



“It’s a commercial building, but by creating two separate buildings, it’s at a much nicer scale and contributes to a better public space.”
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Uber Headquarters

SHoP Architects

Uber Headquarters, designed by SHoP Architects, is the ride-sharing company’s first ground-up building. Sited near public transportation, the project prioritizes the temperate climate of San Francisco and engages with pedestrians. The 423,000-square-foot project includes an 11-story tower and a six-story structure connected by two crisscrossing skybridges with a landscaped park underneath. The Commons, a full building-height atrium of circulation and gathering spaces, with a “breathing” façade of operable windows, visually connects building users with activities taking place outside. The underlying idea behind the design is that the experience of the living

city can serve as an inspiration for the work taking place inside. The Commons also acts as a buffer between the unconditioned exterior and the conditioned interior office environment, letting in fresh air to maintain a comfortable temperature. Supported by Vierendeel trusses that span the building’s height, the curtain wall has strategically placed 14-foot-tall windows that fold in and out as needed, creating a façade that evolves throughout the day. Instead of an open office plan, workstations are arranged in a series of smaller neighborhoods, each with access to shared support and collaborative zones, and connection to the Commons. Defined by their distinct palettes and materiality, these neighborhoods reflect the work-life balance that is essential to the health of both large companies and urban environments. Additional sustainability features include on-site water collection and solar harvesting, with green space both on the roof and in the public park at ground level. The project received LEED GOLD and WELL Gold certifications. **LGM**

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