

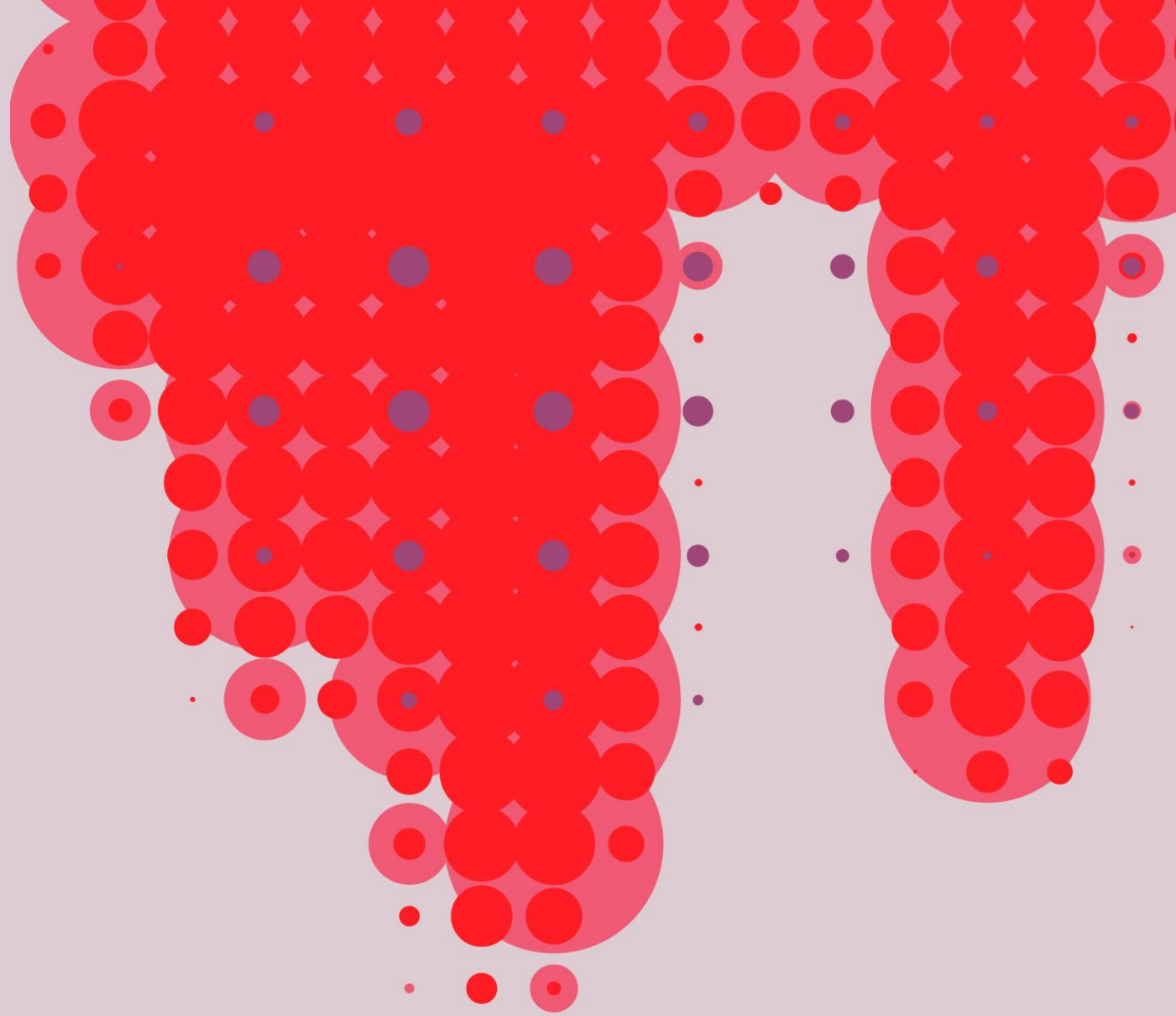
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From December 16-18, 2025, the Shenzhen World Exhibition & Convention Center will host a super event jointly created by IM Sinoexpo and the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA), spanning the fields of architecture, design, hospitality, and retail — RIBA Architecture Festival Asia (RAFA) . This grand feast will be held concurrently with Connexion Shenzhen. The combination of these two major events highlights Shenzhen's enduring influence as a design capital and commercial innovation hub, offering a dual feast of ideas and technology for global peers.

