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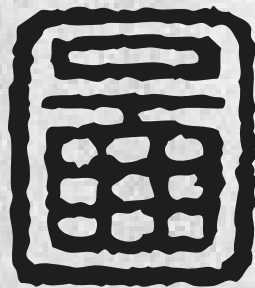
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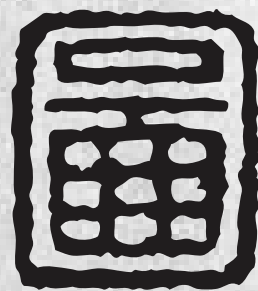
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SYMPOSIUM RUNDOWN	
DAY1 28 February 2025 (Friday)	
08:30	Reception
09:00	OPENING
09:10 – 09:20	<u>Welcoming Speech</u> Ar. Julia Lau, CSU, JP President, The Hong Kong Institute of Architects
09:20 – 09:30	<u>Speech by Guest of Honour</u> Ms. Rosanna Law, JP Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism, HKSAR Government
09:30 – 09:40	<u>Opening Speech</u> Ar. Nicholas Ho Commissioner for Belt and Road, HKSAR Government
	<u>Speech by Opening Guest</u>
09:40 – 09:45	Ar. Regina Gonthier President, The International Union of Architects
09:45 – 09:50	Ar. Saifuddin Bin Ahmad ARCASIA President & Adjunct Professor, UCSI University
09:50 – 09:55	Dr. Jianmin Meng Vice President, The Architectural Society of China
09:55 – 10:00	<u>SOUVENIR PRESENTATION AND GROUP PHOTOS</u>
10:00 – 10:45	<u>KEYNOTE SESSION 1</u> Mr. Ma Yansong Founder & Principal Partner, MAD Architects
10:45 – 11:00	BREAK
11:00 – 11:45	<u>KEYNOTE SESSION 2</u> Ar. Rocco Yim , BBS, JP Principal, Rocco Design Architects Ltd.
11:45 – 12:45	<u>PANEL DISCUSSION SESSION A</u> Co-existence: Urban-rural Integration and Eco-urbanism Ar. KS Wong, GBS, JP Former Secretary for the Environment, HKSAR Government Prof. David Erdman Founding Director, Pratt Institute's Center for Climate & Adaptation Associate Professor, Pratt School of Architecture Dr. Shan Liang Managing Director, Shenzhen Urban Planning & Land Resource Research Center
12:45 – 14:00	LUNCH
14:00 – 14:45	<u>KEYNOTE SESSION 3</u> Ar. Emre Arolat Founding & Design Partner, EAA – Emre Arolat Architecture
14:45 – 15:30	<u>KEYNOTE SESSION 4</u> Ar. Gaetan Siew Special Envoy to UN Habitat
15:30 – 15:45	BREAK
15:45 – 16:45	<u>PANEL DISCUSSION SESSION B</u> Contradiction: Urban Regeneration and Heritage & Modernity Ar. Christopher Law Kin Chung, JP Founder Director, The Oval Partnership Ar. Melvin HJ Tan President, Singapore Institute of Architects & Joint Managing Director & Founding Partner, LAUD Architects Pte Ltd. Ar. Matthew Potter Director, WilkinsonEyre (Hong Kong)
16:45	END OF DAY 1

SYMPOSIUM RUNDOWN	
DAY2 1 March 2025 (Saturday)	
09:00	Reception
09:30 – 10:15	<u>KEYNOTE SESSION 5</u> Ar. Patrick Fejér CEO, B+H & Senior Executive Director, Architecture and Design, Buildings + Cities, SJ Group
10:15 – 11:00	<u>KEYNOTE SESSION 6</u> Prof. Yung Ho Chang Dean, Faculty of Architecture, The University of Hong Kong
11:00 – 11:15	BREAK
11:15 – 12:15	<u>PANEL DISCUSSION SESSION C</u> Complexity: High Density Living and Mixed-used Typology Ar. Carolin Fong Executive Director, Urban Renewal Authority Ar. Saifuddin Bin Ahmad ARCASIA President & Adjunct Professor, UCSI University Dr. Mirna Zordan Assistant Professor & Founder and Director, Future Spaces Vision Lab, Southern University of Science and Technology
12:15 – 12:30	
12:30 – 14:00	CLOSING REMARKS
14:00 – 17:00	LUNCH
	<u>City Tour (Optional)</u> Tour A The Henderson, Murray Road, Central Tour B Central Market & Thirty Houses, Central Tour C AIRSIDE, Kai Tak, Kowloon
17:00	END OF DAY 2

