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The World Architecture Awards are announced: New York has a new spotlight (and Sydney touts its own). Of course, the major spotlight is still Ground Zero: The powers-that-be just might be open to ideas from smaller and international firms (what a concept!). Philadelphia keeps paving paradise and putting up parking lots. Plans for a new exit loggia for the Uffizi Gallery in Florence sparks international debate. RIBA (UK) and GSA (US) put out a call for entries. Moscow, thought to be running out of space, sees at least 70 million square meters available. The UN tells the UJA to link sustainability to affordability… and much more.

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Obituary: Kenneth Campbell, 92: Council architect who blamed the rash of tower blocks on the bullying application of government housing policies - The Times (UK)

Officials Seek More Designers for Downtown: ... broaden the process to include smaller design firms and foreign teams. - New York Times


At Trade Center Site, a Wealth of Ideas: As [political, aesthetic and commercial interests] jockey for position, one thought lingers in the back of their minds: Let's not mess it up. - New York Times

RIBA launches competition for school art centre - The Architects' Journal (UK)

RFQ: Design Excellence Selection for AE design (alteration, modernization and addition) to William K. Nakamura US Courthouse, Seattle WA - Response Date: Sep 12, 2002 - GSA

Architects' great storeys are a tale of world success; Altair apartments wins three World Architecture awards - Engelen Moore - Sydney Morning Herald

Changing Skyline: Parking eats away at Philly's ambience... surface lots are a form of land speculation. - Philadelphia Inquirer

Italy's Art City Split by Architectural Feuding: a new minimalist exit to... the Uffizi gallery labeled a "shameful horror" by some - Anata Isozaki - Wired

City Hall Eyes Industrial Sites for New Projects - Moscow Times (Russia)

BBC builds a brave new future: The newly confident corporation is finally taking architecture seriously - MacCormac Jamieson Prichard; Allies & Morrison; David Chipperfield - Telegraph (UK)

Don't knock buildings down, UN representative tells UIA: "We have to look at sustainability connected with affordability." - The Architects' Journal (UK)

American International Group (AIG)/CapitaLand in venture to build HK tower - The Straits Times (Singapore)

His name is inextricably linked with his family's furniture business. But... in changing the face of the Wadi Kabir [Muscat, Oman] market... Dawood Al Futaisi's passion for innovative and cost effective building has seen light of day... - Zawya

Urban Crown: Metropolitan Kansas City Performing Arts Center Signals a New International Landmark - and Sparks Urban Renewal - Moshe Safdie and Associates; BNIM Architects - ArchNewsNow

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