The inaugural RIBA Asia Pacific Awards winners will be announced at RAFA. The awards celebrate architects' talent, visionary design, and the transformative power of architecture across our communities. The shortlisted projects will be showcased through Live Design Reviews with opportunities to hear from the architects.

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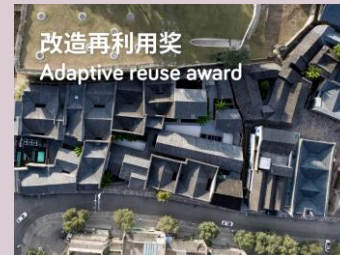


RIBA ASIA PACIFIC AWARDS

The 63 finalists for the RIBA Asia Pacific Awards reflect the unique cultures and characteristics in Asia-Pacific region. The shortlist projects reflect architecture that is deeply embedded in the distinctive cultures and character of the Asia Pacific. As a region on the frontline of complex challenges from climate change to rapid urbanization, the projects demonstrate how the region is responding, introducing innovative new approaches to living and highlighting how architecture can make a meaningful difference to people's lives.

The winners of the Asia Pacific Awards will be announced at the RIBA Architecture Festival Asia (RAFA) on 17 December 2025. The festival will bring together architects, developers, and policymakers to explore cutting-edge ideas, with live judging sessions leading up to a gala dinner where the winners will be announced.

INTERNATIONAL AWARDS





RAFA RIBA ARCHITECTURE FESTIVAL ASIA 2025 **RIBA Asia Pacific Awards**

The winner list of the RIBA Asia Pacific Awards will be grandly announced at this year's awards banquet. We will gather with hundreds of authoritative judges and elite speakers from the global architecture community to witness this glorious moment and celebrate excellence in architectural design and innovation.

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Valerie Vaughan-Dick
Chief Executive Officer,
RIBA



Chris Williamson
RIBA President
(2025-2027)



Peter Cook
Founder of
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Meng Jianmin
Chief Architect,
Shenzhen General
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Founder & Principal
Partner, MAD



Kengo Kuma
Founder, Kengo Kuma
and Associates



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Co-founder, CEO and
Design Principal, COOP
HIMMELB(L)AU



Benedetta Tagliabue
Principal and Director,
EMBT Architects



Patrik Schumacher
Principal, Zaha Hadid
Architects (ZHA)



**Ms Ho Wing-yin,
Winnie JP**
Secretary for Housing,
Hong Kong



Nille Juul-Sorensen
Global Business Leader
for Architecture at Arup



Emily Phang
Senior Executive
Partner, Strategic
Development Partner.
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Albert Chan
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Development, Group Chief
Sustainability Officer
Shui On Land



Ronn Yong
Director of Design and
Development, Tian An
China Investments Ltd.



Brian Zhang Li
Chinese Engineering
Survey and Design
Master, Dean of
Tsinghua University
Zijing College



Hongtao Bo
Honorary Chair, RIBA
China Chapter, Director
& Chief Architect,
CCTN Design



Ethan Yao
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Chief Architect, Design
Management, China
Resources Land



Garrett Hwang
Director of UNS



Craig Miller
Partner & Head of
Heatherwick Studio
in China



Ken Wai
Global Design Principal
Aedas



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Daniel Statham
Founder & Design
Principle
Daniel Statham Studio



Yue Fan
Distinguished Professor
and Dean, School of
Architecture and Urban
Planning, Shenzhen
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Ir Michael Kwok
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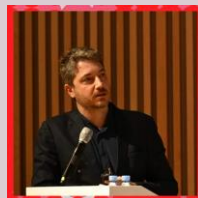
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Director at Fuksas



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& Planning, University
of Melbourne



Marc Aurel Schnabel
Dean, Design School
Xi'an Jiaotong
Liverpool University



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World) Founder,
General Manager AIASH
Chair, Board Member



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Australasia



Stephen Pimbley
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SPARK



Dennis Ho
Chair of RIBA Hong
Kong Chapter,
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Chitra Vishwanath
Principal Architect,
Biome Environmental
Solutions



Keith Griffiths
Founder and Chairman
Aedas



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Senior Vice President
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Matthew Potter
Director of
WilkinsonEyre



Melvin Tan
Joint Managing
Director, LAUD
Architects



Jo Bacon
Managing Partner,
Allies and Morrison



ROCCO YIM
Principal, Rocco
Design Architects
Associates Ltd.



