



WATER SHOW THEATRE & COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Location	: Ningbo, China
Project Date	: 2015
GFA	: 61,380sqm
Client	: Evergrande Group
Role	: Design Architect

Project Description:

This project is located in the new CBD, east of Ningbo, with a site area of 27,900sqm. The total accountable GFA is 61,380sqm with an addition of 30,000sqm non-accountable GFA of carpark and MEP space in the basement. The development includes a 2,000-seat Water Show Theatre and some 46,000sqm supporting retail facilities.

This water show theatre is the center piece of focus to this new cultural and entertainment district within the new CBD. It is a special building type, and it has its physical prerequisite. Within the limited site area, the design challenge is to find a balance between open space, theatre space and retail space in order to maintain the idea of creating a lay-back holiday / weekend destination to this new district. Instead of stamping a shopping mall onto the site, shopping streets and retail precincts have been introduced and surrounding the show theatre, so that open space and circulation space can be more integrated. Echoing to Ningbo as a canal city, landscape and particularly water are sprinkled on the project. Forming parts of the landscape design, an outdoor water show plaza has been created, and it is not just a buffer zone in front of the water show theatre, but also a key public node to differentiate retail precincts and theatre space.

