



long-established and the most fashionable

book shops

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Kubrick Bookshop & Café

Beijing, China

Architect: One Plus Partnership Ltd
Year of opening: 2010
Gross floor area: 320 m²
Materials: timber floor, stainless steel, metal, wallpaper, fabric, cement boards, Corian, ceramic tiles, green powder coating finished

Seeking to reconnect Beijing's history with the city's vibrant modernity, One Plus Partnership found inspiration in the ancient Chinese concept of "Five Elements" – wood, fire, earth, metal and water. The neutral gray concrete space is interrupted by eye-catching green joinery that functions as bookshelves, cashier counters and storage units, representing the element of wood. A curved strip of display cabinets suspended from the

ceiling echoes Beijing's hanging walkways, while the wooden elements are designed like stacks of books, evoking knowledge accumulated through generations of this city's inhabitants. These appeals to a life beyond the bookshop's walls and beyond the here and now, encouraging visitors to communicate with each other and with their past, are complemented by the homely ambience of the cozy café area.

