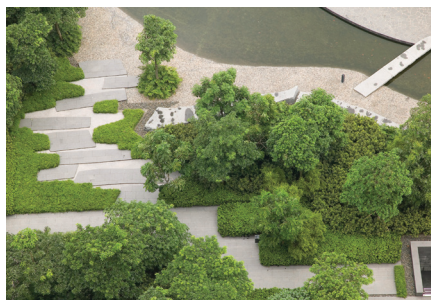


## Poly International Plaza



**Location**  
Guangzhou, China

**Client**  
Poly Real Estate Group Co., Ltd., Beijing / SOM LLP

**SWA Scope**  
Landscape architectural services

**Size**  
11.6 hectares

**Architect**  
Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP

**Award**  
ASLA National Honor Award  
ASLA Northern California Chapter Merit Award  
BusinessWeek/Architectural Record 'Good Design is Good Business' Award of Excellence

The site plan for this high-rise office and retail complex forms a series of gardens and plazas. A major North-South promenade along the west boundary provides connections to offsite hotel development and convention hall and a diagonal spatial arrangement enhances visual connections to the Pagoda Park south of the site and the Pearl River north of the site. The complete design seeks to integrate the Southern Chinese landscape traditions with a modern sensitivity toward local context, climate, flora and SOM's modern architecture. Tall, continuous tree canopies in combination with water features help to moderate the climate in providing shade and capturing cooling breezes for exterior spaces.

