

# SUZHOU INDUSTRIAL PARK (SIP)

Administrative  
Building  
Suzhou, China

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## Size

1 million square feet

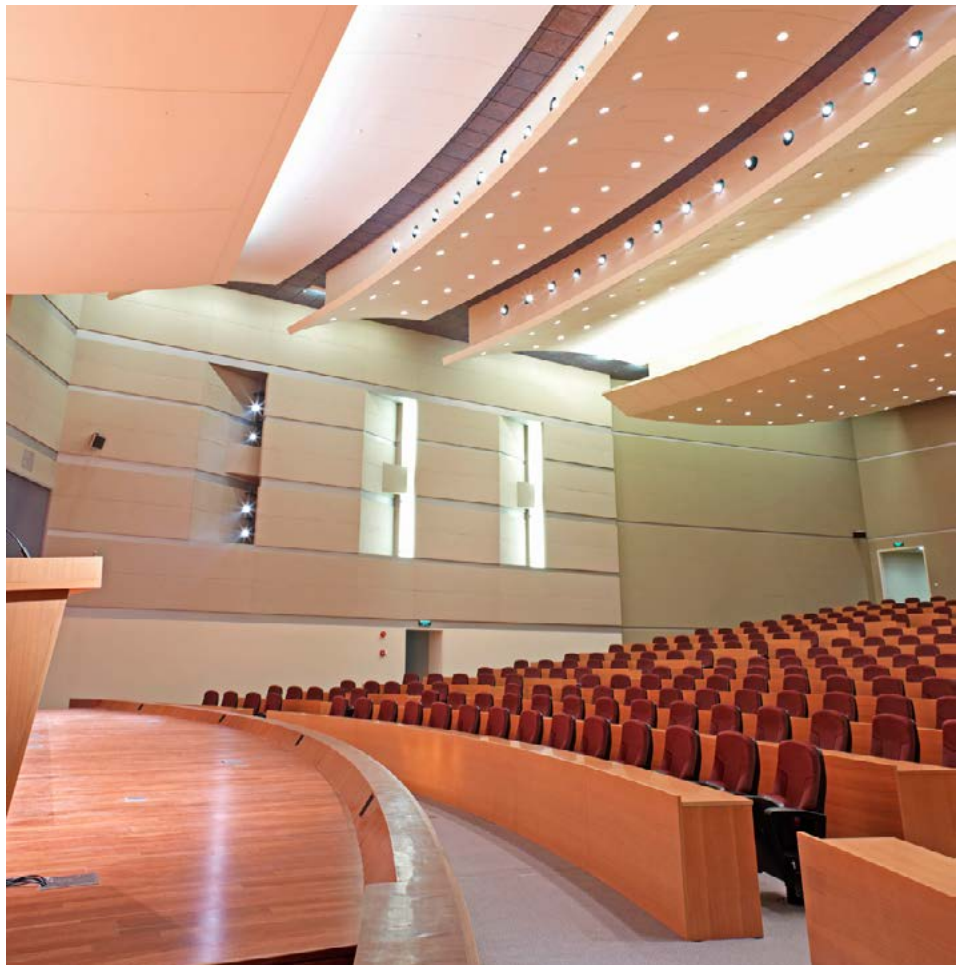
## Project Highlights

Incorporation of Chinese culture with use of locally sourced materials; Roof-top observation platform; Atrium water feature; Amenities: auditorium and dining facilities and conference center

## Services Provided

Full service interior design and architecture

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Created to attract multi-national light industry and research and development operations, Suzhou Industrial Park (SIP) required a new structure to serve as a focal point for its administrative and marketing activities. The 20-story, one-million-square-foot building, which would include a range of meeting areas and amenities, had to be completed in one year. The client requested an international style of design for the project, incorporating local culture.

The design featured extensive use of glass, stone and metal. Due to the size of the project, the team conducted global searches to secure large quantities of materials needed to complete the project on time. An extensive effort was also made to ensure that locally made materials were used wherever possible.

To meet project deadlines, a large, geographically distributed team was divided into groups to work in tandem on different areas of the building. Communications were coordinated through IA's Shanghai office.

Modern and sophisticated, SIP's administrative building offers a range of amenities and grand spaces. Below a suspended light fixture of hand-blown Italian glass, a water feature in the two-story atrium welcomes visitors, allegorically referencing Suzhou's reputation as the 'city of canals.' The entire project, from design to move-in, was completed in 12 months.