Philip F. Yuan
Associate Dean of
the College of Arch
& Urban at Tongji
University



Ran Xiao
PhD in Architecture,
University of
Cambridge



Stefan Krummeck
Global Directors of
Farrells



Anderson Hsieh
Executive Director,
China Architecture and
Design Lead, SJ Group



Zhang Yuxing
Founder & Chief
Designer, ARCity Office



Ziyu Zhuang
Principal Architect
of BUZZ/Buro



Jiaqi Qu
CTBUH Asia
Regional Associate
Director



VUN Sook Yieh
Director, Project
Management
Consultancy WSP
Singapore

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Florence Chan
Principal at KPF



Leonard Milford
Senior Design, Principal,
10 Design



Jenchieh Hung
Co-Founder and
Principal Architect,
HAS



**Kulthida
Songkittipakdee**
Co-Founder and
Principal Architect, HAS



Ali Cheshmehzangi
Head of School, School
of Architecture, Design
and Planning



Shu Du
Architecture Director of
BIG (Bjarke Ingels
Group) China



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Partner, GM of
China Office



Jean Weng
Director, Regional
Sector Leader - Mixed
Use, Woods Bagot



Betty Ng
Founder & Director
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Forbes China GM
Business Operation
A senior media
professional and
contributor



Heng Chye Kiang
Deputy Dean College of
Design & Engineering
National University of
Singapore



JOHN LATTO
Associate Professor
of Architecture



Meng Zi
Principal Architect at ARC Z
Studio (Shenzhen General
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Design and Research)

* More speakers will be announced soon, and the final lineup will be confirmed on-site.

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OPENING CEREMONY:

Global Mega Trends

Time	Session title	Speakers name	Speakers title
09:15 – 09:30	Opening by Host-	Lara Netherlands , Former Host & Presenter of Hainan International Media Center	
09:30 – 09:40	Welcome Speech	Dr Valerie Vaughan-Dick	CEO of the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA)
09:40 – 09:50	Speech	Sarah Mann	British Consulate General in Guangzhou
09:50 – 10:00	Speech	MENG Jianmin	Chief Architect of Shenzhen General Institute of Architectural Design Research Co.Ltd
10:00 – 10:10	Speech	Chris Williamson	RIBA President
10:10 – 10:20	Speech	Wang Mingliang	RIBA President
10:20 – 10:30	Hands-on Initiation Ceremony	Dr Valerie Vaughan-Dick, Wang Mingliang, SONG Yan, MENG Jianmin, Sarah Mann, Chris Williamson, Ms Ho Wing-yin, Winnie JP, Peter Cook, Prof. Fan Yue, Yap Lay Bee	
10:30 – 11:10	Keynote Address	Ms Ho Wing-yin, Winnie JP	Secretary for Housing, Hong Kong
11:10 – 11:50	Speech	Peter Cook	Winner of the 2004 RIBA Royal Gold Medal. Founder of Archigram

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INNOVATION:

Innovation in Design, Development
and Policy

Time	Session title	Speakers name	Speakers title
13:30 – 13:40	Welcome & Host	Irene Qian	General Manager of Forbes China Business Operation
13:40 – 14:20	Keynote Address	Wolf D Prix	Coop Himmelb(l)au, RIBA European Award 2008 ——DEEP HIMMELBLAU AND OTHER ICE CREAMS
14:20 – 14:50	Keynote Address	Nille Juul-Sorensen	Global Architecture Leader, ARUP ——Belonging, stations architecture that helped change a city
14:50 – 15:20	Keynote Address	Yap Lay Bee	Group Director of Architecture & Urban Design at the Urban Redevelopment Authority(URA)
15:20 – 15:50	Panel Discussion	Irene Qian	General Manager of Forbes China Business Operation
		Wolf D Prix	Coop Himmelb(l)au, RIBA European Award 2008
		Leonard Milford	Senior Design Principal at 10 DESIGN
		ZHOU Lida	Vice President, Yuexiu Commercial Management Company
		Yap Lay Bee	Group Director of Architecture & Urban Design at the Urban Redevelopment Authority(URA)

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INNOVATION:

