

# ho chi minh international urban design competition for the expanded city centre, vietnam



client:  
People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City

project team:  
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National Institute of Urban and Rural Planning  
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## project description:

**hansen** and the National Institute of Urban and Rural Planning (Vietnam) were awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Ho Chi Minh International Urban Design Competition for the Expanded City Centre.

The competition sought for appropriate and highly feasible – detailed urban design concepts to improve and guide future growth within the expanded center of Ho Chi Minh City.

We believed critical steps were required to ensure that Ho Chi Minh City can absorb notable investment in development befitting a major Asian urban center, while also accommodating for the considerable new needs and requirements of a growing and ambitious metropolitan population.

Our concept was encapsulated in 5 key moves and established 50 simple and achievable projects.

The 5 principal objectives of our concept included:

**Water** Recognizing the contemporary and historical importance of the Saigon River and associated canals and ensuring the City confronts its water edge and supports a clean environment.

**Parks** Strengthening and building upon a network of outstanding public open and green spaces and realizing connections that embrace the City in vegetation, creating a green healthy urban setting.

**Boulevards** Acknowledging the beauty and strength of the City's grid streets and boulevards, improving their role as walking corridors and places for social and commercial activity to thrive.

**People** Respecting the vitality of the City and its people by creation of a series of generous new 'people' places intricately connected to public transport and activity zones.

**Buildings** Redefining the city form through new high rise development to the city center fringe in association with sensitively designed 'human' scaled infill within the City's traditional spine.



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