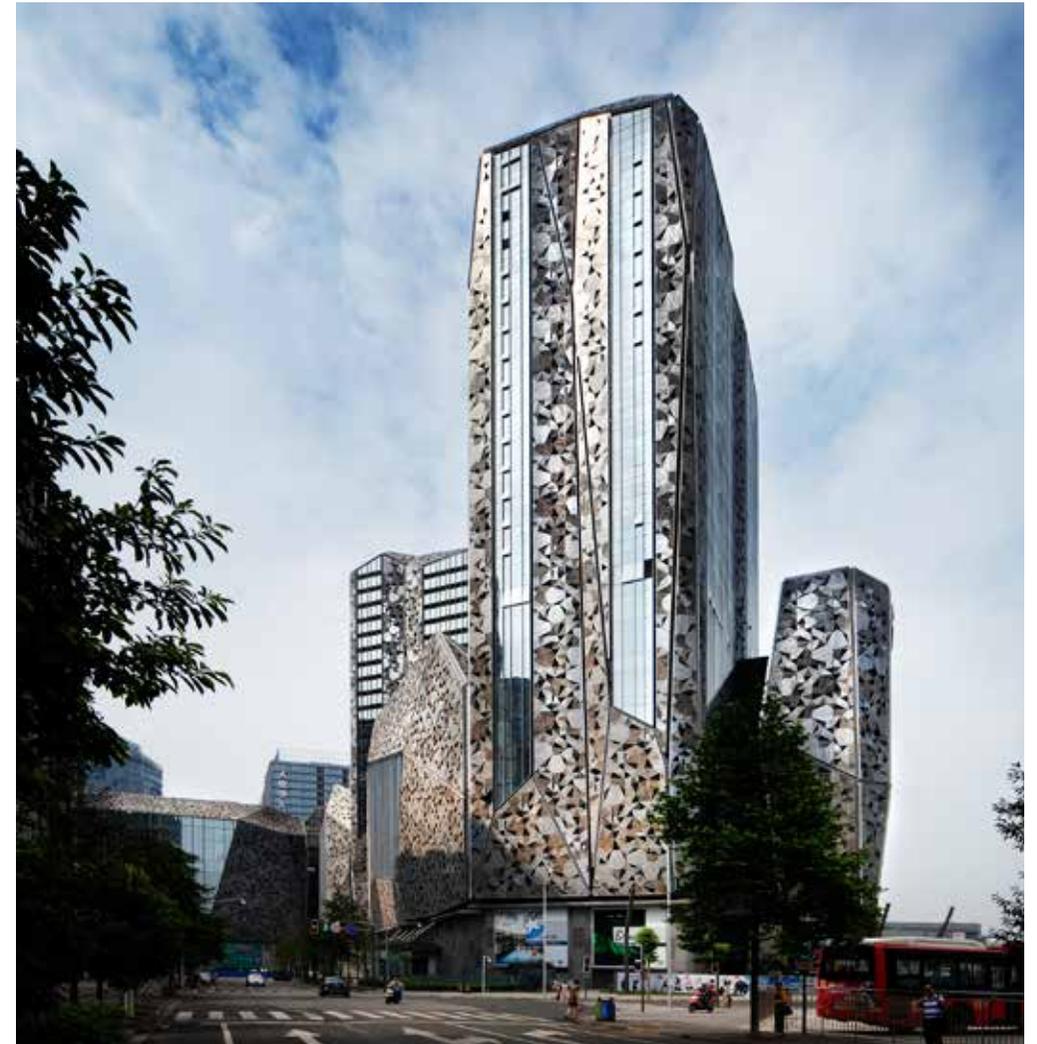


**CapitaMall Tianfu**  
- Chengdu, Sichuan, China

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### Architect's Statement

Located within Chengdu's rejuvenated western Tianfu district, Capitmall Tianfu is an integrated mixed use development comprising 1 office tower, 3 residential towers and an 8-storey shopping mall. Drawing references from Chengdu's natural heritage, the design adopts a geological metaphor that is inspired by the rock formations, peaks and ridges of the city's famous Qingcheng Mountains, translated into the contemporary high rise as a rich blend of architecture and nature. The building form is approached like a gargantuan mass of stone, chiselled and sculpted to reveal crystalline volumes and facets, like jewels rising amidst a sprawling dull and grey landscape of heavy infrastructure and generic concrete buildings. "Crevices" between the sculpted volumes at podium level, on the other hand, read as narrow "ravines" filled with luxuriant vegetation from terraced gardens and cascading waters. These create a natural foci for the surrounding retail clusters that benefit from these refreshing outdoor views. Landscaped sky gardens are further

extended up into the towers, multiplying greenery vertically throughout its height and making nature accessible to residents and office workers.

To compensate the overcast and dusty climate of Chengdu that renders its buildings visually flat and uninteresting, Capitmall Tianfu is made distinct and differentiated in colour and texture. Design considerations were given to contrast, reflection, strong materiality and tectonic expression via a light, crisp and colourful material palette comprising geometric crystalline aluminium cladding, perforated metal and glass. A vibrant micro city in and of itself, the podium roof is designed as an extensive Commercial Plaza that offers an urban space for families, youths, seniors and office workers to people watch, interact, dine, skate and participate in concerts/ events across a myriad of landscaped decks, playgrounds, gardens and recreational spaces. The Plaza is designed to be part of a retail loop connected to the atrium urban spaces below, which creates a continuous and fully integrated retail experience.

### Project Dates

Design Inception – February 2009  
 Start of Construction – November 2009  
 Completion – December 2014

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