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FIRM PROFILE



KRIS YAO | ARTECH is an Asia-based architectural firm with offices in Taipei and Shanghai, and is comprised of international professionals. Our projects are mainly located in the Greater China area, but are also found in the United States, Europe and South Asia. Established in 1985 by Kris Yao, Hon. FAIA, the firm is one of the most influential architectural practices in Asia. It received Best Firm honors from the Architizer A+Awards and LOOP Design Awards in 2023, and was further recognized with the AIA International Firm Award in 2025. Using a creative and critical design process supplemented with extensive professional experience, our mission is to deliver high quality projects. Although architecture is at the core of our practice, our involvement in projects often extends to feasibility studies, master planning, and programming. Our firm's portfolio demonstrates years of practice in cultural, corporate, commercial, hotels, performing arts centers, transportation, education, residential, spiritual spaces and urban design.

Our design philosophy strives to achieve excellence in design, by respecting and incorporating the needs of the clients, exploring the originality of the site context, and finding ways to employ innovative yet appropriate technologies, to create architectural works with cultural significance and poetic expression, without being preoccupied in expressing the architect's stylistic signature. The variety and breadth of projects in our portfolio convey that the range and depth of experience at KRIS YAO | ARTECH is one of its greatest assets. A design team led by the Architect along with a Partner, a project manager, and senior designers is always formed at the start of a project, and is actively involved through all stages till the end of the construction to maintain optimum consistency. We choose qualified consultants with a wide knowledge base and an emphasis on accountability to the client. We also often collaborate with renowned international professional consultants to execute large or complex projects. Here at KRIS YAO | ARTECH we understand that great design is most important in the success of our firm.

KRIS YAO | ARTECH's selected works have been widely published in international magazines, architectural journals, and various monographs. Worthy to mention, the major ones are: the 2001-published "Kris Yao| Artech- Selected and Current Works", the 2011-published "Architecture of Kris Yao," the 2015-published "KRIS YAO | ARTECH 30x30- Cultural Scenes, Communal Forums, Social Sanctuaries" and the 2024-published "SECTION: KRIS YAO | ARTECH", etc.

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FOUNDER



Kris Yao, Hon. FAIA

Kris Yao is the founder of KRIS YAO | ARTECH, an Asia-based architectural firm with offices in Taipei and Shanghai. He obtained a Bachelor of Architecture from Taiwan's Tunghai University, and received a Master of Architecture from the University of California, Berkeley. His projects are mainly located in the Greater China area, and can also be found in the United States, Europe and South Asia.

Throughout his 40 years of practice, Mr. Yao has received numerous awards and recognitions, including the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the College of Environmental Design at the University of California, Berkeley in 2005, the National Award for Arts in Taiwan in 2007, the Honorary Fellowship from the American Institute of Architects (Hon. FAIA) in 2014, an Honorary Doctor of Fine Arts from NYCU in 2024, and Honorary Doctor of Engineering, Tunghai University in 2026. Mr. Yao's works have been widely published in international architectural magazines, professional journals, and several monographs, including "Kris Yao | Artech-Selected and Current Works" in 2001, "Architecture of Kris Yao" in 2011, the three-volume "KRIS YAO | ARTECH selected works 30x30" in 2015, and the most recent "SECTION: KRIS YAO | ARTECH" in 2024.

Kris Yao has taken part in many international architectural exhibitions, including Venice International Architectural Biennale, Rotterdam Int'l Architectural Biennale, and Beijing Int'l Architectural Art Biennale. He also held solo exhibitions "30x30" in Beijing, and "Within · Without" at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Shanghai. In 2025, the firm was honored with the AIA International Firm Award. His most acclaimed projects include Lanyang Museum, Palace Museum Southern Branch, Water-Moon Monastery, New Taipei City Art Museum, and the ongoing Chuming Hospital in Taiwan, as well as Foxconn Headquarters Shanghai, TSMC Nanjing Campus, Wuzhen Theater, Hupan Learning and Research Center, among others.

Mr. Yao's architecture integrates function with culture and history, presenting a unique approach that celebrates the spirit of the locality. The AIA praised him as an architect who "demonstrates his humanity with the development of physical elements that hold true to human emotion and conditions, cultural and historical context, and a sense of scale and place. His architecture has a poetic nature, using his native eastern aesthetic and spirituality with a sense of natural light, interplay of surfaces and forms and executing all with a high level of innovation and professionalism."