* Language: English / Mandarin (Simultaneous interpretation will be provided)



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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

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KEYNOTE SESSION 1



Mr. Ma Yansong
| Founder & Principal Partner,
MAD Architects

Beijing-born architect Ma Yansong is recognized as an important voice in the new generation of architects. He is the first Chinese architect to win an overseas landmark-building project. Ma is committed to developing futuristic, organic, and technologically-advanced designs that embody a contemporary interpretation of the Eastern affinity for nature. With a vision for the city of the future based in the spiritual and emotional needs of residents, he endeavors to create a balance between humanity, the city, and the environment.

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KEYNOTE SESSION 3



Ar. Emre Arolat
| Founding & Design Partner,
EAA – Emre Arolat Architecture

Emre Arolat is the design partner of EAA-Emre Arolat Architecture, founded with Gonca Paolar. Engaged in a wide range of projects, from urban master plans and airports, to residential and cultural buildings, and workplaces, EAA became an internationally recognized practice with offices in New York, London and Istanbul. He taught Advanced Studio at the Yale School of Architecture as Norman R. Foster Visiting Professor and a Master Studio at The Berlage Institute in Delft and lectured at several academic and professional institutions such as Cooper Union, the Pratt Institute, and RIBA in London. Arolat was the co-curator of the first Istanbul Design Biennale in 2012. He was awarded a professorship by the International Academy of Architecture, Sofia. EAA received many prestigious architectural awards and EAA's work has been published into several books by prominent international publishers including Rizzoli New York and Oro Editions. Emre Arolat has been elected as an Honorary Fellow of the American Institute of Architects in February 2019.

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KEYNOTE SESSION 5



Ar. Patrick Fejér
| CEO, B+H & Senior Executive Director,
Architecture and Design, Buildings + Cities,
SJ Group

Patrick Fejér is one of B+H's senior-most design leaders with a focus in design that transforms and defines the urban fabric. During his nearly thirty years of practice, his range of project typologies has become remarkably diversified, and he channels his multi-sector perspective to co-create human-centred and future-forward solutions with his teams. His vast portfolio includes hospitality destinations, entertainment venues, residential communities, innovation hubs, and corporate campuses across North America and Asia. Patrick's specialty lies in crafting spaces that serve as a canvas for distinctive and unforgettable user experiences. He brings a collaborative approach to facilitate fearless exploration, asking the right questions to uncover hidden opportunities and unlock the full potential of every project. Appointed CEO in 2022, Patrick is reinventing a cross-pollination between the firm's global platform of studios in line with a collective vision for growth. He's dedicated to leading the firm into the future by uncovering new opportunities for growth, innovation, and ushering in a new era of design excellence.

KEYNOTE SESSION 2



Ar. Rocco Yim, BBS, JP
| Principal, Rocco Design Architects Ltd.

Rocco Yim was born and educated in Hong Kong, and is currently Principal of Rocco Design Architects Associates Ltd. Since winning a First Prize Award for the L'Opéra de la Bastille international competition in 1983, his works have consistently been awarded both in Hong Kong and overseas. Recent accolades include ARCASIA Gold Medals in 1994 & 2003, WAF category winner in 2011, ULI Global Award in 2014, German Design Council Iconic Awards in 2014 & 2016, the Plan Award in 2017, and Chicago Athenaeum Architectural Awards in 2006, 2011, 2013, 2016 & 2024. Rocco is a regular invited speaker in local and international symposia, including the 2001 Harvard GSD Symposium, keynote speakers at World Architecture Festival 2014 and UIA World Congress 2021. Have been exhibited five times in the Venice Biennale over the last decade. He also held a solo exhibition at the Aedes Architecture Forum in Berlin in 2013. He is currently Honorary Professor at CUHK, Adjunct Professor at HKU and HKU SPACE. He was conferred an Honorary Doctor of Social Sciences by HKU in 2013, Award for Outstanding Contribution in Arts by HKADC and HKIA Gold Medal in 2024.

