



GREE Shanghai Sijing

Shanghai, China





Location
Shanghai, China

Date
2016 -

Client
GREE

Cost
¥570 million (estimated)

Site Area
32,600m²

Total Construction Area
105,900m²

Floors
4 - 15 floors (varies)

Co-Architect
CDI Tokyo; LDI Jonson

Structural Engineer
Schlaich Bergmann
Partner

Services Engineer
LDI Jonson

Landscape Architect
Gustafson Porter +
Bowman

Project Manager
Shanghai Jianke Project
Management

Contractor
China Construction Third
Engineering Bureau



Located in a historical town on the outskirts of Shanghai, Sijing is 40 minutes from the city's CBD. Two metro lines and several expressways have helped attract young professionals to the area thanks to an easy commute, creating residential development opportunities.

RSHP's brief was to design a series of compact apartments, 80% of which were required to be under 100m². The residential unit types vary from studios to three-bedroom apartments and duplex penthouses, with 5% of the development dedicated to public housing.

The project comprises nine residential towers, ranging from eleven to fifteen stories, each with a different rooftop configuration creating a dynamic skyline. These roofs also form a series of terraces providing additional outdoor space for residents.

The tower geometry is a direct response to the south facing orientation preferred in the Chinese residential market. Four storey high podium bars at various lengths extend, like fingers to both sides of the towers, defining the ground floor spaces and creating various intimate pocket gardens. Each pocket garden is assigned a locally relevant and site-specific theme, catering for both family play and quiet contemplation.

The Sijing masterplan is defined by diagonal access routes across the site, linking various pedestrian entrances to the centre of the site. Retail spaces, health and sports amenities and a club house at the heart of the development provide an animated series of social spaces for residents. The main pedestrian axis is also enhanced by carefully crafted landscaping, interwoven with delicate water features echoing the region's water heritage. The clubhouse and retail pavilion sit in harmony with the towers, creating a lively urban quarter of distinct character.