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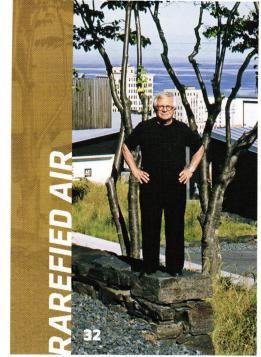
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"I haven't done things the way that most architects do," David Salmela confesses. "I didn't go to architecture school, I didn't have a mentor, I didn't work for big firms, and I didn't live where most architects live." But that didn't keep him from capturing Minnesota's highest architectural honor.



Minnesota architects are doing some of their most thrilling work elsewhere in the world, leaving their mark on places as distant as Lebanon and Sri Lanka. Join us on a globetrotting architecture tour.

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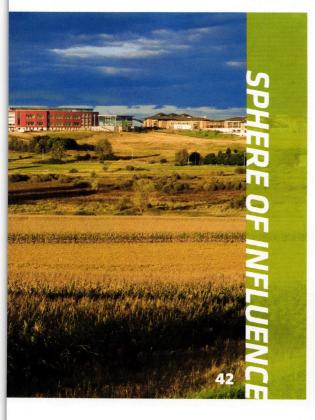
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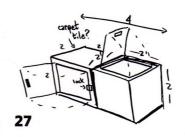
"With the sounds of Arabic and English words mixing and an occasional breeze lifting off the Mediterranean, the American University of Beirut campus offers a calming counterpoint to the bustling sensory theater of the surrounding city," says photographer **Paul Crosby**.

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Pyramide du Louvre, by I.M. Pei. Dominique Perrault's Bibliothèque Nationale de France after rain. Île Saint-Louis from across the Seine. These are a few of the Paris landmarks photographed in black and white by Minneapolis architect-photographer Pete Sieger over the course of the past decade, and the results are breathtaking. "Sieger loves the black and white tradition," writes Glenn Gordon. "He looks at this classic city in a classic way."









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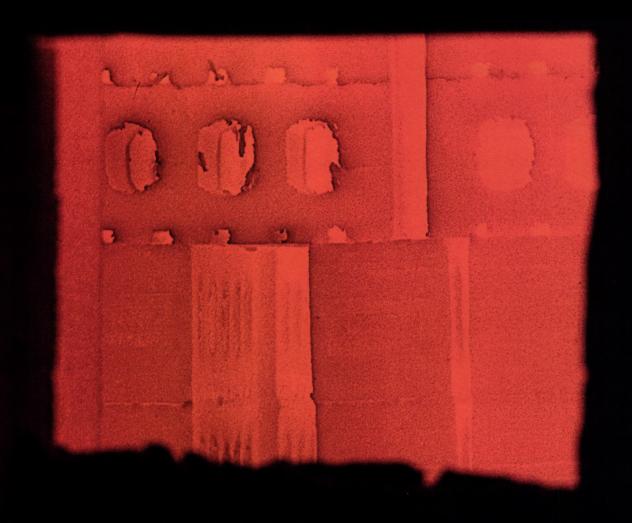
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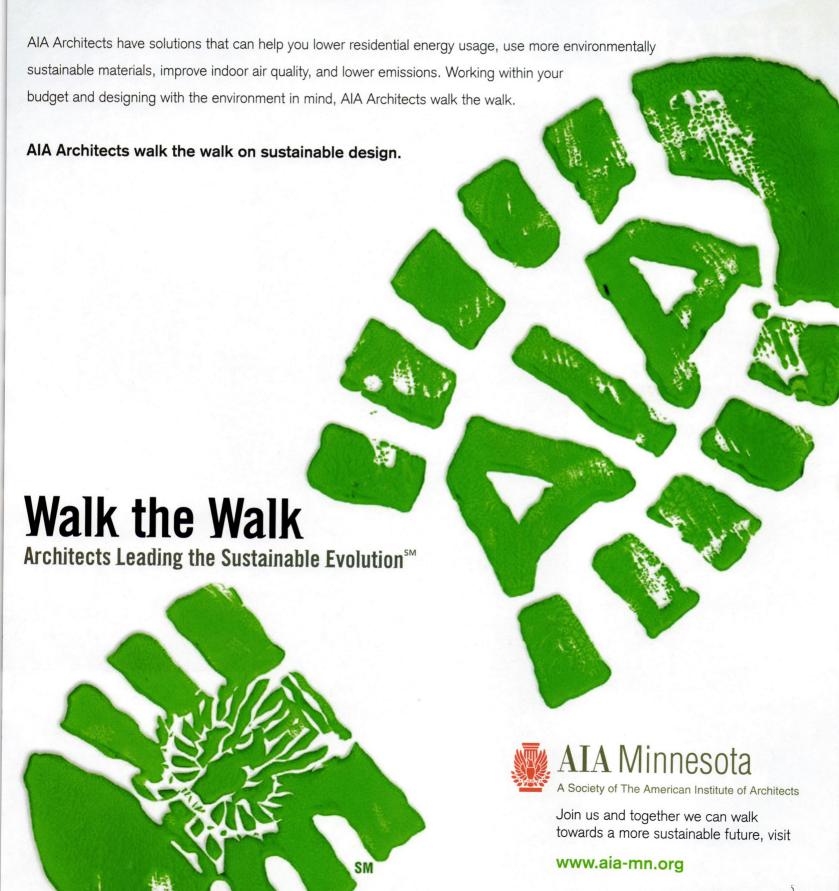
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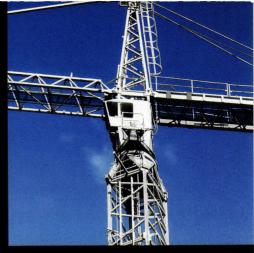
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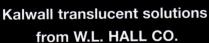


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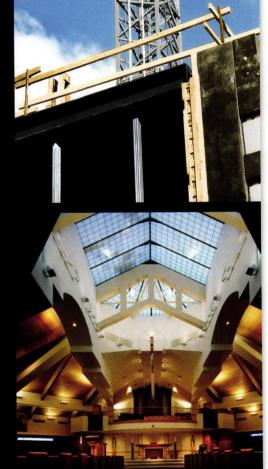


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If you've traveled overseas, then you've probably had the experience of feeling energized by the design character and vitality of an exotic cityand a little melancholy that you couldn't bring those qualities back to your hometown. That's been my experience in assembling this issue on some of the best recent architecture around the world by Minnesota architects. When I look at projects such as VJAA's sophisticated, climatesensitive Charles Hostler Student Recreation Center (cover, page 36) at the American University of Beirut and Perkins+Will's ultragreen design for Embassy Medical Center (page 50) in Sri Lanka, I'm both in awe that we have this caliber of design talent and vision in Minnesota, and wishful that we could unleash even more of it here at home.

I asked University of Minnesota College of Design dean Thomas Fisher, Assoc. AIA, who wrote our Hostler Center feature, if he sees Hostler as an example of there being greater demand overseas for show-stopping sustainable design, or whether the project is simply the fruit of a progressive institution seeking to raise its profile. Mostly the latter, Fisher confirmed, but the question got him thinking. "I think the United States has lost a lot of its confidence and its ability to take risks," he observed. "When you look at what's going on in Dubai and China and even in places like war-torn Lebanon, and you're asked a question like the one you've just asked—Why don't we do more buildings like that here?—it's almost as if our whole system

LOOKING abroad

has become clogged with risk aversion. Obviously there are exceptions; there still are clients who are willing to support adventuresome architecture. But I just think that, between what's been happening economically in this country and what's been happening in terms of litigation, it's made clients more averse to doing projects like this."

I put a similar question to Doug Pierce, AIA, one of the Embassy Medical Center architects. When completed, Embassy will achieve a level of sustainable design rarely seen in the U.S. in a building of that scale (it will exceed LEED Platinum standards). Is this evidence that Sri Lankans are beginning to place a higher premium on environmental stewardship than we are? Pierce offered some perspective: "Countries like Sri Lanka and India are not as developed as the U.S.; there isn't as much infrastructure in place. So if you want to do a Western-style hospital there, you potentially have to do things like provide your own power, water, and sewage." What makes Embassy so extraordinary is that it uses renewable energy to supply these needs. "Instead of using fossil fuel-based diesel generators," Pierce explained, "we're using bio-methane-driven generators. We're dealing with sewage in ecologically based ways, and so on."

But doesn't the client's embrace of renewable energy reflect a heightened awareness of environmental challenges? "Absolutely it does," Pierce continued. "For example, people in developing countries are often much more in tune with climate-change issues than Americans are. I think part of the reason for that is, they see global warming happening. They are more directly affected by extended droughts. Getting good food and water is simply more challenging for them. We Americans, on the other hand,

are somewhat insulated from the impacts of global warming and environmental degradation because we have such robust resources and so much energy."

Does the design climate in the U.S. differ from that of other countries? Two leading architectural voices in Minnesota weigh in.

Perhaps if we spent more time examining green building efforts abroad it would accelerate the cultural shift toward sustainability at home. Pierce, for one, says the opportunity is ripe. "Humans can be very clever," he observed. "We've got all the technology we need, and we've got lots of resources—at least for now. If we adjust the way that our economy and our cities work, things could work out for the better. But we need to take action now in order for that to happen."

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What might an Embassy Medical Center (page 50) built in Minnesota look like? Are most of the project's sustainability strategies appropriate for our climate? Doug Pierce, AIA, a member of the Embassy design team, shares his thoughts on these questions and invites you to do the same at aia-mn.blogspot.com

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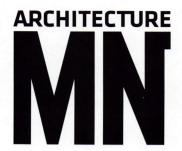


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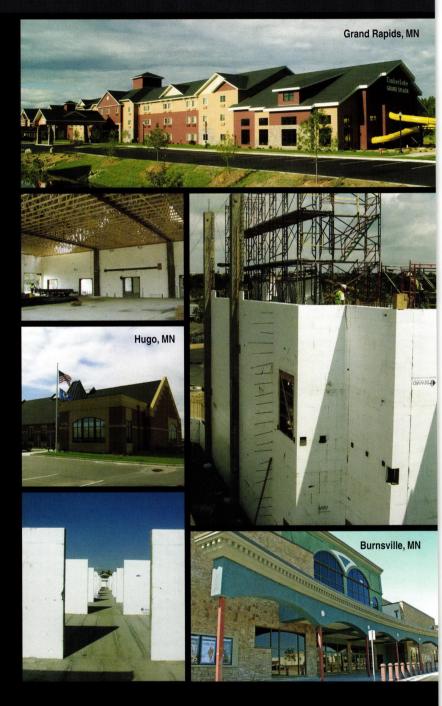
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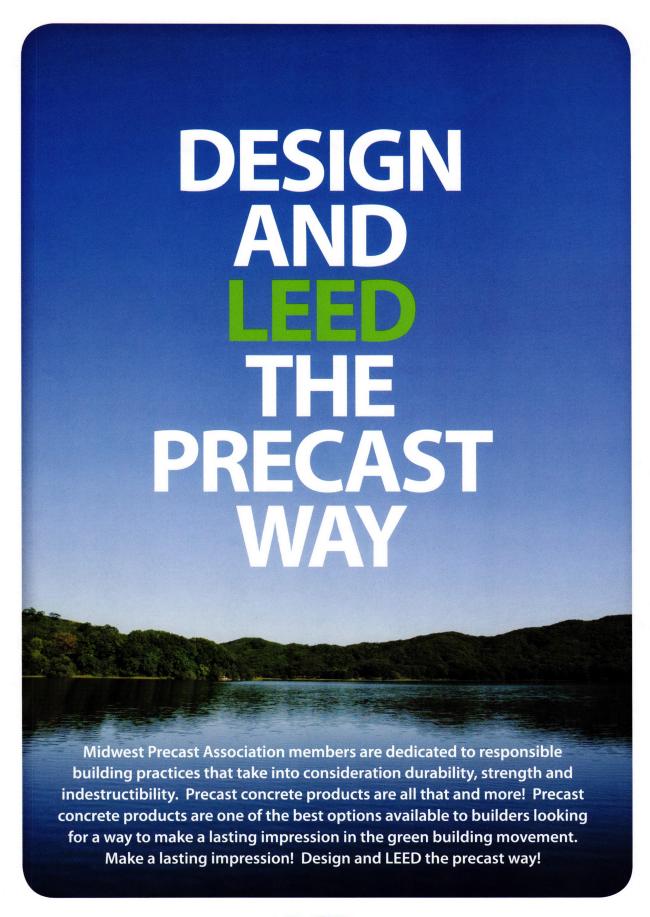
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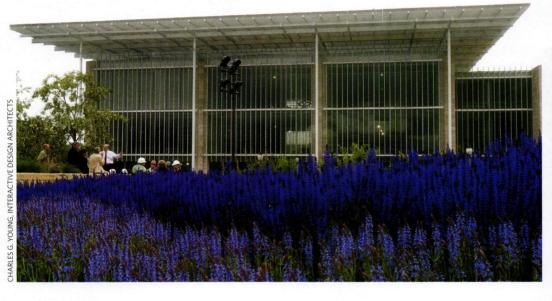


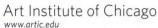
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Road trip, anyone? These top art-museum destinations, housed in buildings with additions representing more than a century of design, offer architecture as compelling as the art inside.

Got some free time and an interest in design? Culture Crawl rounds up the latest cultural offerings from around the region

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The Art Institute of Chicago opened the doors of its Beaux Arts building, designed by Shepley, Rutan & Coolidge of Boston, on the site of the World's Columbian Exposition in 1893. The building's classical, symmetrical façade reflected what had become a design standard for museums in the 19th century. The Art Institute expanded several times throughout the 20th century but maintained its elevated, colonnaded entrance on Michigan Avenue. Although the temple front has become the icon of the museum, the institution has not resisted change or modern design. In 2009 the Art Institute will open its new Modern Wing, which will increase gallery space by 30 percent. Designed by world-renowned Italian architect Renzo Piano, the new wing is a rectangular, minimalist structure wrapped in a sunscreen of thin fins, with a visually light, flat roof. It lies on the celebrated 25-acre Millennium Park development, which is anchored by the Frank Gehry-designed Jay Pritzker Pavilion.

Current exhibitions include "Henri Cartier-Bresson and the Art and Photography of Paris" (through January 4, 2009) and "Daniel Burnham's Plan for Chicago," 32 rarely displayed illustrations of Burnham's 1909 Beaux Arts plan for the city (through December 15, 2009).



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Eliel Saarinen won the commission to design a modern building for the Des Moines Art Center based on his firm's winning design for the Smithsonian Gallery of Art in 1939

(unbuilt). With the Smithsonian as a model, the Art Center echoes Saarinen's designs for the Cranbrook campus in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. The low, horizontally oriented, U-shaped structure, clad in limestone and tucked into the trees of Greenwood Park, opened in 1948. Twenty years later, the museum hired I.M. Pei to design an addition. The two-story gallery, which closed off the open end of the original building, has large areas of glazing set within a pattern of deep openings in a bush-hammered concrete structure. A dramatic V-shaped roof visually lifts the gallery out of the woods. The 1985 Richard Meier addition is geometric, tight, and, for some, a bit standoffish. Meier made one nod to Saarinen's building, applying a limited number of stone panels to his usual palette of all white porcelain-enamel metal panels. (See page 23 for more on the Des Moines Arts Center.)

Current exhibitions include the large-scale paintings of Chinese artist Yan Pei-Ming (through January 4, 2009).



