





Panoramic view of Hangzhou Asian Games Canal Sports Park

## Hangzhou Asian Games Canal

### Sports parks and venues

# ASIAN GAMES 2022 SPORTS PARK & STADIUMS

**Project name:** Hangzhou Asian Games Canal Sports Park and Venues  
**Project Client:** Gongshu District Urban Village Renovation and Renovation Project Headquarters  
**Project status:** Won the invitational competition in May 2018 and **W A S** completed in 2022.

**Opening date:** **ASIAN GAMES OCTOBER 2023**  
**Project location:** Hangzhou, China  
**Project Category:** 2022 Hangzhou Asian Games Master Plan: Ecological Park with 7 Buildings

**Project area:**  
 The park covers an area of 47 hectares, with a 35,000 square meter table tennis hall and an 18,000 square meter Hockey arena, 36,000 square meters of retail space, .....m2 fitness and .....m2 visitor center

**Architectural Design:** Archi-Tectonics NYC LLC  
**ARCHITECT** in charge: Professor Winka Dubbeldam  
**Project leader:** Justin Korhammer  
**Design team:** Paul Starosta, Dongliang Li, Boden Davies, Maud Fonteyne, Soyeon Cha, Alex Barr, Dan Rothbart

**Cooperation Design Team:**  
**Landscape design:** IMelk  
**Structural Design:** Thornton Tomasetti Engineering  
**Mobility/Transportation Consultant:** Mobility in Chain

**Project**  
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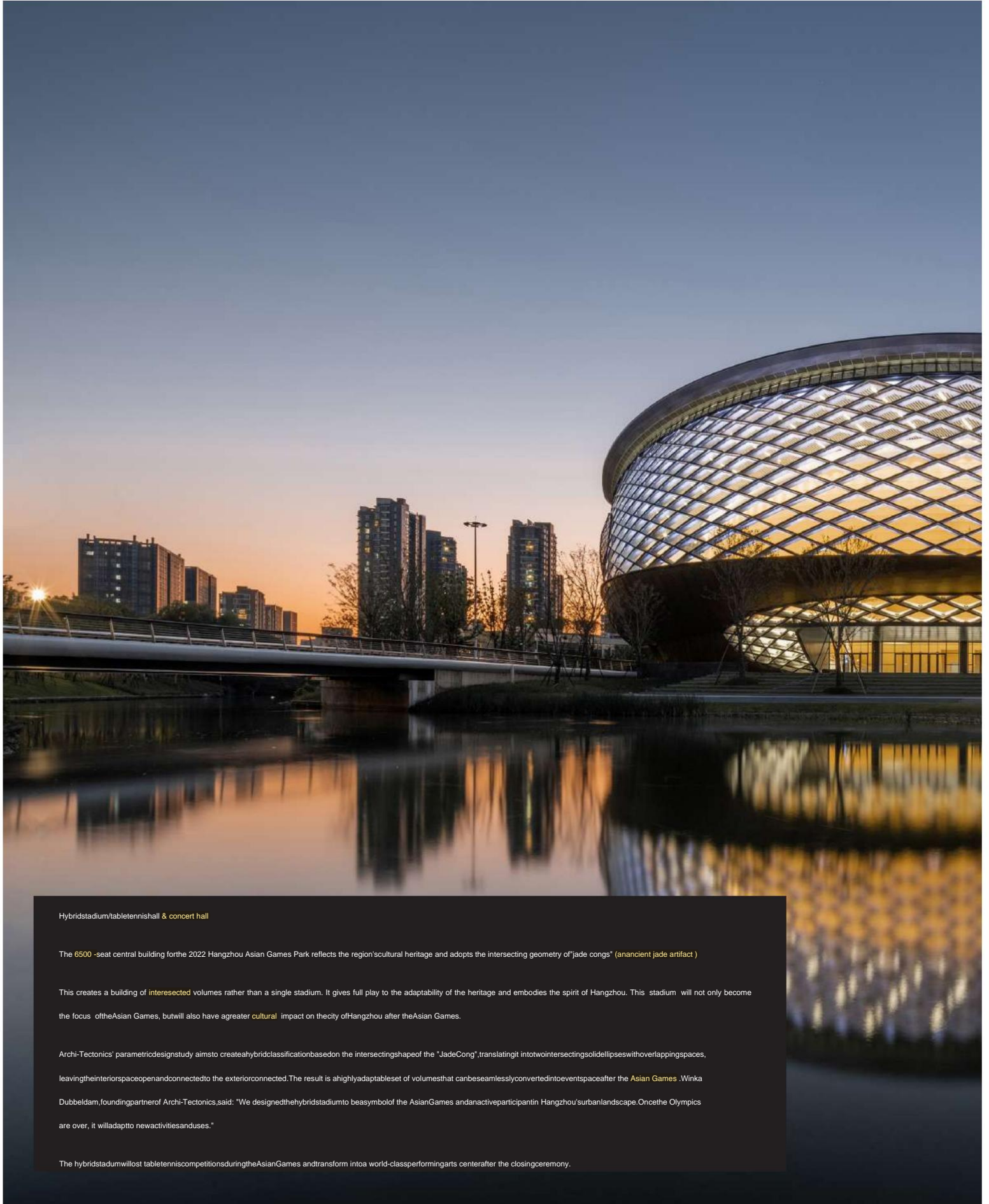
Architect in charge: Professor Winka Dubbeldam

