

# Stefan Soptelea

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### Work experience

• IKEA | Visual Merchandiser

Feb. 2023 - present | Timișoara, Romania

- •Creating inspirational areas with a high visual impact through different range presentation medias;
- •Plan and implement ideas and solutions in different styles, functions and price ranges;
- •Collaborate cross-functionally to deliver inspiring customer journeys and strenghten the IKEA brand identity through commercial store layout;
  - •Bring vitality and seasonality through setups that emotionally connect with customers through storytelling;
- •Revit Superuser for the IKEA Timișoara store, supporting a group of 10 people in the effective use of the software; Conducting short internal trainings and tutorials to improve team autonomy and digital competence;
- •"Furnishing with light" trainer for IKEA Timișoara, responsible for sharing the knowledge across departments, to support the home furnishing movement.

#### **Skills**

- soft skills
  - -Creative leadership
  - -Critical thinking -Sense of ownership
- -Attention to detail
- -Storytelling through design
- -Commercial mindset
- software
  - -Revit, Sketchup, Archicad
  - -Adobe Photoshop, Lumion
  - -MS Office

- hard skills
- -Romanian (native)
- -English (fluent)
- -Italian (B1)

## **Leading projects**

• IKEA | Planning and implementing

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- -Holiday shop FY24, Outdoor FY24, Back to School campaign;
- -Department rebuilds: Workspaces, Home organization and Kitchen.
- Romanian Design Week 2024

2023-2024 | Bucharest, Romania

-Designed a stool, a chest of drawers, a bookshelf and a cocktail glass.

- Architecture+Urban design contests 2019 - 2021 | Romania, Portugal, Iceland, Belgium
  - -Individual and group projects.
- Timisoara Architecture Biennial: BETA

Sep. 2020 - Oct. 2020 | Timișoara, Romania

-Selected in the *Photography* section.

#### **Education**

- Faculty of Architecture and Urban Planning | Title: Architect Sep. 2017 - Jun. 2023 | Timişoara, Romania
- University of Trento | Erasmus+ study mobility Sep. 2021 - Jul. 2022 | Trento, Italy
- "Nicu Gane" National Highschool | Baccalaureate diploma

Sep. 2013 - Jul. 2017 | Fălticeni, Romania