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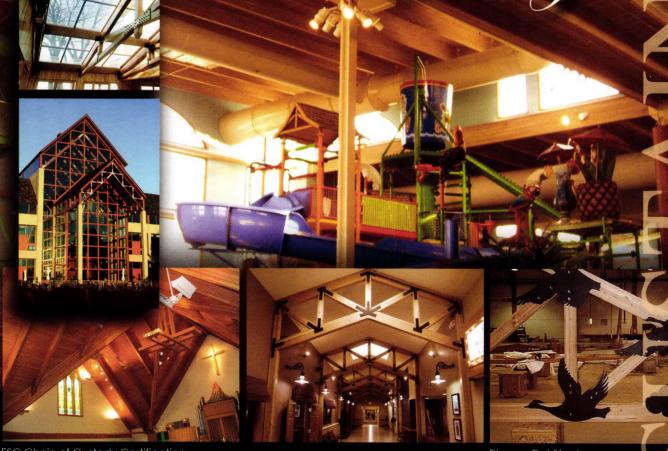
The original Milwaukee Art Museum, opened in 1957, is one of Eero Saarinen's lesser-known designs. The hard-edged, squat, concrete building is not easy to love-and not easy to comprehend within a body of work that includes the St. Louis Arch and the TWA Terminal. A scaled-back revision of a much grander scheme that was to be built in downtown Milwaukee, the building feels a bit compromised, even as its cantilevered wings offer dramatic views of Lake Michigan from Veterans Park. In the late 1990s, Santiago Calatrava descended on Milwaukee with his own ideas about how to use wings to dramatic architectural effect. The Quadracci Pavilion, designed by the Spanish engineer/architect and opened in 2001, is a crowd-pleaser. Its iconic, kinetic wings, which open and close twice daily, have made the museum an international tourist attraction.

Current exhibitions include "Sensory Overload: Light, Motion, Sound, and the Optical in Art Since 1945" (through October 1, 2009) and "Act/React," installation art that invites visitor participation (through January 11, 2009).

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U+B principals Mark Burgess, AIA (left), and Paul Udris, AIA, don't have far to go to review designs together.

supermarket, a wig salon shares its lobby with a dentist, and a 540-acre luxury resort in Morocco is being designed in an architecture studio upstairs from a meditation center. This culturally and commercially eclectic stretch of Nicollet Avenue is exactly what Paul Udris, AIA, and Mark Burgess, AIA, of U+B Architecture & Design (the aforementioned studio) were looking for when they moved their office out of Udris' basement in 2004. "I wanted a place where there was activity

and a real kind of street life," Udris explains. "Our

clients, when they visit, don't feel like they're in a

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collaborative approach to architectural design, and its loft-like studio, recently expanded to occupy the entire 2,800 square feet of the upper floor of the building, helps facilitate opportunities for creative interaction. The oversized bar in the kitchen, for example, is a spot where the designers like to gather to review drawings. Compact individual workstations, concentrated along one wall of the open, airy studio, offer easy communication with coworkers—and little in the way of privacy. "Our clients and staff probably hear conversations that they wouldn't normally hear in another architectural office," Burgess observes. "But we want people to be unafraid of being wrong. I'm a firm believer that you need to talk about nine bad ideas before you have a good one."

"It's really about the cross-pollination of ideas," says Udris. "We encourage everyone to have a lot of work out for others to see and critique, because it can inform other designs. By opening up the process, we see and hear things around us that trigger great ideas."

And the vibrant sights and sounds of Nicollet Avenue? They've become the ninth member of the U+B team. Udris and Burgess chose Eat Street over the Warehouse District, an area heavily populated with other design firms, because they wanted exactly that sensory experience outside their door. Or did they really just want all those great lunch options? "The food is so much better," Udris admits, with a smile.

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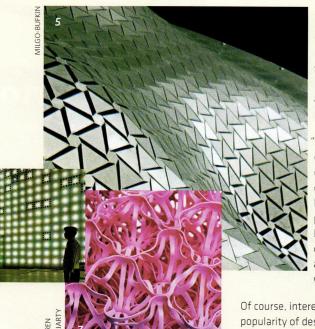
Material Matters recently spoke with Blaine Brownell, who joined the University of Minnesota's School of Architecture faculty this fall. Brownell heads Transstudio and is the author of Transmaterial: A Catalog of Materials That Redefine Our Physical Environment (Princeton Architectural Press, 2005). On the associated blog, www.transmaterial.net, Brownell posts weekly profiles of building materials, with a particular emphasis on environmental issues. As Sweet's Catalog made sense of the profusion of new materials at the turn of the 20th century, so Brownell's catalog and website document the rapidly expanding spectrum of new materials available to designers in the 21st century.

> But unlike Sweet's, which gathered and made uniform for publication the thousands of trade catalogs that overwhelmed the mailboxes of architects in the early 1900s, Transmaterial is more investigatory and interpretive. Brownell is an architectural advocate who actively seeks examples of innovative product development and applications, which he documents by material type as well as material quality. Categories such as "recombinant," "intelligent." and "transformational" suggest a complex web of material innovation that captures issues beyond performance and aesthetics.

> We are experiencing an unprecedented period in architectural development with regard to our awareness of materials and resources," Brownell observes. "But equally important is our awareness of the interconnectedness of those materials and resources with social and ethical considerations." In other words, architects are concerned not just with how materials look or perform; they also want to know where the materials come from, how they were produced, and the impact they have on the environment. At the same time, an increase in knowledge transfer between industries has allowed innovations in other fields to rapidly expand into architecture. In the construction industry alone, says Brownell, "there has been a surge of acceptance of new techniques" - a phenomenon he says has been driven by the widespread implementation of LEED standards.

Of course, interest in material innovation is not limited to architects and builders. Brownell cites the popularity of design magazines as an example of the growing awareness among the public of materials and their impact on the environment. But for Brownell, the impact of material innovation can be, should be, much broader and longer lasting than a popular movement. He argues that to achieve true innovation in design and materials, "we must consider much more deeply how we construct architecture at every stage." A second catalog, Transmaterial 2, was published earlier this year.

-Nancy A. Miller



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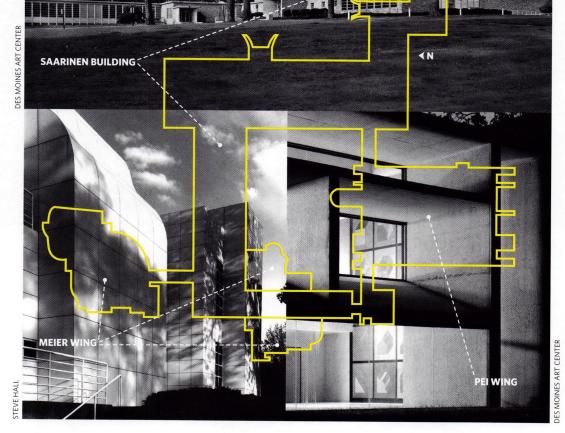
DIVERSITY OF EXPERIENCE

The Saarinen building feels like a traditional museum gallery; the Pei building is more like an outdoor plaza; and Meier's maze-like series of smaller rooms allows artworks to "speak to each other," says Fleming. This spatial diversity is successful because of the respectful way the buildings work together. Saarinen's is clad in Lannon stone; Pei used Lannon as the aggregate in his concrete. The three distinct Meier additions bookend but never break through the Saarinen building.

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DESIGN FITS THE USE

"Each of the three buildings." says Fleming, "has a unique way of presenting work of a particular time." He describes how Saarinen's square galleries were designed for the framed paintings of the early 20th century, while Pei's tall, lightfilled hall is a great space for later, larger sculpture. Meier's building addresses the increasing variety in art movements with a variety of spaces: a bright atrium, small, boxy galleries, and a cavernous basement. The architecture allows you to see each artwork in a space seemingly designed for it.

CHANGING PERSPECTIVES

Throughout the museum there are views outward, but each building does this in a very different way. Saarinen provides few, carefully placed floor-to-ceiling windows. Pei seems to have designed the necessary structural elements and filled in the rest with glass, creating unexpected vistas of sky and trees. Meier partitions the landscape into vignettes by punching small square windows into galleries and hallways.

This variety of views makes for a stimulating stroll through the complex. Meier is superimposed on Saarinen.

Hard concrete shares the view with thin-lift stone.

DES MOINES ART CENTER

The goal of the Des Moines Art Center, says director Jeff Fleming, is to showcase a variety of modern and contemporary artists by acquiring just a single work from each. It's only fitting, then, that the museum itself is an eclectic survey of styles. Eliel Saarinen designed the original, low-slung stone-and-wood structure, completed in 1948. Twenty years later, the growing art center constructed a soaring concrete addition by I.M. Pei, and in 1985 Richard Meier added a trio of white jewel boxes. But instead of being a confusing jumble, the complex is a rich medley of modern and contemporary architecture. How does it all hang together? And why is this such a great place to see art? —Adam Regn Arvidson



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2008 Merit Award Winners

The AIA Minneapolis Merit Awards recognize and celebrate projects that tell a story of distinction. A panel of five jurors from varied professions reviewed and visited projects submitted by AIA Minneapolis members, selecting award recipients based on the following criteria: client/team satisfaction, technical innovation, environmental responsibility, budget/business success, positive community impact, and design excellence. This year to commemorate and honor Michael Schrock and his contributions to the architectural community the Michael Schrock, AIA, Honor Award was created and given to the project that most embodies the spirit of the Merit Awards.

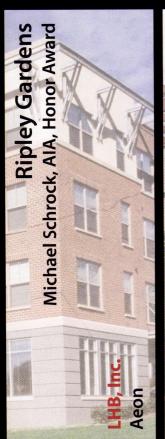


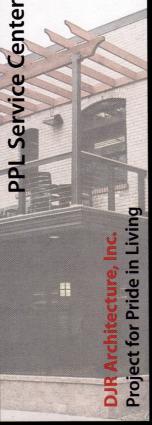




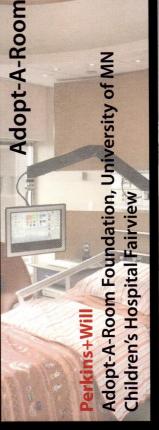
















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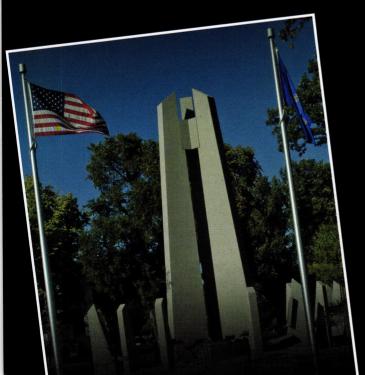
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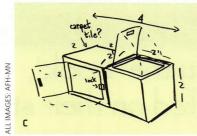
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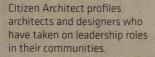
















The volunteer work of the Minnesota chapter of **Architecture for Humanity** benefits people and organizations in need of design assistance

Blueprints for a Better World

By Heather Beal

(A) LAO America Community Center, Minneapolis

AFH-MN charrette focused on improvements to the building and site. LAO America uses this rendering and others for fundraising.

(B) Shimek Learning Center, Hikkaduwa, Sri Lanka

Several design concepts by AFH-MN were incorporated into this community center, which includes a library, computer center, and preschool.

(C) Twin Cities Homeless Locker Project

The group's first design-build project will serve homeless individuals in need of secure storage for their personal belongings.

(D) Livingstone School, Kagera, Tanzania

A two-day charrette generated a master plan and conceptual building plans for an elementary school site in rural Africa.

(E) Hindu Temple Garden of Remembrance, Maple Grove

AFH-MN produced this concept plan for a memorial garden for deity statues destroyed by vandals in 2006.

There has been no shortage of natural disasters since Cameron Sinclair launched Architecture for Humanity (www.architectureforhumanity.org) in 1999. Inspired by Sinclair's vision of "promoting architectural and design solutions to global, social, and humanitarian crises," a handful of Minnesota architects and allied professionals formed the Minnesota chapter of Architecture for Humanity (AFH-MN; www.afh-mn.org) in early 2005 and began volunteering their time and talents to assist organizations abroad. That summer, the group held a charrette in Minneapolis that sparked the design of a new learning center for a coastal community in Sri Lanka that had been decimated by the 2004 tsunami.

While AFH-MN continues to provide conceptual design services for communities in places as far away as Tanzania and Uganda, its members have begun applying their design expertise to challenges closer to home. For example, the team answered the call for help when the Hindu Temple of Minnesota in Maple Grove was badly vandalized during construction in spring 2006 and nine deity statues were smashed to pieces. Temple leaders decided to create a memorial garden where people could pay homage to each deity. After touring the temple site and learning more about the vision for the garden, AFH-MN organized a charrette to explore design alternatives and prepare drawings needed for fundraising activities.

"There was such a wide range of opinion among temple members that temple leaders limited the number of people who participated in the charrette," says Jeffrey Swainhart, Allied AIA, owner of Swainhart Construction Services. "If we received conflicting information, we relied on the priest's assessment to make a final decision."

"Hindu tradition required that the dismembered statues be submerged in water," explains Cassie Neu, a landscape architect with LHB. Local and state code officials wouldn't allow this, so AFH-MN developed two schemes that still honor the deities by burying them. The first scheme features a central gathering place with nine burial mounds located along a pathway. The second scheme places the statues' burial locations in a mandala configuration around a central lawn. Both designs include gardens that will supply fresh flowers for temple ceremonies and vegetables for feasts and other celebrations.

Other AFH-MN ideas have catalyzed new forms of activism. "One of the initial goals for our chapter was to host speakers," says LHB architect Maureen Ness, AIA. "Two of our members, Troy Gallas and Colin Kloeker, built on this idea and started Solutions Twin Cities" (www.solutionstwincities.org),

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PASSAGE THROUGH INDIA

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Over the past three years, I've traveled to India several times for business, on each occasion spending hours riding through the countryside on my way to various destinations. Every excursion, whether in the cities—Bangalore, Delhi, Agra—or on the superhighway that links them, is full of wonders. Was that elephant carrying a tree? Was that a camel at the tollbooth? A McDonald's on the road to the Taj Mahal? Does anyone *ever* follow the lines on the road?

The moment you step off the plane and breathe in the dusty, spicy smells, you are transported to a world of sensory surplus. The streets are full of horn-blowing cars, motorcycles, scooters, and bicycles splashing in and out of the roiling current of traffic. Add to that the masses of people, the brightly colored saris, and the overpowering collage of advertisements and posters, and you have the frenetic energy that is India.

Outside of the cities, you find serenity, perhaps none more profound than when you approach the Taj Mahal, about a five-hour drive from Delhi. Built in the 17th century by the Mogul emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his favorite wife, the magnificent white-marble mausoleum sparkles in the daylight. But according to Gupta, our tour guide that day, we have not truly lived until we've come back to experience the Taj at dusk.

-Mary Shaffer, AIA

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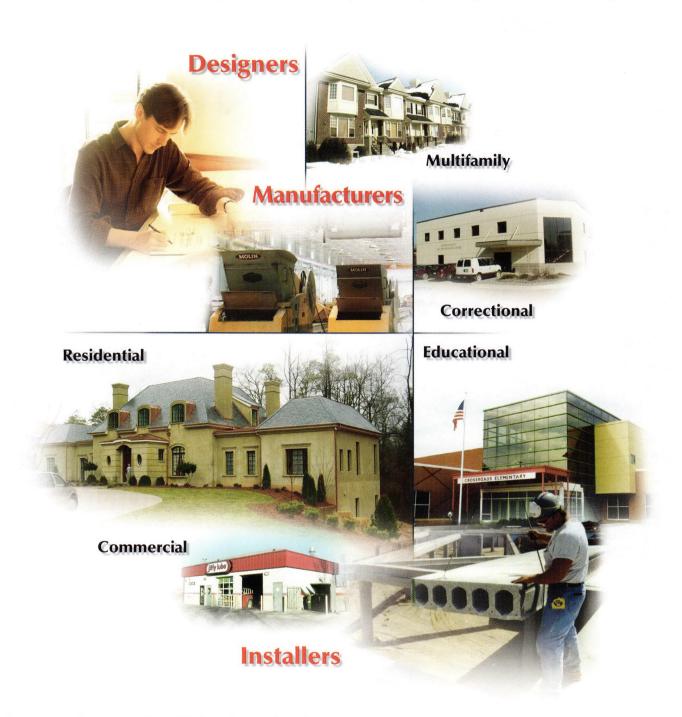
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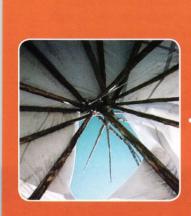
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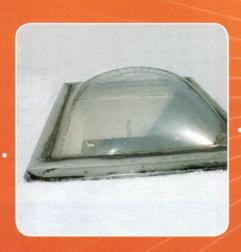




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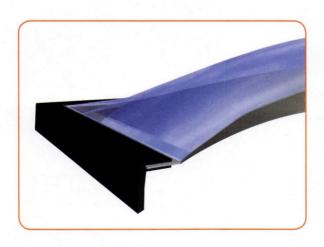


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Duluth's David Salmela, FAIA, wins the AIA Minnesota Gold Medal, the highest honor bestowed on a Minnesota architect In this Olympic year, many people pursued a gold medal, but not architect David Salmela, FAIA, recipient of AIA Minnesota's 2008 Gold Medal. "I was shocked when I heard the news," he says. "It was not something I expected or ever had as a goal," he adds, in his characteristic modesty. "My mother used to say, 'Never think that you are better than someone else or eventually they'll be better than you." So winning the Gold Medal won't go to Salmela's head, but neither will it slow him down. "I think of the Gold Medal as going to architects at the end of their careers, although I know that isn't always the case. I feel I'm just starting to learn things."