Winka Dubbeldam, founder and partner of Archi-Tectonics, is also Professor of Architecture at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, where she was Chair for 10.5 years [2013-23], she also taught at Columbia University, Harvard and Cornell. Dubbeldam was the RIBA External Examiner at the Architectural Association London (2006 -12) and UCL, the Bartlett School of Architecture in London (2018 - 22). Dubbeldam was named one of the DesignIntelligence 30 Most Admired Educators in 2015. She has lectured widely and chaired many international award juries, such as the Prix de Rome, SARA, CTBUH, and AIA to name a few. Professor Dubbeldam is also one of the creative directors for CityX exhibit in the Virtual Italian Pavilion at the Venice Architecture Biennale [2021 - 23]. Dubbeldam recently spoke at the World Forum of Architects [UIA] advising the UN on climate issues at the UIA Copenhagen [July 2023], presented research on the Future City NEOM in Venice Italy, and spoke at the CTBUH Singapore where Archi-Tectonics received the prestigious CTBUH award for the Asian games 2023 Masterplan [Oct 2023]. Dubbeldam will speak at COP28 in Dubai this November 2023.



Project architect: Justin Korhammer

Justin Korhammer is partner at Archi-Tectonics since 2016. Before joining the firm he was the founder and principal of Anima LLC since 1999. He also collaborated with several internationally renowned architectural firms, including Daniel Libeskind, Peter Eisenman, and Steven Holl. During his 7 years at Steven Holl Architects, Justin was the project architect and main designer for numerous award-winning projects, most recently the Het Oosten Headquarters in Amsterdam, as well as several museum projects. In addition to obtaining his degree in architecture, Justin studied Industrial Design. He has taught design studios at the Berlage Institute, Columbia University, Pratt Institute and the University of Pennsylvania. Justin works as an independent architecture critic and freelance writer for international architecture magazines.



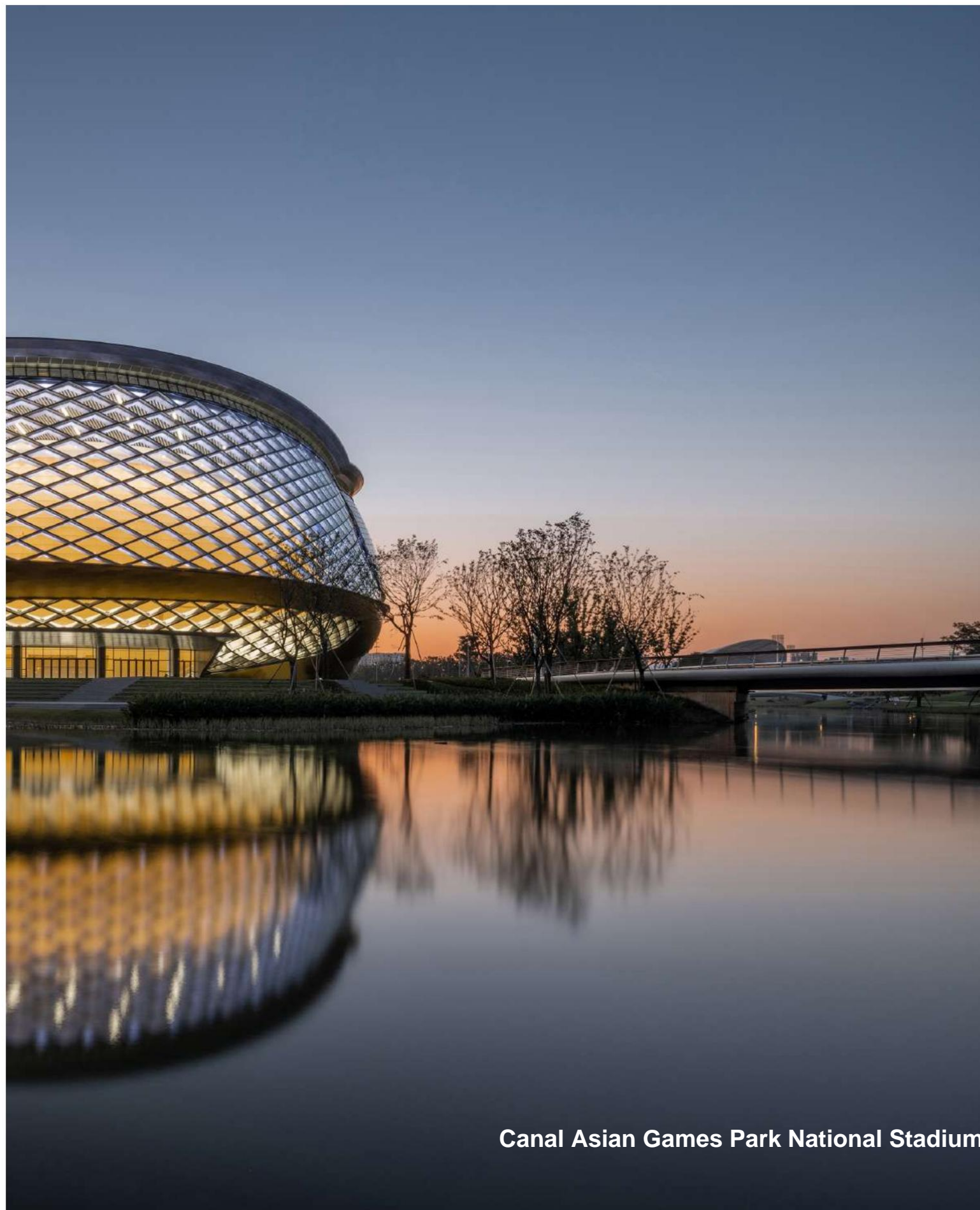
Hybrid stadium/table tennis hall & concert hall

