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Xichen Paradise Walk



Chengdu's Xichen Paradise Walk in China, designed by LWK + PARTNERS, encourages social interaction and community life with high transparency and accessibility to bring together people, their neighbourhoods and nature.

Retail spaces are evolving into lifestyle complexes that are inspiring, diversified and immersive to surround visitors with a curated experience to fulfil various lifestyle and social needs. Chengdu's Xichen Paradise Walk in China, designed by LWK + PARTNERS, is a pilot project of the third-generation Paradise Walk brand, setting a new benchmark for future projects.

Accessibility and transparency underpin the architectural concept. The notion of multiple ground floors allow entry from different levels, giving different points for attracting visitors and a higher accessibility especially to the higher

levels, as well as blurring the boundaries between the mall and the surrounding neighbourhood. Most of the retail floors are visible from the main entrance for maximised visibility. The inter-connected circulation enables users with ample flexibility to personalise their own visiting experience.

'Experience' is a contemporary merchandise, whilst being inspired and being in touch with other people and greenery enhance the value of experience. At Xichen Paradise Walk, an outdoor rooftop piazza allows for social interactions, public events or simply a place to relax, with open-air terraces accessible from various retail zones, connecting



not only outdoor-indoor spaces also different levels from the ground up.

Elements of nature spread throughout the mall to create a sense of freshness and relaxation. In addition to the extensive use of greenery – from potted plants to big lawns – the large atrium prominently features big flower-pod installations highlighting a flower theme, with abundant natural light streaming in through the glass facade to a pleasant winter garden for the neighbourhood. With three indoor atria in total the mall offers multiple spaces for events, exhibitions, large-scale artworks or business showcases.

Various amenities are designed to provide holistic shopping and entertainment experience for







families, including a kids' zone with educational facilities, family-friendly restaurants and a nursing room.

Fully integrated lifestyle complexes transform the neighbourhoods by enabling diverse values to thrive and coexist. Xichen Paradise Walk showcases a user-oriented design in response to the shift in values, priorities and the way of life over time.

PROJECT DATA

Project Name: Xichen Paradise Walk

Location: Chengdu, China

Client: Longfor Properties Co. Ltd.

Architecture Firm: LWK + PARTNERS

Gross Floor Area: 131,125 square metres

Completion: 2019

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"Placemaking is at the heart of Xichen Paradise Walk's design philosophy. We would like to create a lively social space that draws people together that is open and accessible to all, which energises people's relationship with each other as well as with their neighbourhood."

