



ATELIER PETER FONG

LUKSTUDIO reactivates a forgotten corner of a residential neighbourhood through a crisp intervention



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- 1 Terrazzo flooring dominates the main workspaces and circulation zones, while continuous timber panels line the floors of the social areas.
- 2 The café is as much a part of the office design as the workspace areas, offering employees a chance to unwind and socialise throughout the day.

GUANGZHOU – Lukstudio's reinterpretation of an abandoned site not only responds to, but reactivates the streetscape of the surrounding residential neighbourhood with a design that combines two contemporary models into a stress-free, homely space. In fact, the office-come-artisanal-café is as much about social interaction and comfort as about deadlines and meetings.

Completed in September 2016 for Atelier Peter Fong, the project comprises four crisp, white boxes that spatially dictate the interiors. Three of these volumes protrude from the building's façade onto the public street, each containing a functional aspect of the programme: a café, brainstorming area, and meeting room. Inside, a fourth box houses the break-out area and pantry.

In between these pristine white volumes, the negative space is painted grey and left with the original structural ceiling. Despite the minimalist interior design, the architects were able to create a cosy ambience by splitting the functional spaces into smaller rooms. What is more, introverted niches carved out of the walls are used together with organic materials like timber panelling and brick details to create a sense of intimacy and privacy. As an indication of the relaxing and serene interior atmosphere that awaits, a Zen garden welcomes employees and visitors.





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- 3 Through a careful selection of lighting fixtures and furniture pieces, the café is divided into niches with different atmospheres. In a narrow alcove, recycled concrete pendant lamps by Bentu hover above Muuto's solid oak Split table and Nerd chairs, making for a cozy communal table.
- 4 Fully-glazed or otherwise open partitions keep each area visually open to the rest of the office and allow daylight to permeate the entire space.
- 5 The brainstorming box is lined with polycarbonate panels that form a subtle visual connection between the café and the workplace.

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