The 6500-seat central building for the 2022 Hangzhou Asian Games Park reflects the region's cultural heritage and adopts the intersecting geometry of "jade cong" (ancient jade artifact)

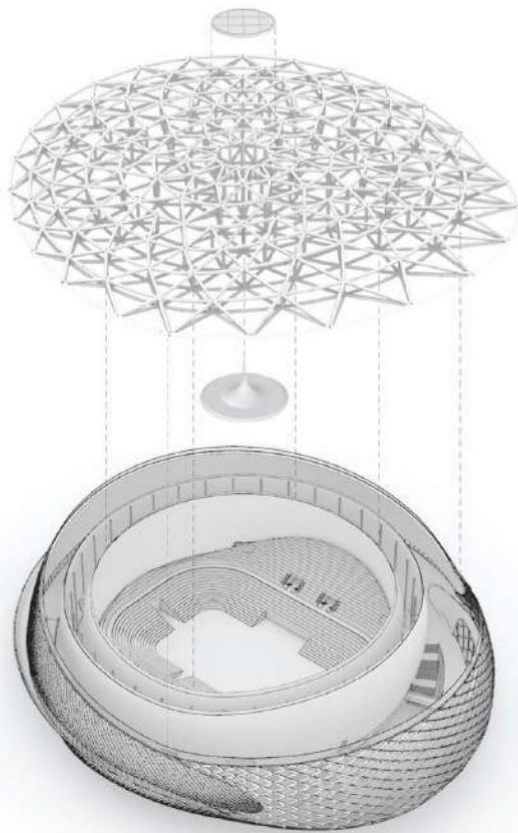
This creates a building of intersected volumes rather than a single stadium. It gives full play to the adaptability of the heritage and embodies the spirit of Hangzhou. This stadium will not only become the focus of the Asian Games, but will also have a greater cultural impact on the city of Hangzhou after the Asian Games.

Archi-Tectonics' parametric design study aims to create a hybrid classification based on the intersecting shape of the "Jade Cong", translating it into two intersecting solid ellipses with overlapping spaces, leaving the interior space open and connected to the exterior. The result is a highly adaptable set of volumes that can be seamlessly converted into event space after the Asian Games. Winka Dubbeldam, founding partner of Archi-Tectonics, said: "We designed the hybrid stadium to be a symbol of the Asian Games and an active participant in Hangzhou's urban landscape. Once the Olympics are over, it will adapt to new activities and uses."

The hybrid stadium will host table tennis competitions during the Asian Games and transform into a world-class performing arts center after the closing ceremony.



