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# The “Ring of Peace” Park, Da Nang, Central Vietnam – A Growing Design Presence in Southeast Asia’s Urban Development

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an elliptic colonnade, the “Ring of Peace”  
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Singapore-based studioMilou has won the international competition to rejuvenate the expansive 29 March Park in Da Nang in Central Vietnam, building on the firm's growing track record of landscaping and mixed-use projects. The winning design proposes a spectacular elliptic colonnade referred to as the 'Ring of Peace,' commemorating the communist liberation of Da Nang in 1975.

The oblong form is intended as a visible landmark for this ambitious and growing Southeast Asian port city, and reaches over the expansive lake, creating a distinct identity with a simple design gesture typical of studioMilou's design approach.

The firm's founder, French architect Jean Francois Milou, refers to the design as 'an opening the site with a form of unity giving visitors' unity and lightness over a calm lake, in contrast with the fissures of daily life.'

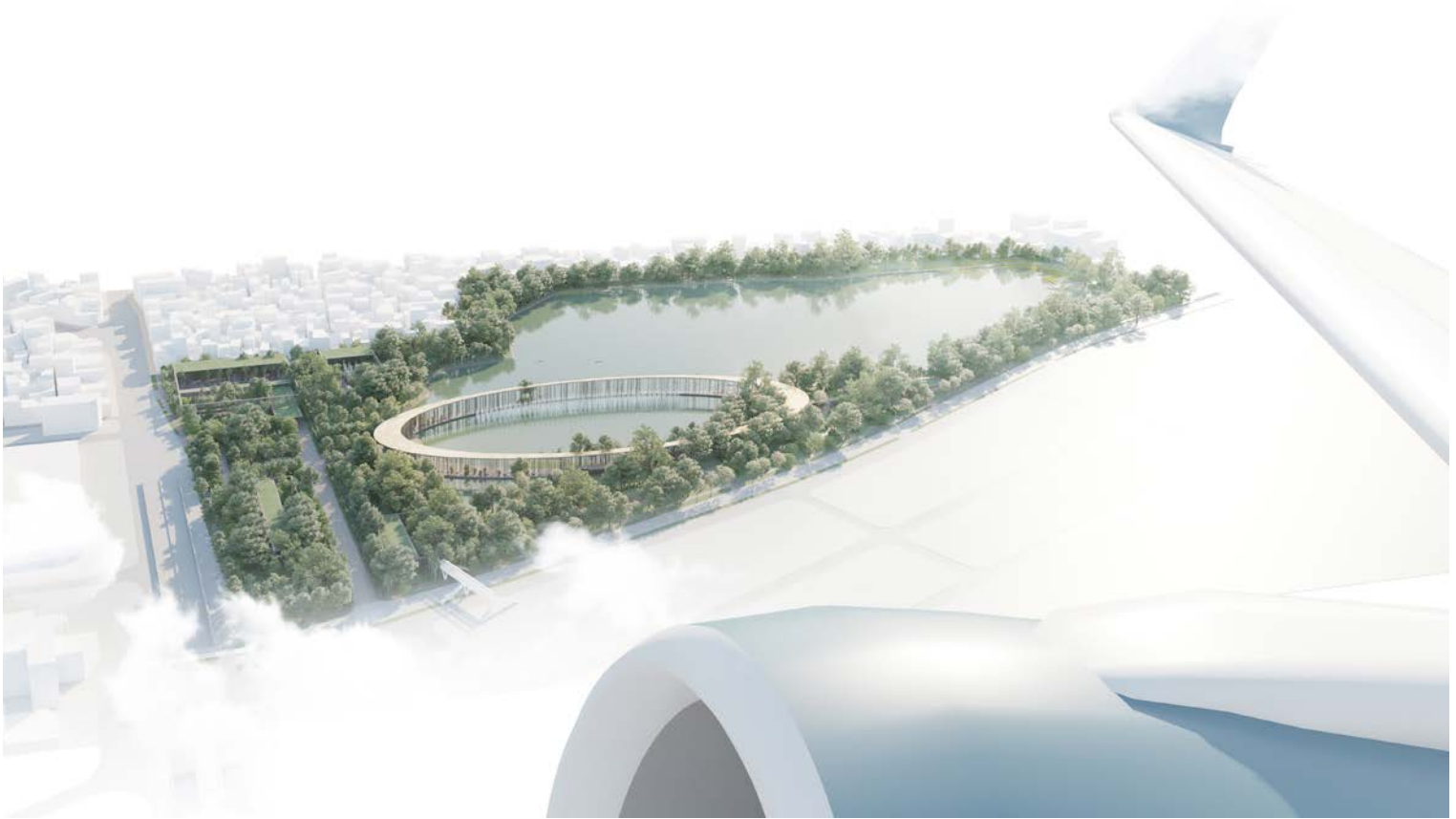
As the fifth largest and one of the fastest growing commercial centres in Vietnam, Da Nang's brief for the project also required various facilities to support its burgeoning urban population's expectations for leisure and other services. studioMilou has discretely integrated a range of facilities beginning with the infrastructure essential to creating cleaner and lush environment.

A new circular drainage has been designed to fully control the water quality entering the lake, and to target far denser vegetation aimed at supporting a high level of plant and aquatic biodiversity. A new orthogonal grid for the plantation enables this, while giving a thick wall of vegetation that buffers visitors from the noise and movement of the city.

A network of pavilions and elegant lantern structures mark different leisure zones including playgrounds, a water park, outdoor cinema areas, restaurants and cafés. A nursery and childhood education centre are discretely integrated in the fabric of the garden, fitting the city's place as the learning capital of Central Vietnam. Parking spaces and other facilities are situated to the north of the lake, out of view.

studioMilou, an international firm specializing in the adaptation of existing buildings, was founded in Paris in the late eighties and has continued expanding in Asia over the past decade, establishing a branch in Hanoi and bringing its substantial track record for large-scale cultural and landscaping projects, which include the award-winning National Gallery Singapore.



The firm now has a growing presence in the field of high-end residential and urban rejuvenation projects in Europe and Asia. Recent awards include two of the 2019 Australian International Institute of Architects International Chapter ; Public and Heritage projects for the Place de la Brèche in Niort, central west France (<https://www.studiomilou.sg/projects/place-de-la-breche-niort/>) , and Le Carreau du Temple (<https://www.studiomilou.sg/projects/the-new-carreau-du-temple-paris/>), in Paris.



the bird-eye view of the 29th March Park, Da Nang, Vietnam  
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studioMilou's founder and lead architect, Jean Francois Milou, is a recipient of the French Order of Merit and member of the French Order of Architects, the Singapore Board of Architects, the Australian Institute of Architects and the Royal British Institute of Architects. Based in Paris and Singapore, Jean Francois Milou works closely with an international team of associates, including Chow Khoo Toong and Suzanne Ogge and the Director of studioMilou Hanoi, Trung Thanh Ngyen.

Project Weblink: <https://www.studiomilou.sg/projects/ring-of-peace-da-nang-vietnam/>

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a portrait of Jean François Milou  
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