



In a high-rise apartment building in Shenzhen, China, the lobby is an important buffer zone between the outside world and the interior, and also sets the tone for the design style within.

One Plus Partnership Ltd. envisioned the lobby of the Mellon Town building as a container for the spirit of Chinese culture. Using a dramatically bright green palette, flooring, lighting, and the residents' mailboxes, the designers evoked a bamboo forest while also stimulating thought about sustainability and green design.

The mailboxes are supported by a metal column structure that allows them to be stacked and arrayed in a circular pattern, much like bamboo stalks. Green, matte-finish powdercoating simulates the rough texture of the plant.

Cylindrical lighting fixtures with a shiny laminate finish add a modern twist to the bamboo theme. Scored-tile flooring randomly embedded with rounds of stainless steel imitates the natural growth of the bamboo forest floor.

**Location** Shenzhen, China

**Client** Gemdale Corp.

**Design** One Plus Partnership Ltd.

**Design Team** Ajax Law Ling Kit,  
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**Photos** One Plus Partnership Ltd.

**Jury comments**

"This project addresses an interesting design problem and an area that is often overlooked. A playful and compelling idea, with an interesting spatial threshold."

