Today's News - January 14, 2005

A bold design selected for European Bank. -- Chicago Athenaeum selects Good Design winners; London's Design Museum announces shortlist. -- Canberra possibly "the most aesthetically and functionally satisfying 20th-century planned city in the world." -- Arabs and Jews "pooling their talents to come up with strategies to increase awareness of Umm al-Fahm's cultural, tourism and business potential." -- A planned mosque in Strasbourg designed by an Italian faces a bumpy road. -- A failing mall reborn not without its problems. -- Another take on MoMA's rebirth. -- Old factory in Hobart, Australia, reborn as a hip luxury hotel. -- A New York architect's "magnificent obsession" for detail. -- Hidden da Vinci laboratory discovered in Florence. -- Deadlines loom for innovative technology and classical architecture. -- Weekend diversions: Thoughtful review of Ground Zero books by Goldberger, Nobel, and Libeskind. -- Italian architect in the spotlight in Toronto. -- Art Deco celebrated in Miami.

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Europe's Ambitious Bank Picks a Bold Design: a bold pair of twisted towers linked by a soaring atrium. - Coop Himmelb(l)au - New York Times

Chicago Athenaeum Names Good Design Winners: jury chose more than 150 winners - Emanuela Frattini Magnusson; Toto; Snaidero; Ikea; etc. - Interior Design LiveWire

Shortlisted fabric swaps maidens for addicts: Design Museum 2005 shortlist for the British designer who has made the biggest contribution to design over the past year. - Jasper Morrison; Timorous Beasties; Penguin Books; Hilary Cottam/Design Council's RED project- Guardian (UK)

A national treasure: A city long derided is meeting the potential foreseen by its designer. Canberra ...may well have evolved into the most aesthetically and functionally satisfying 20th-century planned city in the world. - Walter Burley Griffin - The Age (Australia)

Capitalizing on 'local color': ...groups of Arabs and Jews comprising some 50 architects, designers, artists, landscape architects and other professionals, who are collaborating with the residents and municipality on a project called "Redesigning Umm al-Fahm." By Esther Zandberg- Ha aretz (Israel)

For Strasbourg, an Italian designer mosque: The ground has broken for a monolithic postmodern house of worship, but it's not without controversy in a post-Sept. 11 Europe - Paolo Portoghesi- The Daily Star (Lebanon)

New Haven, 06510: The inside of the Chapel Square Mall is now like a TV show set. Is this a good thing? [before/after images]- New Haven Advocate (Connecticut)


Money for jam: Hobart's old IXL factory has been transformed into an avant-garde luxury hotel. - Morris-Nunn and Associates- The Age (Australia)

Architect's Magnificent Obsession: Stephan Jaklitsch, the architect for Marc Jacobs stores, lives in a "rigorously designed" apartment... - New York Times

Discovery of hidden laboratory sheds light on Leonardo da Vinci 's genius; ...previously sealed rooms at a monastery...in the heart of Florence. - Independent (UK)

Call for Entries: Constructech Vision Awards for the most innovative uses of technology by construction-related businesses in the U.S.; deadline: February 28- Constructech magazine

Call for Submissions: Institute of Classical Architecture & Classical America 2005 Arthur Ross Awards for Excellence in the Classical Tradition; deadline: January 28- Institute of Classical Architecture & Classical America (ICA&CA)


Following Father's Footsteps: New exhibit at the Istituto Italiano di Cultura, Toronto, highlights career of architect Tobia Scarpa- Tandem (Canada)

Big Deco Deal: 28th annual Art Deco Weekend January 14-16- Miami New Times

Castle Keep: Boston Smith & Wollensky: Elegance and Americana make a perfect recipe for a classic steakhouse. - Haverson Architecture and Design [images]- ArchNewsNow

-- Richard Meier: Jesolo Lido Village, Jesolo Lido, Italy
-- Rojkind Arquitectos: casa pR34, Tecamachalco, Mexico
-- Travel: Design Hotel, Great Eastern Hotel, London
-- Book: Eating Architecture, Edited by Jamie Horwitz & Paulette Singley

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