Learning things is something Salmela pursues with great passion. His library of architecture books and magazines from around the world and his knowledge of the international architecture



scene reflect his insatiable curiosity, born out of his being largely self-taught. "I haven't done things the way that most architects have," he admits. "I didn't go to architecture school, I didn't have a mentor, I didn't work for big firms, and I didn't live where most architects live." Instead, he worked in a couple of firms in northern Minnesota, became licensed before that required having an architectural degree, and has run an award-winning practice in Duluth for many years.

"It's a great honor to have your peers recognize what you do," says Salmela, "whether it's for an individual project or a body of work, as is the case with the Gold Medal." And he has certainly had his share of peer recognition, having won 18 AIA Minnesota Honor Awards and 22 national awards for his design work. He has also had 25 of his projects appear

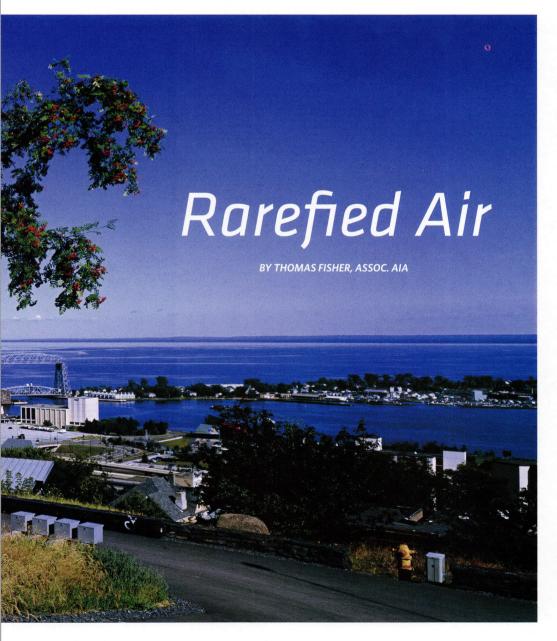
in books and magazines the world over and a monograph of his work published by the University of Minnesota Press, with a second one in progress. There are very few firms the size of his, with just a few people, that have won that number of awards and had that amount of coverage.

But for all the gratitude Salmela feels for the recognition from his peers, what most excites him is the impact design can have on people's lives. "I had one client—two very successful professionals—say to me that the design and construction of their house was 'the most important thing we've ever done.' It wasn't anything I did, in particular. The very process transforms people." Contrary to the view that architecture is only for the rich and powerful, Salmela has made that process available to many different people, in projects as small as

stand-alone saunas. "Architecture can be created in any place, and anyone can be involved. What matters is having the right attitude: that we can make everyday life more memorable and more enjoyable through good design."

Salmela came to those insights gradually. "When I was younger," he says, "I wanted to do work that was up-to-date, but it wasn't well liked on the Iron Range, so I stepped back and asked myself what I should be doing. I realized that I needed to understand the immediate culture I was working in, while still trying to be progressive." That led Salmela on a path that has been successful for him: designing buildings that often look familiar, even nostalgic, at first glance, but that are really very modern and quite daring in their space and detail, frequently for very pragmatic reasons. "When I looked at ways to reduce costs and adjusted to the loss of craft skills among builders," he explains, "I realized that I could build modern houses with flat roofs better and cheaper than traditional houses," adding, with a laugh, "Those modern architects in the 1930s were really on to something!"

And yet, unlike the early modernists, Salmela has managed to make modernism not only acceptable but also desirable for a wide range of his mostly residential clients. "The work draws people," he says. "Almost all of my clients are people I had never met before." The nostalgic aura of his buildings plays a part in that. "As human beings, we can't avoid nostalgia," he says. "I'm nostalgic about early modern architecture." But in the end, what makes Salmela's practice and his career so deserving of a Gold Medal is his aspiration to do great work, however modest the budget or small the building. "Great architecture makes you want to return to it, again and again, unable to explain what makes it so compelling, and yet amazed by the allusiveness and mystery of it." He finds those qualities in the work of Le Corbusier and Alvar Aalto, and we can find them amply evident in the work of David Salmela. AMN



David Salmela stands on the wall just outside his office, which occupies the lower level of the house he designed for his family. His is one of four elegant, black-clad houses he designed or renovated on the dramatic hilltop site overlooking downtown Duluth and its harbor.

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Minnesota architects are shaping cities and places around the globe.

Truth be told, the name of this magazine is a bit misleading. People who first glimpse *Architecture Minnesota* while scanning the regional-interest magazines at their local bookstore no doubt infer from the title that we focus exclusively on buildings and structures in Minnesota. But that initial impression quickly evaporates when the magazine is plucked from the shelf and skimmed. This year alone, four of our six covers have showcased outlying architecture in places as near as Wisconsin and as distant as the Middle East.

So what is our focus? The work of Minnesota architects, of course. And in the wake of all the attention paid to the recent "starchitecture" in Minneapolis, this broader scope affords us the chance to show how our local design talent is shaping and invigorating cities around the world in the same way that Jean Nouvel (Guthrie Theater) and Herzog & de Meuron (Walker Art Center expansion) have helped energize ours. Which was exactly our aim in assembling the four project features on the following pages.

Take a close look at the groundbreaking sustainable design on display in VJAA's Charles Hostler Student Recreation Center (page 36) at the American University of Beirut and Perkins+Will's Embassy Medical Center (50) in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Consider how deftly Ellerbe Becket's Samsung Cancer Center (46) in Seoul, South Korea, and Cuningham Group's Epic Systems headquarters (42) in southern Wisconsin blend show-stopping architecture with a thoughtful embrace of regional/company culture. Minnesota architects have an extensive reach, and they're making a world of difference. —CHRISTOPHER HUDSON

Viewed from the main campus of the American University of Beirut, the Charles Hostler Student Recreation Center is composed of a series of green-roofed pavilions radiating out toward the Mediterranean Sea.

Climate Zone

A distinctively modern take on traditional Lebanese architecture, the eco-friendly Hostler Center at the American University of Beirut allows students to move from shade to shade as the hot sun makes its way across the sky. At night, rooftop gathering areas offer cool breezes off the Mediterranean Sea.



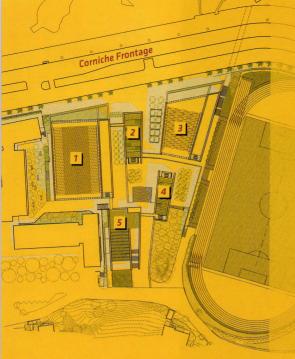
The battle between Islam and the West has become so polarized that we often miss the fact that both sides face a similar struggle.

The American political scientist Robert D. Lee defines it as a "struggle against the fatalism of the traditional world and against the passivity of a world swept toward modernity." Instead of seeing that dilemma as something that all cultures share, we have tended to caricature each other, with many in the West seeing Islamic states as backward and tradition bound, and many in the Muslim world viewing the West as mindlessly modern and materialistic. But leave it to a truly great work of architecture—the Charles Hostler

Student Recreation Center at the American University of Beirut, designed by the Minneapolis architecture firm VJAA—to help us get past our cartoons of each other to see our common task in retaining what is still meaningful in our traditions while imagining a more culturally and climatically responsive modern world.

VJAA understood that idea right from the beginning in their competition-winning design for the recreation center. Rather than delivering the modernist massing called for in the university's master plan with a single, large building facing an expansive plaza, VJAA studied the way in which





people in hot, humid climates like Beirut traditionally use outdoor space over the course of a day, moving with the shade from one side of the street to the other and migrating from the lower, cooler levels of a building during the day to the breezy rooftops in the evening and at night. That analysis led VJAA to break the 100,000-square-foot program for the recreation center into a series of five buildings oriented north-south to maximize the shading of the narrow open spaces and to capture the cool air from the tree-shaded campus during the day and the breeze from the adjacent Mediterranean Sea at night. "A local architect said that what we did was very

Lebanese," says VJAA principal Jennifer Yoos, AIA. Adds fellow principal Vincent James, FAIA: "He said that we had done a Lebanese building that most Lebanese architects would not have done, because they tend to look to Europe for inspiration."

The sensitivity to tradition in this modern building applies not only to its climate response but also to its weaving together of the social and urban context. Occupying a former parking lot between a science laboratory and the university's soccer field and running track, the recreation center contains functions we would expect in such

The Hostler Center is composed of five buildings linked by bridges that provide covered outdoor space below and access to the rooftop decks.

1 Gymnasium

4 Café

2 Squash Court 5 Auditorium

3 Pool

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Left: Skylights and glass walls in the gymnasium interior provide ample daylight while keeping out

Opposite, bottom: The outdoor spaces offer many places to gather in shade during the day. At night, students meet along the wide stairs and in the rooftop gardens and amphitheater.



NORTH-SOUTH SECTION SHOWING **COOLING STRATEGIES**

The building mass is broken down into a series of pavilions to enable natural cooling from sea breezes moving through the site.

Horizontal louvers and vertical fins shade the buildings from the hot summer sun.

Radiant cooling cast into the concrete rooftop deck tempers the interior of the gymnasium and other activity spaces.

In the sports pavilions, natural ventilation is facilitated through stack-effect skylight vents positioned along the interior above the east-west walls.

Rooftop gardens provide additional shading for the roof surfaces, and breakout spaces for evening use.

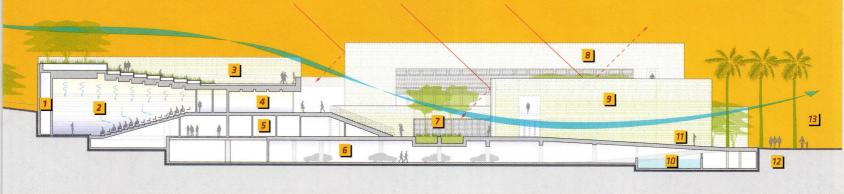
A new seawater geothermal plant provides heating and cooling to the lower campus.

a building (gymnasium, pool, squash courts, and fitness area) as well as those we might not (café, gallery, auditorium, and amphitheater). "The breakthrough for us," says Yoos, "came when we saw it not as a building but as part of a continuous urban/social/climatic fabric." The center's traditionally scaled outdoor spaces connect different levels of the campus, from Beirut's Corniche—the pedestrian promenade along the sea—on the lower level of the site to the rest of the university on the uphill side. Meanwhile its rooftop gardens and gathering areas, accessible by stairs and elevators, allow students to cross from one building to the next

via several elevated bridges, creating a rich array of social spaces. And below it all lies a 200-car garage, a reminder of how much modern life remains a presence in even the most sensitive reinterpretation of traditional urbanism.

The Hostler Center also gives new form to some very old ways of building. Evoking the masonry-bearing wall construction of traditional Lebanese buildings, VJAA organized the center into a series of roughly parallel, sandstone-clad, concrete-framed "strong walls" that shade outdoor spaces and control temperature swings inside the buildings. "Syrian sandstone is a common,

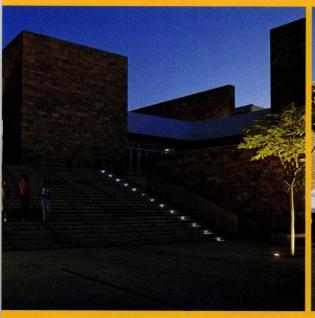
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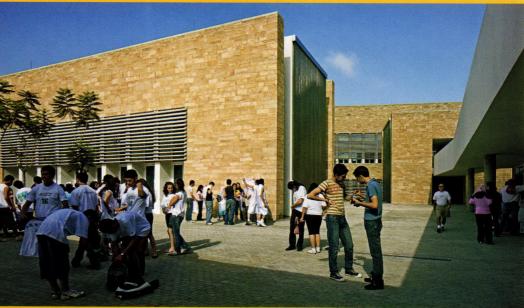


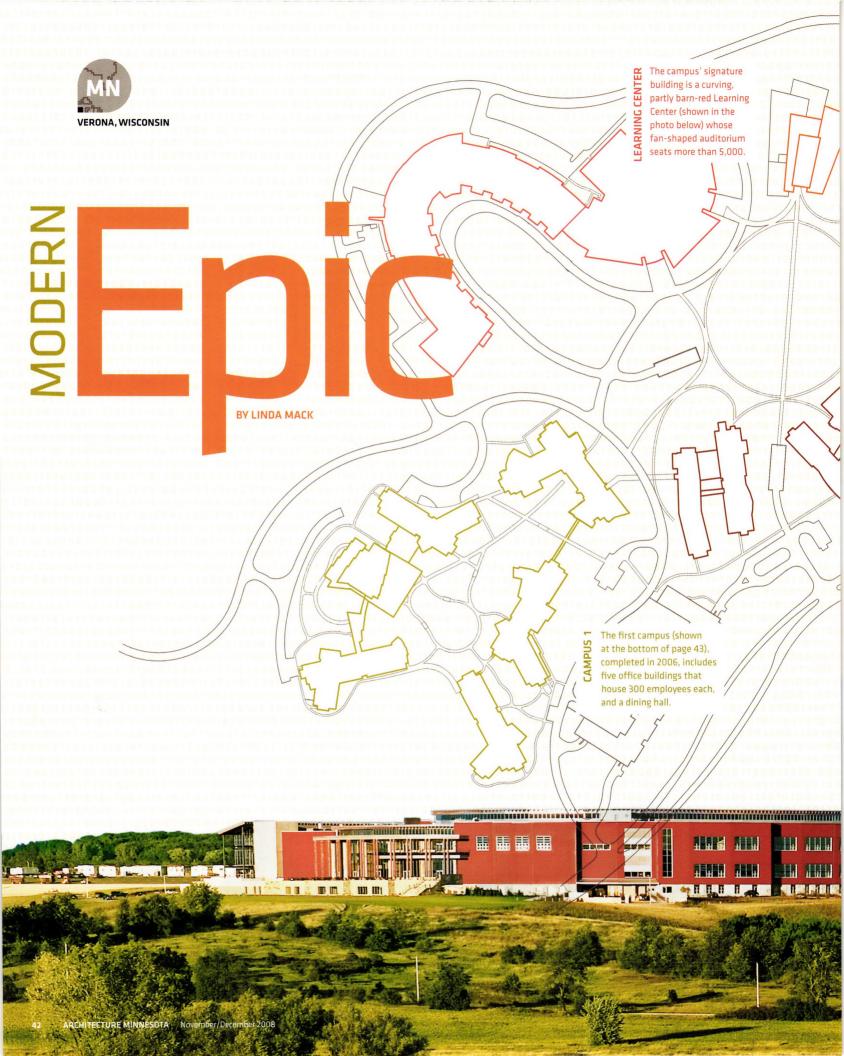
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Convective Currents









The tree house sits in the woods across a swinging bridge. "No pagers allowed," says the hand-scrawled sign.