**Canal Asian Games Park National Stadium**

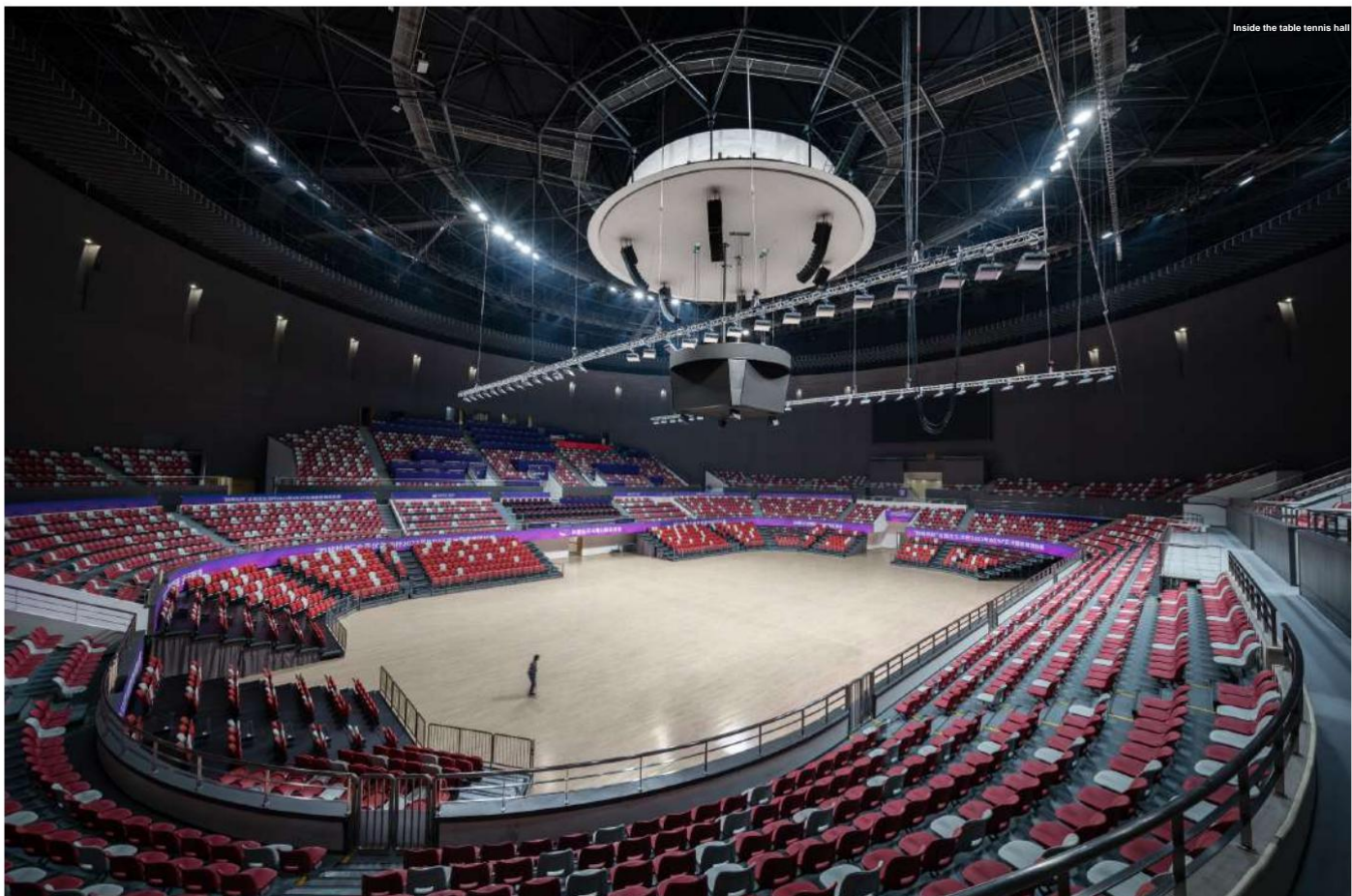


In 2018, Archi-Tectonics won the first place in the 2022 Hangzhou Asian Games Canal Sports Park Design Project Competition with its bold and innovative design and unique concept in a concept competition involving five international architectural companies. The design cleverly integrates landscape and architecture, and blends three-dimensional terrain and artistic inspiration. This is the secret of its success. In Hangzhou, China's rapidly growing city, Archi-Tectonics collaborated with IMelk Landscape Architecture and Thornton Tomasetti engineers to create a spectacular Masterplan that seamlessly interweaves 116 acres (47 hectares) of parkland with seven buildings, including 2 stadiums.

