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(Thank you Ann Reiley Jones for sending this to me to share with the group)—So, bamboo has applications beyond flooring and furniture. Rich

<https://architizer.com/blog/inspiration/stories/bamboo-tea-leaf-market/>

SUP Atelier's Tea Leaf Market Dazzles With the World's Largest Raw Bamboo Span

Like a bird's outstretched wings, the beauty of bamboo is its innate combination of lightness and strength.

[Hannah Feniak](#)

For centuries China has dominated the global tea industry: since introducing tea to the rest of the world, the country has remained home to the world's largest tea market to this day. Chinese soil is a fertile ground for the population's ever-growing appetite: over 7 million acres of land are dedicated to growing the shrub. With such an expansive scale, it is no surprise that the tea industry is pervasive to the Chinese economy on both global and local levels. Within the Southeastern Fujian Province, [Tea Leaf Market of Zhuguanlong](#), built by [SUP Atelier of THAD](#), gives physical expression to the importance of the plant in the area. Built for the area's tea leaf trading activities, the project was truly a collaboration between the local government and peoples, a native bamboo contractor and the architects. For its innovative structural and technical feats, which have cultural impact on the locals in the region, the stunning project took home two prestigious A+Awards; it was Popular Choice in both the Architecture +Low Cost Design and Architecture +New Materials categories.

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