Future Business in Architecture

Time	Session title	Speakers name	Speakers title
16:00 – 16:10	Welcome & Host	Jiaqi Qu	Deputy Director, CTBUH Asia Headquarters Office
16:10 – 16:40	Keynote Address	Jo Bacon	Managing Partner, Allies and Morrison ——Urban Renewal - Lessons for Success'
16:40 – 17:10	Keynote Address	Keith Griffiths	Design leader and founder of Aedas
17:10 – 17:40	Panel Discussion	Chair: Jiagi Qu	Deputy Director, CTBUH Asia Headquarters Office
		Prof. Yuxing Zhang	Chairman, Shenzhen Biennale Foundation, Hong Kong Shenzhen Bi-City Biennale of Urbanism/Architecture
		Florence Chan	Principal, KPF
		Philip F Yuan	Vice Dean, College of Architecture and Urban Planning, Tongji University
		Ronn Yong	Director of Design and Development, Tian An China Investments Ltd.
		Christopher Lye	Hub Executive Chair - Hong Kong & Shenzhen & Singapore, Woodsbagot

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TECHNOLOGY:
AI and Generative Design

Time	Session title	Speakers name	Speakers title
09:30 – 09:40	Welcome & Host	Meng Zi	Principal Architect at ARC Z Studio (Shenzhen General Institute of Architectural Design and Research)
09:40 – 10:00	RIBA 2025 AI Report Launch		
10:00 – 10:20	Keynote Address	James Liu	Glodon Group SVP ——AI × BIM: Redefining Digital Productivity in the Architecture Industry
10:20 – 11:00	Keynote Address	Craig Miller	Partner & Head of China Studio, Heatherwick Studio
11:00 – 11:40	Keynote Address	Emily Phang	Senior Executive Partner, Strategic Development Partner ,Foster + Partners ——Shaping the Future: Technology as the catalyst for Collaboration and Human-Centered Designs
11:40 – 12:10	Panel Discussion	Host: Meng Zi	Principal Architect at ARC Z Studio (Shenzhen General Institute of Architectural Design and Research)
		Stephen Pimbley	Founding Director, SPARK
		Michael Kwok	Director, Asia Pacific Region, Arup
		Xiao Ran	PhD in Architecture, University of Cambridge
		Prof. Philip Yuan	Vice Dean, College of Architecture and Urban Planning, Tongji University
		Anderson Chider Hsieh	Executive Director, Buildings + Cities Architecture & Design Lead, Greater China, Surbana Jurong Group

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Women in Architecture:
She is an Architect

时间	环节	发言人	公司职位
09:30 – 09:40	Welcome & Host	Dr Valerie Vaughan-Dick	Chief Executive of the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA)
09:40 – 10:40	Architects Roundtable - 1		
	Part I - Ask the Architect Host: Enran Zhang, Senior Architect Chapman Taylor Honorary Treasurer, RIBA China Chapter	Jean Weng	Woods Bagot Director, Mixed Use Sector Leader – China
		Sook Yieh Yun	Director, Project Management Consultancy,WSP
	Part II - Panel Discussion Host: Ken Wai, Global Design Principal, Aedas Former Honorary Chair, RIBA China Chapter and Concil Member of Asia & Australasia Region	Garett Hwang	Director, UN studio
		Ruffina Thilakaratne	RIBA International Council Member, Asia and Australasia Region
		Susan Shu Du	Director of BIG
10:40-10:55	Tea Break		
10:55-11:55	Architects Roundtable - 2		
	Part I - Ask the Architect Host: Enran Zhang, Senior Architect Chapman Taylor Honorary Treasurer, RIBA China Chapter	Chitra Vishwanath	Senior Architect and Managing Director of Biome Environmental Solutions
		Prof. Julie Willis	Professor of Architecture and Dean of the Faculty of Architecture, Building & Planning, University of Melbourne
		Betty Ng	Founder, Collective-studio
	Part II - Panel Discussion Host: Dr. Valerie Vaughan-Dick MBE, CEO RIBA	May Wei	Founder, General Manager of DBW(Design Better World)
		Kulthida Songkittipakdee	Co-founder and principal architect at HAS Design and Research
12:00 - 12:30	Guided Tour of the She is an Architect Exhibition		