A world map and an airplane-wing-like light cover set the theme for the Hangar conference room. All of the conference rooms have outside space as well.

Software developer Epic Systems expands its 21st-century corporate campus in southern Wisconsin with an architectural-flagship Learning Center

It's a pleasant afternoon, and two software developers are working at their laptops on a rustic table inside the tree house at the Epic Systems Corporation headquarters in Verona, Wisconsin, near Madison. On the porch outside, another young man and woman swing in two red hanging chairs. Epic develops software for giant healthcare networks such as Allina and Kaiser Permanente and has grown from 600 to 3,500 employees since 2001. "I love working here because of the environment and the culture of the people. They're young, smart, and articulate," the young man says. "Plus, they put these chairs out here so people can work."

"They" would be Cuningham Group, which, with collaborating architect Zimmer Gunsul Frasca, designed Epic's first campus of six buildings, completed in 2006. Since then Cuningham Group has designed a stunning 700,000-square-foot Learning Center, has been shaping a second campus (now under construction) for 1,600 next

door, and is planning a third campus on the same rolling farmland. Firm founder John Cuningham, FAIA, is the one who suggested the Peter Pan tree house, and project manager Tom Kyllo, AIA, the hanging chairs. Epic CEO and founder Judy Faulkner "didn't want a campus that was corporate," Cuningham says. Adds Kyllo: "What could be less corporate than a tree house?"

The tree house may be the most unorthodox part of Epic's campus, but it's far from the only one. The five three-story, hipped-roof office buildings, all composed of limestone, brick, and glass, group around a central green space laced with gardens, pools, and pathways. Cars—for all 1,500 employees—are parked underground. Interior hallways aren't long and dark, always focus on an outside view, and lead naturally from one building to another.

which will accommodate growth to 5,000, and strategizing how to handle transportation between the three campuses. Under discussion: a gondola and personal rapid transit.

conceptualizing a third campus,

Cuningham Group is

A second, 1,600-employee campus, now under construction, and the first campus will be "more cousins than twins," says Cuningham Group's John Cuningham, FAIA.





A central green space, walkways, and skyways connect the hipped-roof buildings of the first campus.

Each of the first-phase buildings is named for a celestial object (Andromeda, Borealis, and so on), can accommodate up to 300 employees, and contains an open stairway individually designed to reflect the building's theme, be it jungle or space. Eight conference rooms, used by clients and prospective clients, are also themed (Ganymede's high-ceilinged Hangar, for instance, features a wall-spanning world map and an airplane-like metal wing over the lights). Art-fair booty collected by Faulkner herself enlivens the hallways, conference rooms, and even the entrances to the 36 training rooms in the 700,000-square-foot Learning Center.

Equally notable is what you don't see: department or directional signs, repetitive furnishings, or endless parking lots. The aim is happy, energized employees. "We wanted to create an environment where people can be productive," Faulkner explains. "That's why we have individual offices and operable windows. And that's part of the reason for the art and the fun. If 80 percent of our expenses are staff and 10 percent are building-related, why not make it an environment we enjoy?"

SOCIAL ORGANIZATION

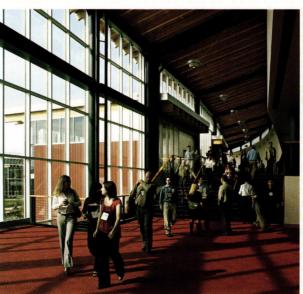
John Cuningham met Faulkner 13 years ago when Epic needed to add 200 employees to its 100-person office in Madison. Since 2001, when

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"Our software is fully integrated, from the pharmacy to the operating room," says Epic Systems CEO Judy Faulkner, "so everyone must talk together." Thus the easy access from one building to another, with tunnels and skyways backing up the outdoor walkways.

Cuningham conceived of the Learning Center as a year-round training center and a venue for the annual gathering of 4,000 Epic Systems customers.









EPIC SYSTEMS CORPORATION

Location:

Verona, Wisconsin

Client:

Epic Systems Corporation

Photographer:

George Heinrich

Architect of record:

Cuningham Group Architecture, P.A. www.cuningham.com

Principal-in-charge:

John W. Cuningham, FAIA

Project designers:

John W. Cuningham, FAIA; Jack Highwart, AIA

Associate architect:

Zimmer Gunsul Frasça Partnership (principal: Patrick Gordan, AIA; project designers: Evett Ruffcorn, Jose Sama) www.zgf.com

Landscape architect:

JJR

www.jjr-us.com

General contractor:

J.H. Findorff & Son Inc.

Size:

1,082,733 square feet

Completion date:

October 2006

Architect:

LEARNING CENTER

Cuningham Group Architecture, P.A.

Principal-in-charge:

John W. Cuningham, FAIA

Project lead designer: Chad Clow, AIA

Energy modeling:

X-nth, Inc.

Landscape architect:

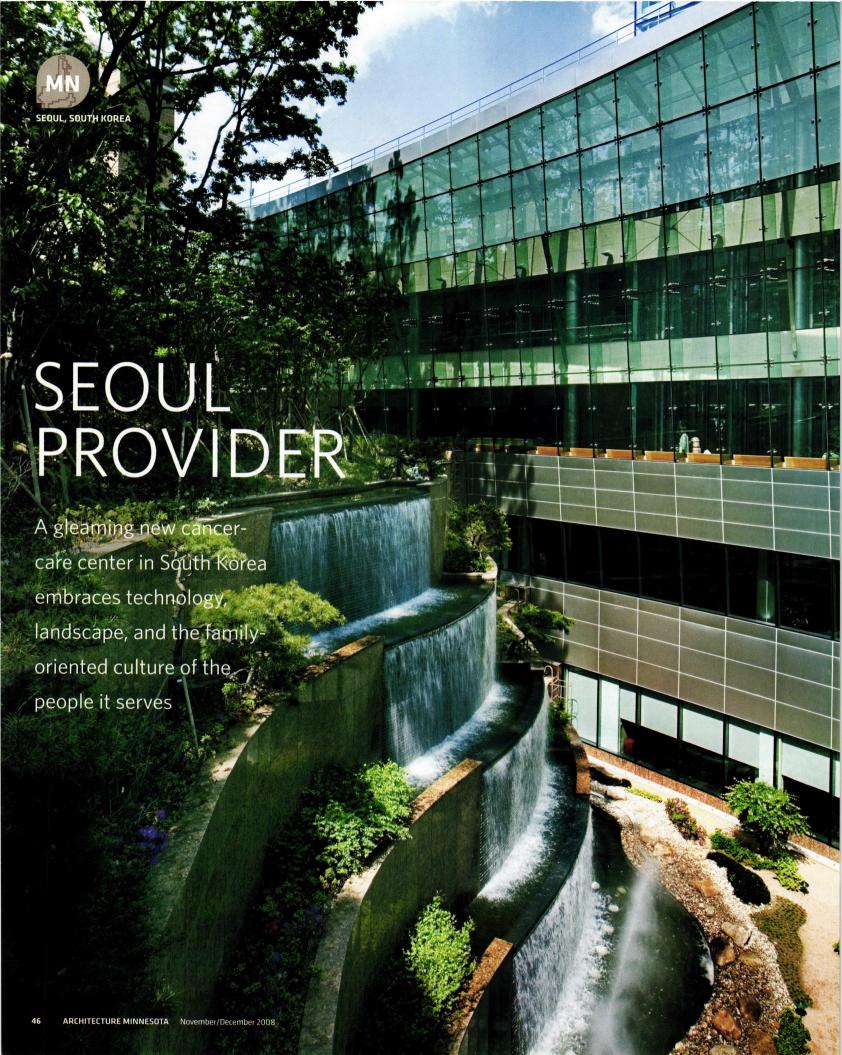
General contractor: J.P. Cullen & Sons, Inc.

Size:

700,000 square feet

Completion date:

September 2007



Samsung Cancer Center's height was limited by that of the surrounding hill preserve. Ellerbe Becket fit the 1.2-million-square-foot program into a glazed, curved, 12-story tower, eight additional levels below ground, and a four-story pedestal building.







By Nancy A. Miller

Nestled into the lush green hills of Seoul, South Korea, Samsung Cancer Center embodies the tradition and technology that define modern Korean society. The 1.2-million-square-foot, 650-bed hospital, designed by Ellerbe Becket, houses the largest, most advanced cancertreatment facility in Asia while supporting a culture that highly values family and nature.

The design of the building, says Ellerbe Becket design principal Mic Johnson, AIA, was shaped by—and around—the site. "What's interesting about Korean healthcare architecture, and Korean architecture in general," he observes, "is how sensitive Koreans are to landscape and sustainability issues. There is a very dense population in Seoul, so land is at a premium. There are designated landscape preserves, and there are certain height limits. Both of these factors were in play with Samsung, because the site is next to a hill preserve, above which we could not build."

Located on a healthcare campus with a 1,000-bed general-care hospital and research facility, the site also dictated a modest building footprint.

This, combined with the height restriction and the large program, resulted in the building going eight stories underground, with the first three levels below grade containing the classrooms of an associated medical school, a cafeteria, and food services, and the lowest five levels devoted to parking and mechanical services. Above ground, a 12-story patient-room tower sits astride a four-story podium that contains admissions, diagnostic functions, patient education, and other communal areas. But the site was not simply a determining factor in the accommodation of the facility's program; it was also an opportunity to embrace Korean building and landscape traditions.

The design of the building, and its relationship with the site, says Johnson, "has to do with how Koreans support a sense of well-being, a sense of connection. They focus on place rather than object." One of the design team's primary goals, he continues, was to nest the building in a series of gardens. Thus the four-story podium is clad in traditional Korean granite and has a green roof; the curved 12-story patient tower, clad in glass and metal, literally reflects the surrounding

- A 12-story patient bed tower
 - 4-story administration and education building
- C 3-story sunken garden
- D Existing general hospital and research facility
- E Entrace to below-grade parking
- F Conservation area
- **G** Link

В

The crisp, precise materials and aesthetic support an advanced computerized system for patient admissions, care, and tracking. But technology is balanced with nature throughout. Glass curtain wall, for example, overlooks a sunken garden and waterfall.



"Connection to the landscape helps patients understand where they are on the campus, but it's also important in the sense that landscape and healing are tied together."

 Ellerbe Becket design principal Mic Johnson, AIA



forms and vegetation. The result is a series of manmade and natural gardens and hills merged into a single unified landscape.

The effect continues inside the building, where waiting areas overlook and wrap around green spaces. A three-story sunken garden brings light into the spaces below grade, and throughout the facility light, views, and outdoor access enhance the patient experience. "Connection to the landscape helps patients understand where they are on the campus," says Johnson, "but it's also important in the sense that landscape and healing are tied together."

While Samsung Cancer Center is a paragon of modern healthcare facilities, the design and layout of the hospital were significantly influenced by local customs. For example, in Korea the accommodation of families and family life is an important part of patient care. Thus spaces for families—from waiting areas to patient-education facilities—figure more prominently in the design of Samsung than in that of typical hospitals in the West. Patient-care floors are organized into six-bed wards (another

difference from the Western model) along the north side of the tower and two-bed rooms along the south face, with a limited number of one-bed VIP rooms on the corners. The placement of physicians' offices in the middle of the wards facilitates the teaching functions of the medical school as well as patients' access to their doctors.

In Korea, patients typically line up in the corridors outside their doctor's office rather than sit in waiting rooms. This particular tradition was deemed ready for evolution. While maintaining the close proximity and access to doctors that Korean patients expect, the Ellerbe Becket designers helped their clients "reorganize the way they deliver services, so physicians can have their own space and there is an actual waiting room and an exam room," says Johnson. "In one of our previous Korean hospital projects, the waiting room was visible from the examroom corridor. With Samsung, we replaced this physical connection with a technical one: Electronic sign boards in the waiting room let patients know when their turn is coming up."

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Six-bed wards line the north side of the tower, with a limited number of rooms designated for VIPs. Patient-care floors, patient-education areas, and other spaces are designed to support a family-centered approach to healthcare.







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SAMSUNG CANCER CENTER

Location:

Seoul, South Korea

Client:

Samsung Medical Center

Architect:

Ellerbe Becket, Inc., in association with Samoo Architects and Engineers www.ellerbebecket.com www.samoo.com

Principals-in-charge:

Paul Zugates, AIA; Kyun Kim, AIA

Design principal:

Mic Johnson, AIA

Senior project designer:

Mike Kennedy, AIA

Landscape architect:

Samoo Architects and Engineers

Construction manager:

Samsung Construction

Size:

1.2 million square feet

Cost:

\$250 million

Completion date:

January 2008

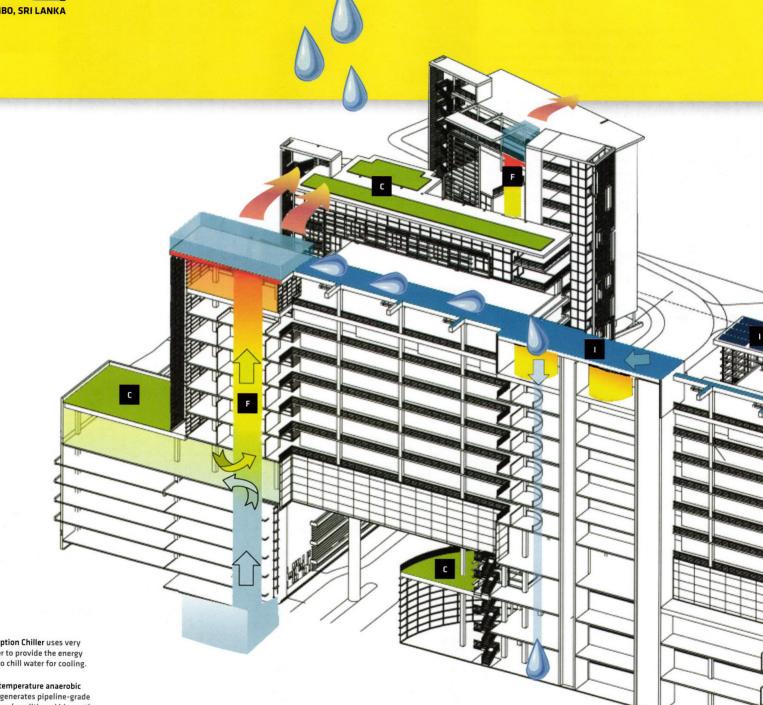
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Seung Hoon Yum; Samoo Architects (clinical spaces)



The neighboring nature preserve creates a calming entry sequence for visitors.



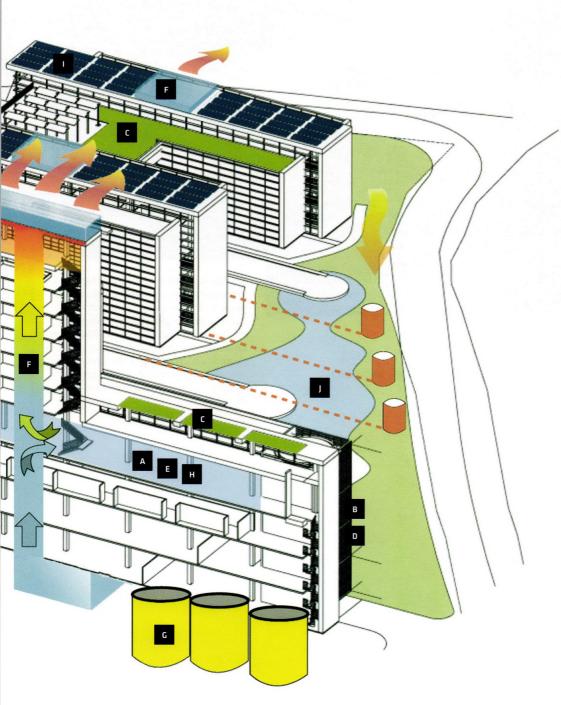


- A. Absorption Chiller uses very hot water to provide the energy needed to chill water for cooling.
- B. High-temperature anaerobic digester generates pipeline-grade natural gas (conditioned bio-methane). It also acts as the sewagetreatment plant for the facility.
- C. Solar hot-water panels provide very hot water for the absorption chiller and domestic water use. Natural gas from digester can be used to boost water temperature if needed.
- D. Co-generation plant generates electricity with steam heated by natural gas from the digester. Hot condensate is then sent to the absorption chiller.
- E. Desiccant dehumidification uses hot water or natural gas as an energy source.
- F. Thermal chimney pulls air through tubes to the mechanical system. Mechanical system can boost pull if needed.
- G. Cisterns collect rainwater for use in toilets and as feedstock for domestic water filtration system. They can be used for overnight solar hot-water storage.
- H. Domestic water filtration system is non-chemical.
- I. Living roof areas pre-filter rainwater heading to the cisterns.
- J. Stormwater ponds for retention and filtration provide water for irrigation and as feedstock for domestic water filtration system if the cisterns run low during an extended dry period.