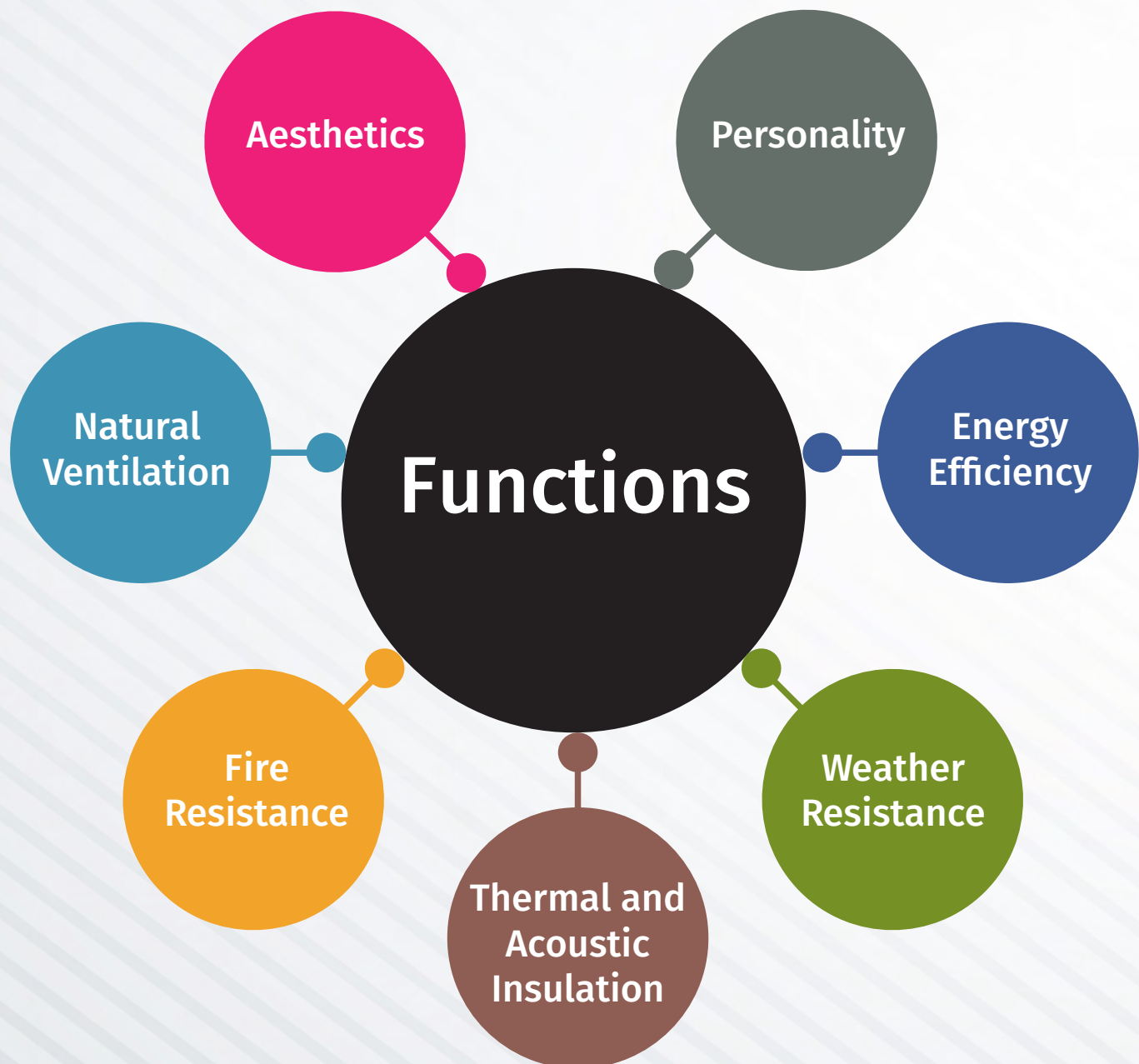


Lambert Ma. Photo: © LWK + PARTNERS

- Lambert Ma, Director, LWK + PARTNERS

Amazing Facades

Facades, the principal front of a building, are an important part of a building's structure. Besides being an integral piece to the overall design of a building, they also serve many purposes. There are a wide variety of facade materials and products for the architects to showcase their creativity and talent. In this section, we feature some facades with cool and unconventional designs.



Refurbishment of The HUB



PROJECT DATA

Name of Project: Refurbishment of The HUB

Location: Hong Kong

Client: Hutchison Property Group Ltd

Architecture Firm: LWK + PARTNERS

Total Area: 31,854 square metres

Facade Material: Aluminium

Facade Product Manufacturer: Tak Shun, SKK

Facade Consultant: HS+A

Facade Contractor: Tak Shun

Completion: 2018

Photo: © LWK + PARTNERS

LWK + PARTNERS reveals masterplan of waterfront development Zhongshan OCT Harbour

Hong Kong – China's Zhongshan OCT Harbour, masterplanned and designed by LWK + PARTNERS, broke ground in early 2020, which is envisioned to serve as a dynamic recreational destination and emerge in the west coast of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. LWK + PARTNERS Planning and Urban Design Team in Hong Kong office came together in collaboration with Shenzhen and Chongqing studios to create an urban cultural hub for the community, incorporating vernacular Lingnan aesthetics, river ecology and sustainability considerations alongside business opportunities. Concerns for ecological conservation and healthy living are rooted in the project to promote a new urban lifestyle with diverse waterscapes and built spaces in an area undergoing regeneration. Spanning a site of nearly 300,000 square metres, the project is scheduled to open in 2023.

Zhongshan OCT Harbour will have a theme park, retail areas, residences, hotel accommodation, entertainment facilities and offices across both sides of the river, creating a diversified commercial, recreational and living experience on a rich, eco-friendly landscape. As the project develops, a respect for nature, local culture and Lingnan aesthetics gradually unfolds.



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