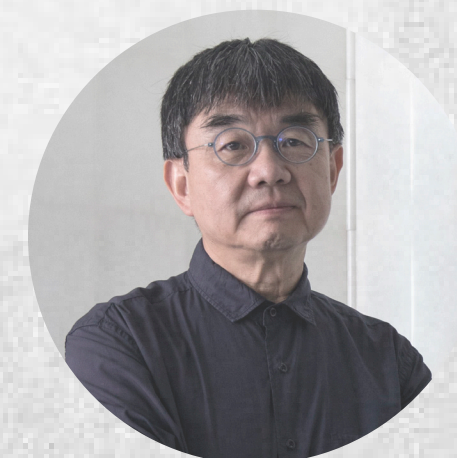
KEYNOTE SESSION 4



Ar. Gaetan Siew
| Special Envoy to UN Habitat

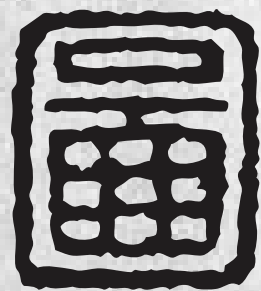
World citizen. Past President of the International Union of Architects UIA. Avid world traveller, experiencing over 500 cities across 112 countries. Worked in national projects for various Governments on the African Continent, namely Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Eswatini, Ghana, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Senegal, Seychelles. For his contributions to the Architectural and Urban world, he was awarded several honorary memberships and fellowships worldwide and bestowed as Officier de l'Ordre National du Mérite and Chevalier des Arts et des Lettres by the French Republic. Currently he is the Special Envoy to UN-Habitat and the UIA Ambassador to UNFCCC COP. In-depth understanding of people, cities and global issues. Board Director of UK Future Cities since 2013. Past Chairman of the State Land Development Company (Smart Mauritius), of the Construction Industry Development Board and of the Port Louis Development Initiative. Current Chair of the Africa Clean Energy Services and Board Director of Blue Life Ltd. Member of the Paris Chaire ETI Panthéon Sorbonne. Beyond the operations of his Architectural practice, he is as a visiting lecturer to several universities in France, Korea and China.

KEYNOTE SESSION 6



Prof. Yung Ho Chang
| Dean, Faculty of Architecture,
The University of Hong Kong

Professor Yung Ho Chang is the Founding Partner and Principal Architect of Atelier Feichang Jianzhu (FCJZ). Educated both in China and in the US, Professor Chang received his Master of Architecture degree from the University of California, Berkeley in 1984. He has been practising in China since 1992, and established FCJZ with Lijia Lu in 1993. He has received a number of prizes and recognitions, such as First Place in the Shinkenchiku Residential Design Competition in 1986, Progressive Architecture Citation Award in 1996, UNESCO Prize for the Promotion of the Arts in 2000, Academy Award in Architecture from American Academy of Arts and Letters in 2006, China Architecture Media Award Excellence in Practice Prize 2016. He is a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) and Honorary Member of AIA Hong Kong. FCJZ has been recognised as one of the 100+ Best Architecture Firms 2019 by Domus magazine. The Jishou Art Museum, designed by FCJZ, won the AIA 2020 Architecture Award and the ArchDaily China Building of the Year 2020 Award.



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PANEL SPEAKERS

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PANEL DISCUSSION SESSION A

Co-existence: Urban-rural Integration and Eco-urbanism

共生性：城鄉共融與生態城市主義的協同發展

Moderator



Prof. Thomas Chung

| Associate Professor, School of Architecture,
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Thomas Chung is Associate Professor at School of Architecture, CUHK. His current research is driven by the regenerative approach to include countryside conservation and co-creative placemaking. Thomas' multiple award-winning projects Value Farm and Floating Fields fuse ecological design, productive landscape with socially innovative public space. Since 2008, Thomas has been active in curating, exhibiting and steering the Bi-city Biennale of Urbanism\ Architecture in Hong Kong and Shenzhen (UABB) and the Venice Biennale Hong Kong Exhibition. Thomas is Co-director for the UIA Public Spaces Work Programme, Board of Directors for the Hong Kong Architecture Centre, Chief Editor for the Hong Kong Institute of Architects Journal, and serves on various HKIA Committees and Task Forces.

