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ZIJING PARADISE WALK

Taking good care of personal health and staying comfortable in space are growing priorities that has intensified since the pandemic. Such consideration is translated into a culture and wellness community shopping centre, Zijing Paradise Walk.

Situated next to the Wulitang River in the West Lake district in Hangzhou, China, the project offers diverse leisure and wellness facilities spread across interlocking spaces. The design is also integrated with the key essence of ancient Hangzhou's Hui-style architecture by embodying a sense of simplicity, elegance and preserved heritage.

REINVENTING LOCAL ARCHITECTURE

The overall design of the retail mall captures the elegance and conciseness of traditional Hui-style architecture with playful modern design language. Hui-style architecture is known for its stark white walls, which are given a fresh remake at the project through silvery facades. Extra-thin aluminium panels are primarily used in the facades, creating staggered patterns with a natural unevenness resembling ancient brickworks.




Playful massing inspired by traditional Hui-style architecture

The building harmonises with the environment with a subdued palette of facade materials, patterns and silhouettes reminiscent of historic architecture. The shaved roofs mimic the iconic Hangzhou-style roof, while cantilevering and shifting of forms create multi-layers of 'hanging courtyards', resembling breakout spaces in Chinese traditional housing.

WELLNESS-DRIVEN EXPERIENCE

Health and wellness are at the heart of the design, which also involves living in harmony with nature to motivate local people to interact with green spaces.

Equipped with various recreational spaces, the design supports communal activities and improves the quality of life for those who live or work in the area. Its ground floor plazas, tai chi garden, upper-level terraces, indoor basketball courts and outdoor jogging trails are all highly accessible and suffused with greenery. Cantilevered forms provide generous sheltered space along pedestrian sidewalks, serving as comfortable buffer zones during the summer and on rainy days.

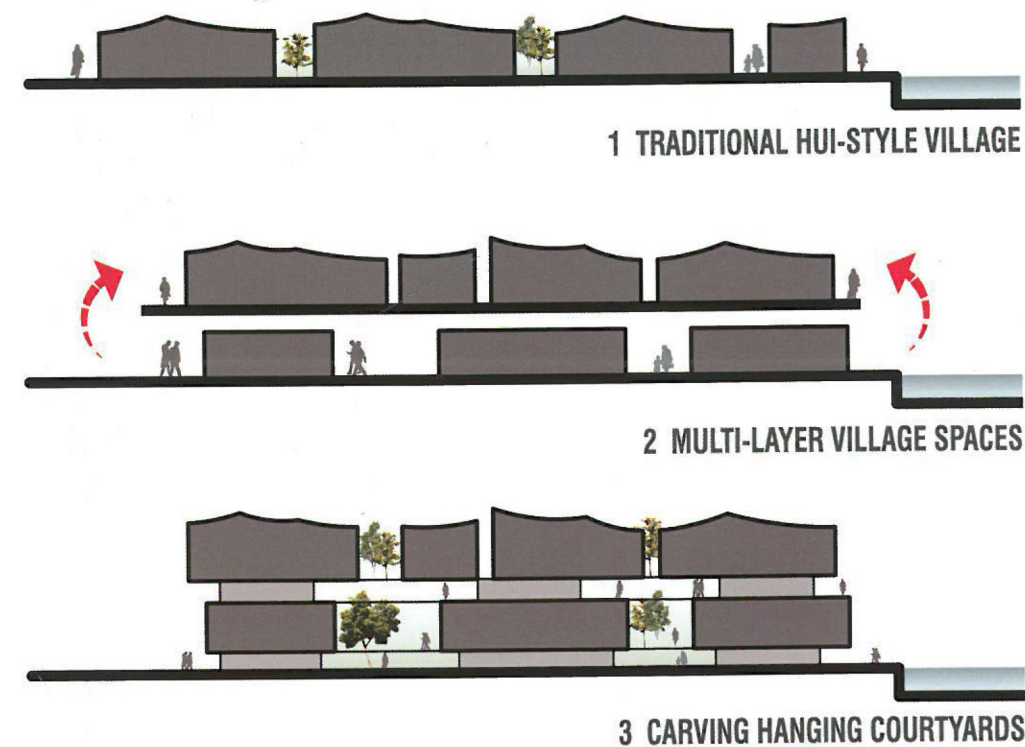
Ample sunlight is brought in through a series of skylights, facade openings and a sunken courtyard to highlighting nature as part of our daily life. There are vertical facade openings inspired by sifted shadows characteristic of Chinese gardens, offering an interesting visual and spatial interplay of solid and void throughout the mall. The project also makes connections with the riverside park to encourage people's engagement with nature. 



Multi layers of 'hanging courtyards' from the cantilevering masses



Facade material is dominated with extra-thin aluminium panels



Concept development



The iconic Hangzhou-style-inspired silvery shaved roof

PROJECT DATA

Project Name
Zijing Paradise Walk

Location
Hangzhou, China

Completion Date
2020

Site Area
28,557.5 square metres

Gross Floor Area
68,000 square metres

Client
Longfor Properties

Architecture Firm
LWK + PARTNERS

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