



SHENZHEN CITIZEN'S CENTER

The Citizen's Center of Shenzhen will be the physical, governmental and symbolic center of this rapidly expanding free trade zone city north of Hong Kong. Towers|Golde served as landscape master planners and subsequently designed all the open spaces including a monumental Central Plaza (11 acres), two adjacent parks (14 acres each), and four intimate interior courtyards.

The plaza, a roof-deck development above an underground parking garage, is both forecourt to the center and public events space for the entire city. It is flanked by arcades and by the Forests of the Seasons, parklands that are composed of a tapestry of indigenous plants arranged in waves for dramatic seasonal display, punctuated by natural and artificial water features.

CLIENT	<i>Shenzhen Urban Planning and Land Management Administration Bureau</i>
LOCATION	<i>Shenzhen, China</i>
PROJECT AREA	<i>150 acres</i>
PROJECT COST	<i>\$66 million</i>
SITE COST	<i>\$15 million</i>
STATUS	<i>MP complete 1998 Site Design complete 2000</i>
ARCHITECT	<i>John M.Y. Lee/Michael Timchula</i>