



Parque Central

VALENCIA | 2011-

The first phase of Parque Central provides a significant contemporary public park comprised of a series of gardens, large open spaces, play areas, and cultural buildings.

Following eight years of development, the park affords the city a genuinely new public space which seeks to become a focal point for the city's residents, whilst appealing to a range of age groups and community uses.

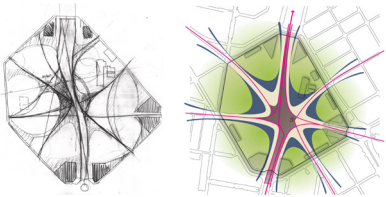
Using refined materials, a rich planting palette, and making widespread use of water - the park acts as a vital new ecological component which looks to the future of Spain's third-largest city. Totalling 23 hectares and subject to €73m of investment, the remaining phases will be developed over several years. When complete, the park will unite the neighbourhoods of Russafa and La Raiosa that are currently divided by railway lines.

Inspired by a poem written by Valencian writer Ausiàs March: *Aigua plena de seny* ('water full of wisdom'), the design acknowledges Valencia's unique position as a major trading and cultural centre in European history and its location between several ecological habitats: the Turia River reserve, the agricultural plain (La Huerta), the Albufera Natural Park, and the Mediterranean Sea.

The design is typified by six main areas for art, activities, the community, history and cultural events. With reference to the local tradition of ceramics, these bowl-like spaces are created through sculpted landform and provide a unifying gesture with water as its overarching theme.

The winning competition entry and subsequent project has been developed by an international multi-disciplinary team led by Gustafson Porter + Bowman which includes Borgos Pieper architects (London/ Barcelona), Nova Ingeniería Project Management and Grupotec Engineers from Valencia.

CLIENT
Valencia Parque Central Alta Velocidad 2003
S.A.
VALUE
EUR73M
SIZE
23ha (total project 66ha)
DURATION
2011-
STATUS
Phase 1 completion February 2019
Full completion 2025



2012
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AWARDS
Shortlist, WAN Awards, Category: Urban Regeneration / Unbuilt
Commendation, MIPIM AR Future Projects Awards
Shortlist, WAF Awards, Category: Future Projects / Landscape

