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Headline: An Ancient World Wonder but with a Modern Twist in Dubai “Hanging Gardens Bridge“



Dubai, United Arab Emirates (CNN) - Seeing the “Hanging Gardens of Babylon” may be just a distant dream, but you may see a modern version of it in Dubai in the near future as the city plans to create a new project called “Hanging Garden”.

Towards the end of 2018, RTA has approached architectural practice LWK + PARTNERS, expressing its desire to work on several projects to create mobility & public spaces across Dubai.

The Authority stated that it would like to build several pedestrian bridges in several areas, including Dubai Creek.

In a telephone interview, LWK + PARTNERS Design Director and Principal Designer of the “Dubai Hanging Garden” Project, Kourosh Salehi, told CNN Arabic that they were planning to design an ordinary pedestrian bridge only. However, the idea changed as they looked at the future location of the project.

Speaking about the Dubai Creek, Salehi pointed out that it is one of the most interesting areas in Dubai because of its historical role in bringing commerce to the city, in addition to its vibrant beauty. He also added “We thought that we should seize the opportunity, and that is why we decided to create what we can call living Bio Footbridge”.

Inspired by an old marvel, but with a modern character

During the design phase, the design team realised that the project had become a "Hanging Oasis" after they decided to incorporate green spaces, especially as it was hanging over the Creek; At the point it came to their mind one of the seven wonders of the ancient world, Hanging Gardens of Babylon.

"Having a re-enactment of this as a concept would be great," Salehi said.

The bridge will not be just a way to move between the sides of the Dubai Creek, it could become a destination in itself.

"People may go to it because it's a place to visit, to meet each other, and to spend time there," Salehi said.

The bridge will not only be for pedestrians, as it will include special trails for cyclists and those wishing to run.

How will the hanging garden in Dubai be environmentally friendly?

One of the objectives of LWK + PARTNERS is to design sustainable solutions for different communities around the world and this is reflected in the design of the Bridge.

Green spaces on the bridge are not the only aspect that reflects sustainable design principles.

The design of the project includes two sails, each about 20 meters long, directing cold air from top to bottom for natural cooling.

Salehi added that the sails will be made of special fabric that can disperse sun light and tone down heat.

Salehi believes that the suspended park will positively impact tourism in Dubai, pointing out that this bridge is the first of its kind in the city.

Salehi explained that there are currently no pedestrian platforms in Dubai where they can enjoy the beautiful water canals throughout the city, sustainability will be another factor to attract visitors to enjoy spectacular views cautiously.

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迪拜空中花园大桥 揉合古代奇迹与现代元素

巴比伦空中花园向来只活在我们的想象中。但随着新项目空中花园大桥于不久将来在迪拜的落成，我们将能一睹它的现代版本风采。

于 2018 年底，迪拜道路和运输管理局向建筑事务所 LWK + PARTNERS 表示希望打造多个项目，为迪拜创建更多流动及公共空间。

局方旨于不同地区建构多条行人天桥，包括迪拜河。

在一次电话访谈中，LWK + PARTNERS 设计董事兼迪拜空中花园大桥主创设计师 Kourosh Salehi 曾向 CNN Arabic 透露，原本仅打算设计一座普通的行人天桥。在得悉项目的未来位置后，便彻底改变了想法。

Kourosh 认为迪拜河是迪拜最有趣的地区之一。除了因为它富有活力的美景外，更因为它带来商机的历史性作用。他深信应借这次机会，创造一座绿意盎然的“生态之桥”。

启发自古代奇迹，但别具现代特色

在设计阶段，设计团队决定将绿植融入设计，使这个项目成为一座“空中绿洲”，并由于其“悬挂”于迪拜河上，这使团队联想到世界七大奇迹之一的巴比伦空中花园。

“将这个联想纳入设计会是个不错的概念，” Kourosh 表示。

空中花园大桥超越纯粹的连接功能，其本身更是一个充满个性的活动场所。

Kourosh 分享道：“人们前往大桥，或作参观，或与家人朋友见面，或纯粹在此花上时间。”

除了供行人使用外，大桥也设有单车通道及缓跑径，以作康乐用途。

空中花园大桥的环保元素

LWK + PARTNERS 旨在为世界各地不同的社区设计出可持续的方案，这理念正正反映在大桥的设计上。

绿化空间不是大桥反映其可持续设计的唯一元素。

LWK + PARTNERS

大桥设有两座帆形塔楼，每座长度约 20 米，并起了捕风作用，将海风引导向下层桥板，达到自然通风效果。Kourosh 补充，帆本身由特殊的织物制成，可分散阳光，降低热能。

Kourosh 相信这座悬桥将会为迪拜旅游业带来正面的影响，并成为市内首屈一指的地标。

他更指出，目前迪拜内并没有供欣赏河道的步行平台，再加上项目的可持续性，这些将会成为吸引游客前往欣赏壮观景色的因素。