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**KPF Secures Commission for Shin-Fukuoka in Japan**

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Kohn Pedersen Fox Associates (KPF) is pleased to announce its recent commission to design a complex, mixed-use tower for a prestigious site in the heart of Fukuoka, Japan. The project was won through an invited, international design competition featuring top firms from the United States, Europe and Japan.

KPF's design for Shin-Fukuoka incorporates three main concepts: the urban roof, urban grid, and urban oasis. The complex comprises retail, office, and hotel amenities at the prominent crossing of Meiji and Watanabe Avenues, a highly valued real estate location within this region.

Housing a complex program of varied uses, the structure required a dominant design element that would unify its parts. An L-shaped roof envelops the building, starting at its western edge and continuing down its eastern façade. As this "urban roof" articulates a response to its context, the "urban grid" concept lays the foundation for the design of Shin-Fukuoka's individual programs. Hotel, office, and co-working tenants share a central lobby space, reflecting the region's cultural ethos of openness. With this convergence, each program's massing interlocks at the building's surface, encased in a steel grid frame.

The building's interlocking forms produce voids and projections that house multiple outdoor terraces, capitalizing on the area's sub-tropical climate and its conduciveness to healthy growth of vegetation. Green space flows throughout the interior, starting with a vertical garden at the main intersection of Tenjin Crossing, with progressive green spaces at the retail, co-working, and hotel floors.

Download renderings of the project [here](#).

Shin-Fukuoka is part of the city's Tenjin Meiji Avenue Grand Design redevelopment project. Initiated in 2009, the development council initiative strives to grow Fukuoka as a business and tourist hub. With its comprehensive transportation system, including two international airports and high speed rail access, the city of Fukuoka has grown into a new destination for neighboring Asian nations. Fukuoka is consistently ranked as one of Japan's most livable cities due to its rich culture, sophisticated cuisine, and well-balanced lifestyle of urban and natural surroundings.

Ko Makabe, KPF Design Principal, reflects on the competition scheme's realization: "Shin-Fukuoka will rise at a prominent corner of the city center: the intersection of its financial and retail districts. The building's mixed-use program and polished design channel the city's character on a regional and international scale. As architects, we're excited by the challenge of crafting a new urban gesture for Fukuoka, contributing to its center of gravity and its larger position as Japan's gateway to East Asia."

KPF's history in Japan includes Roppongi Hills, Tokyo Garden Terrace, and The Otemachi Tower in Tokyo, and JR Central Towers and Station in Nagoya, among others. The firm's mixed-use expertise also includes projects such as Hudson Yards, the largest private real estate development in New York City's history, where KPF designed the master plan, 10 and 30 Hudson Yards, and 55 Hudson Yards.



### **About Kohn Pedersen Fox Associates (KPF)**

KPF is one of the world's preeminent architecture firms, providing architecture, interiors, programming and master planning services for clients that include some of the most forward-thinking developers, corporations, entrepreneurs, and institutions in the United States and around the world. The firm's extensive portfolio spans more than 40 countries and includes a wide range of projects from office and residential buildings to civic and cultural spaces to educational facilities. Driven by individual design solutions, rather than a predetermined style, KPF's mission is to create buildings and places of the utmost quality and contextual sensitivity, providing a valuable impact on the cities they inhabit.

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