattan and is introducing what they describe as “a European typology: the perimeter block”. With an efficient layout and a sense of intimacy, the perimeter block would meet demands for density and security. “In this project, we have married it to the traditional Manhattan high-rise, creating a unique shape which combines the advantages of both: the compactness of a courtyard building with the airiness and the amazing views of a skyscraper. The form of the building shifts depending on the viewer’s vantage point. From the West Side Highway, it appears to be a pyramid; from West 58th, a dramatic glass spire.”

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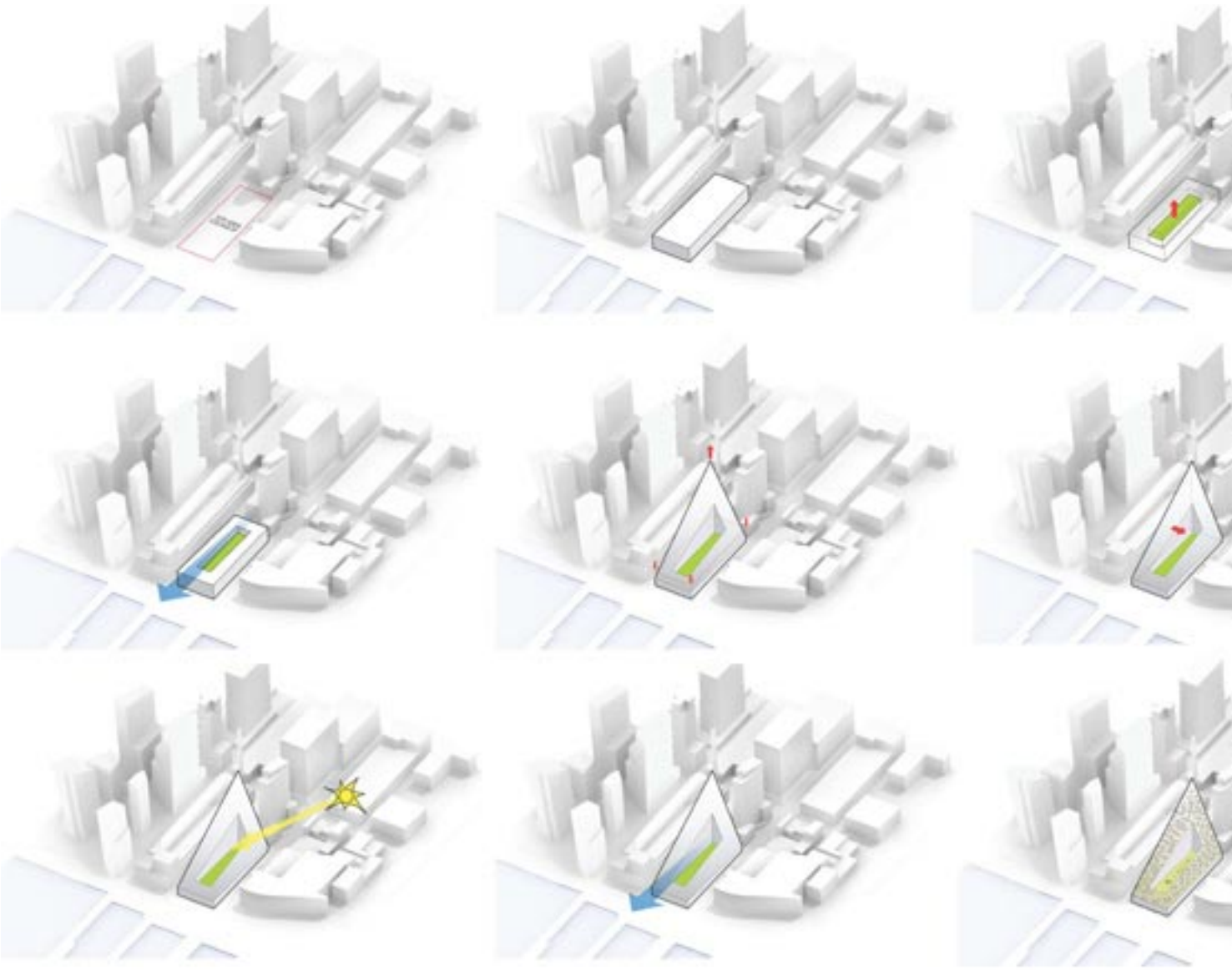

