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Armada Shopping Centre **Ankara**

The Armada Shopping Centre in Ankara was awarded 'Europe's Best Shopping Mall in 2003' in the New Centres, under 35,000m² category by the International Council of Shopping Centres.

GMW Architects worked with the concept architects, A-Tasarim, to provide full architectural consultancy, including detailed designs for the exterior and interior public spaces.

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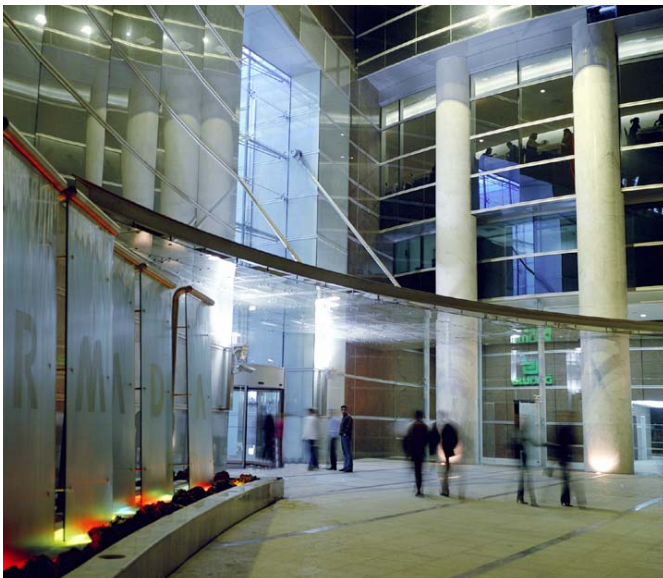
The Armada development combines a 31,300m² retail centre, providing restaurants, a food court, multiplex cinema and 4 levels of underground parking in an 11-storey building with a 30-storey landmark office tower.

The centre occupies a large island site and is a major gateway building when entering Ankara from the west.

At ground level, a dramatic new landscaped urban space provides a buffer zone between the busy thoroughfare and the main entrances into the complex.

On each of the rectangular retail floors, shops have been arranged on either side of a mall that forms a continuous loop connecting the four circular atrium spaces, one at each corner. Each atrium is given a different identity by the use of light and colour.

The office tower has 22 floors above street level and its elegant oval form is clad in steel and glass. It is visible from key locations in the capital and acts as a symbol of the whole development. The offices, which wrap around a central service core, enjoy optimum daylight and panoramic views.



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We offer a comprehensive service to progress projects smoothly through to successful completion and we aim

for the optimal deployment of our skills to suit each one. Architecture is our core skill and specialist urban and interior designers extend the service we offer to encompass projects ranging from the metropolitan in scale, down to the ergonomics of furniture.

We work effectively at any stage in the development process, from site acquisition, through feasibility study and design, to procurement. Our technical knowledge and wide experience add value to design and building audits, and to project compliance monitoring.