Next Top Model Blend the se will be

Blending Western technologies and Sri Lankan culture, the self-sustaining Embassy Medical Center in Colombo will be many things at once:

By Camille LeFevre



a leading-edge international healthcare facility

a local economic engine based on green energy and human potential

a safe haven that would be last to go offline in the event of a catastrophe

and the model for sustainable medical centers around the world

Off India's tip, on the western coast of Sri Lanka, the bustling, multi-ethnic capital city of Colombo thrives as the island nation's port and commercial center. Poised on the Indian Ocean amid the tremendous biodiversity of lakes, canals, and the Kelani River, Sri Lanka's largest city boasts a population of nearly 650,000 people, including American and European expatriates.

Because of its large harbor and strategic position along East-West trade routes, Colombo (the name comes from the Sinhalese "Kola-amba-thota," meaning "harbor with leafy mango trees") has been known to traders for millennia. More recently, the tropical climate, natural amenities (sandy beaches, mountain waterfalls, jungles, and ecological sites), and cultural diversity (architecture influenced by Portuguese, Dutch, and British colonialism, as well as indigenous styles) have brought tourism to the area.

Still, a large portion of Colombo's population, like that of much of Sri Lanka, yearns to advance economically. The country has a gross domestic product of about \$32 billion—roughly \$1,600 of income per capita. About 15 percent of the island's population lives in poverty, a fact made devastatingly clear following the 2004 tsunami.



places, and will feature waterfalls, streams, and

ponds. Balconies and overhangs will provide

opportunities for outdoor access as well as

shade below.

"Sustainability is the umbrella that covers everything about this project. And not just environmental sustainability. In this project, social, economic, and environmental sustainability are thoroughly interwoven."

-- Perkins+Will architect Doug Pierce, AIA

EMBASSY MEDICAL CENTER

Location:

Colombo, Sri Lanka

Client:

Tariq Rauf, Silvermere Hospitals Group, Ltd.

Architect:

Perkins+Will www.perkinswill.com

Principal-in-charge:

Chuck Knight, AIA

Project lead designer:

Dave Koenen, AIA

Landscape architect:

www.lhbcorp.com

Construction manager:

Leighton Construction

Size:

500,000 square feet

Cost:

Projected at \$170 per square foot based on the Sri Lankan rupee

Completion date:

Renderings:

Perkins+Will

Fortunately, a little help is on the way: A new medical facility in Colombo, designed by Minneapolis architecture firm Perkins+Will and scheduled for completion in 2011, will change lives in the region in a multitude of ways through its groundbreaking attention to sustainability. "Sustainability is the umbrella that covers everything about this project," says Perkins+Will senior associate Doug Pierce, AIA. "And not just environmental sustainability. In this project, social, economic, and environmental sustainability are thoroughly interwoven."

Embassy Medical Center, which will include a 500,000-square-foot hospital and clinic, will not only serve as a world-class healthcare facility that offers state-of-the-art medical treatment for the local population; the facility will also be the most sustainable medical center in the world. Envisioned to exceed LEED and Green Guide for Health Care certifications, Pierce says, the self-sustaining facility will incorporate standards established by the Living Building Challenge, a program of the Cascadia Region Green Building Council (www.cascadiagbc.org).

"The Living Building Challenge is the next generation of rating system beyond LEED," Pierce explains. "We're not trying to achieve full Living Building status, but we're calling our initiatives 'LEED Platinum + 2"—the "2" being two key standards of the Living Building Challenge: capturing and processing 100 percent of all water needs on site, and generating 100 percent of the energy needed to operate the hospital with on-site renewable energy. The building is slated to use 30 to 50 percent less energy to operate and 40 to 60 percent less water than do similar-sized facilities.

Because of this self-sufficiency, Embassy Medical Center will be designated a safe haven for the local population in times of natural disaster, whether from earthquake, flooding, or tsunami. To further augment the facility's operational self-sufficiency in times of high water, generators and critical hospital functions will be located on upper floors at least 25 feet above ground. Finally, Embassy will contribute to economic growth in the region with new employment opportunities—many of them associated with the project's sustainability efforts.

"Embassy Medical Center will not only be a self-sustaining entity that serves the region in various ways, but also an advanced healthcare facility that will serve its community, its country, and people from around the world seeking premier healthcare," says Tariq Rauf, managing director of St. Paul-based Silvermere Hospitals

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- Architect Doug Pierce, AIA

The design for Embassy accommodates basic programs that have the flexibility to expand into specialty areas.

The facility's basic building blocks include an outpatient clinic, hospital, dormitory, hotel, parking ramp, and power plant. The architects designed the components to plug together within an infrastructure that will grow over time.











that Sri Lankans learn and develop the skills necessary to sustain Embassy Medical Center once it's operational. Moreover, the Sri Lankan government realizes that Sri Lankans must become skilled in engineering, carpentry, concrete forming, electronics, and other fields in order to support the development of commercial, institutional, and corporate facilities to complement the medical center. This would also keep in Sri Lanka the dollars used to develop these types of facilities.

economic

social impact

"Part of the jobs aspect of this project is educating local people to keep the facility self-sustaining. We feel that if we have knowledge and expertise, we have a social responsibility to share it."

-Architect Doug Pierce, AIA



Group, which is providing financing for the project. "When Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans, the hospitals weren't prepared. With climate change, the monsoons in Sri Lanka will only get more vigorous."

"This hospital will be a refuge in times of disaster," Rauf continues. "It will provide state-of-the-art medical care. It will contribute to the financial health of the community. It will also be an excellent example of how planners from two diverse cultures—that of the U.S. and that of Sri Lanka—can work together to plan, design, and develop a facility that will change lives. People have been very patient waiting for access to this kind of medical care in this location. People are very much looking forward to this facility."

Sustainable Safe Haven

"Designing a hospital to withstand crisis events and natural catastrophes fits into the broader sustainability model of self-reliance as a baseline," says Pierce. "Self-reliance doesn't mean isolationism. But a level of self-reliance, if there's a disaster, means you can deal with those challenging conditions to a certain extent by yourself." At Embassy, for example, the main power sources are a high-temperature anaerobic digester that generates pipeline-grade natural gas (conditioned bio-methane), coupled with a solar hot-water system.

The European-manufactured, high-temperature anaerobic digester, Pierce explains, will enable the facility to process human sewage and organic garbage—collected from up to 2,000 safe-storage units in neighborhoods throughout

Colombo and transported to the digester via electric vehicles—into clean natural gas that fires a co-generation plant producing electricity. In addition, agricultural residue will be collected from rural areas on the island and sent to the digester. Biomass collection goals are set at approximately one-quarter to one-half sewage, and one-half to three-quarters organic food, paper, and crop waste.

In addition to new green sanitation collection and transportation jobs created throughout Colombo by the anaerobic digester, Pierce foresees the bio-natural gas created by the digester as a potential fuel to replace petroleum-based gasoline and diesel. "We're hoping the digester will be the seed that transforms transportation energy in Sri Lanka and moves the country in the direction of energy independence," he says.

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engine

"We're essentially starting from scratch and creating a new healthcare business for the region. The business will change over time. So on the planning side, we're focusing on basic programs, with the flexibility to grow into specialty programs."

-Perkins+Will principal Rick Hintz, AIA







Paris in Focus

Minneapolis architect and photographer Pete Sieger, AIA, captures in black and white the architectural richness of one of the most beautiful cities in the world

Introduction by Glenn Gordon

Photographers have been drawn to Paris since photography was first invented, and no wonder—Paris is the City of Light, and a photograph is in essence a thing made with light.

The Latin roots of the word photography mean "drawing with light," and that being so, you could say that a photographer is a kind of draftsperson. If this draftsperson happens to be an architect, it's likely that his inclination is to "draw" buildings with a lens focused sharp as the tip of a crow-quill pen (if you're old enough to remember what those were) or the tip of a cursor (if you're too young to remember anything else).

Pete Sieger, AIA, who by day is an architect with the Minneapolis firm Meyer, Scherer & Rockcastle (MS&R), has been photographing Paris in this manner—with an eye trained in architecture—for the past 10 years. He and his wife Kathi have now made six visits to the city, the first in the summer of 1998, the most recent this past August. Starting with a simple point-and-shoot and graduating to more sophisticated cameras on subsequent trips, Sieger has roamed the streets of the city in the spirit and sometimes in the literal footsteps of a figure greatly revered in the history of photography, the peripatetic Eugène Atget.

From the 1890s through the 1920s, the itinerant Atget (1857–1927) produced more than 10,000 glass-plate images of Paris street scenes—long exposures, mostly shot at hours when the streets were empty. After discovering Atget's work in a set of books published by the Museum of Modern Art in New York, Sieger was moved to re-photograph

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MUSÉE DU LOUVRE, COUR NAPOLÉON, PYRAMIDE DU LOUVRE, 2001

Looking east toward entrance, 1st Arrondissement



Clockwise from top left:

INSTITUT DU MONDE ARABE, 2001

South façade of photo-sensitive apertures, 5th Arrondissement

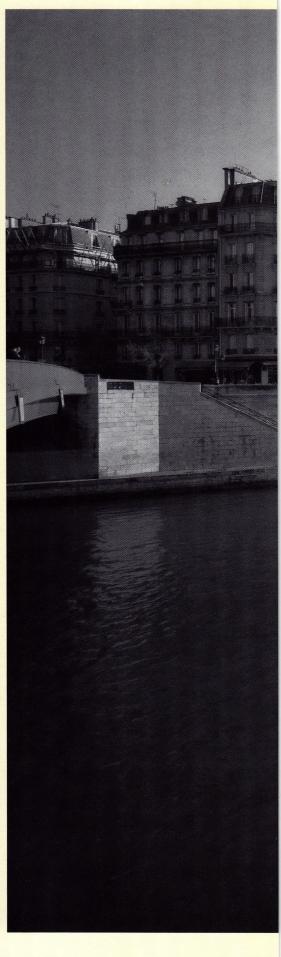
ÎLE SAINT-LOUIS, SEINE, AND QUAI D'ORLÉANS, 2001

Looking east along Pont Saint-Louis, 4th Arrondissement

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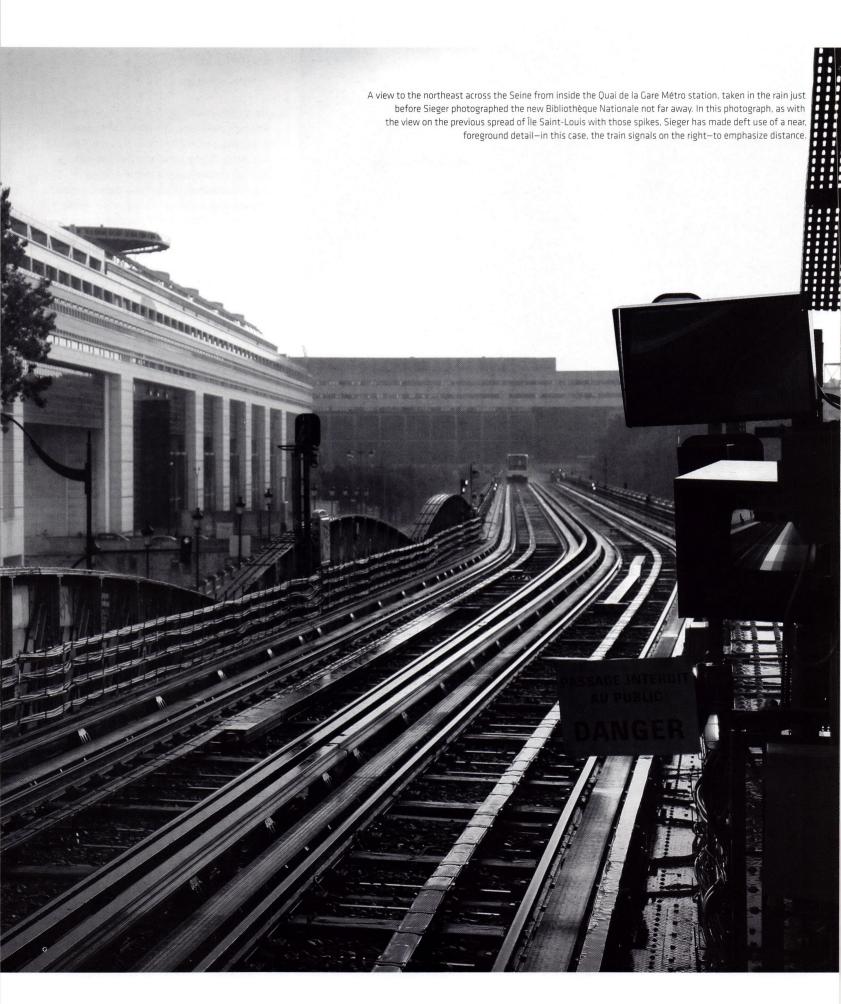
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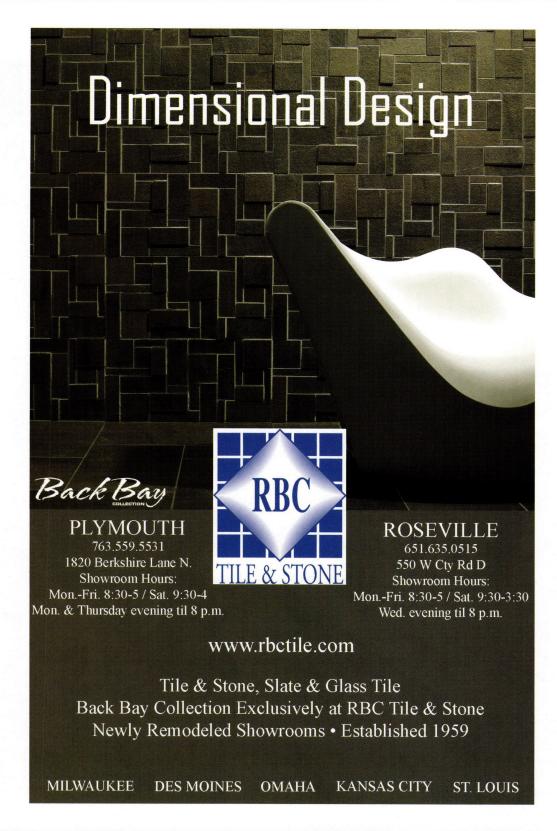
as many of Atget's sites as he could, shooting from the exact spots where Atget placed his wooden tripod and eight-by-ten-inch view camera a century ago. Some of the fascinating results of that project—Atget's vintage views paired side-by-side with Sieger's own from a hundred years later—are handsomely displayed at MS&R's studio in the Mill City Museum building. (A similar re-photography project undertaken by the photographer Christopher Rauschenberg was recently published in the book *Paris Is Changing*.)