Since 2019, Thomas' work on urban-rural revitalisation through countryside conservation has emphasised interdisciplinary action-research, partnerships with stakeholders and resilience with social impact. Design research projects such as Project Plum Grove has received national and international recognition. Thomas is founding director for the CUHK Research Centre for Sustainable Placemaking and Urban-rural Regeneration, and leads a multi-disciplinary team dedicated to developing sustainable urban-rural futures for all.



Ar. KS Wong GBS, JP

| Former Secretary for the Environment,
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government



Prof. David Erdman

| Founding Director, Pratt Institute's Center
for Climate Adaptation
Associate Professor, Pratt School of Architecture



Dr. Shan Liang

| Managing Director, Shenzhen Urban Planning &
Land Resource Research Center

Wong was the Secretary for the Environment, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government, in 2012-2022. During his ten-year ministerial service, he spearheaded a series of sustainability policy blueprints on climate action, energy saving for the built environment, air quality, popularization of electric vehicles, waste management, and biodiversity, leading Hong Kong towards carbon neutrality before 2050. He also initiated the policy on countryside conservation in 2017, leading to the subsequent establishment of Countryside Conservation Office.

Since the 1990s, Wong has become a registered architect and developed expertise on sustainable architecture and research. Wong is currently Distinguished Department of Architecture Fellow and Adjunct Professor in the Department of Politics and Public Administration at The University of Hong Kong, and Honorary Professor at Hong Kong Chu Hai College. He also serves as Chairman of Wu Zhi Qiao (Bridge to China) Charitable Foundation, which contributes to rural revitalization in both mainland China and Hong Kong and integrates youth development and low-carbon transformation.

David Erdman was the chair from 2016-2023 of the Department of Graduate Architecture and Urban Design at Pratt Institute's School of Architecture where he was overseeing the master of architecture, MS in Architecture and MS in urban design programs for 200 students. David was an assistant professor at the University of Hong Kong's Department of Architecture from 2010-2016, teaching graduate studios, seminars and core courses within the M.Arch curriculum. He has also served in leadership positions as the department's public programs coordinator and graduate thesis chair. Notable projects with the Hong Kong Housing Authority, the Hong Kong Environmental Protection Agency and the Taipei Mayoral Office in Taiwan were exhibited at various exhibitions internationally including the Venice Biennale and the American Academy in China. Between 1999-2008, David taught studios and design-based seminars at the UCLA Department of Architecture and Urban Design. Work by his students was recognized through a series of exhibitions and awards including the Venice Biennale and winners of the eVolo Skyscraper competition. David received his bachelor of science from The Ohio State University in 1993 and his master of architecture from Columbia University in 1998.

Managing Director, Shenzhen Urban Planning & Land Resource Research Center
Professor-level Senior Urban Planner; Master of Engineering, Survey and Design in Shenzhen Special Economic Zone; National Spatial Planning Leading Talent, Ministry of Natural Resources; Shenzhen Leading Talent.

With over 25 years of planning and design practice in the frontline, Dr. Shan focuses on pragmatic urban design and making high-quality development into reality. He has led and completed numerous major projects, including the Xiong'an New Area International Consultation, Shenzhen's Overall Urban Design, and Planning of Qianhai. He has won over a hundred awards, including seven national First Prizes, two Second Prizes of China Awards for Science and Technology in Construction, and two Science and Technology Progress Awards. The 'Shenzhen Mountains-Sea Vistas' Plan was awarded Shenzhen Planning Golden Bull Award.

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PANEL DISCUSSION SESSION B

Contradiction: Urban Regeneration and Heritage & Modernity

衝突性：城市再生、古蹟保育與現代性之間的相互關係

Moderator



Ar. Donald Choi, JP

| Adjunct Professor,
The University of Hong Kong

Donald has worked globally as architect and developer for more than 40 years. He believes in the power of design and technology to empower society. He is an Adjunct Professor at HKU, the President of Hong Kong Institute of Real Estate Administrators, and the Chairperson of the Board of Construction Innovation and Technology Application Centre. He serves as a member of the Infrastructure Development Advisory Committee under Hong Kong Trade Development Council and the Chief Executive of HKSAR has appointed Donald as a Member of Antiquities Advisory Board and the Council for Carbon Neutrality and Sustainable Development.

