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## KT HEADQUARTERS, SEOUL

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### Urban Landscape

The landscape design is referring to the natural landscape of Korea and its important role in Traditional Korean Landscape Architecture. Based on the different functions and their specific qualities the ground floor and the rooftops are designed differently. Referring to the Korean mixed forest, the ground floor level is a lush and colorful space with a variety of evergreen and seasonal trees and shrubs as well as different grasses and ferns. In addition to the main entrance area in the middle of the site, there are several paths leading thru and into the garden to small patios. The spacious pond in the center of the ground level of Block-S is a reference to the Korean wetlands. The shady space will provide mystic reflections of the surrounding plants on the water. The seating-wall bordering the gardens is an active connection between the gardens which are open to the public and the public promenade. The rooftop design is referring to the Korean mountainscape with its small pines, azaleas and grasses. Only a few pines are reaching over the wavy horizon of plants. The softly modeled and linear arranged plants are reaching into the patio and creating a strong spatial connection, providing a variety of individual spaces.

