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'bank of sand, sand of bank' by huang yong ping is on display in new york at gladstone gallery (21st street). it is an exact 20-ton sand-replica of the former HSBC bank in shanghai, built by palmer and turner in 1923.



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huang yong ping's 20-ton castle — made of unstable grains of sand and sturdy concrete — is commentary on the original structure's curiously contradictory life thus far. it was a neoclassical landmark, then, after the chinese revolution of 1949, it was a communist government building, and then in the 90s it became a pudong development bank building. the structure has seen some changes and some unstable times; ironically, all of these prior purposes — landmark, government, bank — were supposed to represent strength and stability.



bank of sand, sand of bank is on display now at gladstone gallery, and — according to david behringer (hat tip) at the two percent —

there are no ropes or barriers surrounding the structure. see it up close, but please respect huang yong ping's creation.