Donald was the Chief Executive Officer of Chinachem Group, the Managing Director of Nan Fung Group and a Director of Foster and Partners as well as the Authorised Person – Architect for the Hong Kong International Airport Passenger Terminal and many infrastructure projects at Chek Lap Kok (CLK). The CLK airport was awarded the Top Ten Construction Projects of the 20th century in the World. The Mills, a project initiated while Donald was at Nan Fung, won the Award of New Design in Heritage Contexts of The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Asia-Pacific Heritage Awards for Culture Heritage Conservation. A Chinachem project in collaboration with Urban Renewal Authority, Central Market, has won numerous awards, including the Quality Building Award 2022 Grand Award – Hong Kong Building (Renovation/ Revitalisation), Quality Building Award 2022 Sustainable Development Award, and Hong Kong Institute of Planners Awards 2021 - Silver Award.



Ar. Christopher Law Kin Chung, JP

| Founder Director, The Oval Partnership

Chris Law is a leading practitioner in sustainable urbanism and neighbourhood development. He co-founded the Oval Partnership in 1992 and directs INTEGER, its subsidiary focused on sustainable and smart city initiatives. Notably, INTEGER pioneered the use of structural laminated bamboo in multi-storey buildings. Under Chris's leadership, the Oval Partnership introduced the Open City design principle, exemplified in the award-winning Sanlitun Taikoo Li Beijing and Taikoo Li Chengdu projects. Chris serves on various public and third-sector committees in Hong Kong, including the Urban Design Advisory Group of the Development Bureau. He chairs the UNESCO award-winning Viva Blue House project, promoting heritage conservation and community participation, and leads the Hong Kong Family Welfare Society. As the chief curator and founder of Very Hong Kong, he advocates for public space and community initiatives like Collaborate Hong Kong. A graduate of Stonyhurst College and the Bartlett School of Architecture, UCL, Chris's projects have garnered numerous awards, including recognition from the Royal Institute of British Architects and the World Architecture Festival. He is an honorary member of the American Institute of Architects and a Justice of the Peace in Hong Kong.



Ar. Melvin HJ Tan

President, Singapore Institute of Architects &
Joint Managing Director & Founding Partner,
LAUD Architects Pte Ltd.

Melvin is the President of the Singapore Institute of Architects, 64th Council and the Deputy Managing Director and founding partner of LAUD Architects Pte Ltd, a Singapore-based practice established in 2004.

LAUD Architects is a design-centric boutique practice, recognised at the SIA Design Awards, HDB Design Awards, Finalists in World Architecture Festival and most notably President Design Awards for their projects, Sparkletots by PCF (2020) and DECK (2015).

He has served in many capacities such as World Architecture Festival Judge, Jury panel for design awards both locally and abroad, Housing Development Board Architectural Design Panel and on the Design Singapore Advisory Board. He also sits on the Board of Architects (Singapore) in his capacity as SIA president.

Melvin was the Lead Curator for the Singapore Pavilion at the Venice Biennale 2023.

In his final term as SIA President, Melvin is actively lobbying for commensurate fees and fair salaries for architects and the built environment sector, through the task force recently set up by MND.



Ar. Matthew Potter

| Director, WilkinsonEyre (Hong Kong)

Matthew Potter run's the Hong Kong office and has played a pivotal role in many of the practice's award-winning projects in the region. Since its inception, the WilkinsonEyre Asia Pacific office has won work in a broad range of sectors including a competition-winning scheme for a 30,000m conservatory complex in Tianjin PRC, a 60Ha resort masterplan with all-weather recreation facility in South China, a 250m tall commercial tower in Shenzhen and the Sky Bridge at Hong Kong International Airport. Current projects include a new innovation building to support the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology's entrepreneurship programme, a new state-of-the-art campus on Pokfield Road for The University of Hong Kong and the restoration of the Grade I Listed State Theatre. Other projects in the region include the rejuvenation of the Main Building, a historic monument at HKU, the Cooled Conservatories at Gardens by the Bay, Singapore; a new experiential garden in Macau, a masterplan for Shenzhen Bay Avenue and the new conservatories at Beijing Botanic Gardens which will provide 11,000 m of new planted display.