Sieger loves the black and white tradition; he looks at this classic city in a classic way. The images presented in this portfolio trace Sieger's own poetic meanders through Paris, a seasoned architect's responses to buildings and public spaces ancient and new, some of them famous, some that he's come upon serendipitously. Most of these pictures were made with a four-by-five-inch view camera, a photographic instrument that requires a photographer to slow down and compose with great care. Many of them were shot in winter light, in the diffuse overcast of December, after it's rained, the sheen of the wet streets enhancing the mood of this most romantic of cities. Looking at them, you can see what draws Pete Sieger to Paris again and again. AMN



PARIS MÉTRO, 2007 Quai de la Gare, 13th Arrondissement





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Climate Zone

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inexpensive material," notes VJAA's Nathan Knutson, AIA, "and with labor and material costs about one-half of what they are in the U.S., we could afford a traditional building material." And yet the walls play a part in a series of sophisticated sustainability strategies, including rooftop solar collectors to heat water for the pool and showers, radiant and displacement cooling, operable skylights to induce stack-effect ventilation, precast and aluminum louvers sized to keep glass areas in shade, green roofs to reduce the heat-island effect, cisterns for annual water collection for irrigation, vine-covered trellises and water walls to cool exterior spaces, and chilled seawater to help cool the entire lower campus.

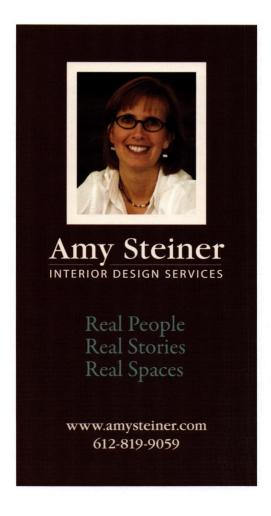
The traditional value that people put on shade in Beirut's sun-drenched climate led VIAA and landscape architects Hargreaves Associates to save most of the site's existing trees and extensively plant new ones. "After we received the commission," says James, "we showed our clients why the out-of-scale, sun-baked plaza in the master plan didn't work, visually superimposing other university spaces on the site. It helped them understand their own campus." It also resulted in the university commissioning VJAA to look at other tree-shaded open space on campus. Preserving trees in Lebanon, whose flag displays the native cedar tree, has political and cultural meaning. So too does respecting tradition, responding to climate, and rejecting monolithic modernism. Architecture that excels in these areas achieves a symbolic role that often gets lost in our increasingly global profession, where architects end up "exporting styles," says Yoos, "when what we need is a strategy of reinterpreting what is there."

That approach can take more time and attention, but it can also produce amazing results, as this building shows. In its demonstration of how tradition can profoundly transform modernism for the good, the Hostler Center holds out the hope that, in our common struggle, the Islamic and Judeo-Christian worlds can find a way to get beyond caricatures to anticipate a day in which we recognize and respect each other's cultural "authenticity," as Robert D. Lee describes it. That is particularly urgent in a country such as Lebanon, which has suffered from repeated sectarian violence. Of all the exercises occurring at the Charles Hostler Student Recreation Center, none may be more important than learning from its example of authentic understanding. AMN

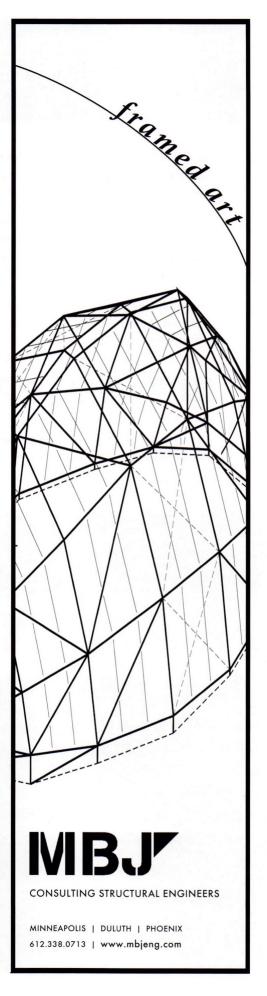
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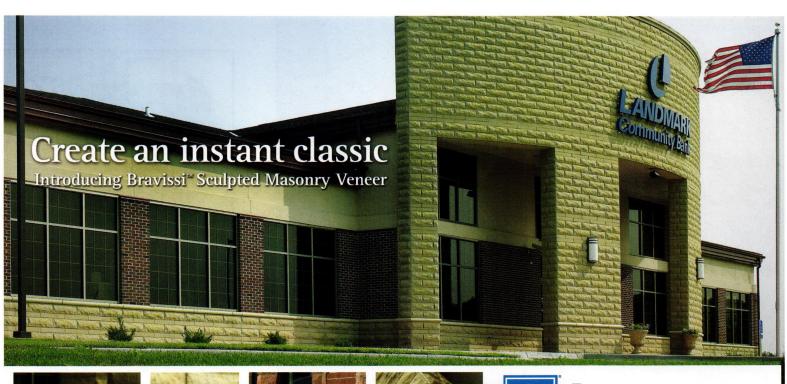


Blueprints

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an organization that aims to connect design, art, and activism. Gallas elaborates: "Solutions gives guest speakers 6 minutes and 40 seconds to present 20 images. We provide music, food, and beverages afterward so people have a chance to share ideas." AFH-MN presented its work at the first Solutions gathering and was featured in the Solutions for the Other 90 Percent event held at Walker Art Center this past summer.

What's next for AFH-MN? "We've designed storage lockers that provide homeless people with a place where they can receive mail, exchange messages, and store their personal items and important documents, such as birth certificates," Ness reports. Some lockers exist, but they are cumbersome and not very attractive. "We felt that if the lockers were mobile and better looking they would be more likely to attract hosts," adds Swainhart. "We'll raise the funds, build the lockers, learn what works, and then post the plans on the Open Architecture Network" (www.openarchitecturenetwork.org). Ideally, lockers will be located at social-service-agency facilities, churches, and other places near where homeless people work or are temporarily housed. The first lockers will be installed at Simpson Housing Services in Minneapolis. AMN







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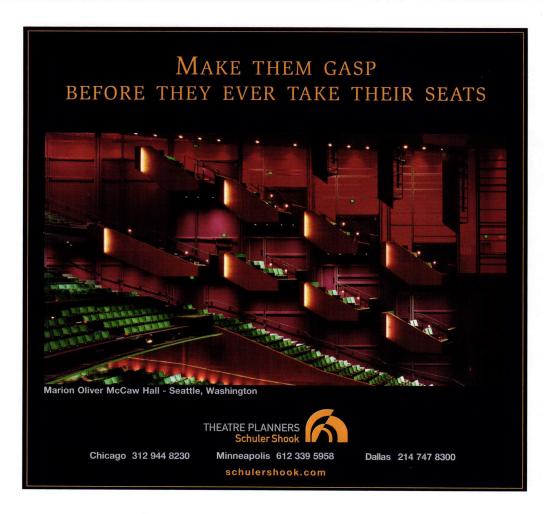
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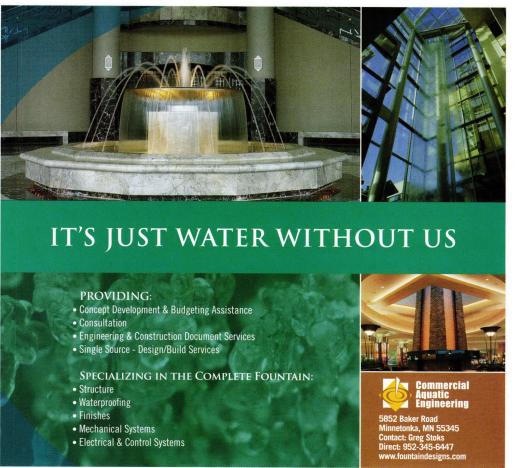
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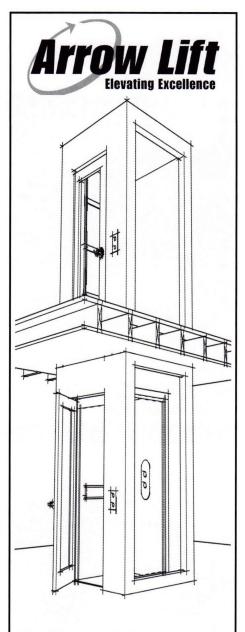
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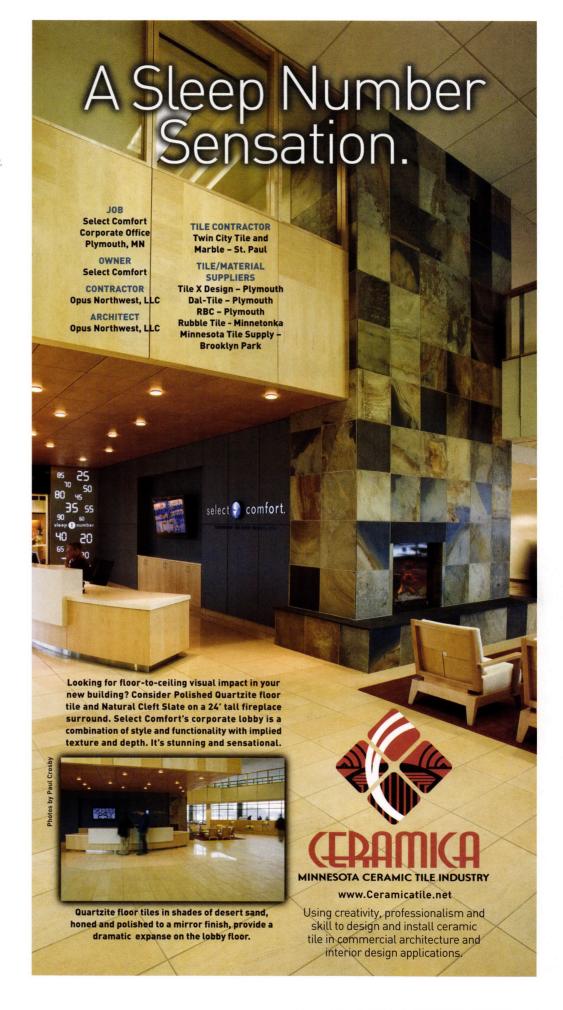
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Cuningham Group was hired again to work on the Verona campus, the working relationship has expanded to include planning for future growth. Cuningham Group's experience designing for Disney, Paramount, and Universal Studios has come into play at Epic, which Faulkner describes as "a cross between an office park and Disneyland." But the adventure tunnel, circus-themed conference room. and tire swings aside, serious principles underlie the design: Work in the 21st century is 24/7, non-hierarchical, and highly collaborative. "Our software is fully integrated, from the pharmacy to the operating room," says Faulkner, "so everyone must talk together." Thus the easy access from one building to another, with tunnels and skyways backing up the outdoor walkways. The soaring. shed-roofed Commons dining hall also serves as a gathering place. Food prepared by two Madison chefs encourages lunchtime mingling. Neon yellow, green, and red picnic tables reinforce the informal college atmosphere.

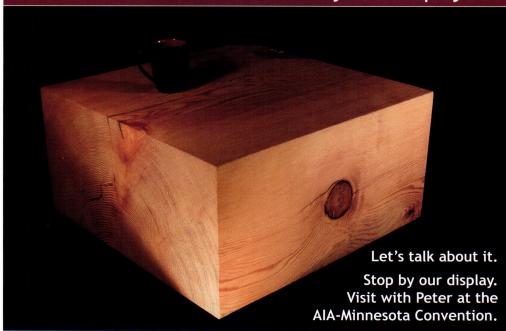
But the centerpiece of the campus is the curving, glassy Learning Center. The size of a small-city convention center, the new facility accommodates the need to train 700 people a week. Its 1,600-foot length snakes along the prow of a hill. "It's a simple gesture that follows the edge of the hill and avoids a big long corridor," says Kyllo.

Two floors of training rooms follow the outside of the arc, where floor-to-ceiling windows offer dramatic views of the countryside. "They've shown that people learn better when they can see out," says project designer Chad Clow, AIA. Breakout rooms with individually designed wood-burning fireplaces animate the inside curve of the arc. A thick "tech-way" between the two floors holds all the mechanical and electrical equipment. Monthly employee meetings are held in the fan-shaped auditorium, which seats more than 5,000. The Learning Center also comes alive during the annual User Group Meeting in September, when 4,000 customers come for a four-day combined bash and feedback session on how the software works.

"Judy doesn't do any marketing," Cuningham notes. "The User Group Meeting is it." Well, that and the campus itself, which "helps visitors, future clients, and prospective employees find out who we are," Faulkner says. But for Faulkner the campus is first and foremost something else: an inviting, energizing environment for the people who work there. "This is our home," she says. "We live here." AMN



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On-site cisterns will collect and store rainwater, pre-filtered via green roofs, during the monsoon season for use in the facility. Stormwater ponds will retain and filter water for charging the aquifer. The medical center's massing maximizes energy efficiency through daylighting and natural ventilation; narrow east-west floor plates allow daylight to penetrate the north and south façades, and courtyards and light shafts bring in daylight while drawing in breezes. Photovoltaic arrays on roof gardens harvest sunlight for electricity while shading seating areas.

"We've used the environmental aspects of sustainable design not only to create new green job opportunities and a medical facility that's a healthier environment to heal in," Pierce says, "but also to support the facility's role as a selfsufficient safe haven for the community."

Pierce adds that architects need to rethink design benchmarks in the midst of climate change. "Changing how we design relative to climate extremes is just starting to emerge, along with the dialogue about resetting benchmarks," he says. "Benchmarks such as, How much stormwater do we need to deal with? What are the floodplain elevations? What are the wind loads on buildings? As climate extremes become more extreme, we're going to have to start building for the effects of climate change in order to cope with it."

Local and International Medical Care

At the same time, Perkins+Will has designed Embassy Medical Center "to include the most sophisticated and advanced medical innovations, technologies, and design features to assist its doctors in offering world-class medical treatment," explains principal Rick Hintz, AIA. Colombo has an urgent need for such a facility because government and other private hospitals there do not have the capacity to meet the rising demands of the city's growing population for safe and high-quality medical care.

"We're essentially starting from scratch and creating a new healthcare business for the region," says Hintz. "The business will change over time. So on the planning side, we're focusing on basic programs, with the flexibility

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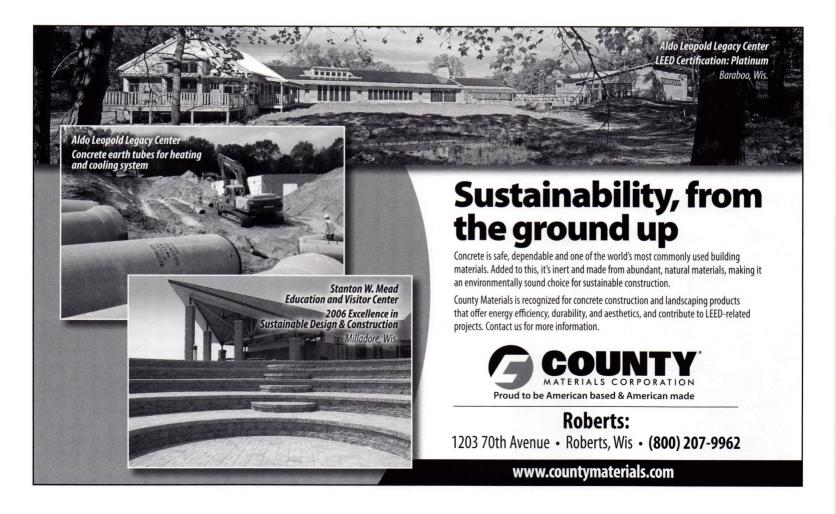
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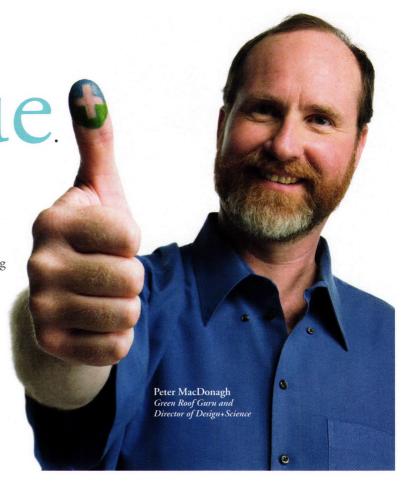
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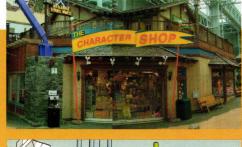
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The recognition that healthcare services evolve not only as technology develops, but also as cultural norms change, demands hospital design that is flexible over time. "As the delivery of healthcare changes," says Johnson, "this building will be able to adapt"—an assertion supported by the fact that Samsung underwent a major adaptation at the beginning of construction, when the program changed from a cardiology hospital to a cancer center. "Overlaid on the functions of this facility," Johnson continues, "is a kind of infrastructure that ensures that the building has embedded within it as many ways of looking at future change as possible, so it can have a long life."

