



**Larry Chien, AIA**  
Managing Partner

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Larry Chien is a managing partner at SOM. He has extensive international experience, having worked on complex projects in more than two dozen cities around the world. This informs his broad and creative perspective to address global and social issues through urbanism and the built environment. His approach is rooted in SOM's core values of interdisciplinary practice, design excellence, innovation, and sustainability.

Larry is recognized for his success in managing numerous significant headquarters and civic landmarks. His most notable projects include: China World Trade Center Phase III, Poly Corporation Headquarters, Lenovo Computer InfoTech Park, COFCO Landmark Plaza, Agile Corporation Headquarters, Fairmont Hotel in Nanjing, Huawei Technologies Corporate Campus in Shanghai, and Shui On's Knowledge and Innovation Community.

Since 2000, Larry has been instrumental in expanding the firm's business to markets in Asia Pacific, with ongoing engagements in China, Vietnam, Taiwan, Malaysia, and Indonesia. advancing industry standards for international design services, and developing strong relationships with a diverse clientele. His effective leadership and management transcends geographic and cultural boundaries.

### **Presentation Brief**

#### **Topic: TOD and Landmark developments**

In this presentation, Larry Chien will explore how Transit-Oriented Developments (TODs) and landmark mixed-use projects can serve as catalysts for sustainable urban transformation. Drawing from his experience designing high-density developments across Asia's most dynamic cities, he will examine how mobility, architecture, and public realm strategies can be woven together to create connected, livable, and climate-forward districts. Through case studies such as Skywaters, Guoco Tower, and Tung Chung East, the talk will highlight how TODs—when thoughtfully integrated into their cultural and environmental contexts—can redefine city centers and shape more resilient urban futures.

**Ian Ralph**

Senior Associate Principal, Urban Design Studio Leader

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Ian leads SOM Hong Kong's master planning initiatives across Asia, leveraging over 15 years of experience in projects that span from conceptual vision to urban design guidelines. His work has encompassed large-scale plans for new cities in Vietnam and China, urban regeneration activities in the UK, Hong Kong and Jakarta, and a new generation of livable communities in tropical contexts from Kuala Lumpur to Manila. As a thought leader on Coastal Economies, Central Social Districts, and Health-focused Regeneration, Ian prioritizes urban resilience and values nature-based solutions.

Ian has served on design juries and expert review panels, contributing to research on urban design for aging populations and low-carbon cities, while also teaching Master of Urban Design students at HKU. He is a Chartered Member of the Royal Town Planning Institute (MRTPI) and a member of the Urban Land Institute (ULI) and the Hong Kong Institute of Urban Design (HKIUD).

**Presentation Brief****Topic: Building resilient and livable cities**

In this seminar, we'll explore how building socially and environmentally sustainable communities requires a multi-scale design approach to design and planning. Through projects examples in Vietnam and the region, we'll demonstrate how integrating nature-based solutions can improve quality of life and tackle climate challenges, whilst using density and transit as a tool to foster healthier, vibrant urban development. We'll also explore designing for adaptation, allowing communities to age in place, streets to become sociable, and spaces to be floodable, leading to neighborhoods where both biodiversity and communities can thrive.