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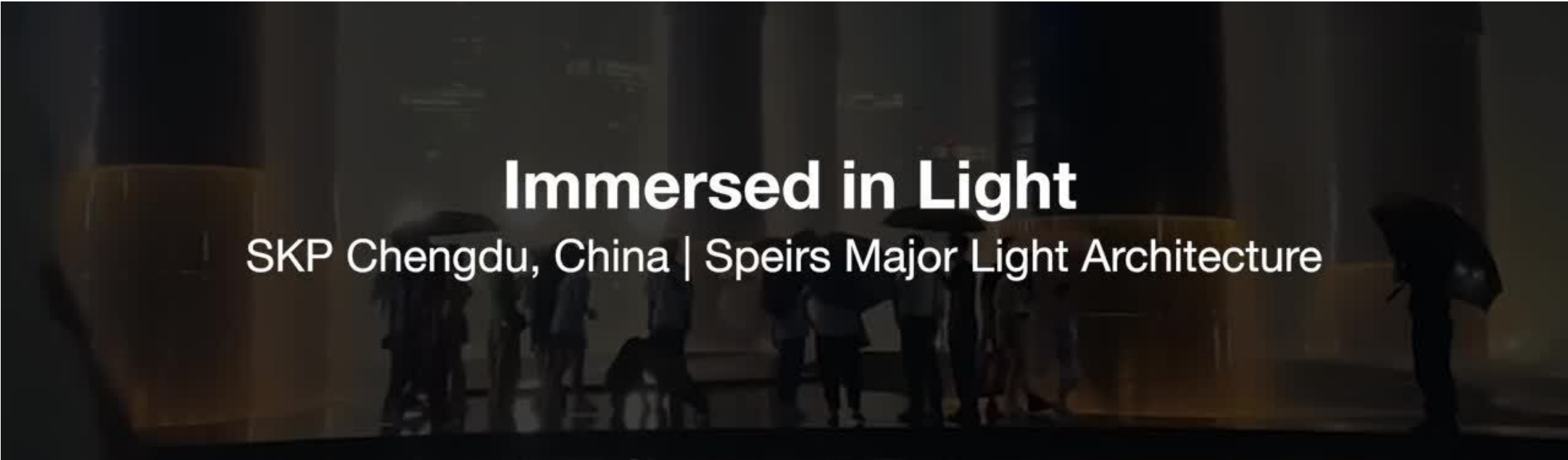
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Immersed in Light

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Within a greenbelt site in China, SKP Chengdu is the largest ever sustainable luxury retail masterplan. Lighting plays a key role in activating the site at night, making the park feel comfortable and attractive while providing visual cues to the retail beneath.

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Canyon-like avenues cut into the landscape and connect the half-a-million square metres of submerged retail environments known as SKP-N (North) and SKP-S (South). These are encircled at park level by lit handrails, providing a buffer between the landscape and the retail and assisting with wayfinding and orientation.



With multiple ways to descend, each entranceway has its own character. The open stair is a grand descent, lit simply by light along the handrail, keeping the focus firmly on the retail vista ahead. Several escalator entrances feature backlit shimmering mirrored wall panels and eccentric linear roof lights, supporting a glamorous, lively transition.

