



HOK-designed LG Science Park opens in Seoul

HOK has created a new home for collaboration and innovation as the LG Science Park opens in Seoul. As the research and development hub for global electronics brand LG Group, it will host scientists and staff from electronics, chemistry, nanotechnology, display, fabrication and life sciences. With HOK creating the masterplan and leading the design, Seoul-based firms Gansam Architects and Chang-jo Architects also contributed to the design work.

The Science Park was designed by HOK's Science and Technology practice,

and showcases its commitment to encouraging collaboration and lateral thinking in the workplace.

The 18 building campus is united by a series of gardens, parks and restaurant.

'It was important that the individual buildings feature the same elegance of form as LG's products,' said HOK's design principal Larry Malcic. 'While buildings are tailored to specific scientific activities, they are also highly flexible and can easily adapt to the changing requirements of science.'

hok.com

New appointment for Centrium

Ralph Courtenay had been appointed as design director at Centrium. Having led teams at HOK, AEDAS, Rafael Viñoly and Jump Studios, Courtenay brings with him a wealth of experience in workplace design and consultancy. Managing director, Toby Hill, says Courtenay's appointment 'will prove invaluable as we continue to deliver new and innovative furniture solutions to our clients'. centrium.co.uk

fdcreative lights up Talan Tower

Talan Tower, the 12,500 sq m commercial workplace and home to the headquarters of Astana Properties in Astana, Kazakhstan has been given an elegant, flexible and sustainable lighting scheme by fdcreative. Working closely with lead designers Perkins + Will, it was briefed to design the lighting for the main reception area, lift lobbies and the top two executive floors. The lighting scheme has brought vibrancy to the welcome area with a bespoke LED backlit ceiling, with controls to adapt the warmth of the light. fdcreative.co.uk

Making a new Mark

The Furniture Makers' Company has announced the first designs to be awarded the Design Guild Mark in its new 2D category. The Mark has been recognising excellence in the design of furniture for volume production since 2008, and has introduced a new category for fabrics, textiles, wall coverings, floor coverings and carpets this year. Judged by industry experts, the Mark was this year awarded to: Silicestone, designed by Alasdair Bremner and David Binns for Alusid; Jitterbug from the Shoreditch Range, designed by Gary Bridge for Axminster Carpets; and The Alchemy Collection, designed by Rachel Evison for Bute Fabrics. furnituremakers.org.uk

Micheluzzi's new show

Venetian glass artist Massimo Micheluzzi will be bringing his new Architectonic Glass collection to the Willer Gallery in London from 20 June to 14 September. Micheluzzi is renowned for his use of traditional Venetian glass-making techniques in powerful and inventive ways. The new collection uses architectural forms to appear solid and robust, in contrast to the fragile nature of the material itself. Architectonic Glass presents a departure for Micheluzzi in form and method, displaying the result of his exploration of the material. willer.co.uk



STUDIO RHE

Go-ahead for plans to transform factory

Studio RHE has been granted planning permission to transform a dilapidated former vinyl factory on the Grand Union Canal, restoring and extending it to five storeys of offices, studios, cafe and roof garden. The site will be given both a new look and a new purpose, with some 7,900 sq m of office and social space, estimated to create 1,000 jobs when fully occupied. The water-facing cafe will create a meeting space for the local community and reinvigorate the canal side environment.

The exposed CLT timber structure is complemented by an understated material palette of grey-black brick work and anodised bronze cladding. studiorhe.com