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PANEL DISCUSSION SESSION C

Complexity: High Density Living and Mixed-used Typology

複雜性：高密度居住與混合用途型態的相互交織

Moderator



Prof. Eunice Seng

| Head of Department & Associate Professor,
The University of Hong Kong

Professor Eunice Seng, PhD, Ir-Arch, is Head of Department and Associate Professor in the Department of Architecture at The University of Hong Kong. She is the founding principal of the architecture and research practice SKEW Collaborative and a founding member of Docomomo Hong Kong. As an architect and historian, her research and scholarship focus on the interaction between historical contingency and the built environments in Asia and Southeast Asia. She explores the interdisciplinary intersections, transnational and transregional connections, and agency in relation to architecture, housing design and planning, labor, public space, and women's work in modern architecture in postcolonial Asia. She lectures extensively on these topics and is the author of *Resistant City: Histories, Maps, and the Architecture of Development* (2020). She also contributed to the Hong Kong section in the *Bloomsbury Global Encyclopedia of Women in Architecture, 1960-2015*, and has edited themed issues for the *Journal of Architecture*, *Architecture Theory Review*, and *Ardeth*. Her current book project, *Housing Contingency*, investigates mid-twentieth-century composite buildings as archival sites to understand housing and development in Hong Kong.



Ar. Carolyn Fong

| Executive Director,
Urban Renewal Authority

Carolyn Fong is the Executive Director of Operations at the Urban Renewal Authority, overseeing Acquisition and Clearance, Building Rehabilitation, Works and Contracts, Legal Services, and Sustainability Development. At present, she is also Adjunct Professor in the Department of Architecture at HKU.

Carolyn is an architect by training. She worked at DLN Architects intermittently over 25 years, pursued a Master's Degree in Environmental Design in Architecture at the University of Cambridge, and taught in the Department of Architecture at HKU as an Assistant Professor during this period. She left DLN and became the Director of Estates of the Hong Kong Baptist University in 2019.

Carolyn has served the HKIA and the ARB in various capacities since 2006. Currently, she is part of the HKIA Professional Assessment Committee and serves as the subject panel chair of Paper 1 - Statutory Control of Buildings. She is also a co-opt member of the Campus Development Committee of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. With a keen interest in sustainability, she wishes to learn how the latest advancements in technologies and AI can contribute to sustainable urban renewal.



Ar. Saifuddin Bin Ahmad

| ARCASIA President &
Adjunct Professor, UCSI University

Ar Saifuddin Ahmad, 64 is the President of ARCASIA (Architects Regional Council Asia) 2024-2025. He is a fellow of Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia, Registered ASEAN Architect, APEC Architect and Honorary Member of Australian Institute of Architects, Association of Siamese Architects by Royal Patronage. The American Institute of Architects (AIA) has awarded the AIA Presidential Medal and Honorary AIA Membership during the International Presidents' Forum in Washington DC on June 8th, 2024.

Ar Saifuddin is a member of the Board of Directors Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd since February 2021. He is also Chairman of its subsidiary Lingkar MRT Sdn Bhd, the company responsible for the implementation of MRT Line 3. Ar Saifuddin was a member of the Board of University Directors at Universiti Malaya since 2011 to 2024. He was awarded by his alma mater, Deakin University, Australia, Alumni of Year 2020. He was chosen as one of the distinguished alumni by Universiti Teknologi Malaysia during the university's 50th anniversary in 2022. Ar Saifuddin was one of the recipients of The 2023 CIDB Fellowship Award, a recognition and appreciation from CIDB Malaysia.

