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I, JunJie Liao, was the 2017 NEWH Sustainable Hospitality Design Competition winner. My hometown Shaoguan, China is famous for being a cradle of Zen Buddhism. Hence, I grew up in an atmosphere rich with Zen spirit. I am especially fond of the Nanhua Temple that sits atop my hometown, and it is there that I fell in love with architecture. It was not just the physical building of the "Nanhua Temple" that inspired me, but also the Zen habits of the Buddhist monks who live in there provoking a sustainable lifestyle. From these early influences, I gradually formed my aesthetic sensibilities and values.