Reflecting on Samsung Cancer Center and other international projects his firm has completed, Mic Johnson acknowledges both the challenges and opportunities of working abroad. "It's easy to design something that is completely American," he says. "We just do what we usually do. But to go in and really try to understand how a building will work in its unique location in the world, with that unique culture, is far more gratifying." **AMN**





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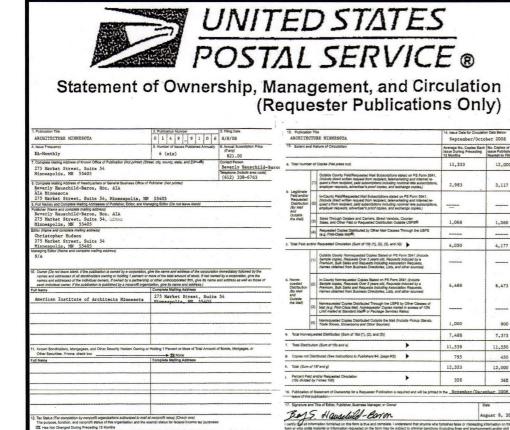
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to grow into specialty programs." The components include an outpatient medical clinic; a hospital with 180 private patient rooms; a parking ramp; a dormitory for employees, students, and visiting physicians; a hotel for visitors traveling for medical treatment; and the green power plant. "We've designed these components or modules to plug together into the infrastructure, which will grow over time," Hintz says.

But the aesthetic won't be industrial, he adds. While housing contemporary medical practices and state-of-the-art technology, the architecture "will be lush and loaded with ways of introducing sunlight, dappled shade, water, and tranquility into the interior to create a healing environment," Hintz explains. "There will be balconies off the private rooms and shaded gardens for families."

Overall, says Hintz, the final design will express a balance between the indigenous culture of Sri Lanka and advanced medical design and technology, resulting in a medical destination not only for area residents but also for the growing industry of medical tourism (which in turn will further fuel the project's economic sustainability). "Because more physicians from countries like Sri Lanka are being trained at Mayo and Johns Hopkins, then returning home to practice, international healthcare tourism is on the rise," Hintz explains.

For example, as insurance denials and healthcare costs rise in the U.S., people are seeking options for surgeries overseas that are less expensive and in beautiful locations for recovery. Embassy Medical Center, with its adjoining hotel catering to healthcare tourists, will be an attractive option. "The clientele would be U.S. and European citizens, as well as expatriates working in corporations around the world and looking for quality healthcare without having to return to the U.S.," Hintz says.

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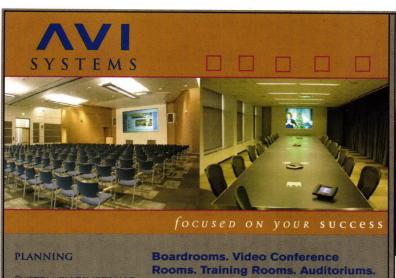
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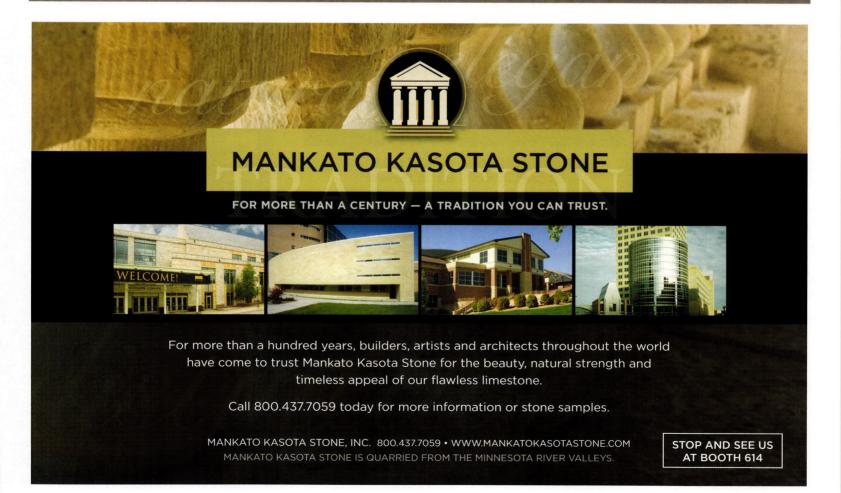
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from around the world will use the classrooms to educate hospital staff in the latest medical techniques and technologies.

In addition, Perkins+Will has been training local architects, contractors, engineers, and landscaping specialists to maintain the facility once it's completed. "Part of the jobs aspect of this project is educating local people to keep the facility self-sustaining," Pierce says. "We feel that if we have knowledge and expertise, we have a social responsibility to share it. Again, this falls under the umbrella of sustainability—keeping that expertise local."

Embassy Medical Center is not just a building, he adds, "but an entire design that looks at site, design, context, economics, and social impacts from a holistic sustainability model. If we're going to be relevant to the world, architects need to continue to advance the quality of life for people. That's really our job. And we always have to be on the front edge of that and push in order to add value to the rest of society." AMN

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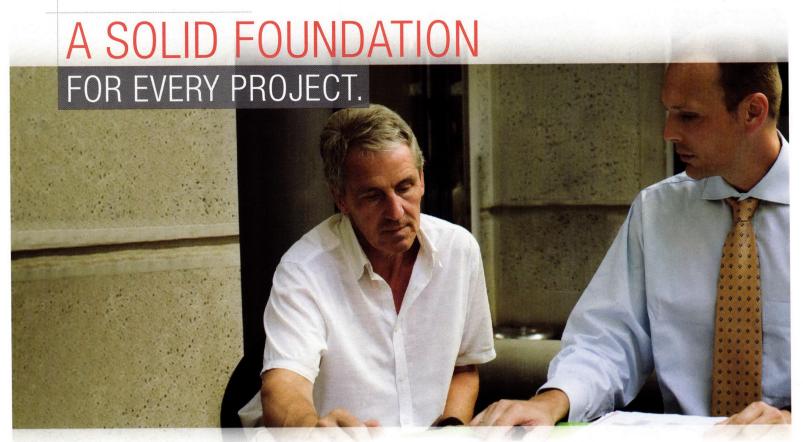
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Bruce W. Engelsma, CEO/Pres. Alan A. Gerhardt, COO Philip F. Boelter, EVP Mark J. Coudron, SVP Richard J. Jacobson, SVP John A. Stencel, VP

Kraus-Anderson Construction Company is a leading provider of general contracting and construction management services. Our projects are delivered within a teamoriented format, working together with all parties, so informed decisions are made prior to the commencement of construction. We are dedicated to providing quality projects on schedule that meet our clients' expectations.

Black Bear Casino and Resort, Carlton, MN; Colonlast North America Headquarters. Minneapolis, MN; Regions Hospital, St. Paul, MN; University of Minnesota Medical Biosciences Building, Minneapolis, MN; Washington County Campus, Stillwater, MN; Spring Lake Park Schools, Spring Lake Park. MN

MCGOUGH COMPANIES

2737 Fairview Avenue North St. Paul, MN 55113 Tel: (651) 633-5050 Fax: (651) 633-5673 www.mcgough.com Established 1956 Other MN Office: Rochester (507) 536-4870 Total in MN Offices: 180 Office, 450 to 900 Field Other Office: Phoenix

Total in Phoenix: 45

Contact: Brad Wood, (651) 633-5050

Company Principals

Thomas J. McGough, Sr., Chrm. Thomas J. McGough, Jr., Pres. Bart Zibrowski, EVP Bake Baker EVP Mike Hangge, EVP Brad Wood, EVP

McGough offers strategic facility and organizational planning, development, general contracting, construction management and design-build services and post-occupancy services. McGough has an unmatched reputation for delivering high-quality projects on time and within budget. From complete "turnkey" development to general construction services, McGough has maintained a firm commitment to time-tested guiding principles.

Guthrie Theater, Minneapolis, MN: Medtronic World Headquarters, Fridley, MN; Cathedral of St. Paul, St. Paul, MN; HealthEast St. Joseph's Hospital, St. Paul .MN: University of Minnesota Hanson Hall. Minneapolis, MN; General Mills World Headquarters, Golden Valley, MN

MORTENSON CONSTRUCTION

700 Meadow Lane North Minneanolis MN 55422 Tel: (763) 522-2100 Fax: (763) 287-5430 Email: tom.hysell@mortenson.com www.mortenson.com Established 1954 Total in MN Office: 455 Total Other Offices: 2255 Other Offices: Chicago, Denver, Milwaukee, Phoenix, Seattle, Shanghai Contact: Tom Hysell, AIA, LEED AP (763) 287-5141

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Company Principals

Ken Sorensen, VP Kendall Griffith, Dir. of Oper. Tom Hysell, AIA, LEED AP, Dir. Bus. Dev. Dan Mehls, Construct. Exec. Paul Kitching, Consruc. Exec.

Mortenson Construction, founded in 1954, is a Minneapolis-based, family-owned company. The company's purpose is to "build structures and facilities for the advancement of modern society." Mortenson is Minnesota's largest construction organization, and was ranked Minnesota's top Green Contractor by ENR. More than 80% of the company's work is for long-standing customers with projects ranging from less than \$1 million to more than \$300 million.

PCL CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC.

12200 Nicollet Avenue South Burnsville, MN 55337 Tel: (952) 882-9600 Fax: (952) 882-9900 Email: jkjensvold@pcl.com www.pcl.com Established 1906 Total in MN Office: 250 Other Offices: Albuquerque, Anchorage, Atlanta, Bakersfield, Calgary (AB), Charlotte, Denver, Edmonton (AB), Fort McMurray (AB), Halifax (NS), Honolulu, Kelowna (BC), Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Nassau (Bahamas), Orlando, Ottawa (ON), Phoenix, Regina (SK), San Diego. Saskatoon (SK), Seattle, Tampa, Toronto (ON), Vail, Vancouver (BC), Winnipeg (MB), Yellowknife (NT) Total in Other Offices: 8000 Contact: John Jensvold, (952) 882-2572

Company Principals

Don Fromme, Dist. Mgr. Joe Carrieri, Oper. Mgr. John Jensvold, Dir. Proj. Dev. Heidi Wherland, Mgr. Finan./Admin. leff Krick, Chief Est. Dan Ilen, Dir. Des./Constr.

PCL is the eighth largest general contractor in North America, with 29 offices across the U.S., Canada and the Bahamas. The Minneapolis District of PCL was established in 1978, initially completing the construction of St. Paul Town Center and other projects for Oxford Development. We specialize in manufacturing, hospitality, casinos, retail, high tech, and office construction

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RETAIL CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC.

11343 39th Street North

Lake Elmo, MN 55042 Tel: (651) 704-9000 Fax: (651) 704-9100 Email: rcs@retailconstruction.com www.retailconstruction.com Established 1984 Total in MN: 42 Other Offices: Rockwall, TX; Point Pleasant, NJ Total Other Offices: 85+ Contact: Stephen M. Bachman. (651) 704-9000 x701

Company Principals

Stephen M. Bachman, Owner/Pres. George I. Middleton, Owner/VP Gerald F. Kuntz - CFO/VP Joni L. Fletty, VP Garth Wills, VP Texas Office

Retail Construction Services, Inc. is a 24 year-old organization designed to meet the needs of the expanding retail market, with a minor emphasis on golf courses and financial services-related projects. Our projects range from freestanding buildings, to stores in strip centers, airports, hotels, casinos, and regional shopping malls throughout North America, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

TPC Avenel, Potomac, MD; Bebe at Royal Haiwaiian Shopping Center, Oahu, HI; Guess at Miracle Mile, Las Vegas, NV: Williams-Sonoma, Thousand Oaks, CA; Best Buy Musical, Duluth, MN; Monmouth Community Bank, Neptune City, NJ

RIM CONSTRUCTION

5455 Highway 169 Plymouth, MN 55442 Tel: (763) 383-7600 Fax: (763) 383-7601 Email: kerik@rjmconstruction.com www.rjmconstruction.com Established 1997 Other MN Office: Downtown Minneapolis (612) 904-1215 Total in MN Offices: 70 Contact: Keri Kindelspire, (763) 383-7600

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Company Principals

Robert Jossart, Pres. Joseph Maddy, SVP Brian Recker, VP

RJM provides construction solutions as part of a collaborative team for health care, tenant interiors, community centers, and corporate office clients. We are dedicated to understanding how the project impacts our clients' services and to providing a rewarding construction experience.

Park Nicollet Clinic, Chanhassen, MN; Andover YMCA/Community Center, Andover, MN; Carmichael Lynch Office, Minneapolis, MN; Buffalo Wild Wings Headquarters, Golden Valley, MN; Methodist Hospital, St. Louis Park, MN; Rogers Ice Arena, Rogers, MN

ROCHON CORPORATION

3650 Annapolis Lane North #101

Plymouth, MN 55447 Tel: (763) 559-9393 Fax: (763) 559-8101 Email: luanns@rochoncorp.com www.rochoncorp.com Established 1985 Total in MN; 26 Contact: Luann Sawochka, (763) 235-3819

Company Principals

Jerry Braton, CEO Scott Larkin, Pres. Jeff Welman, EVP Luann Sawochka, Mrktg. Dir/NBO

Rochon Corporation is a general contractor specializing in commercial buildings such as offices, industrial, educational, religious and retail. Founded in 1985 on the principles of commitment, flexibility and reliability, we pledge to work as a partner with our clients and communities.

ATK Office Building, Eden Prairie, MN; Shops at Plymouth, Plymouth, MN; The Village at Mendota Heights, MN; The Hindu Temple of Maple Grove, MN; The Depot Office Building, Minneapolis, MN; Minnesota Mini Storages, Several Locations,

RYAN COMPANIES US. INC.

50 South 10th Street, Suite 300 Minneapolis, MN 55419 Tel: (612) 492-4000 Fax: (612) 492-3000 www.rvancompanies.com Established 1938 Total in MN Office: 510 Other Offices: Cedar Rapids, Chicago, Davenport, Des Moines, Phoenix, San Diego, Tamna Total in Other Offices: 395 Contact: Paul Kieffer, Dir. Proj. Dev. MN (612) 492-4000

Company Principals

lim Rvan, CEO Pat Ryan, Pres. Tim Grav. CFO Collin Barr, Pres. MN Region Mike Cairl EVP Bob Cutshall, VP Corp. Constr.

Ryan Companies US Inc., a nationalrecognized developer, design-builder, and real estate manager, has specialized in fullintegrated solutions for more than 70 years. Ryan builds lasting relationships with a project delivery model based on fullservice customized solutions and total collaboration - pairing the customer's needs and expectations with the talents of a team of developers, financiers, architects, engineers, constructors and property managers.

Two MarketPointe, Bloomington, MN; Cobblestone Lake, Apple Valley, MN; W Minneapolis (Hotel) in The Foshay, Minneapolis, MN; US Bank Data Center, Olathe, KS; Target Food Distribution Center, Lake City, FL; The Westin Edina Galleria Hotel and Residences, Edina, MN

SHAW CONSTRUCTION INC.

