

## Today's News - September 27, 2005

The world's tallest: Q&A with the chairman of the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat. – Will grand plans for urban renewal in today's New Haven heed lessons from its past? – Architects and developers: a love/hate relationship. – Developers devouring old Russia. – Comment (thumbs-down) and response (thumbs-up) to Gehry's "delirious designs" for Hove. – New York's "island of dreams" remains just that. – In China (of all places), questions raised about teaching feng shui. – Raising the bar in retail design in India: "The problem with many Indian retail designs is that they have been done by interior designers or architects" (h-m-m-m). – Finally - a British architect theater directors can love. – Despite doubters, Cleveland museum expansion is a good idea. – A Masonic Temple transformed into a temple for art in Portland, OR. – Malaysia has big plans for a 72-acre information and communications technology urban center. – A faded L.A. gem to sparkle as chic hotel. – McDonough asked to bring his Cradle to Cradle approach to hybrid cars. – A long-overdue spotlight on Eileen Gray.

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