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PERFORMING ARTS
CENTERS

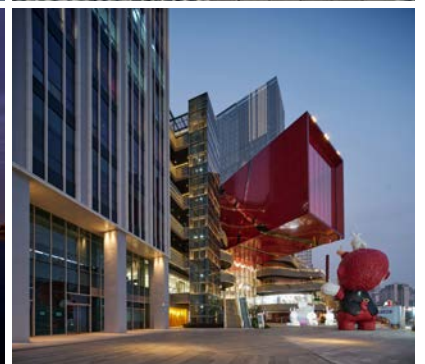
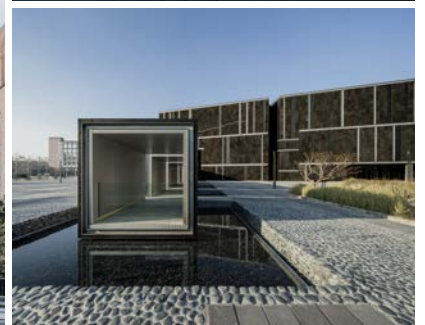
TRANSPORTATION

EDUCATION

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SPIRITUAL SPACES

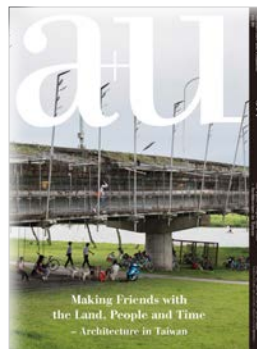
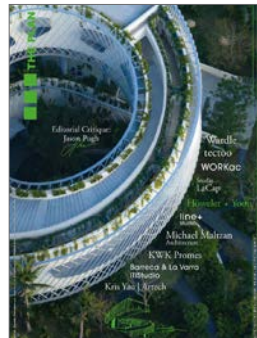
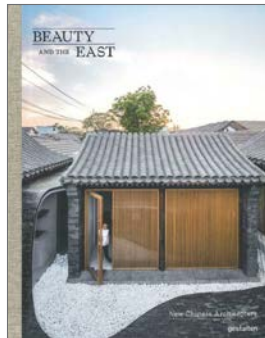
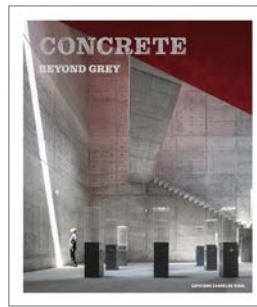
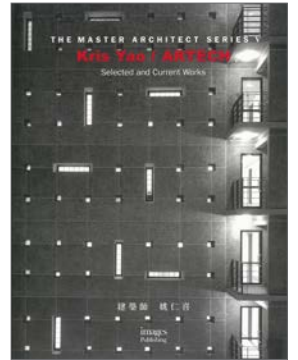
URBAN DESIGN



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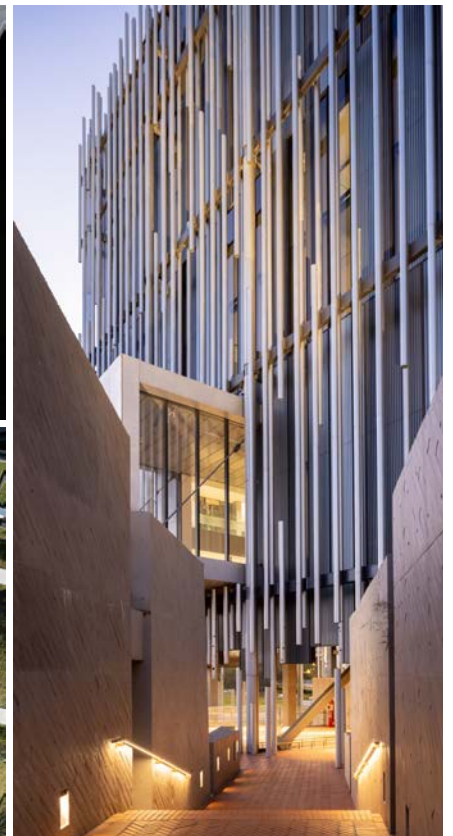
NEW TAIPEI CITY ART MUSEUM

