



## Community Shopping Center

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Scale:  
3,200 sq.meter

Client:  
Dar Al Arkan Real Estate Development Company

This 3,200 square meter community shopping facility is planned as a neighborhood center that includes an adjacent mosque, and its blend of Santa Fe and local Najdi architecture compliments the styles of the surrounding residential neighborhood.

The L-shaped organization is open to a 64-space inner parking court that serves both buildings. An end pavilion on the main road announces the continuous pedestrian arcade, which links the two buildings with an arched gateway on the east side. The commercial arcade ends on the west side in a rotated pavilion that defers to the alignment of the mosque, and opens onto a small shared plaza that provides a transition to the mosque's arcade. A coffee shop overlooks this plaza, and is adjacent to the supermarket that is served from the rear alley. Small modular shops absorb the remaining space, and a restaurant at the junction of the two buildings opens to another landscaped plaza that provides a comfortable gathering place for the community.

