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JIANGBEI NEW DISTRICT, NANJING, CHINA LWK & PARTNERS

LWK & Partners have successfully won a transit-oriented development (TOD) project in the Jiangbei New District, Nanjing, China. This project is situated near Taishan Xincun Station and Baotashan Country Park. The area has long been a research and development (R&D) and education base with convenient transportation links. The project has a gross floor area of approximately 400,000 m² and is expected to include office towers, residential buildings, shopping malls, a commercial street, a public transit hub and a district services centre. The 'integrated TOD' concept means the multiple sites intended for various functions and split by the highway are "reunited through underground space," said the architects.



SHARJAH BOTANICAL GARDEN, UAE GRIMSHAW

Grimshaw has been appointed for a new botanical garden in Sharjah, UAE, in a project which has a mission to encourage discovery and education while conserving the rich floral heritage of Sharjah, the UAE and the rest of the world. With a site spanning more than 60 ha it is similar in scale and ambition to the Eden Project and Oman Botanic Garden in Muscat, both also designed by Grimshaw. Located within an urban context, the site for the Sharjah Botanical Garden is adjacent to the Sharjah New Mosque and a proposed future residential development and "will offer the residents of Sharjah and the UAE an opportunity to enjoy the expansive garden on their doorstep".



WAP ART SPACE, SOUTH KOREA DAVIDE MACULLO ARCHITECTS

Davide Macullo Architects have finished work on WAP Art Space, in Gangnam, Seoul. This brick-clad building offers a mixed use of exhibition and residential spaces. "The building's composition represents a spatial arrangement of the habitable volumes organised on an orthogonal cubic grid that defines a larger space than that actually built," commented the architects. "The building is cast about the empty space and this determines the rhythmic relationships with the context, highlighting the importance of the human scale within the urban fabric" the firm added. The composition of cubic volumes, expressed in multiples of six, eight & 10 metres on each side, "reveals the living space and defines the new scale of the relationship with the surrounding area".