Completed: 2023 / 8 stories+B3 / GFA: 32,420 m²

2025/ Chicago Athenaeum Museum International Architecture Awards - Winner

2025/ The Plan Award - Winner - Cultural

2025/ Architecture MasterPrize - Honorable Mention - Cultural Buildings



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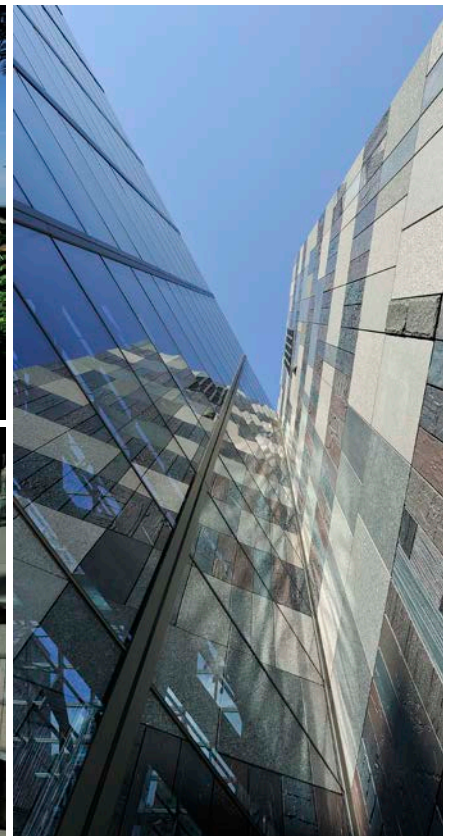
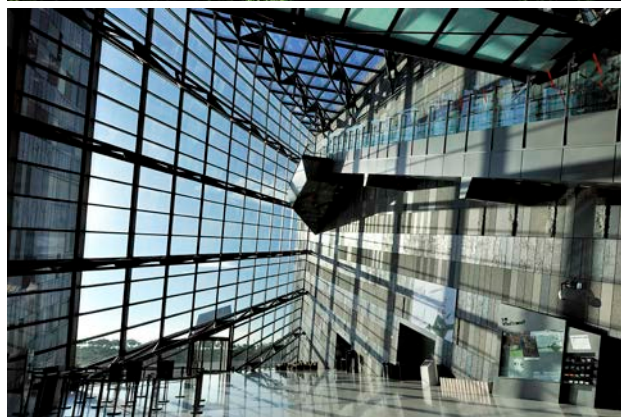
LANYANG MUSEUM

Completed: 2010 / 4 stories / GFA:12,639 m²

2013/ UED Museum Architectural Design Award - Merit Award

2012/ Chicago Athenaeum Museum International Architecture Awards - Winner

2011/ International Awards for Liveable Communities - Gold Award



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PALACE MUSEUM SOUTHERN BRANCH

Completed: 2015 / 4 stories+B1 / GFA: 38,332 m²

2013/ International Architecture Showcase (IAS)—Palace Museum, Southern Branch, Taiwan representative to participate the exhibition

2016/ Taiwan Architecture Award Special Award



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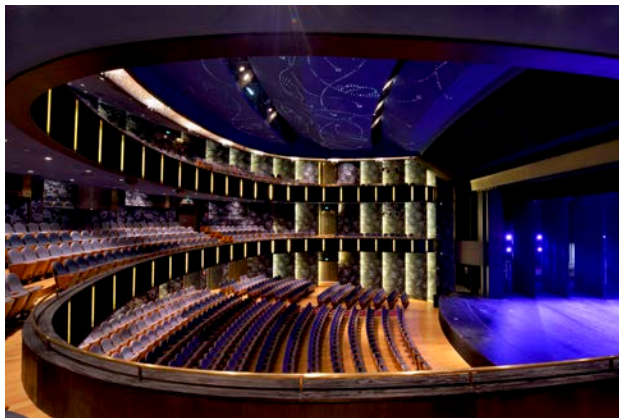
PERFORMING
ARTS CENTERS



