Zhang Daqian Museum Neijiang, China

The painter Zhang Daqian was born in Neijiang. On April 2010, Excellence group invited EMBT to design Zhang Daqian's museum in Neijlang city, the painter's hometown. The design philosophy behind the museum would be to integrate the cultural essence of east and west and to built, expressing the past and the future. The site is located peak of Dong Tong Lu, Yuan mountain, west of Xi Lin monastery, south of Tuo River. The museum will be the landmark of the city.

The museum will grow from an existing tea-house and will extend its pavilions over and around a garden that moves topographically on different levels, enclosing part of the old trees in its interior.

The motives and gestures extracted from Zhang Daqian's painting will shape the forms of the laminated bamboo ribs that conform the vertical sections, while the interpretation that the Chinese painter did of Picasso face will inform the geometries of the plan.

Client: Excellence Group
Location: Neijiang, China
Date: 2010 - In progress

Typology: Cultural

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Gross floor area: 2.150 m²

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