7685 Corporate Way Eden Prairie, MN 55344 Tel: (952) 937-8214 Fax: (952) 934-9433 Email: ishaw@shawconstruct.com www.shawconstruct.com Established 1977 Total in MN: 8 Contact: John N. Shaw (Jack), (952) 937-8214

Company Principals

John N. Shaw (Jack), Pres. Earl Gebauer, VP Constr. James Swedenborg, CFO

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Shaw Construction, Inc. is a design/build general contractor successfully providing: new construction, additions, tenant improvements and unique construction within the commercial, light industrial, manufacturing and retail construction markets. Through its construction services and products, Shaw Construction, Inc. has developed long-lasting relationships with owners, developers, architects and engineers throughout the Upper Midwest.

Platinum Bank, Oakdale, MN: Wings Financial Credit Union, Eagan, MN: BCS Incorporated, Waconia, MN; Priscilla of Boston, Edina, MN; G.E. Wind Turbine Improvements, Sioux Falls, SD; St. Paul Lutheran School K-8th Grades, Perham, MN

SHAW-LUNDOUIST ASSOCIATES, INC.

2757 West Service Road St. Paul, MN 55121-1230 Tel: (651) 454-0670 Fax: (651) 454-7982 Email: info@shawlundquist.com www.shawlundguist.com Established 1974 Total in MN; 64 Other Offices: Las Vegas, Hudson (WI) Contact: Paul Nelson, (651) 234-8885

Company Principals

Fred Shaw, Pres. Hoyt Hsian VP Thomas J. Meyers, VP

Shaw-Lundquist is a leading general contractor in the Metro Area. They are also the largest, minority-owned contractor in the Midwest and are the largest, Asianowned contractor in the nation. They provide general construction, construction management at risk, agency construction management, and design-build construction services, and are proven performers on large and complex projects. Started in 1974 by Fred Shaw, the company has grown to over \$80 million in revenues in fiscal 2007

Trafton Science Center (expansion/ renovations), Mankato, MN; Winnipeg Apartments, St. Paul, MN; MGM Mirage Casino and Hotel (entrance modifications), Las Vegas, NV; Valley Natural Foods Expansion, Apple Valley, MN; Embassy Suites Hotel, Brooklyn Center, MN; Jarvis hall Science Wing, Menomonie, WI

IAMES STEELE CONSTRUCTION

1410 Sylvan Street St. Paul, MN 55117 Tel: (651) 488-6755 Fax: (651) 488-4787

Email: jsc@jsteeleconstruction.com www.iamessteelconstruction.com Established 1949 Total in MN Office: 50-75

Contact: Richard Naughton (651) 488-6755,rjn@jsteeleconstruction.com

Company Principals

Richard Naughton, Pres. Sandy Naughton, Treas. Andrew Naughton, Sec.

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Ramsey Washington Metro Watershed District (Governor's MN Great Award for Green Construction), Little Canada, MN; Hill Murray School (various projects), Maplewood, MN: Minnesota Vietnam Veterans Memorial, St. Paul, MN; Salvation Army, Various Twin Cities Locations: University of Minnesota (various projects), Various Campuses; Cretin-Derham Hall School (various projects), St. Paul, MN

VEIT

14000 Veit Place Rogers, MN 55374 Tel: (763) 428-2242 Fax: (763) 428-8348 Email: cgeisler@veitusa.com www.veitusa.com Established 1928 Other MN Offices: Rochester (507) 281-3867. Duluth (218) 626-2242 Total in MN Offices: 475 Other Office: Milwaukee Contact: Chuck Geisler, (763) 428-9599

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Company Principals

Vaughn Veit, CEO Greg Boelke, Pres. Kevin Brenny, CFO Steve Halgren, SVP Chuck Geisler, Dir. Sales/Mktg.

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WATSON-FORSBERG CO.

6465 Wayzata Boulevard, Suite 110 Minneapolis, MN 55426 Tel: (952) 544-7761 Fax: (952) 544-1826 Email: cindyh@watson-forsberg.com www.watson-forsberg.com Established 1965 Total in MN Office: 40 Contact: Dale Forsberg, (952) 544-7761

Company Principals

Dale Forsberg, Pres. Mike Ashmore, VP Paul Kolias VP David Forsberg, Sec./Treas. Donna Lucero, Controller Dave Carlson, Sr. Proj. Mgr.

Watson-Forsberg Co. builds: commercial, multi-family, retail, religious, educational, medical and industrial projects. New construction projects and renovation, ranging from \$10,000 to \$25,000,000 competitively-bid and negotiated. Watson-Forsberg constructed the environmentally responsible Erickson Headquarters and St. Joan of Arc. Projects recognized by the Committee on Urban Environment, AIA. Real Estate Journal, National Historic Trust and Minneapolis HPC

East Village Apartments, Minneapolis, MN; Hazelden Meditation Center, Center City, MN; Ripley Gardens Apartment and Historic Renovation, Minneapolis, MN; YMCA Additions and Remodels, Minneapolis and St. Paul. MN: Redstone Grill. Eden Prairie and Minnetonka, MN; The Seward Co-op, Minneapolis, MN

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Charles Hostler Student Recreation Center

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Location: Beirut, Lebanon Client: American University of Beirut

Architect: VJAA

Principals: Vincent James, FAIA; Jennifer Yoos, AIA; Nathan Knutson, AIA

Project architect: Paul Yaggie, AIA

Project coordinator: Jay Lane

Project team: Lev Bereznycky; Andrew Dull; Carl Gauley; Dzenita Hadziomerovic; Bob Loken; Karen Lu; James Moore, AlA; Donovan Nelson; Jennifer Pedtke; Steven Philippi; Casey Renner; Mary Springer, AlA

Energy and comfort concept: Transsolar Energietechnik GmbH

Structural engineer and associate architect: Samir Khairallah & Partners

Mechanical/electrical engineer: Barbanel Liban s.a.l.

Civil engineer: Wael A. Kayyaali Cost consultant and quantity surveyor: D.G. Jones & Partners

Landscape architect: Hargreaves Associates

Landscape project team: Glenn Allen; Karen Tamir; Yoon Cho

Glazing systems: Alumco

Precast concrete and post-tensioned concrete: Soprel Liban

Steelwork: Abillama Chaya Industrial Design

Wood sports flooring: Ovetra Middle East

Millwork: Century Style

Track and field systems: Spec/Mondo Photographer: Paul Crosby

Epic Systems Corporation

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Location: Verona, Wisconsin Client: Epic Systems Corporation Photographer: George Heinrich

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Architect of record: Cuningham Group Architecture, P.A.

Associate architect:

Zimmer Gunsul Frasca Partnership Principals-in-charge: John W. Cuningham, FAIA (Cuningham);

Patrick Gordon, AIA (ZGF)
Project designers:

John W. Cuningham, FAIA; Jack Highwart, AIA (Cuningham); Evett Ruffcorn (ZGF); Jose Sama (ZGF)

Project manager:

Thomas Kyllo, AIA (Cuningham)

Project architects: Thomas Kyllo, AIA; Michael Strand, AIA (Cuningham); Bertha Martinez, AIA (ZGF)

Cuningham project team: Jan Dufault; David Engleson, AIA; Chris Harkman; Mark LeChevalier; Mark Lindell; Sarah Marek; John Montgomery; Wade Morgan; Patricia Nieto; Mark Rosberg, AIA; Jerry Steffan; Bret Thompson; Brian Tucker; Chrystie Wagner

ZGF project team: Teresa Bredehoeft; John Barton; Linda Cohen; Dave Curtin; Elaine Gagnon; Todd Stine

Structural engineer:

Magnusson Klemencic Associates

Mechanical engineer: Affiliated Engineers, Inc.

Electrical engineer:

Affiliated Engineers, Inc.

Civil engineer:

Donofrio, Kottke & Associates, Inc.

Geothermal engineer:

Alderson Engineering, Inc.

Lighting designer: Schuler Shook, Inc.

Interior design:

H. Krueger & Associates; Cuningham Group Architecture, P.A.; Zimmer Gunsul Frasca Partnership

General contractor: J.H. Findorff & Son Inc.

Landscape architect: JJR

Face brick: Belden Brick (J.H. Findorff & Son Inc.)

Stone: Vetter Stone Co. (J.H. Findorff & Son Inc.)

Cabinetwork: Wisconsin Built, Inc.

Flooring systems/materials: Sergenians Floor Covering

Window systems: Harmon, Inc.

Architectural copper: Interstate Roofing Concrete work: Wingra Redi-Mix (J.H. Findorff & Son Inc.)

Millwork: Wisconsin Built, Inc.

HVAC contractor: General Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc.

Plumbing and fire-protection contractor: Hooper Corporation

Electrical contractor: Westphal & Company, Inc.

Acquetical coilings: Austral & Son

Acoustical ceilings: Austad & Son, Inc.

Painting: Hess Sweitzer

Elevators: Otis Elevator Company

Landscaping: The Bruce Company

Drywall systems: Wall-Tech, Inc.

Precast panels:

Northeast Wisconsin Precast

LEARNING CENTER

Architect:

Cuningham Group Architecture, P.A.

Principal-in-charge:

John W. Cuningham, FAIA

Project lead designer: Chad Clow, AIA

Project manager: Nina Broadhurst

Project architect: Michael Berg, AIA

Project team: Theresa Andrews; Melissa Brewer; Amy Cheever; David Engleson, AIA; Bradley Haroldson, AIA; Faith Hodkiewicz; Eric Johanassen; Jeff Kagermeier, AIA; Kristen Kelleher; Michael Kuntz; Mark LeChevalier; Jerry Lundberg; Jesús Márquez, Assoc. AIA; Lani Priddy, AIA; Tony Solberg; Jerry Steffan; Beauclarc Thomas, Assoc. AIA; Anna Webber

Energy modeling: X-nth, Inc.

Structural engineer:

Reigstad & Associates, Inc.

Mechanical engineer: X-nth, Inc.

Electrical engineer: X-nth, Inc.

Plumbing engineer: X-nth, Inc.

Fire protection: X-nth, Inc.

Civil engineer: Donofrio, Kottke & Associates, Inc.

Lighting designer: Auerbach Glasow

Theater consultant:

Auerbach Pollock Friedlander

Structured cabling:

The Durrant Group, Inc.

Code consultant: Ove Arup & Partners

Interior design:

Cuningham Group Architecture, P.A.

General contractor: J.P. Cullen & Sons, Inc.

Landscape architect: LIR

Stone: J.P. Cullen & Sons, Inc.

Wood flooring: Anderson Ladd

Misc. metal: Architectural Metals, Inc.

Acoustic/wood ceilings: Austad & Son, Inc.

Doors: Brickson Shaw/Kendell Door Acoustical ceiling: Central Ceiling Window blinds: Chicago Drapery HVAC: General Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc.

Drywall: Hallmark Millwork: Hillcraft, Ltd.

Plumbing: Hooper Corporation; Monona Plumbing & Fire

Carpet/resilient flooring: Hughes Flooring, Inc.

Roofing: Interstate Roofing & WTP, Inc.

Concrete/masonry/steel: J.P. Cullen & Sons, Inc.

Aluminum framing:

Klein Dickert Co., Inc.

Glazing/aluminum: Lake City Glass

Structural steel:

LeJeune Steel Company

Glulams: Lonsdale Construction, Inc.

Elevators: Otis Elevator Company

Painting: Schmelzer Paint Co. Inc.

Landscaping: The Bruce Company

Electrical: Westphal & Company, Inc.

Samsung Cancer Center

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Location: Seoul, South Korea Client: Samsung Medical Center

Architect: Ellerbe Becket, Inc.

Principal-in-charge: Paul Zugates, AIA
Design principal: Mic Johnson, AIA

Senior project designer:

Mike Kennedy, AIA Project manager: Jeff Frush, AIA

Design team: Gregory Chang, AIA (planning director); Les Chylinski (project designer); Nancy Doyle, AIA (senior medical planner); Barry Graham, AIA (project manager/ concept design phase); Mike Kennedy, AIA; Mike Kinnee (senior medical planner); Ken LeDoux, AIA (senior interior architect); Kyung Lee, AIA (project architect); Jong Min Lee (project architect): Jim Lewison (senior interior designer); Jim Lohmann (senior electrical engineering project leader); Karim Khemakhem (interior designer); Matt Mahoney (project designer): Mike Shekhner (senior structural engineer); Mark Searls, AIA (project designer); Jian Shen (project designer); Steve Wernersbach (senior mechanical engineer); Bruce Wolff (architectural director): Don Woodhall (medical equipment planning director); Terri Zborowsky

Structural engineer: Ellerbe Becket, Inc., with Samoo Architects and Engineers

(medical equipment planner)

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Mechanical engineer: Ellerbe Becket, Inc., with Samoo Architects and Engineers

Electrical engineer: Ellerbe Becket, Inc., with Samoo Architects and Engineers

Civil engineer:

Samoo Architects and Engineers

Lighting designer:

Samoo Architects and Engineers

Interior design: Ellerbe Becket, Inc.

Construction manager:

Samsung Construction Company

Landscape architect:

Samoo Architects and Engineers

Photographers: Seung Hoon Yum;

Samoo Architects (clinical spaces)

Embassy Medical Center

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Location: Colombo, Sri Lanka

Client: Tariq Rauf, Silvermere Hospitals Group Ltd.

Architect: Perkins+Will

Principal-in-charge: Chuck Knight, AIA

Project lead designer: Dave Koenen

Project manager: Sandy Christie, AIA

Project architects: Doug Pierce, AIA;

Dave Dimond, AIA

Project team: Rick Hintz, AIA, medical planning; Alissa Kingsley;

Kalpana Kuttaiah, cultural liaison

Energy modeling:

Affiliated Engineers, Inc.

Structural engineer: LHB

Mechanical engineer:

Affiliated Engineers, Inc.

Electrical engineer:

Affiliated Engineers, Inc.

Civil engineer: LHB

Lighting designer: LAM Associates

Interior design: Perkins+Will

Construction manager:

Leighton Construction

Local project manager: LAN

Management Development Service

Landscape architect: LHB

Anaerobic digester modeling:

John Madole

Medical equipment planning: Strategic

Hospital Resources/Schiavello

Digital renderings: Perkins+Will

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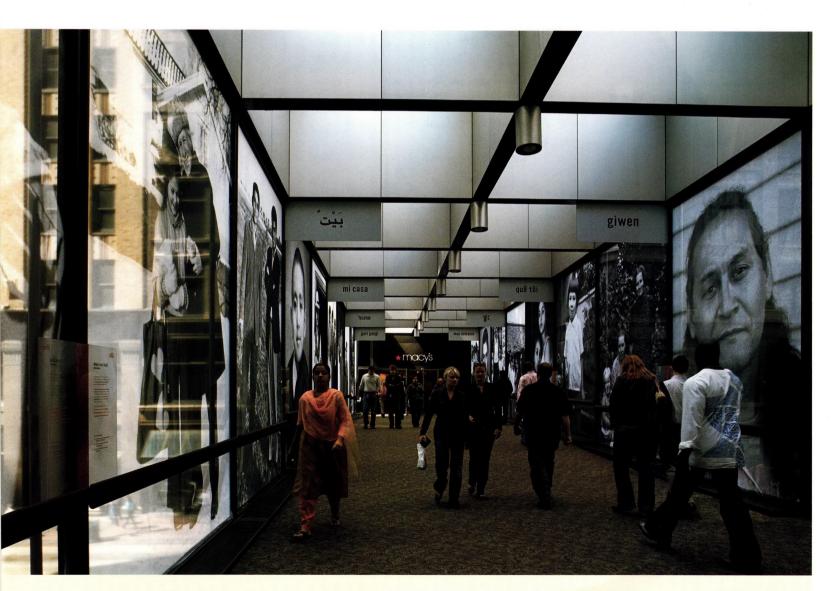
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— Photographer George Heinrich



Speaking of Home, by artist Nancy Ann Coyne in association with Twin Cities—based Forecast Public Art, turned a Minneapolis skyway into a light-box art gallery. The installation tells the stories of 23 immigrants through large portraits and family photographs and accompanying text panels. It runs through October 31, 2008.