WUZHEN THEATER

Completed: 2013 / 5 stories+B1 / GFA: 22,500 m²

2013/ WAF Awards Finalist



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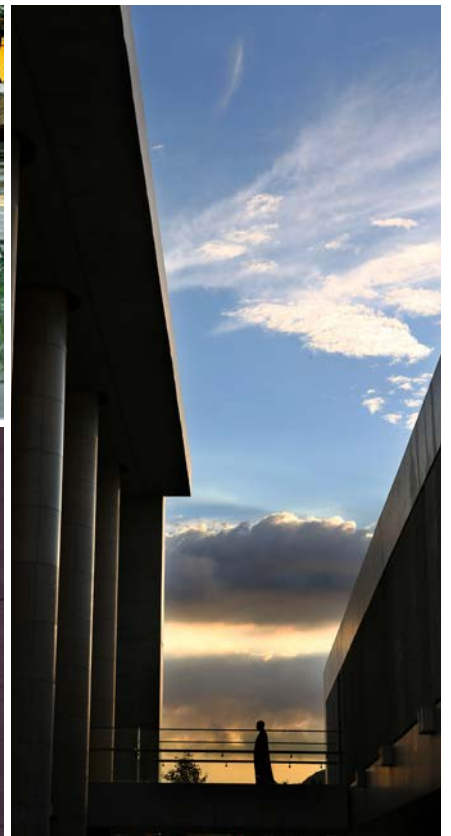
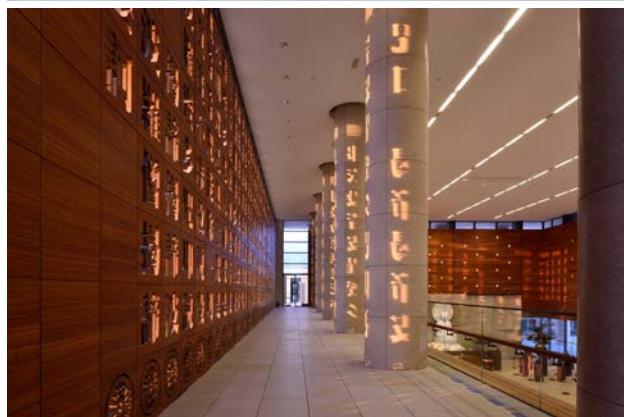
WATER-MOON MONASTERY

Completed: 2012 / 2 stories+B1 / GFA: 8,056 m²

2014/ DFA Awards - Merit Recognition

2013/ WAF Awards Finalist

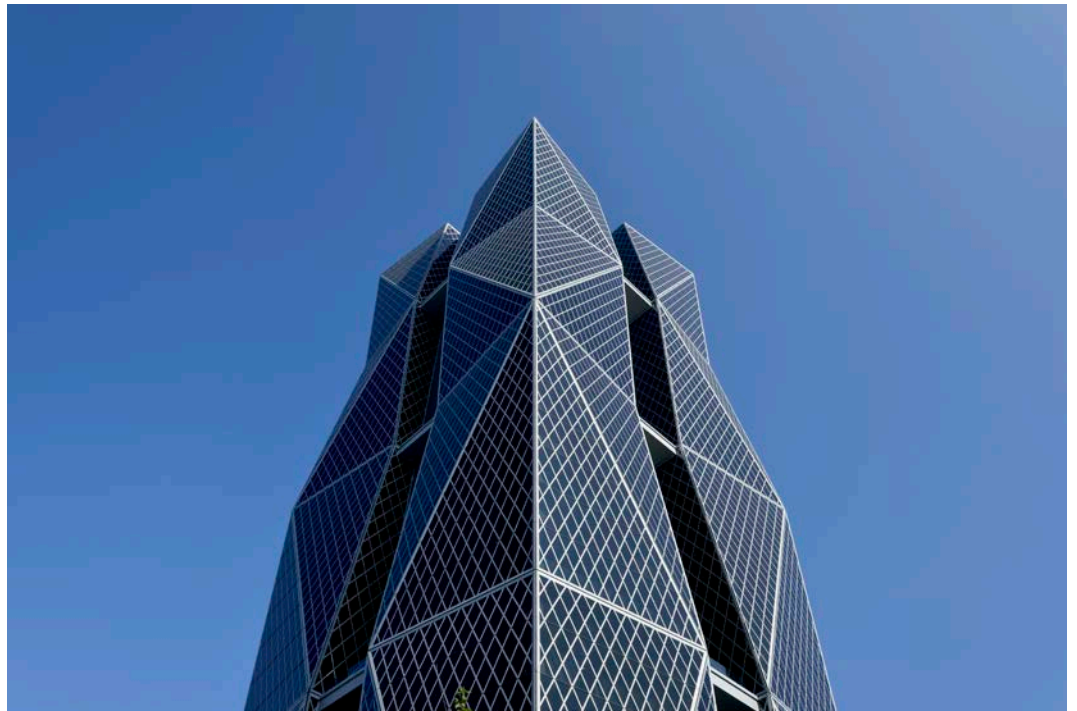
2013/ WACA Architectural Design Award - Excellence Award



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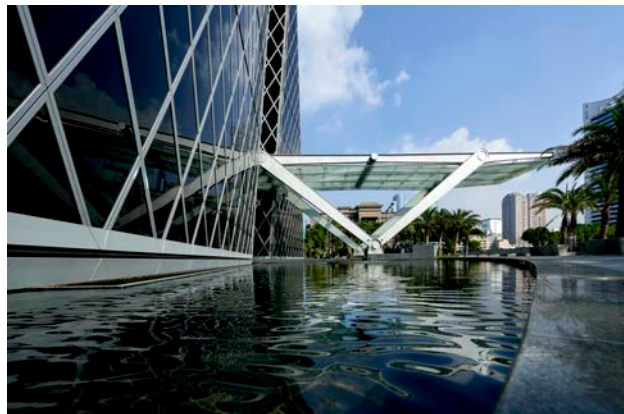