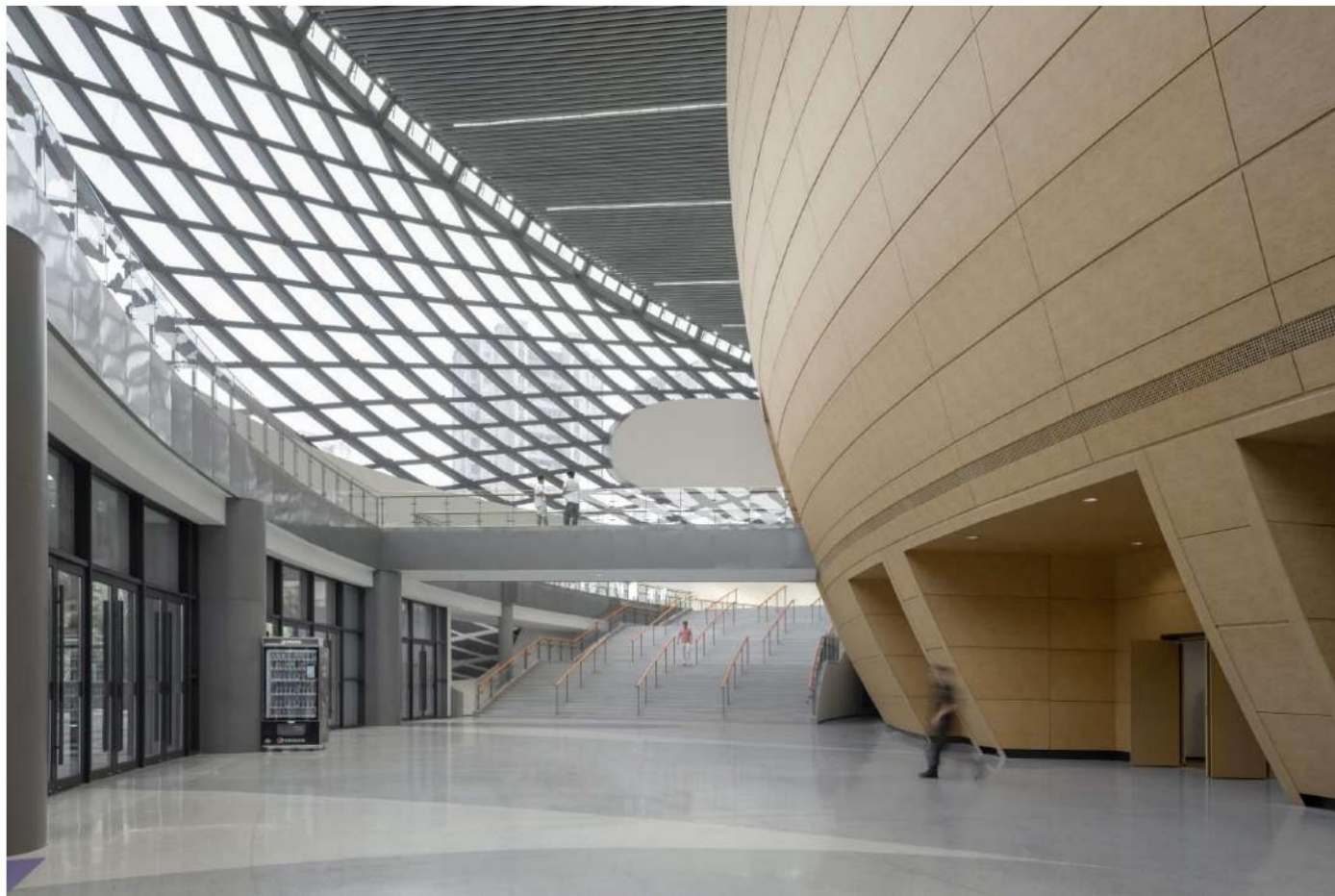
While the project was originally designed for the upcoming 2022 Asian Games in Hangzhou, the team See beyond the immediate and open new paths for the future of urban environments. Project adoption The "sponge city" landscape strategy was adopted and a hilly oasis was introduced to provide the city with a world class recreational landscape. At the same time, this oasis is also an important habitat for the local ecosystem. Resting areas enhance the stability of the hydrological system.

In terms of sustainability, the Hybrid stadium and fitness center received the Green Building Rating Label three stars (GBEL3 star) certification, comparable to LEED platinum level, which marks the highest honor for sustainable development in China. Through BIM optimization between the Archi-Tectonics and LDI teams, the project not only saved a lot of steel and costs, but also shortened the construction time by up to 20%, and the project was completed in just 4 years.

How to integrate a total of 185,000-square-meter buildings into a greening requirement of up to 85%? Entering the landscape has become a huge challenge. The design team transformed seven new green buildings into The building is cleverly embedded into the Asian Games venue and subsequently converted into community use, providing a musical A venue for meetings and performances, it brings new cultural and social space to the city. This ecological park



Inside the table tennis hall



Entrance foyer of table tennis hall (first floor)