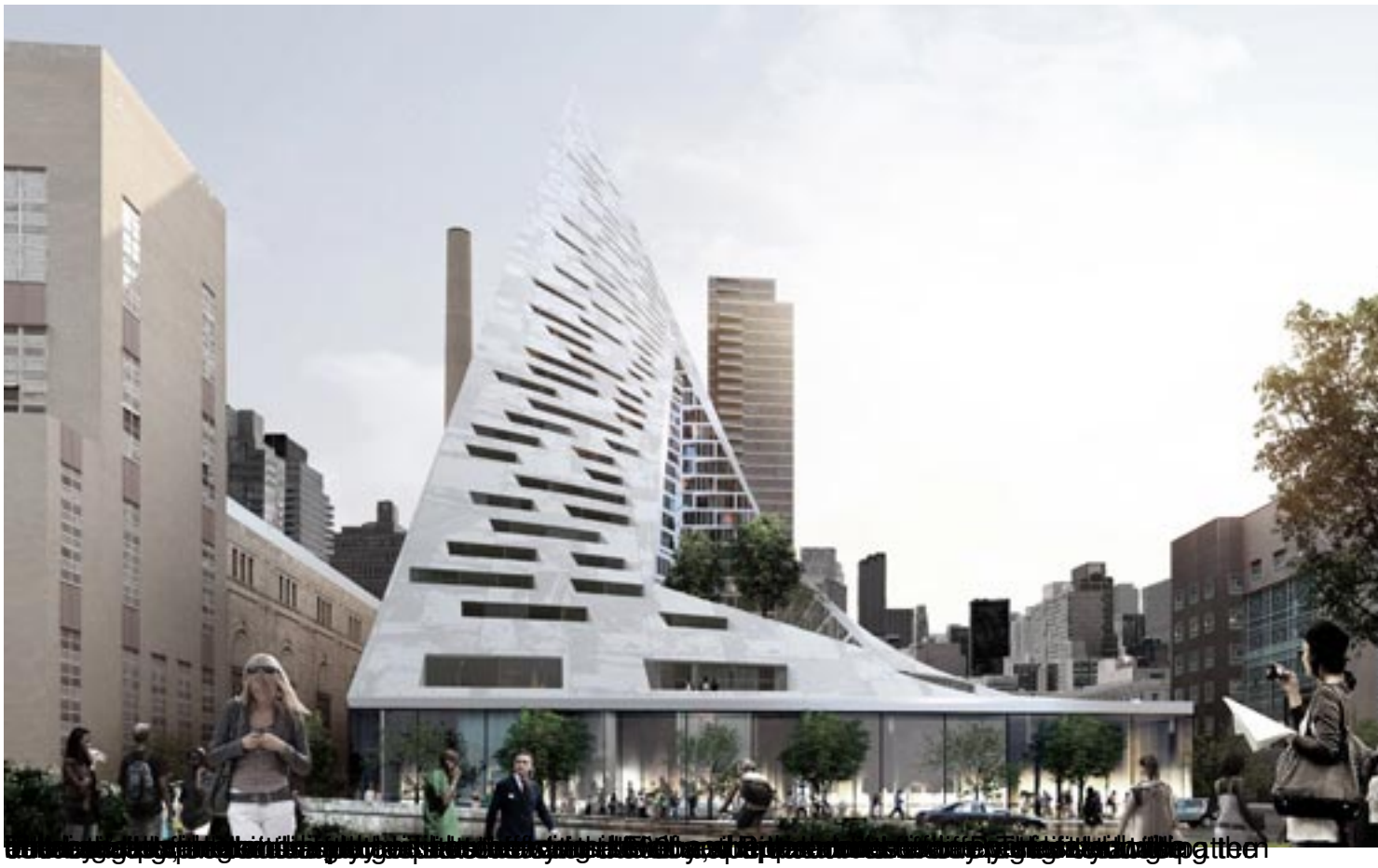

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