CHINA STEEL CORPORATION HEADQUARTERS

Completed: 2012 / 29 stories+B3 / GFA: 81,054 m²

2014/ Chicago Athenaeum Museum International Architecture Awards - Winner

2013/ Architizer A+Awards - Jury Winner & Popular Choice Winner



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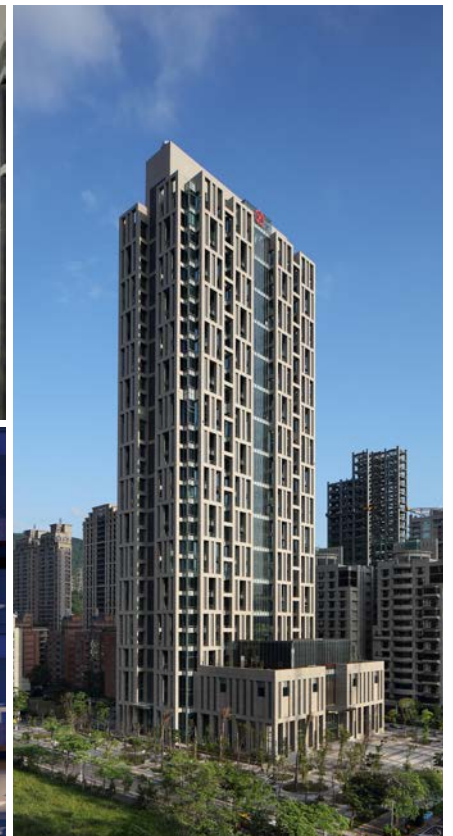


HUA NAN BANK

Completed: 2014 / 27 stories+B2 / GFA: 51,750 m²

2016/ 1st CITAB-CTBUH China Tall Building Awards - Honorable Distinction

2017/ Taiwan Architecture & Building Center - Excellent Green Building



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FAR EASTERN MEGA TOWER

Completed: 2013 / 50 stories+B4 / GFA: 122,929 m²



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TSMC NANJING CAMPUS

Completed: 2018

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2024/ RTF Awards - Runner-Up

2024/ LOOP Design Awards - Winner



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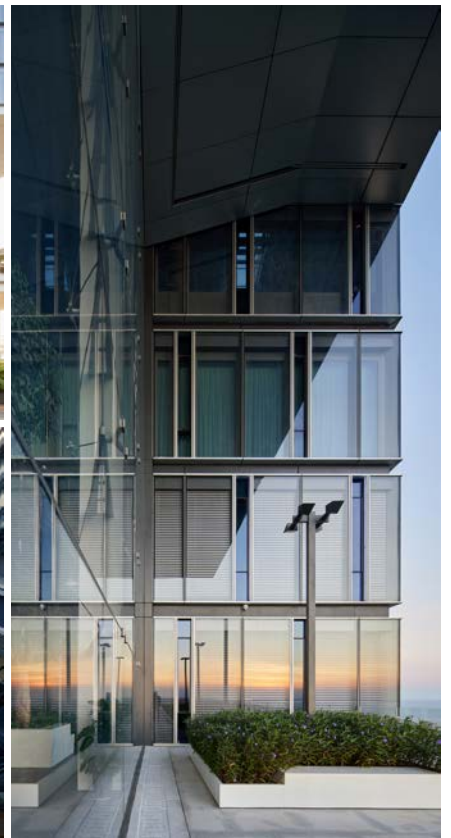
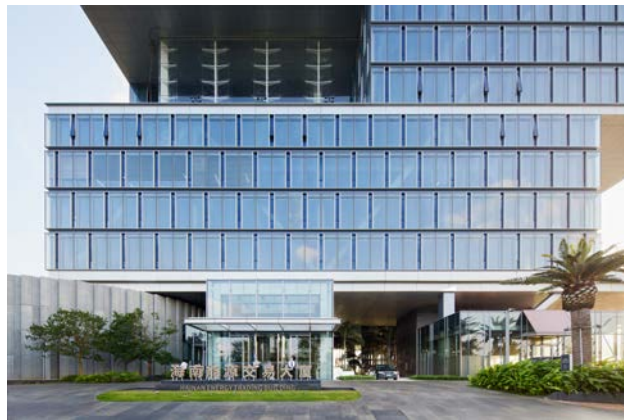
HAINAN ENERGY TRADING BUILDING