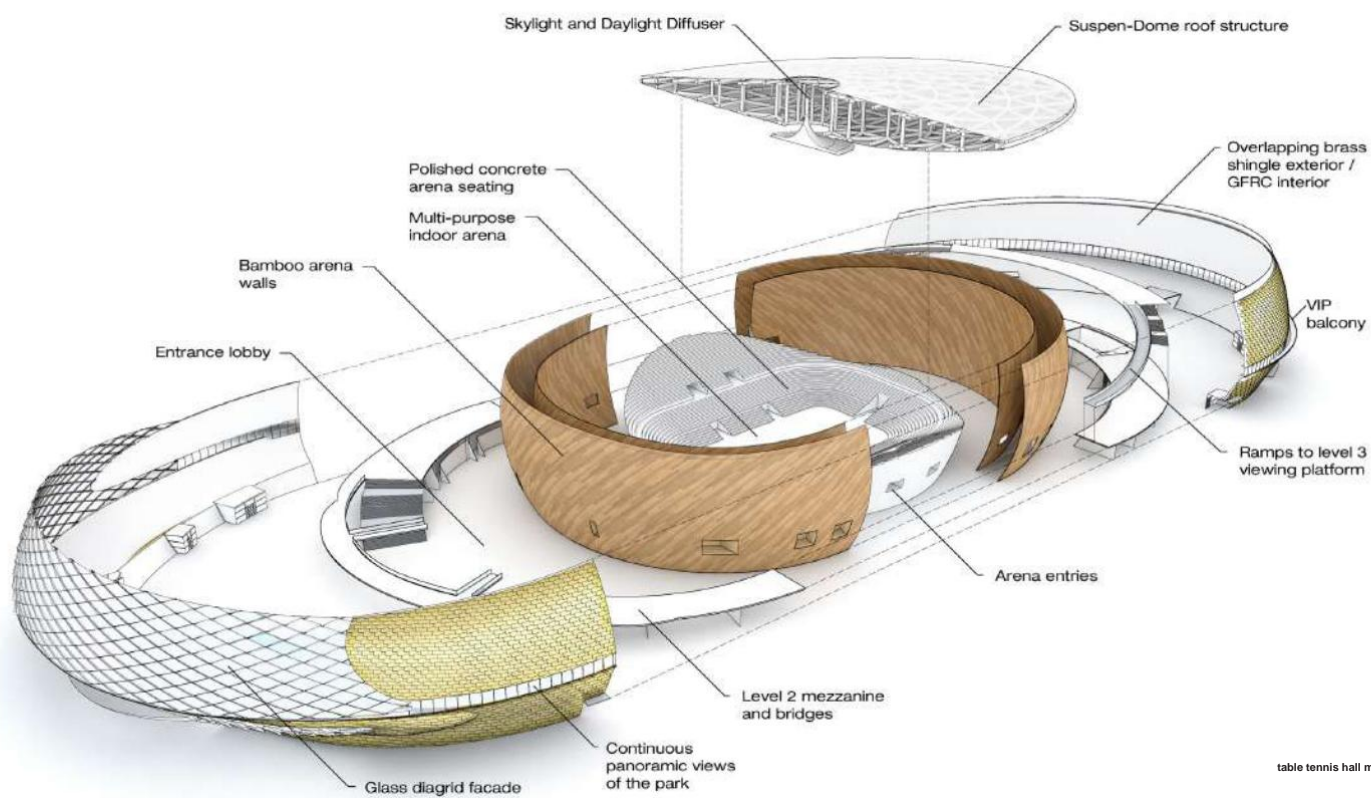


table tennis hall model



Exterior view of table tennis hall

The park also serves as the heart of the community, containing rich elements such as nature reserves, hiking trails, water features, playgrounds, and landscapes with sustainable infrastructure, such as the reconstruction of wetlands, the application of porous pavements, and the installation of stormwater management systems. Innovation. The green roof area in the master plan reaches approximately 64,160 square meters, releasing 53,408 kilograms of oxygen and absorbing 114,850 kilograms of carbon dioxide every year. Each square meter of green roof can absorb 1.79 kilograms of carbon dioxide and release 1.3 kilograms of oxygen annually.

During the Hangzhou Asian Games, this park will become an important hub for spectators to gather and for communication between venues. As the Asian Games come to an end, it will be transformed into a community green space to cater for a variety of people's needs, including kayaking, running, hiking, skateboarding and various sports. It connects and also strengthens Hangzhou's existing urban structure and infrastructure, bringing valuable green space to this densely populated city. Like a "sponge", it collects, filters and reuses rainwater, becoming a green lung for the city.

"We designed this park to be an agent of change in the urban environment," said Winka Dubbeldam, founding partner of Archi-Tectonics. "It sets a new paradigm for Hangzhou to be a greener, more resilient city and future urban planning. We will use this as a model to pursue sustainable development density."

#### Valley Village Shopping Center

At either end of 1.6km long site, the design plans for two competition venues - a Field hockey stadium and HYBRID table tennis stadium. The park is divided into two halves by a road and river and the 800m long "Valley Village" shopping concept is created as a social artery connecting the two halves of the park. The "Valley Village" shopping mall is conceived as a sunken green valley housing circular glass shopping kiosks. The shopping area is equipped with two car parks on both sides and connected underground to provide delivery access.

