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Completion of SOHO Fuxing Lu, Shanghai, China

Development of an entire inner city block in Shanghai

The former French Concession in the heart of Shanghai is known for its typical rectilinear development – the Li Long. Li stands for neighborhood, and Long refers to the narrow rectilinear streets separating the buildings. This urban morphology, which is typical of Shanghai, creates narrow and intimate urban spaces.

The design for SOHO Fuxing Lu, an urban quarter with restaurants, shops and offices primarily intended for young start-up companies, adopts the scale and orientation of the neighboring blocks, integrates existing historic buildings and, in this way, adds to the important urban seam in the inner city using the existing urban development structure.

The ensemble consists of nine oblong building blocks with sloping roofs and an east-west orientation, and a high-rise building which provides a more general reference to the urban landscape.

Within the confines of this precinct, a network of pathways and small alleys converges at a central square with restaurants. A circular access provides entry to commercial facilities in the basement and to the underground railway. The façades and roofs have been clad with light natural stone strips of different widths. The dark grey metal elements of the glass façades provide a contrast to these strips.

The abstract pattern image of the façades and the omission of any historic references underscore the urban focus of the project in the center of the city.

On completion, the project obtained the LEED Gold certificate.

Design Meinhard von Gerkan and Stephan Schütz with Stephan Rewolle

Project management – competition Su Jun

Team members – competition Stefan Hornscheidt, Li Zheng, Zhou Bin, Zhang Jing

Project management – detailed design Matthias Wiegelmann, Kong Jing

Team members – detailed design Cai Yu, Guo Fuhui, Kornelia Krzykowska, Li Ling, Sebastian Linack, Xie Fang, Thilo Zehme, Zhang Yingying, Zheng Shanshan, Zhou Bin, Catharina Cragg, Dai Tianxing, Gao Rui, Hua Rong, Wu Hua, Yuan Hang, Zhang Xuhui

Client SOHO China

Chinese partner practice ECADI (East China Architectural Design & Research Institute CO. LTD)

Lighting design CONCEPTLICHT GMBH

GFA, total above ground 71,565 m²

GFA, total below ground 64,975 m²

Retail area 85,661 m²

Office area 50,879 m²

Height of high-rise building 99.85 m

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- 01 View from the east showing the development and the 100 m high office tower
- 02 Square to the north of the precinct with access to the underground distribution level
- 03 View from the underground distribution level
- 04 Network of pathways through the low-rise linear development

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- 05 Site plan
- 06|07 View of squares inside the precinct
- 08 View from the street in the east
- 09 Overview of the block, with skyline in the background

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