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SUSTAINABILITY

Well-being and Resilience: Healthy
Human Cities

Time	Session title	Speakers name	Speakers title
13:30 – 13:40	Welcome & Host	Yuanye Deng	Wallpaper China Editor-in-Chief
13:40 – 14:10	Keynote Address	Brian Zhang Li	Vice President of the International Union of Architects (UIA) National Engineering Survey and Design Master Dean of School of Architecture of Tsinghua University
14:10 – 14:50	Keynote Address	Kengo Kuma	Founder, Kengo Kuma and Associates RIBA Honorary Fellow ——Back to Nature
14:50 – 15:20	Panel Discussion	Host-Yuanye Deng	Wallpaper China Editor-in-Chief
		Garett Hwang	Director, UN studio
		Ziyu Zhuang	Founder and Principal Architect, BUZZ/ Büro Ziyu Zhuang
		K.B. Albert Chan	Director of Development and Planning, Group Chief Sustainability Officer, Shui On Land
		Heng Chye Kiang	Deputy Dean College of Design & Engineering National University of Singapore
		Dr. HAO Lin	Senior Director, The Oval Partnership Ltd Managing Director, INTEGER Ltd. Winner of the 2012 RIBA International Award
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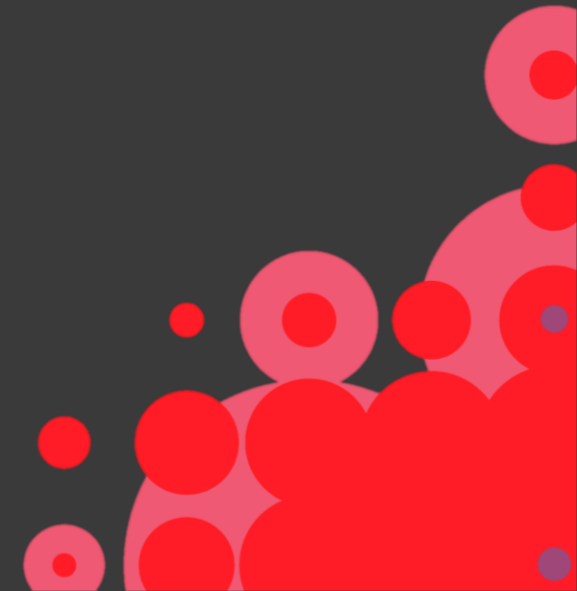
Asia ESG with Green Design

Time	Session title	Speakers name	Speakers title
15:20 – 15:30	Welcome & Host	Melvin Tan	Joint Managing Director, LAUD Architects
15:30 – 15:50	Keynote Address	Rocco Yim	Rocco Yim Associates, Founder ——Looking to Hong Kong?
15:50 – 16:10	Keynote Address	Ethan Yao	Deputy General Manager of Design Department, China Resources Group
16:10 – 16:40	Panel Discussion	Host: Melvin Tan	Joint Managing Director, LAUD Architects
		Matthew Potter	Board Director at WilkinsonEyre
		Giovanni Podestà	Director at Studio Fuksas
		Daniel Statham	Founder & Director, Daniel Statham Studio
		Stefan Krummeck	Principal at Farrells
		Prof. Ali Cheshmehzangi	Head of School of ADP, The University of Queensland

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Shenzhen SkyPark	Crossboundaries
Soil Tent	Tokyo University of the Arts
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Soul Studio	Palinda Kannangara
Sydney Metro Central Station Upgrade	John McAslan + Partners 及 Woods Bagot

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The GEAR	KAJIMA DESIGN
The Grid - repurposing Vietnamese industrial heritage as cultural space	Trung Mai, Hanoi Ad hoc / Ad hoc Practice
	MonoLab Studio in collaboration with
The Reserve	Freight Architects, Light Collab & This
	Humid House
Tianfu AG Expo Scientific Research Office Building	LIU YI
Tibet Art Museum	Tongji Architectural Design (Group) Co., Ltd

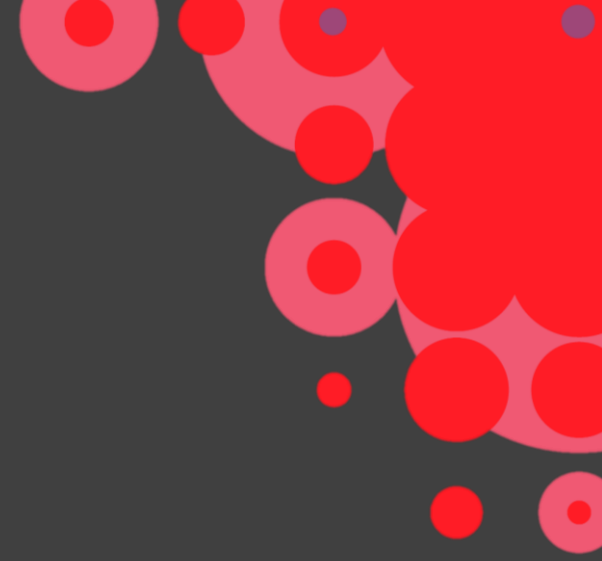
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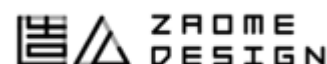
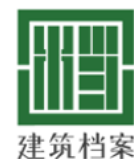