The valley has several fire exit stairs and 2 escalators that connect back to the bisecting road

Initially, the mall was conceived to be located underground, but instead we designed it as a shopping valley landscape with green pavilions.





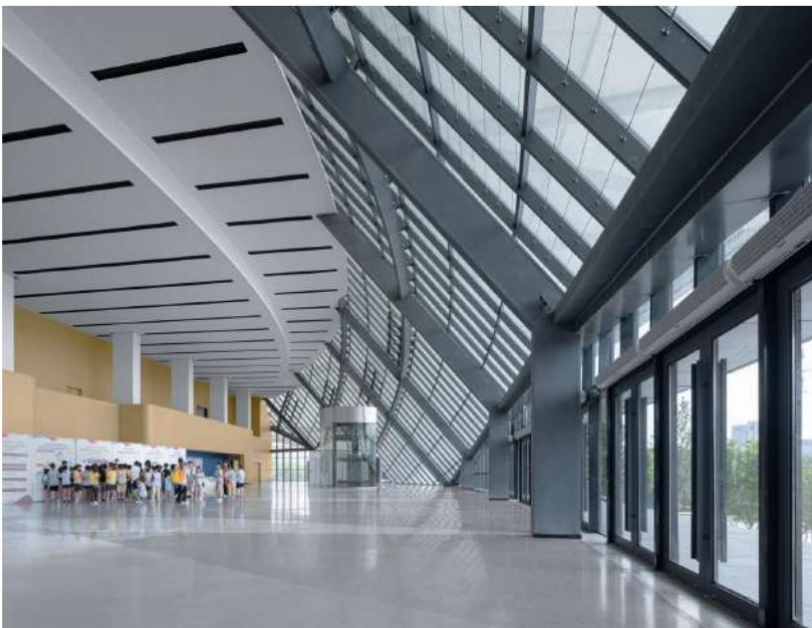
An open-air social core is created, allowing people to stay connected to the surrounding landscape and city. The challenge we faced was that only 15% of the project was visible from the ground, as 85% had to constitute a park.

The "Valley Village" shopping center has coffee shops, retail, restaurants, cafes, kiosks and outdoor gathering areas, positioning it as the social heart of the park. Permeable pavement minimizes stormwater runoff. Each shop pavilion is topped with a green roof, which not only enhances water retention but also extends the landscape and provides visitors with a place to relax, picnic and appreciate their surroundings. Tailor-made solar wings for Valley Village provide shade while providing power and lighting to the park. These solar wings also introduce breezes, creating a pleasant microclimate. The Shopping valley connects to the Field hockey stadium with a 125m shading wing and an arena for 5000 viewers.

#### Zero soil landscaping strategy

The two halves of the park are connected by excavating wetlands and valleys, allowing the originally flat site to be shaped into a rolling hilly landscape more than 20 meters above the ground without the need for additional soil. This is in line with the "zero soil" strategy, minimizing the environmental impact of soil removal. Some of the new hills can serve as nature reserves to promote biodiversity and ecological conservation. Beneath the landscape, an interconnected network of lines 68,000 square meters of parking spaces and pathways, linking all buildings and the stadium. Underground network provides efficient back-office services, goods delivery and access to parks.

Hockey stadium spectator entrance hall



Hockey stadium exterior

Access to various areas will not damage the natural landscape above. In addition, there is a cinema for the city creates another leisure destination.

#### Sponge City: Recreational and Resilient Waterscapes

The design adopts the sponge city model, introducing extensive waterways to enhance water circulation and create new possibilities for leisure projects. The natural B river meanders through the site and the village valley dips under road and river with a new aqueduct beside the road provides passage for VIPs during the games. This river is the heart of the wetland system components that mitigate stormwater runoff and offset the impact of new areas. It is also designed to allow for kayaking and create a scenic element overlooking the hills and valley village shopping center. New islands with wetland vegetation in the river create faster water flow, which naturally purifies and oxygenates the water.

#### infrastructure

To achieve a porous park with multiple entrances, convenience and ease of navigation, archi-technics invited Mobility in Chain [MIC] team. Escalators from Valley Village create a passage from the deepest part of the shopping thoroughfare to the bi-secting road, while an elegantly curved pedestrian bridge spans the hilly landscape, connecting over the road and river. In addition, several bridges are being built across the river to connect the park to surrounding community infrastructure to blend them together smoothly.