Completed: 2022 / 17 Stories+B2 / GFA: 65,726 m²

2024/ Chicago Athenaeum Museum International Architecture Awards - Winner

2023/ Dezeen Awards China - Workplace Project of the Year

2023/ Architecture MasterPrize - Winner



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FOXCONN HEADQUARTERS SHANGHAI

Completed: 2019 / 21 stories+B4 / GFA: 83,181 m²

2024/ ArchDaily China Building of the Year Awards Nomination

2022/ Architecture MasterPrize - Winner

2020/ The Plan Award Finalist



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UNITED DAILY NEWS

Completed: 2018 / 30 stories+B5 / GFA: 60,147 m²

2022/ LOOP Design Awards Shortlist



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HUMBLE HOUSE TAIPEI

Completed: 2013 / 22 stories+B5 / GFA: 54,956 m²



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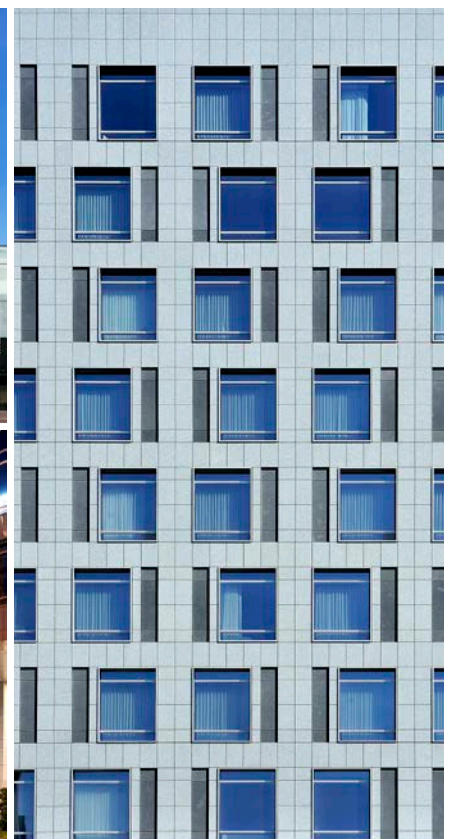
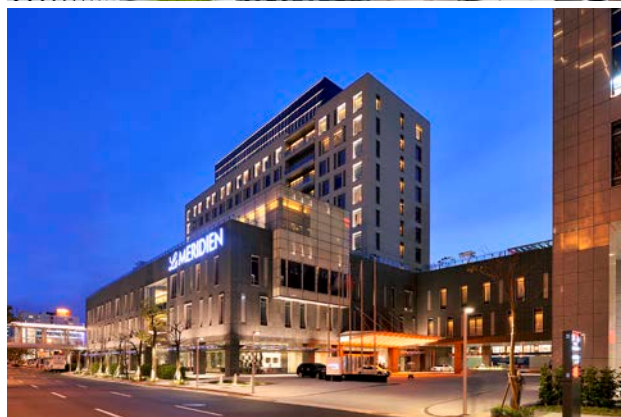
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MERIDIEN HOTEL AND SHINKONG FINANCIAL CENTER

Completed: 2010 / 21 stories+B3 / GFA: 79,689 m²



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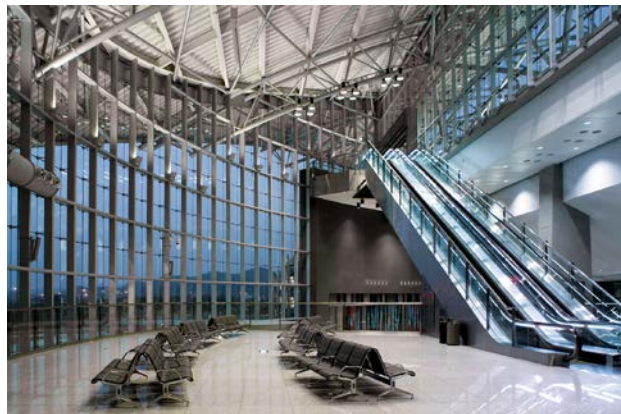


HSINCHU HIGH-SPEED RAIL STATION

Completed: 2006 / 3 stories+B1 / GFA: 20,360 m²

2007/ Far Eastern Architectural Design Award - Honorable Mention

2006/ Taiwan Architecture Award - 1st Prize



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CHANGHUA HIGH-SPEED RAIL STATION

