



Guangzhou International Finance Center

by WilkinsonEyre

Following an international design competition, WilkinsonEyre was selected to design this 440m tower in Guangzhou which is one of China's tallest buildings. With 103 storeys, the tower has a mixture of uses including office space and a luxury Four Seasons hotel with a top floor high end restaurant and bar. At ground level, the tower connects with a substantial podium complex containing a luxury brand retail mall, conference centre and high quality serviced apartments. The tower and podium connect below ground to further retail spaces and a transport hub, with a retail loop encouraging connections underneath to a landscaped central axis.

Conceived as a slender form, the tower acts as a landmark to Guangzhou Zhujiang New Town's main axis, which links the commercial district in the north with the Pearl River to the south. Its triangular plan responds to the need for efficient internal space layouts and excellent environmental performance. The base build was completed in late 2010 in time for Guangzhou hosting the Asia Games and the hotel fit-out was completed in 2012. The building was named 2011 Best Tall Building in Asia / Australasia by the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat, and won the prestigious RIBA Lubetkin Prize for best international building by a British architect (2012).

Details

Location: Guangzhou, China
Client: Yuexiu Property Group
Architect: WilkinsonEyre
Services and Structural Engineer: Arup
Area: 247,169m²
Height: 440m
Storeys: 103
Value: £280m
Date: Completed October 2010

Awards

RIBA Lubetkin Prize 2012
CTBUH Best Tall Building 2011, Asia/
Australasia