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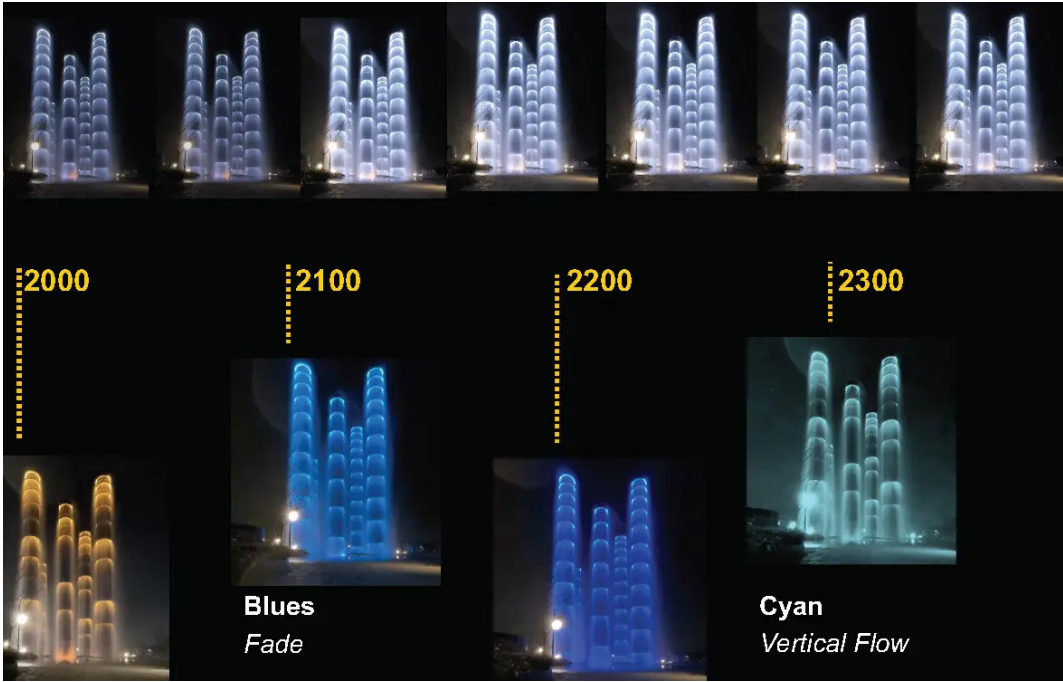
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The 'Tower of Life' sit above SKP-S