Completed: 2015 / 3 stories / GFA: 22,174 m²

2016/ Architizer A+Awards - Popular Choice Winner

2016/ WAF Awards Finalist



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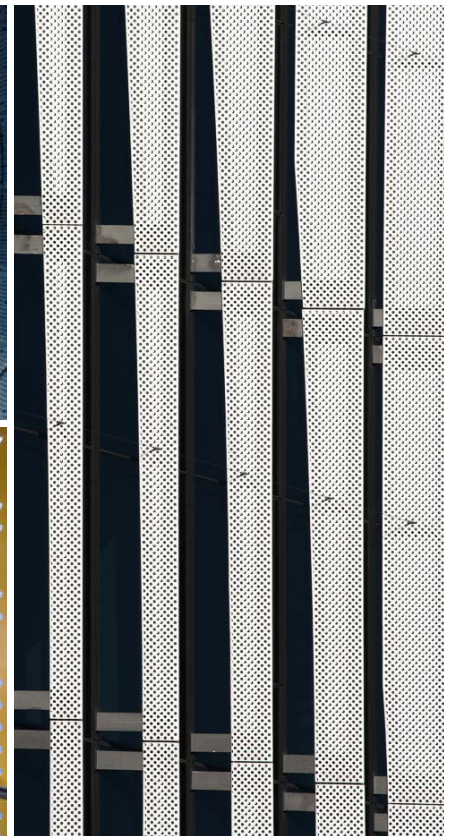
COSMOLOGY CENTER TAIWAN UNIVERSITY

Completed: 2018 / 8 stories+B2 / GFA:10,979 m²

2023/ Architecture MasterPrize - Honorable Mention

2021/ LOOP Design Awards - Honorable Mention

2018/ Architizer A+Awards - Special Mention



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DHARMA DRUM INSTITUTE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Completed: 2015 / 5 stories+B2 / GFA: 42,456 m²

2017/ HKIA Cross-Strait Architectural Design Awards - Gold Awards

2015/ Taiwan Architecture Award - Honorable Mention

2015/ WAF Finalist



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SHIH CHIEN UNIVERSITY GYMNASIUM AND LIBRARY

Completed: 2009 / 5 stories+B2 / GFA: 26,849 m²

2012/ Taipei Urban Landscape Award - 1st Prize

2011/ Taiwan Architecture Award - Honorable Mention



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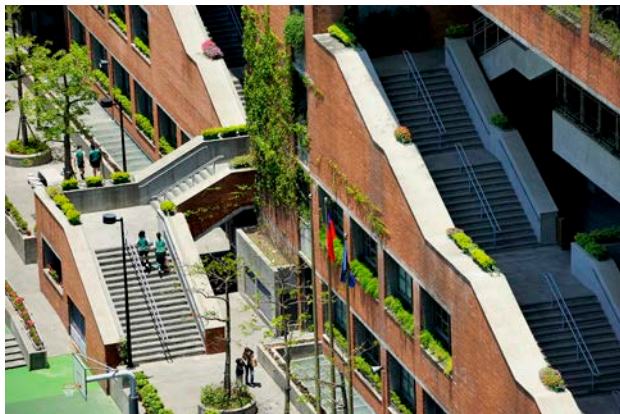
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TAIPEI FUHSING PRIVATE SCHOOL

Completed: 2007 / 8 stories+B3 / GFA: 45,034 m²



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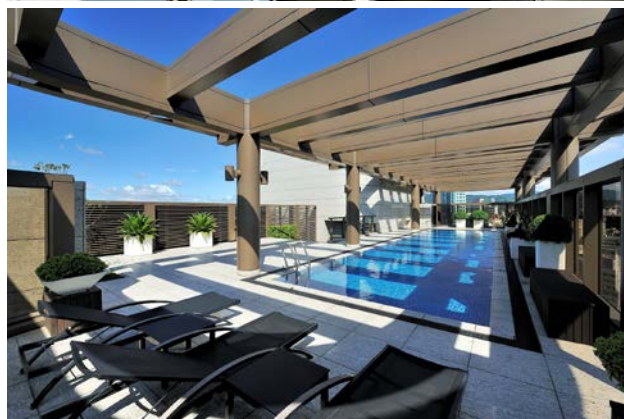
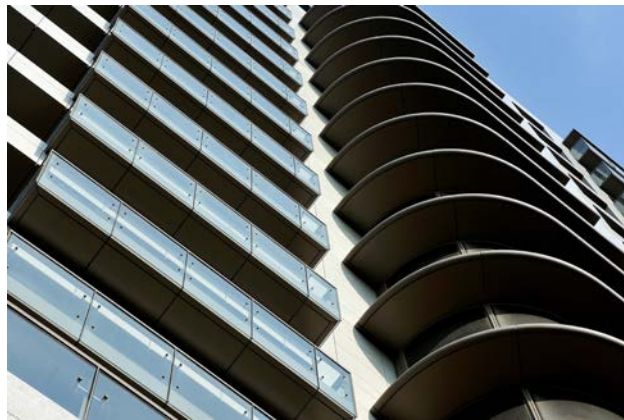
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THE CYPRESS COURT

