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# RIBA reveals Shanghai windows installations

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[FIRST LOOK] The RIBA has opened its third Shanghai windows exhibition featuring installations by Mobile Studio, RCKa, and Amin Taha

Now in its third year, the project pairs RIBA chartered architects with local and international retailers in Shanghai to create window installations for the prosperous Xintiandi shopping and entertainment district.



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Draisci Studio for **Barcodes**  
*'Faceted blocks that smile and seem to come alive with*

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CTHM and I-N-D-J studio for **Fountain**  
*'An ethereal river of light that seemingly floats, flows and falls from the upper windows of a restaurant'*

Mobile Studio Architects for **Giftique**  
*'Draws upon the meteorological qualities of the season and will coincide with the launch of a new green tea'*

Squire and Partners for **Maria Luisa**  
 Created distorted hand crafted marble sculptures have been inspired by the artistic process of creation and decay

Opensystems for **NN**  
*Designed DICE, a sculptural installation which resembles primitive crystalline formations and marks the entrance of the store*

Urban Systems for **PH7**  
*Referenced material systems in nature and which was fabricated using low-cost and 3D-printing technologies, using a bio-degradable plastic made from renewable resources*

Arup Associates for **Pizza Express**  
*Created an outdoor installation that celebrates the art of pizza making - motion of stretching the pizza dough for Pizza Express's 50th Anniversary*

Amin Taha Architects for **Rubis Spa**  
*Flooded the spa podium lobby to chest height, capturing the blue mountain lakes of Switzerland where Rubis SPA was born*

RCKa for **Tayohoa**  
*Created a cathedral like entrance to the busy home wear store, redesigning the space with an optical illusion using the brands own knitted vinyl products*

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Speaking at the exhibition opening RIBA President Stephen Hodder, said: 'It's good to be back in Shanghai again flying the flag for Great British architecture and design. The Chinese market continues to grow and their appetite for original creative works from RIBA architects remains robust.

'Our Shanghai Windows project offers our members the unique opportunity to gain invaluable experience working in China, work with Chinese and global household name clients, and demonstrate their skills to a design-savvy Chinese audience. Our exhibition will be seen by over one million visitors, helping to demonstrate why British architects are renowned around the world for their creativity, ambition and flair. Well done to all the architects taking part this year, your original designs and professionalism here in Shanghai do British architecture proud.'

Carrie Liu, general manager of commercial in China Xintiandi, added: 'The project will enhance the unique shopping experience at Shanghai Xintiandi, and create a platform for cross-over communication, further inspiring creative talent in Shanghai.'

The installations will be in place until 31 May 2015.

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