Mirna Zordan is an architect and a design instructor with a specific focus on data-driven spatial psychology and environment-behaviour performances in complex conditions. Her research replies to the SDGs agenda for good health and well-being, with a specific focus on how technological innovation can support human health. Her current approach takes multi-disciplinary directions by adopting the concept of "technology for good, technology for caring". With her Lab, she is exploring and questioning conventional concepts related to the impact of our built environments on human perceptions, challenging the concept of visual complexity as known today. Her main focus relates to stress levels and mental health and the role the environment can play in it. Her multi-disciplinary direction is also attempting to bridge neuroscience, psychology, bio-metric data visualization, and spatial design to support empathy across humans and environments for a better future. She takes a wide range of research and design-based projects by integrating spatial design, art, science, and technology to understand how we can design more responsive and restorative environments.



Dr. Mirna Zordan

| Assistant Professor & Founder and Director,
Future Spaces Vision Lab,
Southern University of Science and Technology

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City Tour

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Tour A | The Henderson, Murray Road, Central

Zaha Hadid Architects's FIRST commercial project in Hong Kong



Set to become a prominent architectural icon of Central, Hong Kong's CBD, The Henderson, designed by the world-renowned architectural firm Zaha Hadid Architects ("ZHA") developed a GFA 465,000-square-foot, 190-metre-tall, 36-storey (including ground) and 5 basement floors super Grade-A commercial development with tenancy commencing in Jun 2024.

Located adjacent to Hong Kong Park and Chater Garden, The Henderson is ZHA's first commercial project in Hong Kong. With its curvy built form, which is a signature design of ZHA, The Henderson echoes the organic beauty of the natural world, reinterpreting the structural forms and layering of a Bauhinia bud about to blossom.

The Henderson's sculptural, curved glass façade—the first of its kind in Hong Kong—epitomises the cutting-edge building design and construction technologies used by the Group in its development, and is made possible by the bespoke four-ply double-curved, resilient architectural glass manufactured in Germany. The unparalleled craftsmanship and precision of the façade will enhance the seamless connectivity between the building's interiors and the surrounding gardens and beyond.



Tour B | Central Market & Thirty Houses, Central

Rehabilitation & Revitalisation of existing Urban Renewal Authority-owned buildings



A "Community Making Study" was commissioned by the URA to assess community needs as part of the revitalisation of H19 and its surrounding neighbourhood. The consultancy study was completed in mid-2019 and recommended 4 Urban Progressing Visions ("Knowledge Common", "Impact Common", "Community Common", "Wellness Common") and 6 directions to guide the design and implementation of urban renewal possibilities. Details of the consultancy study can be found under "Related Documents".

Building upon study findings, the URA collaborated with stakeholders to develop initiatives to the benefit of the local community, including the rehabilitation and revitalisation of existing URA-owned buildings within H19, as well as the creation of synergies with adjoining areas so as to bring overall improvements to the district through urban renewal and community rejuvenation at large.

To conclude and share the experience of community making and public participatory approach to urban renewal in H19, the Community Makers' Guide which provides guiding principles for the understanding of community making as an area development model, has been published with an aim to inspire more people and organisations to join the journey of community making.



Tour C | AIRSIDE, Kai Tak, Kowloon

Sustainability Highlights : HK's FIRST & Largest office-building
monocrystalline PV farm walkable PV



Situated in a prime location in the heart of Kowloon and boasting direct connectivity to the Kai Tak MTR station, AIRSIDE is a 1.9 million sq. ft., 47-storey mixed-use commercial landmark seamlessly integrated into the area's comprehensive and convenient local and cross-border transportation networks. The development comprises a 32-storey Grade A office building and an expansive 700,000 sq. ft. multi-storey shopping mall, bringing together a diverse selection of dining, retail, and lifestyle brands.

AIRSIDE presents a unique and new urban lifestyle concept of "Wholeness" that nurtures the connection between humans and nature through the intersection of art, eco-consciousness, and a low-carbon lifestyle, with the ultimate goal of building a sustainable and resilient society together. AIRSIDE is the first building in Hong Kong to receive seven of the most recognised green and smart building certifications, with a total of 6,000 sq. ft. of urban farming spaces within the mall. Additionally, with dedicated art and cultural spaces spanning over 10,000 sq. ft., including the newly established GATE33 Gallery curated by a team of art professionals, AIRSIDE is set to become a new hub for creativity and sustainability.

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