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**SWANKE HAYDEN CONNELL ARCHITECTS OPENS
NEW OFFICE IN SHANGHAI**

New York, NY – March 25, 2010 – Swanke Hayden Connell Architects (SHCA), with offices in New York, London, Moscow, Istanbul, Washington DC, Paris, Sheffield and Miami has opened the firm's ninth office - in Shanghai, China.

Located in the rapidly expanding Jinqiao district of Pudong, the office will support SHCA's projects in China and the Asia-Pacific region. Current work includes the 110,000 square meter (1.2 million square foot) Jinqiao Biyun 90 Hotel & Office Complex, for which construction is scheduled to begin this year.

David Hughes, SHCA's global Chief Executive Officer said: "We are committed to expanding the firm's international service despite the challenging economic times, and the opening of our office in China is another important step in that process." SHCA Architectural Principal, Scott Springer, AIA will oversee the operations of this new office, which is projected to have ten employees by the end of 2010.

According to Peter A. Gross, AIA, the Chief Executive Officer for SHCA's China and United States offices, the firm is committed to aggressively expanding the practice in China and the surrounding region. "While China's recent architectural growth has been centered in Beijing and Shanghai, it has now progressed to the next phase, moving into other cities, most of which have populations in the millions. Over the course of the past ten years, Scott and I have worked on many complex, large scale projects in China, and our experience, flexibility, and extensive contacts allow us to easily work in any of China's growing regions. We have been fortunate to get a fast start to our operations in China, and we have secured a number of excellent commissions. SHCA is dedicated to being in China for the long haul, and so we have set up an office to provide our clients with top caliber services wherever our projects may be."

[Swanke Hayden Connell Architects](#), founded in 1906, is staffed with more than 300 professionals and provides services in five core areas of practice: master planning, architecture, interior design, workplace consulting, and historic preservation. SHCA works with a variety of corporate, healthcare, and institutional clients.

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