

Moscow International Business Centre

Moscow, Russian Federation

2.2m sq ft

Architectural Design

Completed: 2009

The Turkish Development Company, SUMMA, working with the Russian investor firm of Zao Tekhyinvest, commissioned SHCA to design a 2.2 million SF (208.000M2) mixed-use 70 story tower on a 150,000 sq ft (14.000M2) site in central Moscow.

The building was 50 floors of Class "A" commercial office space, with amenities such as a cafeteria and a landscaped roof garden, as well as 20 floors of luxury residential apartments with their own gymnasium and pool on the fiftieth floor. The tower sits on a retail and entertainment podium that includes boutiques, restaurants, bars, a service hotel and a 33,000 sq ft (3.000M2) casino. The building connects underground to the city's existing retail concourse and metro system. In addition, the program includes a parking garage for 800.

The architectural concept reinforces the purity of the tower volume over the complexity of the program within. The overall architectural form is developed as a pure glass tower sitting on a multi-volume podium. The unitized curving curtain wall of the tower allows the transition from the office floors to operable windows on the residential floors. Various transparencies and shadow box textures, in addition to vertical projections, scale and dramatize the broad faces of the tower versus its tripartite ends.

