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- The endless squares and rectangles of Hong Kong architecture produce a vertigo-inducing sense of infinity
- A unique book dedicated to styles of repetition in urban design

Cities of Repetition provides a comprehensive graphic documentation and analysis of the largest Hong Kong housing estates built by private developers, from the late 1960s through to the early 2000s. Original drawings and diagrams illustrate and compare the ultradense, mass-produced, highly repetitive built environments in which hundreds of thousands of Hong Kong residents live. This book studies the practicalities of urban design in limited space, but also the effects of structure, routine, and replication on the human psyche. Its array of colour and black-and-white images will immerse the reader in Hong Kong's uniquely repetitive cityscape.

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