Light sequence



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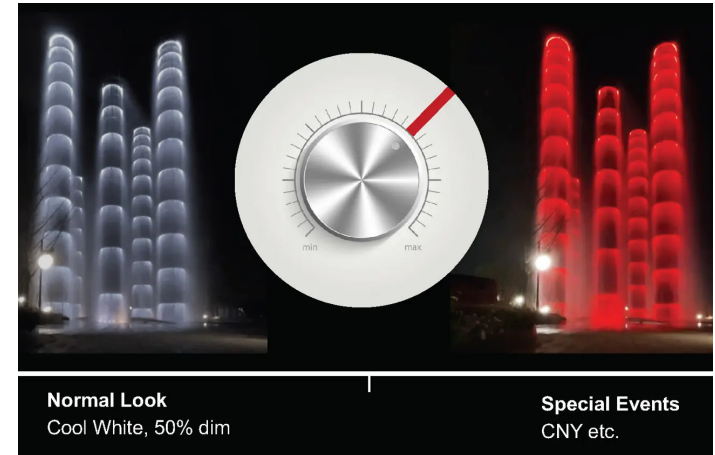
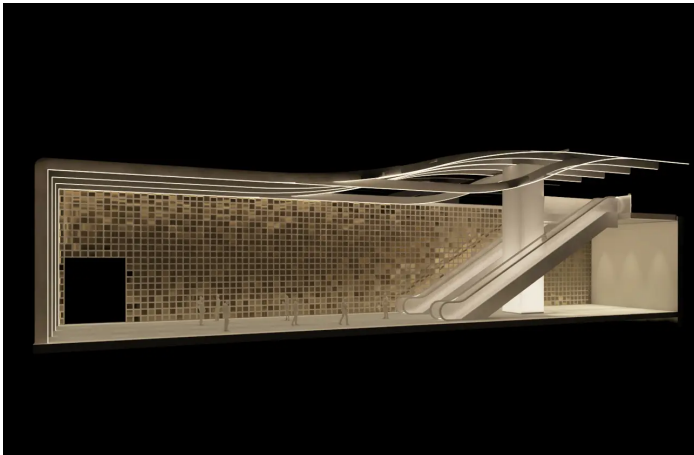
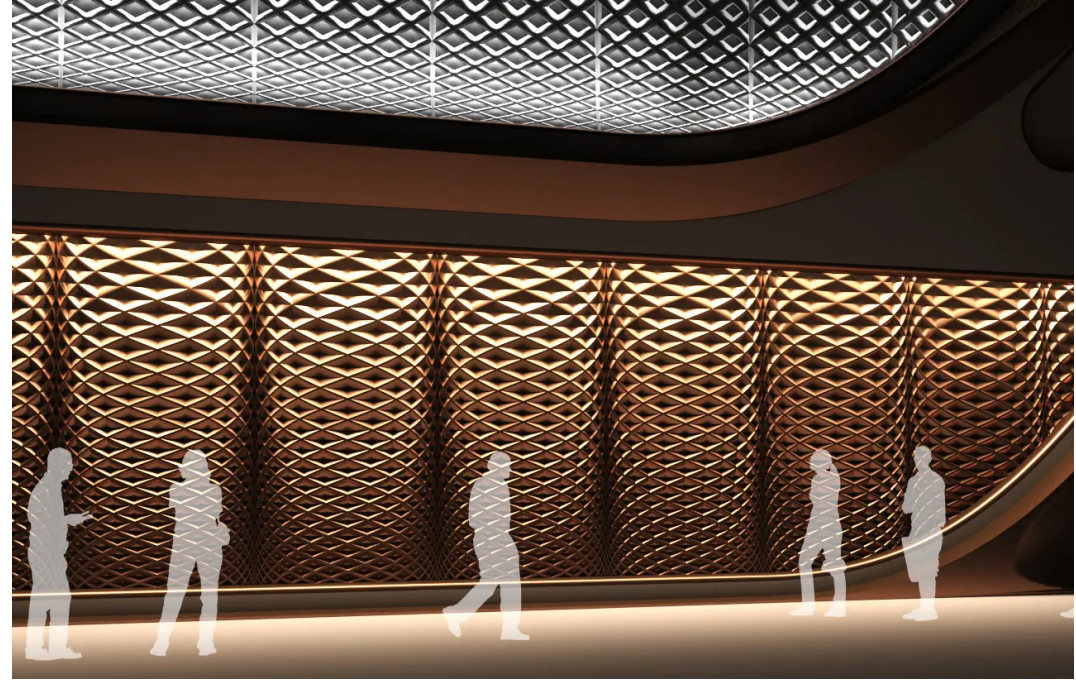
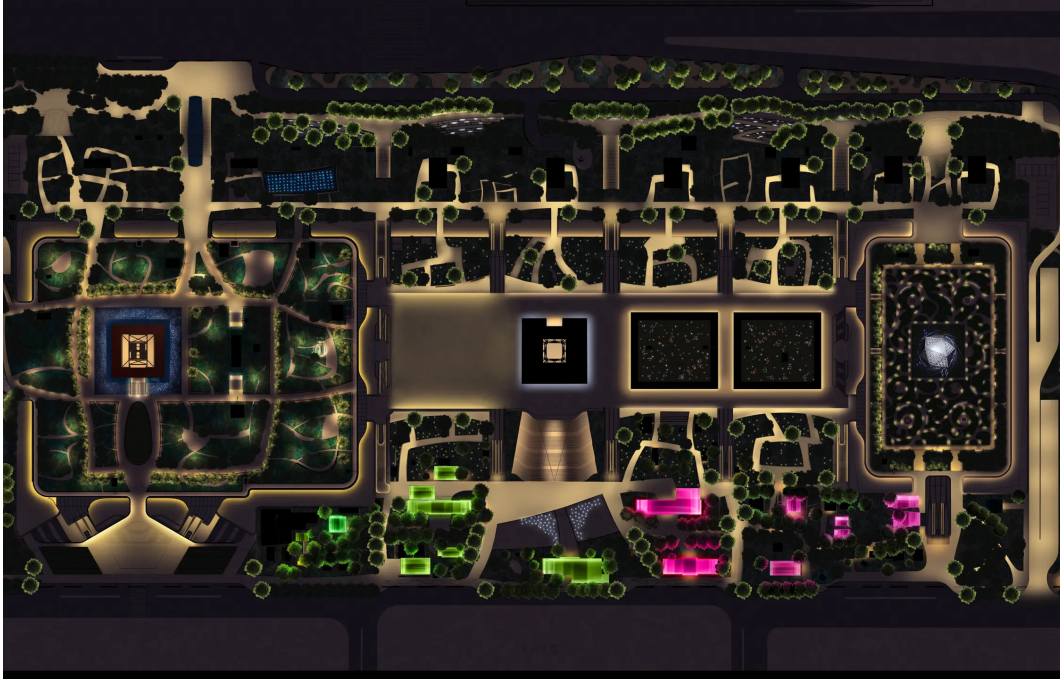
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While SKP-N is the high-end retail zone, SKP-S is the more cutting-edge, fashion-forward zone. Here, the design is more brutalist, and the lighting reflects this with more monochromatic light and an industrial aesthetic.



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Development sketches