Completed: 2010 / 17 stories+B4 / GFA: 14,473 m²



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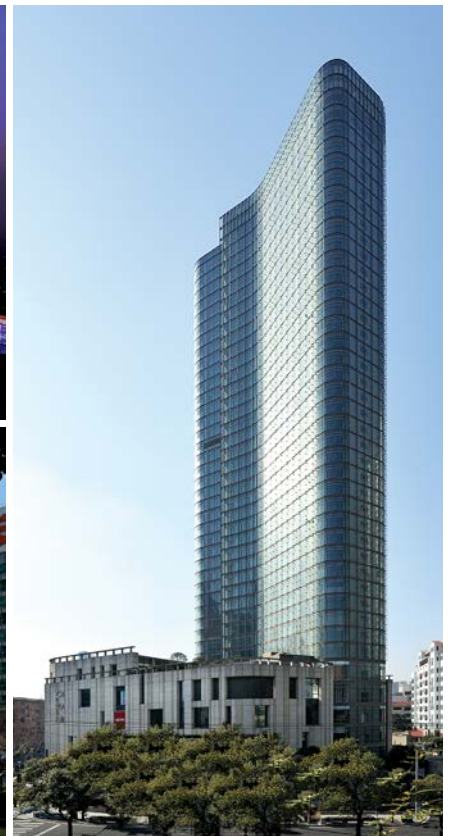
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HUASHAN TOWER

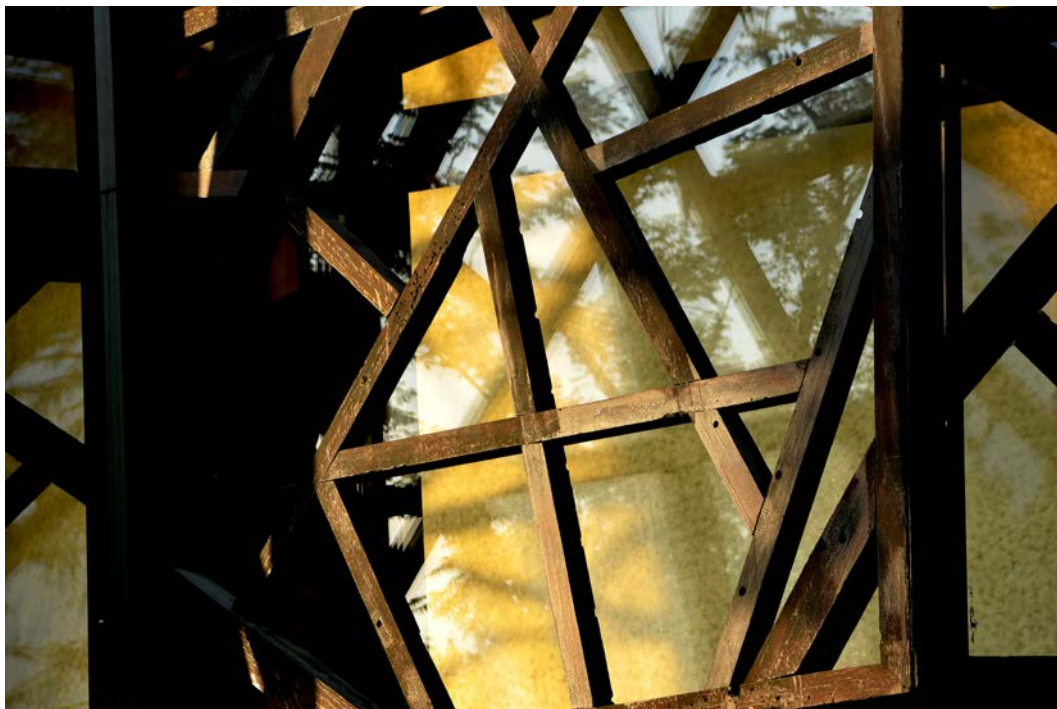
Completed: 2007 / 40 stories+B3 / GFA: 48,729 m²



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at the MoCA (Museum of Contemporary Art), Shanghai

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