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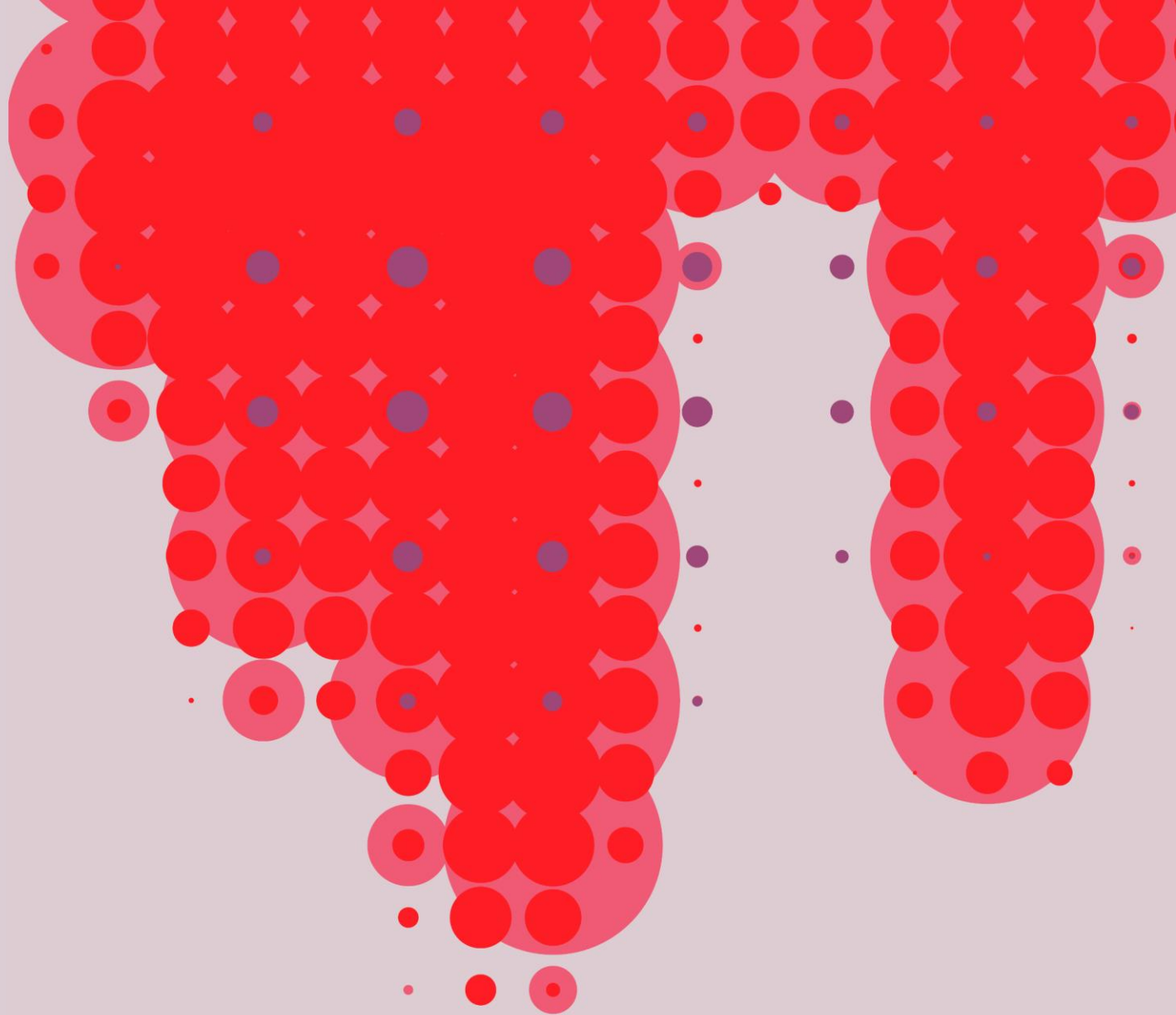
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