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Named *Schindler City*, designed by **Neri&Hu** for the elevator manufacturer Schindler, is identified by a podium made of recycled grey bricks linking three office blocks in the complex and unites all of the company's departments in one place, in Jiading, an emerging industrial zone in Shanghai, China.

Neri & Hu's proposal was the winning entry in a competition for *Schindler City*. The multiple office blocks were a given part of the initial brief, due to planning approvals already in place when they took on the project. The architects decided to avoid designing a complex of isolated structures by combining the office towers with a special podium to create a "unified whole".



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The design by **Neri & Hu** proposed a recycled bricks low-lying brick base between office towers, a monochromatic and continuous podium. A minimalist gest that pays homage to traditional Chinese architecture and the local vernacular.

The 32,400-square-metre complex comprises open office spaces for 800 people, including meeting rooms, lounges, a showroom, a training center, factories, warehouses, and a research facility. This aided by the surrounding landscape and several courtyards both inside and outside the complex, also ensures that the blocks are unimposing and human in scale.

At the north-east end of the site, opposite the office towers, the podium rises in height to create a "fortress-like" boundary that contains a research facility. Its impermeable look is intended to reflect the private work conducted there.

Other notable elements in the *Schindler City* campus include a tall, slender white tower, which functions as a lift shaft to test the company's new elevators.