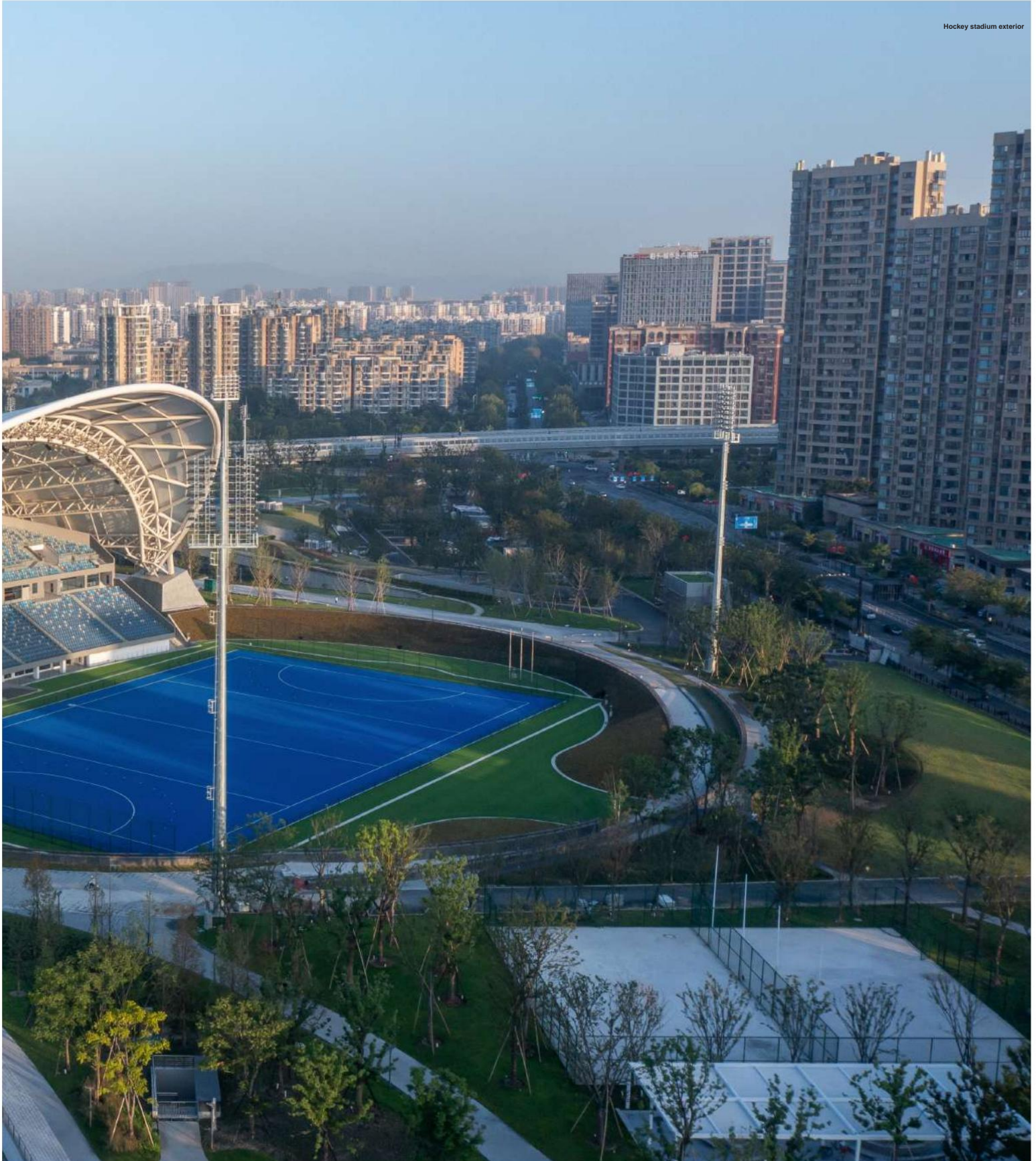
#### Hockey hybrid stadium doubles as landscape sculpture

Located five meters below the Landscape the 2022 Asian Games Hockey Stadium emerges from the folded landscape and blends into its surroundings, becoming a porous sculptural element in the park. A 125-meter transparent free-span wing-shaped roof covers the hall and stands. The competition venue is located in the rolling landscape of Hangzhou Asian Games Park, embedded in the sunken oval grass area

"Most stadiums are like fortresses," said Winka Dubbeldam, founding partner of Archi-Tectonics. "And our work is more like LANDart."

As part of the landscape, the 5,000-seat stadium mediates the changing height difference between the concourse and the playing field. Passing through a spacious glass atrium with a 35-meter-high ceiling, spectators will enter the arena overlooking an open sports field. In plan, the roof and site appear as two intersecting ovals, similar to the Tree of Life (a symbol of eternity) or the Vesica Piscis, a shape that has been used in systems of geometry and proportion since antiquity. Like concentric ripples formed in water, the curved stands radiate into the curved atrium and out onto the concourse.





Hockey stadium exterior